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By a happy conjunction we are able to present to our readers to-day both the proceedings of the Annual Convention of the American Bankers' Association, held in this city on Oct. 2 to Oct. 6, and the proceedings of the Convention of the Investment Bankers' Association, held at Del Monte, Cal., Oct. 9 to Oct. 12.

The proceedings of the American Bankers' Association are contained in a separate Supplement or Section which accompanies to-day's issue of our paper, while those covering the deliberations of the Investment Bankers' Association are related in the 20 pages which we devote to the subject in the current issue of the paper itself—see pages 1792 to 1811.

### THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

A part of the aftermath of the late shop crafts revolt is the reaction against the Labor Board. The Transportation Act was a compromise, attempting to restore the roads which had unhappily been seized, to dispose of the financial and industrial problems involved, and to do this by a single statute. It was probably the best which could have been obtained at the time, but it had the defects of compromises, and it has not satisfied anybody; the properties have not been returned unimpaired, and none of the problems has been solved.

The roads accepted the rate cut ordered by the regulating body, but the men flouted and rebelled

against the Board as soon as it ordered a slight wage cut. The pretended arbitrations of former years always directed some wage increase, virtually assuming that all revision should be upward; the Labor Board was intended as a form of arbitration, but at the first attempt to deviate from the old course the men would have none of it. They showed that, in their view, adjusting wages under Governmental authority did not include lowering them, and their resentment soon went so far as to even attempt to abolish the Board.

This has already been pointed out, but it needs reiteration and emphasis, for this part of the Act at least has neither achieved success nor given much promise of it. The Board has certainly not shown any bias in favor of the roads. On the contrary, in attempts to intervene between them and their men—and, more notably still, in attempts to prevent contracting out—it has tried to go beyond its delegated authority. Nor are its members complacent over it, for Chairman Hooper has deplored the lack of teeth in the Act and has declared that if Congress would only grant more power to the Board every road could be made to obey it. We are therefore forced to admit that the machinery which was to pour the oil of soothing and peaceful settlement upon the angry industrial waters has not operated. In his address of August 18 the President called the Act inadequate and said that the Board's decisions must be made enforceable and effective against carriers and employees alike. Very recently, Secretary of Labor Davis said that the Board has demonstrated that "it is incapable of fulfilling the high hopes of those who proposed and supported it as a means of industrial peace on the railroads, and some method is needed which would leave the parties to thresh out their difficulties free from the hope or the fear that meddling quasi-officials would interfere to cast their little influence in favor of one side or the other." He would have a plan under which the Board would come in only when asked. But the Act has already constituted the Board virtually an arbitrator, to enter upon the scene when disputes threaten to interrupt operations.

If anybody is confidently waiting to see Governor Allen's Industrial Relations Court so prove itself as to reasonably claim acceptance and adoption as the desired means of peace for all industries and sections, there are two difficulties—the fact that this scheme has not yet "delivered" itself, and a very grave doubt whether it is capable, at the best, of operating successfully on any broader scale than is presented in a single State and a single industry. For

we are confronted by two facts, very unpalatable to partisans and theorists yet impossible to erase from the record; that all attempts hitherto to centralize making wage schedules and determining the conditions of labor have not passed the stage of bitter struggle and a continual waste which falls on the outside public as well as the participants; and, on the other hand, the only successes won have been in places and by industries where master and man, putting by the "master" thought, have sat down at a common table and have there and then discussed and settled their questions and difficulties.

What can speak more plainly and with more authority, to all who are open-minded to see and admit the truth, than this fact of the record? Everywhere and always, questions of working conditions and of other details of daily living are disposed of by the parties most immediately concerned, without even attracting public notice; when persons settle their own quarrels the difficulties are minimized and smoothed, but when the professional intervener from the outside is called in or forces himself in, they are magnified and embittered and prolonged. The great industries which have the least trouble are those which have adopted private and home settlements; the railroads which have had the least trouble with their men have gone farthest towards the same method.

Is not the line of peace and safety plainly indicated? We have three great problems to grapple with and solve: to rescue our transportation and set it on a sane and healthy basis; to deflate our labor and decentralize the treatment of all its difficulties; and to reduce Government "to its lowest terms," thereby lessening its cost and increasing its effective value. It is not quite easy to say which is the most pressing, but the whole three must be grappled with.

Little encouragement is to be extracted from the September statement of the foreign trade of the United States, issued yesterday by the Department of Commerce at Washington. Exports of merchandise continue to show about the same moderate amount in the aggregate of values as in the preceding five or six months, and, as in these preceding months, are somewhat less than in the corresponding months of last year. Imports show a further slight decrease as compared with the preceding months since April, but an increase over the restricted amount of merchandise imports of a year ago, at which time the movement of merchandise into the United States from foreign ports was considerably reduced. In part the contrast with the values of a year ago is still unfavorably affected by the relatively lower prices this year than a year ago, although this difference is not so material at this time as it was in the earlier months of 1922. September exports of merchandise were valued at \$317,000,000, which is practically the same amount as in the preceding six months this year, one month a little less and the next month a little more, and contrasts with \$324,863,123 for September 1921. Merchandise imports in September amounted in value to \$232,000,000, which contrasts with \$271,000,000 for August and with \$179,292,165 for September 1921. For the nine months of the calendar year to date the excess of merchandise exports is \$556,066,142, while for the corresponding period of 1921 the excess value of merchandise exports, due in great measure to the larger movement abroad, from the United States, in the early months of that year, at

much higher prices, was \$1,678,713,549. The Department of Commerce announced in an earlier statement that August exports showed a considerable improvement in the shipments of manufactured products but some reduction in the movement abroad of foodstuffs and raw materials, and it may be that the same conditions have continued in the September movement. Exports of manufactures in August aggregated \$140,000,000, as against only \$112,000,000 in August 1921. Foodstuff shipments in August this year were only \$107,000,000, but in August a year ago were valued at \$172,000,000. Another item of interest is that the imports of raw materials in August this year were valued at \$110,000,000, which figures contrast with only \$72,000,000 for August a year ago.

The movement of the precious metals continues very much as it has during the preceding months this year. Imports of gold in September amounted to \$29,315,941. These figures contrast with \$19,092,208 for the preceding month and \$66,085,253 for the corresponding period in 1921, imports of gold throughout the entire year in 1921 having been very heavy. Exports of gold in September were valued at \$1,398,607, these figures contrasting with \$2,448,741 for September 1921. The excess of gold imports for the nine months this year is \$201,265,328. Last year for the corresponding period the excess of gold imports amounted to \$547,631,119. Silver exports last month were \$3,738,178 and imports \$6,370,279; for September 1921 the figures were respectively \$4,946,751 and \$4,488,359.

The outstanding political event in all Europe was the resignation of Premier Lloyd George and his Ministry. It occurred Thursday afternoon, following a meeting earlier in the day of Conservative leaders at the Carlton Club in London. The gathering was called and presided over by Austen Chamberlain, Lord Privy Seal. By a vote of 186 to 87 it was decided to "appeal to the country." This meant the withdrawal of the Conservative Party from the Coalition, and forced the resignation of the Premier and his Cabinet. In presenting his resignation to the King Lloyd George advised that Andrew Bonar Law be asked to form a new Ministry. According to the latest cable advices received before going to press, he was still engaged with that problem. The Associated Press correspondent in London cabled last evening that "Andrew Bonar Law appeared to be making rapid progress to-day in forming a Cabinet to replace the fallen Lloyd George Coalition Government. This was evidenced by the announcement that Marquis Curzon and the Earl of Derby, both men of influence and experienced Cabinet Ministers, the former Foreign Secretary in the Lloyd George Cabinet, have agreed to serve under him in any capacity." As the former Premier left London yesterday for Leeds, where he will deliver an address to-day, he was quoted as saying that "I am a free man. The burden is off my shoulders, but my sword is in my hand." In a Washington dispatch last evening it was asserted that "even now there is a strong undercurrent of opinion here that Lloyd George has only begun to fight; that the retirement of the Coalition Government which conducted the war marks only a step towards a return to normalcy in British politics; that Lloyd George will yet emerge from the realignment of British political parties as a 'middle-of-the-roader' between the Conservatives, which now take control of the Government, and the Radicals, who



seek it; that no one party in England is yet strong enough to win an absolute majority in an election, and that Lloyd George will either be a power in the next Coalition Government or the free-lance leader of the Opposition, which event Britishers in Washington are inclined to characterize with the exclamation: "God help the Government."

The earlier political event in England was the speech of Premier Lloyd George. It was delivered before the Manchester Club a week ago this afternoon. The general assumption had been that not only would he defend his policies with respect to recent events, but also would outline what he proposed to do in the near future—whether he would resign, request the King to dissolve Parliament, or fight to continue as Prime Minister. While the newspapers that are friendly to him asserted that he had answered his critics in a decisive fashion and set up a strong defense of the Government's policies, notably with regard to the Near East, opposition papers vigorously asserted that he had utterly failed in both respects. Even the Associated Press, which is supposed to be wholly impartial, said: "Premier Lloyd George's speech at Manchester Saturday leaves political circles completely at a loss to prognosticate the next political move. It is generally suggested that there will be an early dissolution of Parliament, although this supposition does not arise from anything the Premier said at Manchester, but from a general review of all the factors in the existing situation, and, above all, from the conviction that the speeches of the Prime Minister and Austen Chamberlain (who had spoken the day before), from which so much was expected, have, in point of fact, left things just as they were before and have done nothing whatever to arrest the progress of the revolt in the Conservative rank and file against the continuance of Mr. Lloyd George's leadership."

Speaking in defense of the steps taken by the British Government in the Near East situation, Lloyd George said: "Sir, what were our objects in the action we took? They were threefold. First, it was to secure the freedom of the Straits for the commerce of all nations. Second, it was to prevent the war from spreading into Europe, with all the inconceivable possibilities of conflagration. And third, it was to prevent a repetition in Constantinople and in Greece of the scenes of intolerable horror which had been enacted in Asia Minor during the last six or seven years." Outlining the position of the Government still further, he asserted: "I am not going into the question of who is responsible in Smyrna. I am not going to discuss whether the Greeks provoked the Turks or the Turks the Greeks. It is enough for me to call attention to the fact that since 1914 the Turks, according to testimony, official testimony, we have received, have slaughtered in cold blood a million and a half of Armenians, men, women and children, and five hundred thousand Greeks without any provocation at all. I thought it was right that before that Turkish army should be allowed to cross into Europe, in the flush of victory, with the blood of Smyrna on their hands, it should have had time to cool, and that we should have guarantees that there would be protection for minorities in Europe. That is all we did. We are pledged to shield these people. I am told it is not our business. What business is it of Britain's? If the Turk insists, leave him alone, let him cross the Straits, let him cross to Constantinople! Free road and fairway for shambles! That

was not the old Liberal policy. It was not the policy I certainly was brought up in; it was not what I was taught in my youth—that English, Scotch and Welshmen should every morning repeat reverently the litany of the cynic, 'Am I my brother's keeper?'—that Britain should face the world with the brand of Cain upon her brow. That was not the old Liberal doctrine. Neither ought it to be the doctrine of the party that was led by Gladstone."

Referring to the members of his Cabinet, Mr. Lloyd George declared that "no man has had more loyal colleagues than I have. We have worked for no mean end in the comradeship of hard toil, always for common country. I certainly would regret any severance with men who have treated me personally with such honorable fidelity, who have helped me along in policies that excited indignation even among certain quarters of their own supporters, because they regarded it as in the interests of the country." Asserting that he would be glad to step aside as head of the Government, the speaker said: "But I would welcome freedom. It would be very interesting to watch others handling the difficulties which they seem to think can be treated so easily. Have you ever been trying to disentangle a knot with somebody looking on? You seem to fumble, you seem to take a long time, they get very impatient, and at last they say, 'Give it to me.' Then you look on and the tangle gets a little worse, and the fumbling gets a little more pronounced. There is a little satisfaction of a human kind in looking on." Continuing somewhat facetiously, he said: "I shall watch many things. I shall watch, for instance, to see how we are to forgive Germany all the reparations and make France love us more than ever. I shall watch how we are to pay the United States of America what we owe her and forgive every other country everything they owe us, have a better army and navy and air force, have more houses for everybody, while at the same time rents are not being put up, strengthen your educational system, and give more to the unemployed, and yet make the taxation of this country lighter. I shall watch the men who believe in denominational education working with those who say that a State church is essential to the recognition of religion. I shall watch the men who believe that tariff reform is essential to national prosperity and those who believe that free trade is the only remedy, working together. It would be an interesting experiment to see others fight; that is one of the joys I have in store."

Outlining his position in greater detail, the Premier said: "My course is a clear one. I will support with all my might any Government that devotes itself and lends its energy to that task, with single-mindedness, with fearlessness and with resolution, provided they do not embark upon measures which inflict permanent injury upon the country, whether these measures be reactionary or revolutionary. That does not mean that I pledge myself to support inefficiency, vacillation, the infirmities in any Government or any party; but any Government that has not pursued that course I will assist with all my might. That is my policy."

Hardly less important than the speech of Premier Lloyd George was that of Austen Chamberlain, leader of the Government Party in the House of Commons. It was delivered before the Midland Conservative Club in Birmingham a week ago yesterday afternoon. Mr. Chamberlain warmly defended

Lloyd George and his policies and declared that if the Coalition were not supported the Labor Party would become dominant in the House of Commons. Such a development, he asserted, would prove disastrous to Great Britain. The speaker dwelt at the greatest length on what the Government had done in the Near East situation. In conclusion he said: "Gentlemen, I have told you the story of these events at the first moment that I think that it was possible for any member of the Government to have told. You have them almost without comment. I leave the facts to speak for themselves, and I venture to close these observations with an appeal that surely the time has come when it must be as clear to our allies, as it is to us, that in union of thought and counsel and action lies safety, and nowhere else. Surely, whatever has happened in the past we may now decide that there shall be no more unilateral negotiations or special agreements, and that as throughout the years of the war and throughout those anxious months in which the peace treaties were signed, we fought together, we conquered together, we worked together, so now we may resolve one and all to act in that old spirit of mutual respect, of hearty loyalty and of cordial co-operation in the face of the dangers and the difficulties which confront us."

John R. Clynes, the well-known English labor leader, in a speech delivered in Reading a few hours later, said: "Bolshevism was produced in Russia by the suppression of all popular liberty, and rebellion can be fomented in this country by Ministers seeking to put the Labor Party outside the pale of constitutional action." Mr. Clynes complained that "Mr. Chamberlain's strictures would deepen class antagonism and render 'further disservice to the throne and constitutional practice.'" He added that the Labor Party "is as constitutional a political body as any other."

As the days passed the opinion became more prevalent, according to London cable dispatches, that a general election was close at hand. The New York "Times" correspondent said Monday morning that "there is no decision yet as to the date of the general election, although it is believed it will come within the next few weeks and the decision may be taken this week." Herbert Sidebotham, writing in "The Daily Chronicle," declared that "we are on the eve of a general election. The struggle may be even nearer than is generally thought." It was stated that Lloyd George was given an enthusiastic send-off as he left Manchester, and that he was cordially greeted along his way to London, and likewise upon his arrival there. He conferred with his colleagues at 10 Downing Street Sunday evening. The opinion was expressed that "he will speak again in the country very shortly." The Paris correspondent of the "Times" cabled that "Premier Lloyd George's speech at Manchester, in which he accused France of breaking faith with Great Britain, has aroused the French press."

The London correspondent of the Associated Press said that "it is persistently asserted that the revolting Conservatives in their November convention will adopt resolutions practically deposing Lloyd George and placing the Conservative Party in the future under a Conservative leader, relegating Mr. Lloyd George, if he cares to accept that position, to leader-

ship in the House of Commons under a Conservative Prime Minister in the event that the Conservatives in the next general election come back strong enough to form a Government." According to the New York "Tribune" representative at the British capital, "those closest to the Premier say that he has no intention of resigning now and allowing the Conservatives to triumph without a fight, nor does he contemplate retirement in the near future. Virtually all the political prophets agree that he will call an election within a month, and they also agree that a majority of the Conservatives will stand as independents." It became known in London on Monday that "the 350 Unionist members of Parliament have been summoned to a meeting of the party Thursday morning at the Carlton Club to decide whether to end the Coalition or continue the leadership of Premier Lloyd George. Austen Chamberlain will preside, and it is freely prophesied that he will need all his diplomatic skill to prevent a split that will rend his party in two. It is expected that, with Lord Balfour, Sir Robert Horne and other members of the Cabinet, he will work hard to preserve the Coalition and the alliance with Mr. Lloyd George." The New York "Herald" representative, commenting upon this situation, said: "In the midst of threats, promises and forebodings, there still looms the dominant personality of the Prime Minister, who has assumed a secretiveness even more dramatic than his Manchester declarations. He has no party, but the issue is causing turmoil in all parties, and it is his cue to say what, when and how a step will be taken to shape the nation's destinies. But with the whole country waiting to hear him speak this afternoon, he slipped quietly out of the back door of Downing Street and motored to the country, thereby disappointing a big crowd that had gathered."

Addressing a gathering of Conservatives of both Houses of Parliament at his home in London on Tuesday, the Marquis of Salisbury, leader of the so-called "die-hards," sharply "condemned the Coalition Government and took issue with the recent stand of Austen Chamberlain, the Government leader, on the continuance of the Coalition." The Marquis declared that "the Coalition had become increasingly unpopular in the country, and that he was speaking for the whole Conservative Party when he said that the Conservative Party could no longer be responsible for political events, 'experimental legislation which failed, extravagance, the abandonment of authority in India and Egypt, and the deplorable condition in Ireland.'" The aggressiveness of the same faction was further indicated in the London cable advices made public here Thursday morning. The representative of the New York "Times" said: "While preparations were being made to-day [Wednesday] for to-morrow's meeting of the Unionist Ministers and members of Parliament at Carlton House, a counter-move was made by the 'die-hard' element at the executive meeting of the National Union of Conservative Associations. The 'die-hards' got a resolution passed that the annual meeting of the National Union, which was scheduled for November 15, shall be antedated and held forthwith. This was an unexpected move, especially to those friends of the Coalition who had been congratulating themselves that the crisis had come and might be over before the annual convention of the National Union had been held, for in the convention the rank and file of Conservatives are repre-



sented, and it is much more difficult for the leaders to control them than the professional politicians."

The big news of the week in the political situation in Great Britain came Thursday. Premier Lloyd George and his Ministry resigned. The retiring Premier was said to have advised the King to ask Andrew Bonar Law, Conservative leader, to form a new Cabinet. These developments, by no means unexpected, were preceded by a meeting at the Carlton Club, at the call of Austen Chamberlain, Lord Privy Seal. At that gathering it was decided "by a vote of 186 to 87 to appeal to the country." This meant the withdrawal of the Conservative Party from the Coalition. King George, who had been on a holiday at Sandringham, returned to London Thursday, and in the afternoon "received Prime Minister Lloyd George in audience." He handed his resignation to the King at 4.15. Within a short time the retiring Premier returned to Downing Street, where he received a miners' delegation. The Associated Press correspondent said that "the miners, relating their experience, said Mr. Lloyd George received them smilingly and asked their business, and that Mr. Hodges, who headed the miners' delegation, replied: 'We have come to see the Prime Minister.' 'Well, gentlemen, I have to inform you that there is no Prime Minister, I have just seen his Majesty and tendered my resignation, which his Majesty accepted.'" Official announcement of his resignation was made at 6.08 p. m. It was reported in late dispatches from London Thursday evening that Andrew Bonar Law had accepted the offer of the King to form a new Ministry. According to the late cable advices last evening he was still engaged at that task. Lloyd George had been at the head of the Government since December 1916. He is the last of the so-called "Big Four" at the Peace Conference to go. The others were Premier Orlando of Italy, Premier Clemenceau of France and President Wilson.

Through London cable advices yesterday morning it became known that "the old Ministry will continue to hold office until the new Prime Minister is ready to take over the Government." Andrew Bonar Law's position was outlined as follows: "Mr. Bonar Law informed the King that before he can accept, as he is not the leader of the Conservative Party, he must first ascertain whether he has the support and confidence of that party. To settle this a full party meeting of the Conservatives will be summoned probably at the week-end or on Monday. This will be a meeting of the Conservatives of both Houses of Parliament, and there is no doubt in the Conservative Party that Mr. Bonar Law will then be elected leader, when he will accept the King's invitation and proceed to form, if he can, a Conservative Government." The New York "Times" correspondent made the following observations relative to possible near-by developments: "The question of a general election will now be left to the new Ministers, but it is not believed it can be postponed for long. It is not yet known whether Mr. Bonar Law, if he succeeds in forming a Government, will go to the country at once. His supporters are in favor of an immediate election." Commenting upon the downfall of Lloyd George, he said: "The actual fall of Premier Lloyd George came with a suddenness that was quite unexpected in political circles. All realized that he was in danger, but few prophesied that he would be forced to throw up the sponge so quickly." The London dispatches yester-

day morning stated that a majority of the London newspapers took the ground that "the country will feel immense relief." The Associated Press correspondent in Paris cabled that "there is no tendency on the part of the French Government to rejoice over the passing of Lloyd George and his Cabinet. This was definitely asserted in official quarters. In general, the feeling seems to be that, while Lloyd George was sometimes bad enough in his attitude toward the French position, Andrew Bonar Law might be worse. The Foreign Office declined to make any statement on the downfall of the Lloyd George Government."

The Washington correspondent of the New York "Times" said that "the result of the political upheaval in Great Britain—the resignation of Premier Lloyd George and the coming installation of a new Government in power at London—is awaited with keenest interest by high officials of the Harding Administration. In any event, it appears to be the best opinion in Washington that no matter who ultimately succeeds Lloyd George, whether Andrew Bonar Law, the Conservative, Viscount Grey, the Liberal leader, or even a Labor leader, there will be no change in the broad lines of British foreign policy as they affect the United States." The statement was made in a London cablegram that "the political crisis this afternoon had very little effect on the Stock Exchange, where the advent of a Conservative Cabinet would undoubtedly be welcomed, as the majority of the members are staunchly Conservative."

Contrary to the assertions of both Austen Chamberlain and Premier Lloyd George that the intervention and firm stand of the British Government were chiefly responsible for the armistice signed at Mudania with the Turkish Nationalists, both M. Franklin-Bouillon, the special French envoy to that gathering, and Ferid Bey, Minister of Kemal Pasha in Paris, asserted that the policy of France and that of the Angora Government averted war in the Near East. The former "told nearly a hundred newspapermen of 15 nations who gathered at the Foreign Office to-night [Monday] to hear the French delegate tell about his mission," that "it has been said in England that the British fleet and British troops alone halted the victorious Kemalists. The truth is that every time force was used and the British troops were reinforced, negotiations with Mustapha Kemal Pasha became increasingly more difficult. The peaceful efforts of France always intervened just in time to prevent open warfare and, had it not been for France, peace would not have been realized. In this connection, I wish to pay tribute to the consistent struggle the Turkish commander waged to maintain peaceful relations with the Allies. He accomplished this in the face of a victorious army which was within but 40 kilometres of their capital, Constantinople." Replying to Lloyd George, the Turkish Minister declared that "as for the Armenians, the Turks could not possibly have murdered 1,500,000, as the British Premier asserted, because there were not that many in Turkey, and as for the 500,000 Greeks Mr. Lloyd George said the Turks had killed, it was unfair for the Prime Minister to mention that without speaking of the Turks killed by the Greeks. Lloyd George's speech contains mistakes and accusations to which we are obliged to answer to establish the truth and promote peace. We will not reply to the general in-

sults Lloyd George addresses to Turkey, for that would be beneath us."

Announcement was made in a cablegram from Constantinople to the New York "Times" Monday morning that the Greek evacuation of Eastern Thrace had begun the day before. The correspondent stated that "Allied contingents entered the territory to supervise the withdrawal under the auspices of the Allied missions which are being installed at certain important centres. As the Greeks march out the Allies will transfer the administration to the Turkish authorities with as little delay as possible. The first day has been marked by no untoward incidents, but it is questionable if the evacuation will be complete in the 15 days allowed by the Mudania Conference. Many of the refugees are ill-provided with food, and women, children and old men carrying packs are trudging the roads and camping under the stars. The plight of some of these fugitives is pitiable, for at a few days' notice they are called upon to abandon their homes and leave Eastern Thrace. Their hardships are not likely to be less severe when they cross the Maritza line; for the Greek authorities are said to be collapsing under the strain occasioned by the arrival of thousands of fugitives." In a cablegram from Adrianople it was stated that "the Greek military authorities have announced that the evacuation of the Greek army in Thrace will take place in three stages: First, in the Adrianople district; second, around Rodosto, and third, at the Maritza River. Five days will be allowed each section. The Greek troops will be responsible for the maintenance of order until the time of their departure. The expectation was that the Greek civil authorities and gendarmerie after that date would maintain order; but in most of the districts the civil officials and the gendarmerie are already packing up and departing. The Italians will be the first of the Allied detachments to take over administration in Thrace. They will be in charge of Tchoru at end of the first 5-day period."

In a cablegram Tuesday morning the Associated Press correspondent gave the following outline in part of the latest reports relative to the situation in Eastern Thrace: "The French military commander at Adrianople has requested General Charpy, the French Commissioner here, for immediate reinforcements in Eastern Thrace. He declares that 'the situation is fraught with danger.' Hamid Bey, in a statement to the Allied Commissioners, appealing for stringent measures to prevent 'serious incendiaryism' at Adrianople, declares that the Kemalists have unquestionable evidence of a plan by Greek irregulars to burn the sacred city. The Allied missions in a report from Eastern Thrace state that the principal lawlessness in the interior is the work of bands of Circassian irregulars who came from Asia Minor with the refugees. General Harington, commander of the Allied forces, denied emphatically that there had been any widespread burning of villages in Thrace and appealed to the American and British correspondents to use the utmost caution and discretion in reporting events in the evacuated areas, where the situation was most delicate." In Constantinople dispatches Wednesday morning it was stated definitely that the French mission there had "dispatched a squadron of cavalry to Adrianople, where a grave situation exists, due to the Greek evacuation."

Word came from Paris Wednesday morning that "the French Government has accepted the proposal of the British Government for a preliminary Near Eastern peace conference for the purpose of drawing up economic and financial clauses of a new treaty with Turkey. Objection will be made by Premier Poincare, however, to holding the conference in London, as the British invitation suggested. The French Premier thinks Paris would be more suitable. He agrees with the British that the preliminary conference should be held on October 20 or as soon afterward as possible. The Allies are still unable to fix the place and the date of the general Near Eastern peace conference. The Angora Government has been asked if Switzerland would be agreeable to it, and a reply is expected soon. The necessity of convening the conference within the shortest possible time is again being emphasized in official quarters here, in view of the seriousness of the problem of holding the Turkish army in its present position, and there is a growing feeling that the conference should be held in some Swiss city beginning the first week in November." The New York "Times" correspondent in Paris cabled Thursday evening that "the Quai d'Orsay announces to-night that Lord Curzon, the British Foreign Secretary, proposed to-day the date of November 13 for opening the Near East conference and that France had accepted. At the French Foreign Office it was said that it was practically sure the Turkish conference would be held at Lausanne." Announcement was made in a Paris cablegram last evening that "Premier Poincare has agreed to the selection of Lausanne, Switzerland, as the place for the holding of the conference to draw up a treaty of peace to cover the Near East. The sessions are to begin on November 13."

In a cablegram from Constantinople yesterday morning the following account was given of the welcome accorded the Military Governor of Thrace: "Rafet Pasha, Military Governor of Thrace, arrived here [Constantinople] this [Thursday] afternoon from Ismid to take up his new duties in restored Thrace. Rafet proceeded to the Fatih Mosque, where he addressed an audience made up of city officials, members of the Moslem clergy, university students and Turkish war orphans. His speech was followed by scenes of frantic ecstasy. The thousands of persons who had lined the streets to welcome him were filled with patriotic fervor."

The cable advices from Paris Wednesday morning contained definite rumors that France was considering an attempt to make Russia a political ally again. The New York "Times" correspondent cabled that "steaming out of the pot of European politics floats to-day an odor of a Franco-Russian rapprochement. After the British have tried for nearly two years to make a deal with the men of Moscow and have failed, the French are going to try. Signs are not wanting. There is a historic background of alliance between France and Russia against Germany. There is an end to Communist interior danger to the French Republic and there is the coming Near East Conference, out of which the French say England will seek to bring mastery of the Straits, and all that that means to Russia. The keynote of Poincare's policy is rivalry with England and dominance of Germany. As long as there is no more danger of a Red uprising in France a bargain with Russia promises to serve both these purposes. If one remarks that the French were



bitter opponents of bargaining with the Soviets at Genoa and The Hague, one must also recall that those conferences bore the British trade-mark."

M. Herriot, Mayor of Lyons, and head of the radical sentiment in the French Chamber, summarized the Russian situation in part as follows upon his return from Russia: "The authority of the Bolsheviki in Russia is so stable that I am forced to admit the necessity of France sending a mission there. Moreover, I intend making an effort for the admission of a Soviet delegation to France. The hour has come when France must take her place in Russian affairs, as the efforts of Germany to exercise influence in Russia seem to have failed utterly. I am convinced that a Franco-Russian rapprochement is not only desirable but possible. The question of the debts of the old regime no longer provide an obstacle, but only the question of private property rights, and if tactful negotiators seek a compromise I am convinced that they will find it." The New York "Herald" correspondent said that "Herriot's pronunciamento is likely to cause serious difficulties if the Government persists in its policy of ignoring Russia." In a Berlin cablegram to the New York "Herald" yesterday morning, the following assertion was made: "That the Soviet Government is making a supreme bid for French support, ignoring British and German advances, is the German view of the numerous recent expressions of desire for some sort of rapprochement on the part of both the French and the Bolsheviki. Berlin sees in these business conversations by Frenchmen with Moscow preliminaries similar to those which preceded the Rapallo treaty between Soviet Russia and Germany."

Through an Associated Press dispatch from Rome it became known that "at a Cabinet council held today [Tuesday] it was decided to call Parliament in session November 11. The Cabinet also approved the issuing of a decree proclaiming November 4 a national holiday." According to an Associated Press cablegram Thursday evening, "Gabriele d'Annunzio, the Italian soldier-poet, and Benito Mussolini, leader of the Fascisti, signed an agreement to-day uniting their forces and establishing common action between the two leaders throughout Italy."

Official discount rates at leading European centres continue to be quoted at 8% in Berlin; 5½% in Madrid; 5% in France, Denmark and Norway; 4½% in Belgium and Sweden; 4% in Holland; 3½% in Switzerland and 3% in London. In London the open market discount rate remains essentially the same, ruling at 2 5-16% for short bills and 2¾@ 2 7-16% for three months, in comparison with 2¼% and 2¾@2½% a week ago. Money on call at the British centre is still quoted at 1½%, unchanged. Open market discounts at Paris have not been changed from 4½% and in Switzerland from ½@¾%, the same as heretofore.

A further slight gain in gold was shown by the Bank of England statement, amounting to £8,766, while the proportion of reserve to liabilities again advanced from 18.32% last week to 19.93%. This compares with the high record point for the current year of 19.97% touched in the week ending June 22, a ratio of 13.51 in the corresponding week of 1921, and 10.21 a year earlier. In addition, there was a substantial contraction in note circulation, £880,000,

which resulted in an increase in total reserve of £889,000 to £24,194,000, against £23,182,931 last year and £14,544,807 in 1920. Public deposits declined £2,942,000 and "other" deposits £2,885,000, while loans on Government securities fell off £8,834,000. Loans on other securities were larger, showing an expansion of £2,132,000. The Bank's gold holdings now stand at £127,435,454, as compared with £128,417,061 last year and £123,148,442 the year before. The loan total aggregates £68,837,000, against £86,415,684 in 1921 and £83,878,751 the year before, while circulation amounts to £121,690,000, in comparison with £123,684,130 the preceding year and £127,053,635 in 1920. No change was made in the official discount rate, which continues at 3%, as heretofore. Clearings through the London banks for the bank week totaled £715,447,000, against £716,429,000 last week and £632,040,000 a year ago. We append a statement of comparisons of the principal items of the Bank of England's returns for a series of years:

## BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
	Oct. 18.	Oct. 19.	Oct. 20.	Oct. 22.	Oct. 23.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	121,690,000	123,684,130	127,053,635	83,412,745	63,396,680
Public deposits.....	12,218,000	14,793,597	16,539,019	22,410,339	32,043,683
Other deposits.....	109,167,000	156,808,539	125,844,505	144,706,690	120,131,745
Govt. securities.....	48,062,000	79,715,907	61,619,800	78,633,813	45,991,024
Other securities.....	68,837,000	86,415,684	83,878,751	63,143,165	65,380,933
Reserve notes & coin	24,194,000	23,182,931	14,544,807	23,077,650	28,462,280
Coin & bullion.....	127,435,454	128,417,061	123,148,442	88,040,395	73,408,960
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	19.93%	13.51%	10.21%	13.75%	18.70%
Bank rate.....	3%	5½%	7%	5%	5%

The Bank of France, according to a special cable to the "Chronicle," reports a gain of no less than 50,598,331 francs in its stock of gold in vault. The large increase is the result no doubt of withdrawals from the stock of gold held abroad, inasmuch as that item registered a decrease of 50,400,006 francs during the week; leaving, therefore, a net increase in the gold item of only 198,325 francs. The Bank's gold holdings now aggregate 5,532,950,675 francs, comparing with 5,523,685,962 francs on the corresponding date last year and with 5,484,279,844 francs the year before; of these amounts 1,897,967,050 francs were held abroad in 1922 and 1,948,367,056 francs in both 1921 and 1920. During the week silver gained 60,000 francs, while Treasury deposits were augmented by 22,125,000 francs. Bills discounted, on the other hand, fell off 35,848,000 francs, advances were reduced 16,100,000 francs and general deposits decreased 80,444,000 francs. Note circulation registered a further contraction of 286,637,000 francs, bringing the total outstanding down to 37,131,805,000 francs. This contrasts with 37,406,813,170 francs at this time last year and with 39,289,666,165 francs in 1920. Just prior to the outbreak of war in 1914 the amount was only 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in both 1921 and 1920 are as follows:

## BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		Oct. 19 1922.	Oct. 20 1921.	Oct. 21 1920.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold Holdings—				
In France.....Inc.	50,598,331	3,634,983,625	3,675,318,905	3,655,912,788
Abroad.....Dec.	50,400,000	1,897,967,050	1,948,367,056	1,948,367,056
Total.....Inc.	198,325	5,532,950,675	5,523,685,962	5,484,279,844
Silver.....Inc.	60,000	287,639,495	278,075,158	263,728,796
Bills discounted...Dec.	35,848,000	2,194,087,000	2,401,299,796	2,470,050,979
Advances.....Dec.	16,100,000	2,140,178,000	2,245,518,908	2,100,376,793
Note circulation...Dec.	286,637,000	37,131,805,000	37,406,813,170	39,289,666,165
Treasury deposits...Inc.	22,125,000	42,820,000	20,995,386	82,607,584
General deposits...Dec.	80,444,000	1,982,005,000	2,554,364,012	3,202,449,792

In its statement, issued as of Oct. 14, the Imperial Bank of Germany revealed further sensational changes. Discount and Treasury bills registered the enormous increase of 44,120,956,000 marks. There has been another large expansion in note circulation, amounting to 30,334,701,000 marks, while deposits gained 28,722,503,000 marks. Treasury and loan association notes were increased 8,571,650,000 marks and bills of exchange and checks 9,633,212,000 mks. Among other less striking revisions, were a contraction of 2,824,498,000 marks in "other assets," and an increase of 1,388,000 marks in notes of other banks. Advances expanded 95,919,000 marks, investments 11,000,000 marks and "other liabilities" 559,392,000 marks. A gain of 6,969,000 marks was shown in total coin and bullion, but gold remained almost stationary, having declined nominally, 1,000 marks, with the amount now held 1,004,854,000 marks, against 1,023,633,000 marks last year and 1,091,573,000 marks in 1920. Outstanding note circulation aggregates the colossal sum of 374,506,301,000 marks. At the same time in 1921 the total was 87,728,207,000 mks. and in 1920 62,128,756,000 marks.

The Federal Reserve Bank statement, which was issued at the close of business on Thursday, differed materially from that made public a week earlier, in that rediscounts instead of showing a further expansion, were smaller. Whereas, increases amounting to more than \$100,000,000 in bill holdings were noted in the report of the previous week, outstanding obligations this week were reduced more than \$3,000,000 for the system as a whole, bringing the total to \$767,914,000, against \$771,406,000 last week, but still substantially under last year's aggregate of \$1,384,066,000. At the New York Bank there was a decline of about \$48,000,000 to \$187,907,000. Gold reserves for the combined system declined \$3,000,000, though locally there was a gain of \$47,000,000, mainly through changes in the Gold Settlement Fund. Further increases were shown in member banks' reserve account; with an expansion for the System of about \$31,000,000, to \$1,921,277,000, and in New York of \$12,000,000, to \$769,000,000. The total of Federal Reserve notes in circulation showed a slight falling off. Earning assets, both locally and nationally, were sharply reduced, but deposits gained about \$34,000,000 for the whole System. As a result of these changes there was a further shrinkage in the reserve ratio of the system as a whole of 0.5%, to 75.2%, but the New York Bank gained 3.1%, to 78.8%.

Last Saturday's statement of New York Clearing House banks and trust companies was even better than expected, and revealed a gain in reserves which, though not entirely restoring surplus, materially reduced the deficit reported a week earlier. Loans were cut \$47,387,000, mainly as a result of active calling in of loans in anticipation of the new Treasury issue. Net demand deposits increased \$13,451,000, to \$3,891,396,000. This total is exclusive of \$25,833,000 of Government deposits, a reduction in the latter item of \$10,016,000 for the week. Net time deposits, on the other hand, showed a contraction of \$20,015,000, to \$420,023,000. Lesser changes included an increase of cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank amounting to \$855,000, to \$59,582,000 (not counted

as reserve); a decline of \$312,000 in reserves of State banks and trust companies in own vaults, and a gain in reserves of these institutions kept in other depositories of \$221,000. Member banks increased their reserves at the Reserve Bank \$21,962,000, a factor which served to offset the addition to deposits and effect a reduction in deficit. The latter was brought down to \$2,332,280, and will in all probability be entirely eliminated the current week. The figures here given for surplus are based on 13% reserves above legal requirements for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but do not include cash in vaults amounting to \$59,582,000 held by these banks on Saturday last.

With reference to money, the prevailing opinion was that, in view of the unusually large Government operations in the local money market at the beginning of the week, rates on call loans could not be regarded high. Frequently the observation was heard that the stock market stood the temporary strain remarkably well. Not for a long time has the Government been such a big factor in the local money market as it was last Monday. As the week advanced and the effects of its operations gradually disappeared, the quotations for call money declined, reaching 4½% on Thursday, at which it renewed yesterday. Time money was firmly held at 5%. The offering of \$500,000,000 new Government 4¼% bonds was an unqualified success, although the cash subscriptions and exchanges for Victory 4¾% notes and Treasury certificates did not reach the \$2,000,000,000 total that had been predicted in some over-optimistic circles. The returns were both gratifying and significant. Secretary Mellon was specially pleased, as well he may have been, over the fact that when the books for cash subscriptions closed a week ago to-day, of the \$1,550,000,000 total, all but \$150,000,000 represented cash subscriptions. The final total, when the privilege of exchange for Victory 4¾ notes and Treasury certificates expires at noon to-day, should be substantially larger than it was a week ago. Certainly there is an abundance of money in the country seeking safe investment, on which the return is only moderate. It would seem also that conservative investors do not expect to get a larger interest return from any other class of good investment in the near future. In other words, they are not looking for higher money rates to be maintained for any length of time. So far as can be learned, the commercial demand for money is not increasing rapidly. Of course, it is materially larger than it was some months ago. Naturally the resignation of the Lloyd George Ministry may be expected to chill for awhile the demand for European securities. It is to be hoped that political conditions in Great Britain will soon become considerably more settled. The offerings of domestic securities continue fairly large, but it would scarcely be logical to look for extensive offerings of European issues in the immediate future.

Referring to money rates in detail, loans on call during the week covered a range of 4½@6%, the same as a week ago. On Monday the high was 6%, the low 4%, with renewals at the latter figure. Tuesday 6% was again the maximum, but the renewal basis was advanced to 5%, and this proved the lowest for the day. There was no range on Wednesday, 5% having been the single rate for the



day. On Thursday call funds still renewed at 5%, but some transactions were at 4½%, with 5% the high. Increased ease was noted on Friday and all loans were negotiated at 4½%, this being the only rate quoted. The above figures are for mixed collateral and all-industrial loans without differentiation. In time money the situation was quiet and without essential change. Toward the latter part of the week fixed-date funds were in freer supply, but rates were firm at 4¾% for sixty days and 4¾@5% for ninety days, four, five and six months' money, the same as last week. Few, if any, large loans were put through. The firmness in both call and time funds in the first half of the week was due mainly to the huge Government financing operations of Monday last.

Commercial paper continues to be quoted at 4¼@4½% for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, with names not so well known at 4½@4¾%, unchanged. A good inquiry was noted for high-grade names, but as offerings showed no increase, trading was not particularly active.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances, as might be expected, were quiet in the initial dealings, though showing a slight increase in activity later on concurrently with the relaxation in the call market. Offerings were not large and, while both New York and country banks were in the market, it was evident that none of these institutions were disposed to take on extensive commitments at the higher levels. Advances of about ½ of 1% were recorded in acceptances for spot and time delivery alike. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council is now 4½%. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rates on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve Banks 4% bid and 3¾% asked for bills running 30, 60 or 90 days, 4½% bid and 3¾% asked for bills running for 120 days, and 4¼% bid and 3⅞% asked for 150 days. Open market quotations follow:

	SPOT DELIVERY.		
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills.....	4@3¼	4@3¼	4@3¼
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.			
Eligible member banks.....	4 bid		
Eligible non-member banks.....	4¼ bid		

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

DISCOUNT RATES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS IN EFFECT OCTOBER 20 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 titles 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

Developments, both foreign and domestic, were rather more favorable to sterling exchange, and the result of the week's operations was another sharp rise of more than 4 cents, which carried demand bills up

to 4 47⅞, although late in the week some of the gain was lost and a slight and temporary downward reaction set in on news of the overthrow of the British Coalition Cabinet and the resignation of Lloyd George. Prior to this, however, a more hopeful feeling was manifested which was accompanied by a material increase in activity. Good buying developed, mainly for local account. Purchases of American dollars by British interests were not a factor, requirements in this direction having been satisfied, and the strength was attributed very largely to the favorable sentiment created by the actual paying off of the first installment of interest due on the British debt to the United States; also, in a somewhat lesser degree, to a diminution in the volume of commercial bills offering locally. Short covering on the part of speculative interests who had been looking for a continued downward movement also aided in maintaining prices.

While the apparent passing of the Turkish war cloud has undoubtedly constituted a powerful element in stabilizing currency values, so far as sterling is concerned, the sudden and marked upswing in quotations came as a good deal of a surprise to those market observers who had been confidently predicting a recurrence to lower levels for some little time to come. Conditions in the Near East, it is argued, though admittedly better, are still far from being satisfactory. The question of meeting expenditures entailed by military operations in the recent upheaval is still an open one. A season of political uncertainty seems to be just ahead. In view of all these difficulties, bankers are somewhat dubious as to the likelihood of a continuance of the upward movement. Although it is conceded that underlying conditions in British financial and economic affairs are sound and steadily improving, the consensus of opinion appears to be that sharp fluctuations must be expected, with occasional losses; especially since the outlook for foreign trade under the new tariff laws is considered to be less favorable. There are some, however, who believe that even a change in British Cabinet leadership will not likely have a serious or permanent effect on rates. The recessions which took place following its announcement are regarded as more or less due to profit-taking and the natural sequence of a too rapid rise.

Referring to the more detailed quotations, sterling exchange on Saturday last was quiet but steady, and demand bills were marked up to 4 43⅞@4 43¾, cable transfers to 4 43⅝@4 44 1-16 and sixty days to 4 41⅞@4 42¼. On Monday dulness prevailed and quotations remained at the levels of Saturday, unchanged. On Tuesday higher cable rates from London, together with the sentimental influence of the \$50,000,000 interest and sinking fund payment on the British debt induced strength and prices shot up nearly 2 cents, to 4 45¼ for demand; the low was 4 43⅝, while cable transfers ranged at 4 43⅞@4 45½ and sixty days at 4 42⅞@4 43¾. Wednesday's market was strong and materially higher on better foreign prospects and light offerings of bills locally, and there was a further advance to 4 46⅞@4 47⅞ for demand, 4 46⅝@4 47⅞ for cable transfers and 4 44⅞@4 46⅞ for sixty days. Cable advices on Thursday of the resignation of the British Premier had an unsettling effect and price levels sagged off slightly; the range was 4 44⅞@4 47⅞ for demand, 4 45⅞@4 48⅞ for cable transfers and 4 43⅞@4 46⅞ for sixty days. On Friday the

undertone was firmer and there was a partial recovery, with the range  $4\ 46\frac{1}{8}$ @ $4\ 47\frac{1}{8}$  for demand,  $4\ 46\frac{3}{8}$ @ $4\ 47\frac{3}{8}$  for cable transfers and  $4\ 44\frac{5}{8}$ @ $4\ 45\frac{5}{8}$  for sixty days. Closing quotations were  $4\ 44\frac{7}{8}$  for sixty days,  $4\ 46\frac{3}{8}$  for demand and  $4\ 46\frac{5}{8}$  for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at  $4\ 45\frac{7}{8}$ , sixty days at  $4\ 44\frac{3}{8}$ , ninety days at  $4\ 43\frac{1}{4}$ , documents for payment (sixty days) at  $4\ 44\frac{5}{8}$ , and seven-day grain bills at  $4\ 45\frac{3}{8}$ . Cotton and grain for payment closed at  $4\ 45\frac{7}{8}$ .

Gold continues to move in this direction and the week's arrivals aggregated a fairly large total. The Nieuw Amsterdam brought \$4,800,000 from Rotterdam; the Celtic \$835,000 from Liverpool, the La Savoie \$318,200 from Havre. Smaller miscellaneous shipments were 4 cases of gold on the Panama from South American ports, and 3 cases of gold and 1 case of silver coins on the Colombia from Corinto; 80 bars of gold on the Carillo from Cartagena and 75 boxes of gold on the Homeric from Southampton. The Aquitania arrived from Southampton yesterday with 2 casks of gold ingots and 11 cases of gold bars valued at \$600,000. Gold to the amount of \$1,000,000 is on its way on the Majestic. It is reported that the consignment of the precious metal on the Rotterdam was forwarded by the Nederlandsche Bank to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for the purpose of increasing its balances here and of aiding correspondents abroad.

Continental exchange failed to share in the improvement noted in the sterling market and irregularity accompanied by a sharply lower tendency in many of the leading European currencies has featured dealings this week. The chief reason for this has been that, while the Turkish menace appears to have for the time being been removed as an active market factor, reparations affairs have once more reached an acute stage. Prospects of a settlement are still uncertain and so far as can be learned, Great Britain and France have not reached an agreement in the matter of indemnity payments, while persistent rumors of a possible dissolution of the Reparations Commission tended to depress market sentiment. Traders continue cautious and averse to taking any definite position in the market at this time, with the result that trading most of the time has been of a desultory character and the volume of transactions of very moderate proportions. Speculative selling on "unfavorable news" aided in lowering prices. Reichsmarks continued heavy and the quotation, after ruling for a while at the low point established last week, receded still further and touched another new low at  $0.02\ 7-16$ , on intimations that France intended to press reparations claims without delay. Pressure to sell was less insistent than a week ago, though bankers are not optimistic regarding the future of the mark. French francs again moved downward, the quotation sustaining a series of declines which carried price levels to  $7.36$  for checks, another new low on the current movement, and 11 points under last week's low point. Antwerp currency again went below the  $7.00$  mark, and broke to  $6.81\frac{1}{2}$ . Lire shared in the general weakness, but to a lesser extent, losing about 6 points to  $4.18$ . Greek exchange, despite rumors of the granting of a new loan by French bankers, slumped badly following the dissolving of the bankers' consortium, and lost 55 points to  $1.95$ . Central European exchange was fairly well maintained, with

the exception of Czechoslovakian crowns, which ruled easier, and Polish marks, which were forced down to the unprecedentedly low figure of  $0.00094$ . Thus far the national currency reform projected by the Polish Finance Minister has not been reflected by improvement in exchange rates. Operators seem disposed to take a rather unfavorable view of French exchange because of a combination of adverse factors. Added to the diminishing chances of obtaining relief through prompt collection of German reparations, are rising prices and poor crop returns, which will necessitate larger imports of foodstuffs, all of which militate against the exchange situation and thus add to France's difficulties.

The London check rate in Paris closed at  $60.18$ , compared with  $58.49$  a week ago. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at  $7.36$ , against  $7.57$ ; cable transfers at  $7.37$ , against  $7.58$ ; commercial sight bills at  $7.34$ , against  $7.55$ , and commercial sixty days at  $7.31$ , against  $7.52$  last week. Closing rates on Antwerp francs were  $6.81\frac{1}{2}$  for checks and  $6.82\frac{1}{2}$  for cable transfers, in comparison with  $7.05\frac{1}{2}$  and  $7.06\frac{1}{2}$  a week ago. Reichsmarks finished at  $0.02\frac{3}{4}$  for both checks and cable transfers, against  $0.03\ 3-16$  a week earlier. Austrian kronen were a shade easier, at  $0.0013\frac{1}{2}$ , but rallied and closed at  $0.0014$ , the same as last week. Lire finished the week at  $4.18$  for bankers' sight bills and  $4.19$  for cable transfers, in comparison with  $4.24\frac{1}{2}$  and  $4.25\frac{1}{2}$ . Exchange on Czechoslovakia closed at  $3.30$ , against  $3.45$ ; on Bucharest at  $0.63$ , against  $0.63$ ; on Poland at  $0.00095$ , against  $0.00100$ , and on Finland at  $2.39$ , against  $2.30$  the week before. Greek drachma closed at  $2.05$  for checks and  $2.10$  for cable transfers, against  $2.55$  and  $2.60$  last week.

Conditions in the former neutral exchanges were not materially changed, and trading for the most part was not particularly active. Guilders were strong and higher; the Scandinavian currencies moved quietly without particular trend in either direction. Pesetas showed a slightly firmer tendency, but Swiss francs on heavy selling broke to  $18.17$ , nearly 37 points down and the lowest point touched since November 1921.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam closed at  $39.09$ , against  $38.83$ ; cable transfers  $39.18$ , against  $38.92$ ; commercial sight  $39.08$ , against  $38.82$ , and commercial sixty days at  $38.74$ , against  $38.48$  last week. Swiss francs finished at  $18.26$  for bankers' sight bills and  $18.28$  for cable transfers, which compares with  $18.53$  and  $18.58$  a week ago. Copenhagen checks closed at  $20.00$  and cable transfers at  $20.05$ , against  $20.13$  and  $20.18$ . Checks on Sweden finished at  $26.72$  and cable transfers at  $26.77$ , against  $26.63$  and  $26.68$ , while checks on Norway closed at  $17.61$  and cable transfers at  $17.66$ , against  $18.28$  and  $18.33$  the week preceding. Spanish pesetas finished at  $15.37$  for checks and  $15.38$  for cable remittances. A week ago the close was  $15.26$  and  $15.27$ .

As to South American quotations the situation remains about the same. Argentine rates were a trifle higher, finishing at  $36.25$  for checks and  $36.75$  for cable transfers, against  $36$  and  $36\frac{1}{8}$  last week; but Brazil suffered another sharp decline to  $11.35$  for checks and  $11.40$  for cable transfers, in comparison with  $11.70$  and  $11.75$  a week ago. This was said to be due to the operations of the Bank of Brazil, which is accumulating large foreign bank balances on which it is refusing to draw, while another contributing



factor is said to be the inability of American tourists attending the Centennial Exposition to exchange milreis into dollars, which are now at a premium. Chilean exchange was slightly off, closing at 13 7/8, against 14, while Peru finished at 3 91, against 3 94, the previous quotation.

Far Eastern exchange, especially that on Hong Kong and Shanghai, was sharply affected by the erratic fluctuations in the price of silver and sharp declines were followed by almost equally sharp recoveries. Hong Kong currency finished at 55 3/8 @ 55 5/8, against 56 5/8 @ 56 3/4; Shanghai, 75 1/4 @ 75 1/2, against 76 3/8 @ 76 5/8; Yokohama, 48 1/4 @ 48 1/2, against 48 3/8 @ 48 5/8; Manila, 49 1/4 @ 49 1/2, against 49 3/4 @ 50; Singapore, 52 1/4 @ 52 1/2, against 51 3/4 @ 52 1/8; Bombay, 29 1/4 @ 29 1/2 (unchanged); and Calcutta, 29 3/4 @ 30, against 29 3/8 @ 29 5/8.

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 522 of the Tariff Act of 1922, 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 TARIFF ACT OF 1922, OCT. 14 TO OCT. 20, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	Oct. 14.	Oct. 16.	Oct. 17.	Oct. 18.	Oct. 19.	Oct. 20.
<b>EUROPE—</b>						
Austria, krone	.000014	.000014	.000014	.000014	.000014	.000014
Belgium, franc	.0706	.0699	.0593	.0695	.0682	.0689
Bulgaria, lev	.006408	.006498	.003421	.0084	.00745	.0064
Czechoslovakia, krone	.053678	.053356	.032092	.032589	.03301	.032904
Denmark, krone	1.999	1.992	1.926	2.014	2.008	2.001
England, pound	4.4383	4.4376	4.4415	4.4748	4.4661	4.4683
Finland, marks	.022950	.023113	.023188	.023463	.02365	.023775
France, franc	.0757	.0752	.0751	.0749	.0743	.0744
Germany, reichsmark	.000337	.000340	.000351	.000338	.000303	.000248
Greece, drachma	.0287	.0244	.0229	.0210	.0201	.0203
Holland, guilder	.3893	.3896	.3899	.3912	.3920	.3917
Hungary, krone	.000403	.000406	.000403	.000402	.000403	.000403
Italy, lire	.0423	.0420	.0422	.0422	.0421	.0420
Jugoslavia, krone	.003972	.0040	.004561	.004358	.004397	.004497
Norway, krone	.1814	.1826	.1810	.1806	.1787	.1780
Poland, Polish mark	.000099	.000099	.000096	.000095	.000095	.000093
Portugal, escudo	.0454	.0443	.0459	.0478	.0487	.0477
Rumania, leu	.006206	.006209	.006238	.006188	.006181	.006191
Serbia, dinar	.015900	.016029	.016257	.017299	.0177	.018457
Spain, peseta	1.525	1.529	1.531	1.539	1.539	1.536
Sweden, krona	.2968	.2977	.2975	.2975	.2969	.2974
Switzerland, franc	.1851	.1847	.1845	.1844	.1828	.1827
<b>ASIA—</b>						
China, Chefoo tael	.7807	.7688	.7717	.7650	.7750	.7596
" Hankow tael	.7817	.7671	.7700	.7633	.7733	.7579
" Shanghai tael	.7504	.7334	.7377	.7404	.7402	.7307
" Tientsin tael	.7900	.7754	.7783	.7717	.7817	.7679
" Hong Kong dollar	.5605	.5553	.5552	.5556	.5564	.5507
" Mexican dollar	.5469	.5369	.5367	.5410	.5400	.5340
" Tientsin or Peking dollar	.5592	.5542	.5538	.5575	.5575	.5508
" Yuan dollar	.5550	.5454	.5525	.5550	.5575	.5496
India, rupee	.2878	.2874	.2884	.2903	.2899	.2906
Japan, yen	.4793	.4800	.4800	.4811	.4812	.4817
Singapore, S. S. dollar	.5192	.5171	.5138	.5188	.5188	.5264
<b>NORTH AMERICA—</b>						
Canada, dollar	1.000764	1.000868	1.000972	1.001117	1.001205	1.001222
Cuba, peso	.998125	.9990	.9990	.998938	.998938	.998813
Mexico, peso	.482374	.48275	.483281	.483125	.483281	.48328
Newfoundland, dollar	.998438	.998594	.998516	.998672	.998672	.998594
<b>SOUTH AMERICA—</b>						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.8140	.8147	.8151	.8208	.8225	.8208
Brazil, milreis	.1149	.1145	.1130	.1102	.1117	.1114
Uruguay, peso	.7712	.7723	.7723	.7725	.7722	.7740
Chile, peso (paper)	.1365	.1366	.1368	.1370	.1367	.1369

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$4,407,240 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending Oct. 19. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$5,440,440, while the shipments have reached \$1,033,200, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week ending Oct. 19.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' Interior movement	\$5,440,440	\$1,033,200	Gain \$4,407,240

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, Oct. 14.	Monday, Oct. 16.	Tuesday, Oct. 17.	Wednesday, Oct. 18.	Thursday, Oct. 19.	Friday, Oct. 20.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 51,000,000	\$ 88,000,000	\$ 42,000,000	\$ 95,000,000	\$ 57,000,000	\$ 42,000,000	Cr. 376,000,000

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	Oct. 19 1922.			Oct. 20 1921.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 127,435,454	£	£ 127,435,454	£ 128,417,061	£	£ 128,417,061
France	145,399,345	11,480,000	156,879,345	143,012,756	11,120,000	154,132,756
Germany	50,111,230	1,299,150	51,410,380	51,180,000		795,000
Aus-Hun.	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	10,944,000		2,369,000
Spain	100,936,000	25,594,000	126,530,000	100,163,000		24,694,000
Italy	34,628,000	3,035,000	37,663,000	33,561,000		2,975,000
Netherl'd	48,482,000	715,000	49,197,000	45,811,000		786,000
Nat. Belg.	10,684,000	2,049,000	12,733,000	10,663,000		1,591,000
Switz'land	20,230,000	4,577,000	24,807,000	21,793,000		4,961,000
Sweden	15,200,000		15,200,000	15,330,000		15,330,000
Denmark	12,683,000	239,000	12,922,000	12,642,000		195,000
Norway	8,183,000		8,183,000	8,115,000		8,115,000
Total week	584,896,029	51,357,150	636,253,179	581,631,817	49,466,000	631,097,817
Prev. week	583,871,830	51,558,150	635,429,980	586,119,144	49,748,000	635,867,144

A Gold Holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £75,918,682 held abroad.

HAPHAZARD METHODS OF FIXING GOVERNMENT SALARIES.

In every large business enterprise the salary ranges are fixed according to the degree of responsibility assumed and the character of work done. There are a few large salaried executives, and below them, in uniform gradations of pay, are all other officials and employees down to the unskilled laborers. Such a system is so reasonable and logical that it is not open to question.

Not so with the Federal Government. There we find no system at all. There is, indeed, on the statute books a considerable amount of piecemeal legislation designed to meet the pressure of particular circumstances here and there, but Congress has never considered the question as a whole. The nearest attempt at a general classification of salary grades was in the Act of March 3 1853. This Act divided the civilian employees of the Government into four classes under the designation of "clerks"—clerks of class one \$1,200 per annum; class two, \$1,400; class three, \$1,600, and class four, \$1,800. It is still in force, and these are the grades and salaries for Government clerks at the present time.

A clerk of class four, receiving \$1,800 a year in 1853 could live like a gentleman. He could own a beautiful home, have his own horses and carriage, and otherwise maintain a social position. As compared with the wages of the skilled laborer, his income was more than four times as great. It was on account of these circumstances that the idea went out all over the country that the Government employee had a soft job—little work and big pay. This was certainly true before the Civil War, but, unfortunately, the idea still persists in some parts of the country.

The fourth class Government clerk—while still holding the highest grade of clerkship under the Civil Service—has, with his \$1,800 a year, fallen to a pretty low estate. He now makes less than the skilled laborer. He has been compelled to reduce his standard of living and to depend in part on the labor of his wife or children.

The Government could not, of course, operate under modern conditions with the highest salary of the

non-policy determining positions at \$1,800 a year. Consequently, from time to time since 1853, Congress has created a large number of new titles and new salaries ranging from \$1,800 to \$3,000 per annum. These additions were not made on any comprehensive scale of scientific adjustment, but, like all administrative legislation by Congress, to meet the urgent demands of particular persons, bureaus or situations. Thus there grew up a body of trained personnel—scientific, professional and administrative—of higher pay than the “clerks.”

As the Government work grew in volume and complexity there arose the legislative practice of making what is known as “lump sum” appropriations for certain Government services. Instead of specifying each item of expenditure, including each salary, a sum is appropriated for the service as a whole, with or without limitations on the maximum salary that may be paid. This practice of appropriating lump sums has grown rapidly during the past two decades. It received great impetus during the war, and at the present time a large proportion of the budget is on this basis.

Here again began another piecemeal salary adjustment. The services with lump sums without salary limitations are able to pay salaries to any amount they think reasonable—\$5,000, \$7,500, \$10,000 per annum. Those with salary limitations are usually confined, as to maximum, to a few salaries ranging from \$4,000 to \$6,500. Most lump sum appropriations have such limitations.

In the Government service, therefore, there are four unco-ordinated classes of salaries: The original clerks as graded in 1853; the specific statutory positions created since 1853; the salaries paid under lump sums with limitations on the maximum, and the salaries paid under lump sums without limitations as to maximum. As a result of this situation, the cream of the Government personnel has gravitated toward the services having lump sum appropriations, leaving the services with fixed salaries to struggle along with a personnel in part mediocre and in part hopeless and discouraged. There are members of the medical and legal professions as well as scientists performing important work for the Government at salaries less than \$2,000 a year. A person in one service may receive \$8,000 a year for doing the same grade of work that a person in another service is compelled to perform at \$2,500.

Congress has long been aware of these facts. On March 1 1919 a joint Congressional commission was appointed to investigate the whole subject and to prepare the necessary legislation. This commission—the Congressional Joint Commission on Reclassification of Salaries—made its report a year later and drafted a bill grading all Government salaries according to the work required to be done—the lowest at \$1,080 and the highest at \$10,000. This bill was introduced in both houses after public hearings, but no action was taken on it.

In the 67th Congress two separate reclassification bills were introduced, each of which would accomplish the same general result as the bill above mentioned. They were the so-called Wood-Smoot Bill and the Lehlbach-Sterling Bill. These differed principally in the method of their enforcement. The last mentioned bill passed the House, but on account of a violent controversy as to whether the Civil Service Commission, the Bureau of Efficiency, or the Bureau of the Budget should be the agency of enforcement,

it has never reached the floor of the Senate. It has been reposing in the archives of the Senate Committee on Appropriations for about a year. Either one of the three bills introduced would put the Government payroll on a business basis.

#### THE CANADIAN PAPER INDUSTRY.

Ottawa, Canada, Oct. 20 1922.

With new wings being built on Canadian newsprint paper plants, new and costly paper making machinery ordered, new sales of securities advertised, public attention has once more been fixed upon the truly remarkable expansion of the pulp and paper industry of this Dominion. From an inconsequential side-line 25 years ago, exporting a few hundred dollars worth of paper to Uncle Sam, it has now overtopped all other Canadian industries in point of export trade, and certainly no other single industry can match it as a contributor to the wealth of the nation and few surpass it as an employer of highly-paid labor.

There seems no difference of opinion on the fact that the development of the pulp and paper industry in the Dominion is due to fundamental advantages, such as the existence of large areas of excellent pulp wood, rivers and water powers excellently placed in relation thereto, and this has made possible a steady reduction in the cost per ton of newsprint manufacture during normal times. It is not pretended, of course, that the pulp wood areas are inexhaustible or that the industries are not utilizing the raw materials many times faster than they are being reproduced. However, the growth of the pulp and paper industry has awakened the public and the Governments to the need of recuperative methods in forest management and in the near future forest deterioration will be more than matched by scientific forestry methods. The industry itself is consuming an average of approximately three million cords a year, while another million and a half cords are exported annually to the United States. Pulp wood consumption in Canada is increasing at an average rate of about 175,000 cords a year.

Although Canada has been deprived of any known areas of anthracite, and while the bituminous coal deposits are, unfortunately, to the extreme east or west of the main industrial sections of the country, provision for hydro-electric power has been abundant. The developed powers thus far are estimated at approximately two million h. p., of which about 375,000 h. p. are being applied to the production of pulp and paper. Several of the larger paper mills are now equipped with electric steam boilers rendering them independent of other fuel supply. These factors, coupled with the constantly growing market in the United States, represent the underlying strength of the industry and ensure a prosperous future.

To a very large degree the pulp and paper industry of Canada is financed by American capital, and it is noteworthy that some of the largest investors are identified with United States pulp and paper industries. An official statement issued by the Dominion Government in 1919 showed that of the total capital invested in Canada's pulp and paper mills at that time, 68% was derived from Canada, 24% from the United States, 4% from the United Kingdom and 4% from other countries. The American proportion since that time has been materially increased.



**EXPERIENCE ON THE BENCH AS A PREREQUISITE TO SERVICE IN THE U. S. SUPREME COURT.**

New York, Oct. 11 1922.

Editor Commercial & Financial Chronicle,

Dear Sir:—I have just examined your issue of Sept. 9 1922, and on page 1,142 find the following, with reference to the appointment of Honorable George Sutherland to the Supreme Bench:

"The sound rule that no man should reach the highest court without some previous experience on the bench has not been followed in his case, as it was not in the cases of Mr. Hughes and Brandeis, and, very possibly, in other cases earlier in our history and forgotten."

It may still be worth noting that among the many who were appointed with no previous judicial experience were Chief Justice Marshall, Chief Justice Taney, Chief Justice Chase, Chief Justice Waite and Chief Justice Fuller. That is to say, from 1801 to 1910, the highest place in the judicial system of the country was continuously held by men who had come to the court without any previous experience on the bench. Moreover, I think that most men will agree that the five men named filled that great position, on the whole, rather more satisfactorily than any other position under the Government has been filled for any long period.

Very truly yours,

H. T. NEWCOMB.

**Current Events and Discussions**

**WEEKLY RETURN OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.**

Net liquidation of \$38,100,000 of paper secured by Government obligations, as against a further increase of \$24,400,000 in other discounted paper, is shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly bank statement issued as at close of business on Oct. 18 1922, and which deals with the results for the twelve Reserve Banks combined. Holdings of acceptances purchased in open market increased by \$10,200,000, while Government securities on hand declined by \$27,700,000, notwithstanding the fact that the total shown includes \$14,000,000 of special Treasury certificates held by the New York Reserve Bank to cover temporary advances to the Government. Government operations during the week were heavy and included, among others, the receipt early in the week of \$50,000,000 of interest on the British debt to the Government, payments received for newly issued refunding bonds, redemption of the balance of \$150,000,000 of loan certificates issued six months previous, and payment of semi-annual interest on the Fourth Liberty bonds.

Deposit liabilities of the Reserve Banks show an increase for the week of \$33,900,000, largely due to the increase in members' reserve deposits, while Federal Reserve note circulation declined by \$4,700,000. Total cash reserves, notwithstanding the reduction of \$3,200,000 in gold holdings, show a gain of \$4,200,000. In consequence of the increase in deposits, the reserve ratio shows a further decline for the week from 75.7 to 75.2%. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Considerable shifting of gold credits in the settlement fund is reported for the week. The New York bank shows an increase in its gold reserves of \$17,100,000, Boston reports an increase of \$4,300,000 and Kansas City an increase of \$3,500,000. All other Reserve Banks report smaller gold reserves than the week before, Chicago showing the largest decrease, viz., by \$24,800,000.

Holdings of paper secured by Government obligations show a decrease for the week from \$232,300,000 to \$194,200,000. Of the total held, \$128,400,000, or 66.2%, were secured by Liberty and other U. S. bonds; \$4,900,000, or 2.5%, by Victory notes; \$55,200,000, or 28.4%, by Treasury notes, and \$5,200,000, or 2.9%, by Treasury certificates, compared with \$142,500,000, \$3,700,000, \$82,100,000 and \$4,900,000 reported the week before.

The statement in full in comparison with preceding weeks and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages, namely, pages 1818 and 1819. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve Banks on Oct. 18, as compared with a week and a year ago, follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)	
	Since Oct. 11 1922.	Since Oct. 19 1921.
Total reserves	+4,200,000	+292,400,000
Gold reserves	-3,200,000	+414,100,000
Total earning assets	-31,200,000	-363,100,000
Discounted bills, total	+13,700,000	-818,700,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	-38,100,000	-265,500,000
Other bills discounted	+24,400,000	-553,200,000
Purchased bills	+10,200,000	+202,500,000
United States securities, total	-27,700,000	+253,100,000
Bonds and notes	-10,000,000	+193,100,000
Treasury certificates	-2,500,000	+13,400,000
Other Treasury certificates	-15,200,000	+173,400,000
Total deposits	+33,900,000	+238,700,000
Members' reserve deposits	+30,400,000	+260,400,000
Government deposits	+100,000	-16,600,000
Other deposits	+3,400,000	-5,100,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation	-4,700,000	-125,400,000
F. R. bank notes in circulation, net liability	-2,100,000	-52,300,000

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

Continued increase, aggregating \$74,000,000, in outstanding commercial loans, as against reductions of \$7,000,000 in loans secured by Government and corporate obligations and of \$14,000,000 in investments, is indicated in the Federal Reserve Board's consolidated weekly statement of condition on Oct. 11 of 787 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. Investments in Government securities declined by about \$25,000,000, a total reduction of \$36,000,000 in United States bonds and Treasury certificates being offset in part by increases in the holdings of Victory notes and Treasury notes. Other, chiefly corporate, securities show an increase for the week of \$11,000,000. Member banks in New York City report increases of \$20,000,000 in commercial loans and discounts and of \$4,000,000 in loans against Government securities, as against reductions of \$38,000,000 in loans against corporate securities and of \$15,000,000 in Government securities, with no change in the holdings in corporate securities.

Since Aug. 30 total loans and discounts of the reporting institutions have increased by \$357,000,000, of which \$131,000,000 represents an increase in loans secured by corporate obligations and \$226,000,000 an increase in all other, chiefly commercial, loans, while their investments show a decline for the same period of \$88,000,000, of which \$65,000,000 represent a reduction in the holdings of Government securities and the remainder a reduction in corporate and other securities. Member banks in New York City show for the same period an increase in loans of \$38,000,000, of which \$48,000,000 represents an increase in loans against corporate securities, and a reduction of \$76,000,000 in investments, largely in Government securities.

Government deposits show a reduction for the week of \$26,000,000, time deposits a reduction of \$5,000,000, while net demand deposits increased by \$89,000,000. For member banks in New York City reductions of \$8,000,000 in Government deposits, of \$15,000,000 in time deposits and of \$1,000,000 in net demand deposits are noted.

Borrowings of the reporting banks from the Federal Reserve banks show an increase for the week from \$182,000,000 to \$278,000,000 or from 1.2 to 1.8% of their combined loans and investments. Most of this increase is shown for the New York City banks, which increased their borrowings from the local Reserve Bank from \$34,000,000 to \$122,000,000, or from 0.7 to 2.4% of their total loans and investments. On a subsequent page—that is on page 1819—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 Oct. 4 1922.	Since Oct. 11-12 1921.
Loans and discounts—total	+\$67,000,000	-\$484,000,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	-1,000,000	-321,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds	-6,000,000	+579,000,000
All other	+74,000,000	-742,000,000
Investments, total	-14,000,000	+1,045,000,000
U. S. bonds	-17,000,000	+485,000,000
Victory notes	+10,000,000	-120,000,000
U. S. Treasury notes	+1,000,000	+498,000,000
Treasury certificates	-19,000,000	-11,000,000
Other stocks and bonds	+11,000,000	+193,000,000
Reserve balances with F. R. banks	+43,000,000	+197,000,000
Cash in vault	+18,000,000	-9,000,000
Government deposits	-26,000,000	-280,000,000
Net demand deposits	+89,000,000	+1,194,000,000
Time deposits	-5,000,000	+637,000,000
Total accommodation at F. R. banks	+96,000,000	-622,000,000

**PAYMENT BY GREAT BRITAIN OF \$50,000,000 INTEREST ON DEBT TO U. S.**

The Treasury Department at Washington, made public on the 16th inst. the following statement regarding the payment by Great Britain of \$50,000,000 on account of interest on its debt to the United States:

The Treasury to-day received, through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, a payment of \$50,000,000 from the British Government on account of interest on that Government's obligations to the United States. This payment will be used to provide in part for the \$137,000,000, or thereabouts, of interest which becomes due and payable to-day on Liberty bonds and Treasury certificates.

The proposed payment was referred to in these columns last Saturday—page 1678. From the New York "Times" of the 17th inst. we take the following:

Officials of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York yesterday received and credited to the British Government the sum of \$50,000,000, preliminary payment on the interest on Great Britain's obligation of \$4,277,000,000 contracted during war time. The payment was made by J. P. Morgan & Co., fiscal agents in the United States for the British Government, in half a dozen smaller checks drawn on several institutions in the financial district.

The story of how this fund has been built up in New York by the British Government is an interesting one, particularly because it has been a secret one, the details of which have not become known. The balance was acquired in two ways, through the shipment of actual gold to the United States and through the purchase of dollars in the New York market against the sales of sterling. The job has been a good one, for the exchange market has not been disturbed to any great extent, and the shipments of gold have come through from England to the United States without interruption or mishap.

Although it is but a guess, it is the general opinion in the financial district that the bulk of the fund paid over yesterday to the Treasury Department was acquired through the sale of sterling on the way down from its high point of about \$4 45 several weeks ago. There were particularly heavy offerings of sterling bills in the New York market at the time, offset to some extent, at least, by the purchases of sterling for shipment of coal to this country.

#### British Gold Shipments.

Shipments of gold, from which a part of the fund was drawn, have been steady during the last few months, although of moderate size. Of course, all of the gold which has been received here has not been for the account of the British Government. Some of it has been for ordinary commercial transactions, the result of purchases at the gold auction in London. It is safe to say, however, that the larger part of recent shipments has been for the account of the British Government, engaged in piling up large deposits here, from which checks might be drawn, from time to time, to meet her indebtedness to the United States Government. Between Sept. 1 and Oct. 1 shipments of gold totaled \$15,630,509, while for August they were \$33,704,783; for July, \$39,322,907; for June, \$11,050,281; for May, \$7,704,647; for April, \$16,148,045; for March, \$29,861,884; for February, \$39,873,254, and for January, \$23,893,850. As a result of these shipments, the gold stock of the United States made a new high record on Oct. 1 at \$3,874,178,711.

The balance of Great Britain in this country has by no means been exhausted by this payment of \$50,000,000. No exact figures are obtainable about it, but in the financial district some calculations place the total British deposits here at something like three times the amount of that paid to the United States Government yesterday, although not all of it is for debt payments.

The fund that remains and the total before yesterday's payment was not idle, but has been earning interest as it has accumulated. A large part of it, it was learned yesterday, was invested by J. P. Morgan & Co., agents of the British Government here, in United States Treasury certificates of indebtedness which matured on the date the initial payment was due. These were not presented as a part of the payment, however, but were cashed and deposited and checks drawn on this deposit.

#### PAYMENT BY GREAT BRITAIN OF \$915,000 ACCOUNT OF INTEREST ON SILVER ADVANCES.

The payment by Great Britain of \$915,000 as interest on the debt incurred for the purchase of silver from this country during the war was reported to the U. S. Treasury on Oct. 14 by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. On the 14th inst., in advices from Washington regarding the payment, the New York "Times" said:

Great Britain paid in \$915,000 to the United States Treasury to-day on account of interest due on the obligations given for silver advances under the Pittman Act. This constitutes 60% of the interest on \$61,000,000 loaned to Great Britain through the special Act of Congress. Interest to the amount of the remaining 40% will be due Nov. 15.

#### REJECTION BY FRANCE OF BRITISH REPARATIONS PROPOSAL.

The rejection by France of a reparations proposal by Sir John Bradbury, British member of the Allied Reparations Commission, was reported on the 13th inst. On that date the Associated Press advices from Paris said:

The French Government has instructed Louis Barthou, its representative on the Allied Reparations Commission, to oppose in the Commission the latest proposition made by Sir John Bradbury, of England, that an immediate moratorium for a period of five years be granted Germany on all cash payments. It was semi-officially announced this afternoon.

This decision was reached at a meeting at the French Foreign Office to-day presided over by Premier Poincaré at which Finance Minister de Lasteyrie, Minister of Liberated Regions Reibel, M. Barthou, Eugene Mauciere, head of the Allied Guarantees Commission, and M. Seydoux, financial adviser of the Foreign Office, were present.

The Government "considered the granting of such a moratorium quite inadmissible," it was said.

The Reparation Commission, presided over by M. Barthou, continued this afternoon its examination of the present situation in Germany and resumed its study of the Bradbury memorandum.

President Barthou informed the Commission that he would place before it next week propositions expressing the views of the French delegation in accord with the French Government.

Sir John's proposition contained an extensive plan for financial reforms to be established in Germany, necessitating the closest Allied control, but, according to the French interpretation, based mainly upon the good will of the German Government. The plan will be studied by the various technical and financial services in the French Ministry of Finance, in so far as it concerns reform in the present procedure. Regarding the part of the plan providing for a moratorium for five years, the decision of the Government was definite and a refusal.

The position of the French Government has undergone no change since the London conference last August. The French delegation, at that time, had prepared a plan for the general settlement of the reparations problem, providing for a decrease of the German debt to the Allies along with a similar reduction of the inter-Allied debt.

We also quote the following advices from Paris, Oct. 14, to the New York "Tribune" (copyright):

The League of Nations may be called upon to handle the German reparations problems, which again has brought England and France into sharp difference of opinion. The French to-day began to despair of fruitful co-operation by Britain in a settlement.

The British plan for financial rehabilitation of Germany with complete relief from reparations payments for five years, was made public officially here to-day. Sir John Bradbury, British member of the Reparation Commission, explained the main points to his colleagues yesterday, and in the

discussion that followed Louis Barthou announced France was not satisfied and that he intended to disclose her counter proposals next week.

#### Sir John's Proposal.

The British suggestions may be summed up as follows: First—The Reparations Commission shall be reorganized, an American member included, and transferred to Berlin for closer supervisory co-operation with the German Government.

Second—The Allies who are scheduled to receive payments from Germany under the treaty will accept, in lieu of cash, German five-year Treasury bonds, and in the event of payments from Germany in the form of goods the recipient nation is called upon to guarantee the German bonds with bonds of equal face value which Germany is entitled to negotiate.

Third—The Allies will fix an exchange value for the mark by an arrangement under which the Reichsbank will sell gold for paper marks at a fixed price to be determined by a mixed commission.

This last proposal, Sir John believes, is impracticable unless the Reichsbank is relieved of the necessity of creating new credits through the obligation to discount paper money for Government expenditure.

The plan is to be operative for two years, with an extension for a like period if deemed advisable, by the Allied Commission.

The Bradbury program, it is contended in some quarters, bears out the French contention that it is designed to "torpedo" the Brussels conference, now mentioned for some date in November. The plan, according to Sir John, "contemplates that final adjustment of the debts between the Allies should take the same place as this (German) settlement, and recommends that the Allied Governments should consider the possibility of immediate arrangements to meet the difficulties which will arise in the interval between the present time and this general settlement."

#### Allied Split Deplored.

The Franco-British split of such a sharp character on the question of reparations is greatly deplored here, especially in view of the imminence of the Brussels conference, which was expected to settle the question of inter-Allied debts. It was openly voiced in some quarters of Paris to-day that the British were manoeuvring to kill the conference, not wishing to face the majority of the nations of Europe, who are the debtors of England. The "Matin" makes the charge quite frankly to-day under the heading "How the British Government is planning to avoid the Brussels conference."

As for the Bradbury proposals, "The Tribune" is able to present the French official viewpoint, namely, that they would tend to grant Germany a virtual moratorium for five years, pending which time France would be compelled to negotiate questionable German paper at a discount if she wants cash, which she desperately needs, and herself guarantee this paper.

The prospect of a settlement of the inter-Allied debts, or of the French gaining relief through the medium of international loans, is seen as greatly delayed, while the transfer of the Reparation Commission to Berlin, to work on terms of mutual confidence with the German finance administration, is regarded as highly impossible.

#### French Counter-Plan.

The French counter-plan will state the conviction of the French Government that Germany will never accept Allied control of her finances voluntarily, that this must first be imposed and sternly enforced.

Inquiry in official circles to-day brought out that failing British co-operation in what the French deem to be proper regulation and assuming that the Brussels gathering is not held the Government sees two alternatives either isolated French action to collect from Germany by force or handing the whole affair over to the League of Nations.

The latter step is considered the more probable, as is indicated by the cessation of the tendency to use rough tactics toward Germany which has been evident at the Qual D'Orsay or the last few months. The League idea was seen in the light of a possibility last month, when Premier Poincaré allowed the French delegate at Geneva to bring up the question of reparations.

Under date of Oct. 18 the Associated Press reported the following advices from Paris:

The reply of the French Government to the British reparations proposals, calling for a two to four year moratorium for Germany, has been drawn up by M. Barthou and presented to Premier Poincaré for approval.

Although details are withheld until the scheme is presented to the Commission late in the week, the chief feature is firm insistence upon further and more rigid control of German finances before any relief is granted by the Commission.

M. Barthou in preparing the reply had the assistance of the best French experts, and the Premier will go over the suggestions with the Ministers of Finance and Liberated Regions.

The reply virtually rejects the British proposition as announced by Sir John Bradbury and offers a substitute in its place which deals much less leniently with Germany. Stress is laid on the necessity of the Brussels conference and of some general understanding on inter-Allied debts and the whole reparations question before Jan. 1.

It is thought that the French Government will reserve its broader plan for a settlement of debts and indemnities for the Brussels meeting, limiting the Commission merely to the application of future control of finances in Germany.

There is a spirited controversy going on between Paris and London over the question of holding the Brussels meeting. The British are frankly opposed to it, while France is strongly urging the conference. There is considerable feeling in official quarters over alleged intimations in British circles that France is offering to reduce the German indemnity in return for cancellation of her debt is giving up something she never would receive.

The French declare that the British in opposing the Brussels conference do not want to be placed in the position of blocking a general settlement of reparations through refusal to cancel a debt which cannot be paid.

#### HERBERT HOOVER ON REPAYMENT OF EUROPEAN DEBTS TO U. S.

Discussion the loans made during the war by the United States to foreign countries, Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, and a member of the World War Foreign Debt Commission, declared on the 16th inst. that "the repudiation of these loans would undermine the whole fabric of international good faith," and that he did not "believe any public official, either of the United States or any other country, could or should approve their cancellation." "Certainly I do not," he added. With the exception of some minor amounts, perhaps 5%, said Mr. Hoover, "I am convinced that these debts can be repaid in some reasonable period of



time without realization of the oft-expressed undue strain on the debtor countries, or the threat of a flood of goods from debtor countries in such quantity as would endanger employment of the factories and workmen of the United States." We give, herewith, Secretary Hoover's speech, which was delivered at Toledo:

Proposals have been repeatedly made over the last three years that the loans from our Government to foreign countries during the war should in part or in whole be cancelled, either for moral reasons or in the interest of economic stability. Less sweeping proposals have been made that the payments of interest and installments as required by Congress should be further postponed. The question is one of the most complex and difficult in character that the American people have ever confronted. It greatly concerns American commerce and I feel that widespread discussion is of great value to the better understanding of the economic issues involved. Full understanding can be advanced only by full and frank discussion.

I have the feeling that many men in Europe are thinking of these things in terms of despair, due to their immediate difficulties. There is no need for despair in the future of Europe if it can maintain peace. Its hard-working population, its tremendous industries, its enormous productivity, and its magnificent intelligence, its fabulous development of skill and scientific knowledge, are vital forces that must win if they have half a chance.

These economic problems are problems that we must vision over years and decades. They must not be obscured by fluctuation in exchange or by calculations of trade balances in terms of war and depression. Europe has made great economic progress since the armistice. Its troubles to-day are solely in the political and fiscal field. Her social organization, her agriculture, industry, transportation and commerce have found extraordinary recuperative powers from the depths of disorganization and famine of 1919.

These loans to 20 nations amounted to about \$10,000,000,000 and were nearly all demand obligations. They now amount to \$11,500,000,000 in principal and accrued interest; for interest has been practically suspended up to date. The terms of repayment were to be determined by Congress and Congress has laid down the conditions under which payment can be extended over a term of 25 years. It is the duty of the Funding Commission to see that these terms are carried out and of course no alteration would be possible except through action of Congress.

There are certain phases of this discussion that seem to me to require emphasis.

First. These loans are often spoken of as debts to our Government. They are, in fact, debts owing to our taxpayers. These loans were made at the urgent request of the borrowers and under their solemn assurances of repayment. The loans were individual to each nation. They have no relation to other nations or other debts. The American taxpayer did not participate in reparations and acquired no territory or any other benefits under the treaty as did our debtors. There is no question as to the moral or contractual obligation. The repudiation of these loans would undermine the whole fabric of international good faith. I do not believe any public official, either of the United States or any other country, could or should approve their cancellation. Certainly I do not.

Second. With the exception of some minor amounts, perhaps 5%, I am convinced that these debts can be repaid in some reasonable period of time without realization of the oft-expressed undue strain on the debtor countries or the threat of a flood of goods from debtor countries in such quantity as would endanger employment of the factories and workmen of the United States. I am convinced that in the arguments put forward in this contention some very important contravening factors have not been given sufficient weight.

Third. The proposals for further postponement of payment of interest for a certain number of years arise from the belief that certain countries can not physically make these payments at the present time without undue economic or that postponement of interest would contribute to general economic stability and the more rapid recovery of these countries in which everyone would benefit. The British do not make claims for such assistance from us and are arranging their payments. This covers some \$4,750,000,000 of the total debt and thus clears up nearly one-half of the problems at once. Our proposition, therefore, narrows itself to debtors on the continent. Our annual payments from the whole of our continental debtors would amount to a total of about \$350,000,000 per year for interest and amortization. The burden of payments falls with different weight upon each of the 19 different debtors. Omitting the possible 5% that is hopeless of collection, it will be found that respective annual payments due to us from different countries vary in their burden upon them from 2 to 12% of their governmental income.

Fourth. If there be some of these countries who should be relieved of the annual payments for a few years in order to promote economic stability, then there needs be a demonstration of the facts in respect to each individual country that would be convincing to the American taxpayer and to Congress. The taxpayer will naturally need conviction that such postponement would bring returns to him and would really bring such genuine stability as would warrant such a sacrifice. He would naturally consider that there are other things of vastly larger dimensions than the postponement of \$350,000,000 a year which must march in advance before economic prosperity can be secured to Europe. For economic stability requires that there must be such political and economic readjustment between the States of Europe as will bring about an atmosphere of peace in replacement of an atmosphere of war. There must be rearrangement of economic boundaries of Europe that will give the hope of economic survival of states which can be saved by no financial operation of any kind. There must be a reduction of armament not only as a guarantee of peace but as a contribution to the balance of budgets and the cessation of inflation. There must be a general intent to create good will and peaceful working together among the nations to their own reconstruction instead of constant recurrence of political crises which so narrowly escaped war and so sadly disturb commerce. All these things would assure the further recovery of Europe. They would also assure the ultimate payment of our loans, for the burdens on Europe which these loans impose are trivial in comparison with wars and destruction which would be eliminated by economic progress of the above forces.

Fifth. America has dealt with Europe during the past few years in terms of idealism. We have always given; we have never received. No one can deny that we are capable of great sacrifices and of great, generous charity. We want to take part in making a better world, but it must be clear that sacrifices and charity from America do not themselves bring about a cure for those evils which now gnaw at Europe's economic life. What the American people would do in the circumstances that the forces of real economic stability were put in motion, could easily be determined when the time comes. Our record to date has been one of helpfulness.

#### Discussion.

Current discussions as to the inability of the countries on the continent to meet payments of these debts have revolved upon the working of intricate economic forces.

In arguments advanced that the loans must be canceled or further postponed, the claim is seldom made that the payment of interest can not be provided out of taxation or reduction of expenditures in the debtor country, and payments made in the local currency of that country. The contention is that such currency must be transformed into goods or gold in order to be shipped to the American people. The arguments against payment nearly all bear upon the difficulties that this transformation implies, and in them there are a large number of assumptions.

These assumptions include: That the only method by which payments can be made in international balances is through the shipment of goods or gold, that these shipments would necessarily be direct from the debtor country to us, that such shipments might embarrass our industries and employment, that the capacity of a given country to pay international obligations is dependent upon its ability to produce a surplus of goods for export over and above its necessary imports, that present trade balances should be taken as an indication of future paying power. It appears to me that the whole of these assumptions as to the relation of debt payments to us to the movement of goods need to be seriously modified, for there are other large weights in the international balances.

The settlement of international balances between American and Europe contain factors that are in their volume unique in international commerce. For instance, the annual expenditure of American tourists abroad, the remittances of emigrants in the United States to their relatives abroad, the growing volume of investment made by our people in foreign countries, interest upon investments in the United States of private citizens of our debtor countries and other items of so-called invisible exchange—all combine to furnish a large supply of our money to Europe with which they in turn can make payments for interest on debts, or for the purchase of goods from us. In total to the world these sums amounted to about \$1,500,000,000 in the last fiscal year, which was, indeed, a year of depression, and these are sums which with peace in the world will grow constantly over the future. These sums amounted to three times the amounts of interest on the debt and to about one-half of the value of all our export goods last year, and they are largely expended in our debtor countries.

If we examine our situation in international balances during the last fiscal year, we will find that the world shipped us \$2,600,000,000 worth of goods. This sum added to the items of tourists, of loans and remittances and other forms of invisible exchange, gave the world a paying power to us of about \$4,100,000,000. In addition, the world shipped us over \$450,000,000 in gold and silver. During the year we exported \$3,800,000,000 in goods. Thus, during that fiscal year the world had a paying power to us in excess of goods bought from us of about \$750,000,000. This excess was probably used to readjust previous private debts.

The assumption that payments from debtor countries would need to be made in gold or in goods direct to the United States, or that goods will flood our markets, should of course be modified to the extent of the use of invisible exchange, but beyond even that it does not necessarily follow that there is any flood of competitive goods. The world's trade is to a large extent a sort of pool, as the result of triangular operations; that is, if our investors loan money to the Argentine, then the Argentine may expend this money in the purchase of goods from the continent of Europe. The continent of Europe thus possessed of this money, may use it in payment on account of debts due us or in the purchase of our goods. Another case of triangular world commerce of profound and growing importance is the relation of our imports of goods from the Tropics.

The shipment of European manufactured goods of the sort that might compete in our home market, to the Tropics, and in turn the shipment to us of tropical goods that will not interfere with our domestic manufacture or employment, is not only possible but is going on all the time. The products of the Tropics—rubber, coffee, sugar, woods, &c.—are a type of goods which we can not sufficiently produce. They, therefore, do not effect employment in the United States and they are goods which are constantly increasing in ratio to our total imports. In so short a time as seven years, the proportion of products from the Tropics which we imported have increased from 36 to 53% of our total imports. To a considerable degree tropical countries are under control of our European debtors. As our standards of living and of population continues to grow, our imports of tropical produce will further expand.

Thus, it does not follow that the whole of these debts are either to be paid in goods or that competitive goods necessarily come into our markets at all from this cause. Beyond this, if America continues strong and prosperous, our ability to consume European goods of the types we do not ourselves produce will be greatly increased and Europe's ability to pay us would be still further increased. The assuming that the present surplus of exports over imports represents the available balance with which a country can meet a long-time debt ignores not only the fact that the movement of goods alone does not form the whole basis of payment, but it ignores the time element. Due to increasing population, development of science, and natural resources, the world's international commerce doubles nearly every 15 or 20 years, and this debt burden being a fixed burden will thus be a decreasing burden. Large international debt is not a new phenomenon. It is precisely the same thing in its effect upon the exchange and trade whether the debt is intergovernmental or a private debt. Before the war, the rest of the world owed to Europe generally probably \$30,000,000,000 and this burden was carried without a ripple on the surface of the world's commerce. It is true that this creditor situation has partially shifted from the Eastern to the Western Hemisphere, but it has only partially shifted. Europe still enjoys the return from a very large debt of the rest of the world and, indeed, has many investments in this country. This total sum—three times our debt—was mostly accumulated over a period of 40 years. It represented that portion of Europe's surplus productivity which she invested abroad. Europe was able to do this despite several fair-sized wars. It is at least an indication of productive and paying powers in peace.

No one can assess the relative weight of all of these momentous economic forces, but it is a certainty that we should have more experience with them before we jump to the conclusion that any necessity exists or that any constructive results will be obtained by placing irretrievable burdens upon the American taxpayer. It would be a misfortune to the world if by such action we made the continuation of armament and political disturbance in the world just that much easier.

No one can be impressed more than myself with the dangers and losses to American trade and commerce from the present instability in Europe, the lowered standards of living in many areas, the reduction of the great middle class from whom the intelligence and leadership must come, the diminished purchasing power for our products, the very practical question of fluctuating exchange in its creation of a speculative element in all international business—all of them affect our own welfare directly. Beyond all this, we are affected morally and intellectually with any of the failures of civilization. Yet, as I have said, the retrospect of the last three years is not one of discouragement over Europe's progress, and any knowledge of her productive powers belies all discouragement except war. America earnestly wishes to be helpful to Europe but economic matters require a degree of realism that will do justice to the American people as well as be helpful to peoples abroad.

**THINK HOOVER TOLD HARDING DEBT VIEW.**

Under date of Oct. 17 the New York "Evening Post" printed the following advices from its Washington correspondent:

Here is the significance, as the capital sees it, of Hervert Hoover's declaration at Toledo, yesterday, that Europe can in time pay its debts to America, except perhaps 5% of the amounts due:

It is the last word from the Administration. The Secretary of Commerce has put in definite form what was said recently on the authority of President Harding to the effect that this Government regards these debts as contractual obligations and as distinct from all other international economic problems.

"The loans were individual to each nation; they have no relation to other nations or other debts," Hoover said.

It puts the Debt Commission, of which Mr. Hoover is a very influential member, squarely on record as opposed to cancellation. Theodore E. Burton, another member of the Commission, had forecast this attitude some weeks ago, and now Hoover comes out even more flat footedly making it clear that he is opposed to any considerable adjustments. In this respect Mr. Hoover's speech ranges him pretty squarely against the sentiment expressed at the recent bankers' convention in New York, particularly as voiced by Thomas W. Lamont, who, while never an advocate of any wholesale cancellation, would probably go much further than Mr. Hoover now says that he is willing to go. As a matter of fact, it is known that Hoover had intended to deliver a speech along these same lines at the bankers' convention after Mr. Lamont spoke, but was prevented from doing so by ill health.

It puts Hoover personally on record as holding that the debts are 95% collectible. This is a strikingly high figure. Some international economists are of the opinion that not more than from 50 to 75% of the \$11,000,000,000 are collectible.

**International Bill Collector.**

It casts Hoover for the role of the stern international bill collector—a role that is likely to make him as popular here as it will make him unpopular abroad. The comparatively uncompromising attitude of men like Hoover and Burton is calculated to give Congress a measure of confidence in the Debt Commission which it never had when, after cross-questioning Mr. Mellon at length, it pretty well tied the hands of the Commission in drafting the present legislation.

It reveals the strategy of the Commission in dealing with those obligations where at least a postponement of interest payments may be necessary. There will be no advanced propaganda in favor of such adjustments. Instead the Commission will proceed through negotiation to ascertain the facts and lay those facts before the American taxpayers as represented in Congress.

"If there be some of these countries which should be relieved of the annual payments for a few years in order to promote economic stability," said Hoover, "then there needs to be a demonstration of the facts in respect to each individual country that will be convincing to the American taxpayers and to Congress."

**Conditions of Generosity.**

It sums up again, and in a somewhat new form, the conditions under which we are willing to be a generous creditor. There must be "such political and economic adjustment between the states of Europe as will bring about an atmosphere of peace in replacement of an atmosphere of war." There must be a rearrangement of the economic boundaries of Europe. There must be a "reduction of armament," not alone as a guaranty of peace, but as a contribution to the balancing of budgets. And finally, there must be a "general intent to create good will and peaceful working together among the nations," instead of the present constantly recurring political crises.

It makes it clear, however, that the generosity which we are willing to extend under these conditions is not to take the form, as some budget-makers of Europe had hoped, of any wholesale revision of all Allied indebtedness to the United States. Apart from the 5% set-down as uncollectible, it is to take the form merely of relieving some countries for a few years of the necessity of making annual payments. In other words, we are saying to the continental nation—Mr. Hoover doubtless had France especially in mind—not "behave and we will let you off easy," but, "behave, and we will let you pay slowly."

**FRENCH AROUSED BY SECRETARY HOOVER'S SPEECH.**

The following copyrighted advices from Paris Oct. 19 appeared in the New York "Times" of the 20th:

Investigation in the lobbies of the Chamber of Deputies, the centre of French politics, shows that Secretary Hoover's speech on Allied debts to the United States has had an effect in France just about diametrically opposed to what Mr. Hoover must have wished.

As understood here, Mr. Hoover, in opposing cancellation of these debts, said that if France and the other Allies wished soft terms of payment they should make appeal to the American taxpayers, intimating that this appeal could best be brought through radical reduction of the army and abandonment of what her critics call France's imperialism.

Instead of putting the Nationalists in bad and instead of causing a feeling that France should try to be what he calls good, Hoover's speech has given rise to a cry in Paris that if every one else is going to play a hardbolled game France must do the same.

**Strengthens Poincare's Position.**

"Every one for himself" and "God helps those who help themselves" are the sort of newspaper headlines one reads to-day. Mr. Hoover's speech has caused a drift toward the Nationalists instead of away from them. It has strengthened the appeal of M. Poincare's theme that in the circumstance of France's having to pay all she owes, she must act forcefully, and alone if need be, to collect all that is owing to her in order that she may pay all she owes. To collect she must keep up her army and strengthen her political position in Europe. And Mr. Hoover's speech helps that argument.

Pertinax, the leading Nationalist publicist, in the "Echo de Paris" to-day attacks Mr. Hoover, saying:

"It pleases us that such words fall from the mouth of Hoover, the man who above all was responsible for the ruin of the inter-Allied economic organizations in December, 1918; the man who after having suppressed union of the Allies in provisioning and transport, jumped on Central and Eastern Europe like a beast of prey."

But for Pertinax it is more important to read the lessons France should get from what he regards as a pronouncement of the Washington Government.

"In the first place," he says, "let us recognize that habitual flatteries for Americans, like those in the French debt note of September, have a result exactly contrary to that we expect."

"In the second place, until a new order of things let us trust no more in any international action for the collection of reparations. It is useless for us to go to Brussels unless we announce to the world that a decision has already been taken.

"Let us place no more dependence in talk of an international loan, and of monetary and financial reform in Germany. The hour has come when without bothering about the mark, we should collect reparations by organization of the left bank of the Rhine and the Ruhr district."

**Cannot Count on American Aid.**

The "Intransigent" says the Hoover speech means an end of the French dream of paying America with German bonds.

"For the settlement of our debts we need no longer count on help from Washington. We must pay up whether we can or not, we are told. If we get a delay we must deserve it.

"Coming on the eve of M. Clemenceau's trip to America, this ought to make us think. His friends here, ready to use his personal success, tell him he has only to strum a sentimental guitar and recant to the young people the story of the common war to get whatever he wants. That is not true. The contrary may be true. It is neither the American people nor the American Legionnaires whom we must win with pretty words. We must inform and persuade the group of political leaders and big financiers who conduct the American machine and on whom we must depend for help."

**REPRESENTATIVE BURTON IN OPPOSITION TO CANCELLATION OF ALLIED DEBTS.**

Representative Theodore E. Burton, a member of the United States World War Foreign Debt Commission, who, in an address in London last month (referred to in our issue of Sept. 30, page 1476) declared against the cancellation of the Allied debts, further reiterated his views on the 9th inst. In a statement given out at Washington. Representative Burton returned to the United States on the 6th inst. As to his Washington statement, the Associated Press dispatches said:

A strong declaration was made to-day by Representative Theodore E. Burton, Republican, Ohio, a member of the Allied Debt Commission, against any cancellation of the debts of European nations to the United States. His statement to this effect made unanimous the opinion on the question of all American delegates to the inter-parliamentary union conference at Vienna, a number of Senators who, with Representative Burton, toured Europe and conferred with leading statesmen and publicists, having previously declared that the Allied debts should not be remitted.

Representative Burton conferred with President Harding to-day and, after campaigning in Ohio, will return here for the meeting this month of the Allied Debt Commission with Great Britain's financial representatives.

"There are many reasons why the Allied debts should not be canceled," said Representative Burton. "First, they are binding obligations, a national debt, and their cancellation would throw doubt on national credit, which is an all-important part of all commercial and industrial relations.

"Second, these loans were not made from an abounding revenue, but were obtained by borrowing from our people with no small difficulty and with a great deal of sacrifice. There was no thought at the time that they would not be repaid, and, indeed, the law under which our people took our bonds provided for their exchange in kind.

"Third, the United States is sincerely interested in world peace. If these debts were canceled it would lead to an expansion of the military and naval establishments of other countries and thereby bring a threat of war and all the waste it entails.

"Fourth, proportionately, the increase in the debt of the United States as a result of the war is greater than that of the borrowers. The increase in taxation is proportionately greater.

"Further, while we recognize the wonderful sacrifice made by the Allies during the war, their danger was more imminent and we have gained no territory and are not expecting any large indemnities. The general feeling abroad is that these debts ought to be paid."

Mr. Burton also declared against any further national loans abroad, adding that private credits for American raw materials might and should be arranged, but that the United States Treasury should not be called upon again to aid any foreign country except possibly for human relief.

He did not appear to be impressed by the League of Nations, several of whose meetings at Geneva he attended.

"It seemed like a big debating society," he said, declaring that a number of irrelevant and academic questions seemed to be receiving undue attention. There was as little probability now as ever, he added, that the United States would become a member of the League, but he expressed the belief that the United States would have representation on a world court with limited jurisdiction and one not under control of the League. An effort is being made, he said, to detach the present international Court from the League.

"I was greatly disappointed," Representative Burton declared, "that in all the discussions of the League, including mention of a contribution of £250,000 by Great Britain to Russian relief, there was no mention whatever of the \$20,000,000 given by the United States and the private efforts of America, which undoubtedly resulted in saving many thousands of lives. And only Viscount Ishli mentioned the disarmament efforts of the Washington Conference on Limitation of Armaments."

**OFFERING OF \$18,000,000 KINGDOM OF NORWAY BONDS.**

Formal offering was made on Oct. 16 of a new issue of Kingdom of Norway \$18,000,000 30-year 6% sinking fund external gold bonds, non-redeemable for 10 years, at a price of 100 and interest. The banking syndicate making the offering included, in addition to the National City Co., J. P. Morgan & Co., the Guaranty Co. of New York, Harris, Forbes & Co., Dillon, Read & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. The subscription books were closed the same day the offering was announced, the issue, it is stated, having been largely oversubscribed. Reports that a loan of \$18,000,000 had been contracted for by Norway with the National City Co. came from Christiana on Oct. 13, and reference thereto was made in our issue of Saturday last, page 1680. The proceeds of the loan will



be used for the repayment of \$5,000,000 Kingdom of Norway 6% bonds, due Feb. 1 1923, for construction and extension of Government railway, telegraph and telephone facilities and for the development of hydro-electric power. The bonds are dated Oct. 16 1922 and become due Oct. 15 1952. A sinking fund is provided sufficient to retire the entire issue during the final 20 years of the life of the bonds. According to the prospectus, Norway agrees to redeem the entire loan through a cumulative sinking fund, the first payment to be made on April 15 1933, and payments semi-annually thereafter, until the maturity date of the loan. All bonds redeemed through the sinking fund shall be cancelled. Except for sinking fund purposes, bonds are redeemable only as a whole, but not in part, on Oct. 15 1932 or on any interest date thereafter at 100 and interest. The bonds are in coupon form in denominations of \$1,000, registerable as to principal only. Principal and interest (April 15 and Oct. 15) are payable in New York City in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness at the National City Bank of New York, the fiscal agent of the loan, without deduction for any present or future Norwegian taxes, in time of war as well as in time of peace, irrespective of the nationality of the holder. The bonds, it is stated, are the direct obligations of the Kingdom of Norway, which agrees that if in the future it shall sell, offer for public subscription or in any manner dispose of any bonds or loan secured by any lien on any revenue or asset of the Kingdom, the service of this loan shall be secured equally and ratably with such bonds or loan. The following regarding the debt, revenues, &c., of Norway appeared in the official circular:

*Debt.*

The total debt of Norway June 30 1922, including funded and floating debt, was \$350,865,600. As an offset to this debt the State owns properties, mostly revenue-producing, valued in 1914 at \$201,000,000. The principal items of these properties are 1,770 miles of railways of 2,041 miles operated within the Kingdom, telephone and telegraph lines, mines and water power stations.

*Revenues and Expenditures.*

In normal times Government revenues, derived principally from property and income taxes, excise duties, customs receipts and State owned properties, exceeded expenditures, both ordinary and extraordinary. For the ten-year period ended June 30 1922, annual revenues exceeded governmental expenditures, both ordinary and extraordinary, except for three years. The deficits were incurred as a result of disturbed economic conditions existing throughout the world at the outbreak of the war and during the post-war period. Total debt charges for 1914, including interest and amortization, required 10.35% of total revenues and averaged 6.08% for the nine-year period ended June 30 1922. For the year ended June 30 1922 this ratio was only 5.84%.

*Credit.*

The excellent record of the Norwegian people in meeting their obligations promptly justifies the high credit standing of the nation.

From 1886, the date of the earliest external loan now outstanding, to the outbreak of the war, the net cost to the Government of its loans ranged from 3.10% to 4.11%.

During the eight years immediately preceding the war, the average yield of four loans listed in London was 3.77%, and the three loans listed in Paris 3.66%.

The average yield of eleven issues quoted Sept. 26 1922 in Christiania was 4.37%.

The five Norwegian Government loans listed on the London Stock Exchange were quoted on Oct. 3 1922 to return an average yield of only 5.65%.

The delivery of the bonds in temporary form is expected on or about Oct. 25.

**REPAYMENTS RECEIVED BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION.**

The War Finance Corporation announced on Oct. 17 that from Oct. 1 to Oct. 15 inclusive, the repayments received by the Corporation totaled \$10,787,697, as follows:

On loans made under the war powers.....	\$2,661,357	
On export advances—		
From exporters.....	\$287,337	
From banks.....	990,000	1,277,337
On agricultural and live stock advances—		
From banking and financing institutions.....	\$5,186,350	
From live stock loan companies.....	1,332,083	
From co-operative marketing associations.....	30,570	6,549,003
Total.....		\$10,787,697

The repayments received by the Corporation from Jan. 1 1922 to Oct. 15 1922 inclusive, on account of all loans, totaled \$141,503,324.

**ADVANCES BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION ON ACCOUNT OF AGRICULTURAL AND LIVE STOCK PURPOSES.**

From Oct. 1 to Oct. 15 1922, inclusive, the Corporation approved nine advances, aggregating \$377,000, to financial institutions for agricultural and live stock purposes.

**CHANGE IN NAME OF FIRST JOINT STOCK LAND BANK OF NEW YORK.**

Effective Oct. 16, the name of the First Joint Stock Land Bank of New York was changed to the New York & Pennsylvania Joint Stock Land Bank. As we have indicated in previous references, the bank was organized May 2 1922 and received a charter to operate in the States of New York and Pennsylvania. Items regarding the bank appeared in our issues of May 13, page 2075; July 8, page 133; July 29, page 492, and Sept. 23, page 1380.

**NATIONAL BANK DIVIDENDS IN NEW YORK STATE INCOME RETURNS.**

The following from Albany Oct. 19 appeared in last night's "Brooklyn Eagle":

A ruling of the Personal Income Tax Bureau of the State Tax Department, just made public, will affect individual holders of millions of dollars of national bank stock in the State of New York. The ruling serves notice on such stockholders that they must still include dividends from national bank stock in gross income in arriving at their State income tax, in spite of certain language in an opinion of the Appellate Division, which would make the rule seem otherwise. Thousands of dollars in taxes will be saved to the State by this ruling unless higher Courts reverse it.

Supreme Court Justice Laughlin of the First Department, in giving the recent opinion of the Appellate Division in *People ex rel. Hanover National Bank vs. Goldfogle*, stated that national bank stock dividends should not be included in gross income of New York State resident income taxpayers because the stock has already paid the 1% bank stock tax. The Income Tax Bureau to-day takes the position that the Tax Commission was not a party to that action, and that this point was not at issue in the case and was not argued and therefore the Bureau will not be bound by Justice Laughlin's opinion and will continue its present regulations as to including such dividends in gross income, unless further decisions are rendered by the Courts.

The Tax Commission was informed that some national banks have been advising their stockholders not to include bank dividends in gross income, which led to the ruling of the Commission. The ruling is contained in a letter to the Corporation Trust Company from J. S. Y. Ivins, Deputy State Tax Commissioner. Mr. Ivins says:

"The question before the Court was whether the bank stock tax had been properly assessed, not whether dividends on national bank stock were properly includible in 'gross income.' I therefore regard Justice Laughlin's language with respect to the personal income tax as not only obiter, but, so far as the Income Tax Bureau is concerned, ex parte.

"If the question of the application of the personal income tax to dividends on bank stock had been directly in issue, and had been argued and briefed on behalf of the Tax Commission, I am inclined to think that Justice Laughlin would have reached a different conclusion."

Several definite reasons are given by Deputy Commissioner Ivins for his conclusion. In touching on the question of the income tax on bank stock dividends being in conflict with the Federal authority for the State taxing national bank stock, Mr. Ivins says:

"I advise you that it is the purpose of the Income Tax Bureau to continue to regard dividends on the stock of banks, national or State, as items which must be included in the 'gross income' of resident taxpayers, at least until we hear further from the Courts on the subject. I am unable to appeal from Justice Laughlin's ruling, and the only way I can possibly get a direct decision on the question is to maintain my present position until some taxpayer sees fit to litigate it."

**NEW YORK BANK CLEARINGS' HIGH RECORD FOR THIS YEAR.**

The following is from the New York "Herald" of Oct. 18:

A new high record for one day's bank clearings in New York in 1922 was established yesterday with a total of \$1,200,000,000, an increase of \$435,300,000 over the same day a year ago.

This large turnover was due to the heavy operations on Monday in connection with the sale of the new United States bonds, the maturing of certificates of indebtedness, the payment of interest on the Fourth Liberty Loan and the payment by Great Britain of \$50,000,000 on account of interest due on her debt to the United States.

Other high totals for bank clearings this year were \$1,125,500,000 on May 2 and \$1,000,782,826 on March 1. The high record for New York clearings was on Jan. 3 1921, when they amounted to \$1,423,063,788.

**ALFRED S. LECOUNT & CO., BOSTON, FAIL.**

On Oct. 18 a petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States District Court against Alfred S. Lecount, trading under the firm name of Alfred S. Lecount, stock brokers, 27 Exchange Street, Boston, according to "Financial America" of this city of the same date.

**ALLOTMENTS OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO 4 1/4% TREASURY BONDS OF 1947-52.**

Total subscriptions of over \$1,550,000,000 to the offering of \$500,000,000, or thereabouts, of 4 1/4% U. S. Treasury Bonds of 1947-52 were announced by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon on Oct. 15—of which he stated about \$1,400,000,000 represented cash subscriptions and over \$150,000,000 represented subscriptions for which either 4 3/4% Victory notes or Dec. 15 U. S. Treasury certificates were tendered in payment. The \$150,000,000 of exchange subscriptions were allotted in full. Subscription books for the 4 3/4% Victory notes or Dec. 15 Treasury certificates remain open until to-day—Oct. 21. The books closed on

the primary offering of \$500,000,000, or thereabouts, on Oct. 14. In his announcement of the 15th inst., Secretary Mellon stated that of the cash subscriptions over \$325,000,000 represented subscriptions in amounts not exceeding \$10,000 for any one subscriber, which were allotted in full. The balance of the primary allotments, amounting to only \$175,000,000 or thereabouts is distributed among five classes of subscriptions. The following is Secretary Mellon's statement made public Oct. 16:

The Secretary of the Treasury announces that subscription books on the primary offering of \$500,000,000, or thereabouts, of 4½% Treasury bonds of 1947-52 closed at noon on Saturday, Oct. 14 1922. Allotments on the primary offering have been made upon the following basis:

Class of Subscriptions.	Amounts Allotted.
Subscriptions for \$10,000 or less.	Allotted in full.
Subscriptions for over \$10,000, but not exceeding \$50,000.	Allotted 30%, but not less than \$10,000 on any one subscription.
Subscriptions for over \$50,000, but not exceeding \$100,000.	Allotted 30%, but not less than \$20,000 on any one subscription.
Subscriptions for over \$100,000, but not exceeding \$500,000.	Allotted 20%, but not less than \$30,000 on any one subscription.
Subscriptions for over \$500,000, but not exceeding \$1,000,000.	Allotted 15%, but not less than \$100,000 on any one subscription.
Subscriptions for over \$1,000,000.	Allotted 10%, but not less than \$150,000 on any one subscription.

This means total allotments on the primary offering amounting to \$500,000,000, or thereabouts. The Federal Reserve banks have been advised accordingly and are sending out allotment notices on this basis to subscribers.

Notwithstanding the closing of the subscription books on the cash offering, subscriptions for which 4½% Victory notes or Dec. 15 Treasury Certificates are tendered in payment are still being received and allotments in full are still being made thereon in accordance with the terms of the offering. The subscription books will remain open until Saturday, Oct. 21 1922, in order to receive such subscriptions. Holders of Victory notes or Dec. 15 Treasury Certificates who desire to exchange their holdings for the new bonds should accordingly make prompt application therefor to the Federal Reserve banks.

The total subscriptions received up to date, according to the reports now in hand, aggregate over \$1,550,000,000, of which about \$1,400,000,000 represent cash subscriptions and over \$150,000,000 represent subscriptions for which either 4½% Victory notes or Dec. 15 Treasury Certificates were tendered in payment. The \$150,000,000, or thereabouts, of exchange subscriptions have already been allotted in full.

Of the cash subscriptions, over \$325,000,000 represents subscriptions in amounts not exceeding \$10,000 for any one subscriber, which have been allotted in full. The balance of the primary allotments, amounting to only \$175,000,000, or thereabouts, is distributed among the other five classes of subscriptions above enumerated. Final figures as to subscriptions and allotment within the several classes, and as between the several Federal Reserve Districts, will be announced later upon receipt of final reports from the Federal Reserve banks.

Deliveries of the new bonds will begin in substantial amounts on Monday, Oct. 16 1922, and will be made through the Federal Reserve banks upon allotment and payment.

Details of the offering were given in our issue of Saturday last, page 1684. The following regarding the offering is taken from a special Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" Oct. 18:

The Treasury Department is anxious to obtain a large number of the 4½% Victory notes and certificates of indebtedness due Dec. 15, in exchange for the new offering of 4½% long-term refunding bonds, and Secretary Mellon issued a statement to-day calling attention to the fact that the books would remain open until Saturday for the benefit of those who desired to make the trade.

Books for cash offerings closed last Saturday, and it was decided to allot \$500,000,000 of the new bonds to cash subscribers. Victory notes and certificates of indebtedness received for exchange up to that time totaled \$150,000,000, and these also were allotted. It is hoped that at least \$100,000,000 of additional Victory notes and certificates, and possibly more, will be offered in exchange by Saturday next, to bring the total issue up to \$750,000,000.

Cash received as subscriptions will go into the general fund, and part of this may be used to pay off the current deficit, thus bringing a temporary increase in the national debt. In the end, however, all of the cash received for the long-term bonds will be employed in refunding the Victory notes and certificates of indebtedness due on Dec. 15, which will total \$300,000,000 or more in excess of the present bond issue. The additional cash required to meet maturities must then be raised through an issue of short-term certificates or by other methods of Government financing.

It is probable that there will be a deficit at the end of the present quarter as between ordinary expenditures and current receipts, but how large that will be Treasury officials have not estimated. That deficit will be met out of the general fund in which cash receipts from bond issues or from short term securities are placed with other receipts.

Whether there will be an increase of decrease in the national debt at the end of the financial year will not be known until it is determined whether a current deficit exists at that time which cannot be met out of current revenues and which, to maintain solvency, must be met from money obtained by bond or certificate issues. Treasury officials are hopeful that the threatened excess of ordinary expenditures over current receipts from taxes, customs, etc., will be reduced to a minimum or wiped out by the end of the financial year on June 30 next by governmental economies and that any increase in the national debt incurred at this time by use of money obtained from bonds or certificate issues will prove temporary.

In inviting holders of 4½% Victory notes, whether callable or not, and holders of certificates of indebtedness maturing on Dec. 15 to make application for exchange before Saturday, Secretary Mellon said:

"The Secretary of the Treasury invites attention to the fact that the subscription books on the exchange offering of 4½% Treasury bonds of 1947-52 will close on Saturday, Oct. 21 1922. Holders of 4½% Victory notes, whether or not called for redemption, and holders of Treasury certificates of indebtedness maturing Dec. 15 1922, who desire to exchange their notes or certificates for the new bonds should, therefore, present them without delay to the Federal Reserve Bank of the district, preferably through their own banks. This exchange offering affords a favorable opportunity to holders of these early maturing Victory notes and Treasury certificates to exchange their holdings for a long-time Government bond on attractive terms, and the Treasury desires particularly that investors throughout the country shall be fully advised of this offering and have ample opportunity to make the exchange."

## RESIGNATION OF LLOYD GEORGE, BRITISH PRIME MINISTER.

What may fairly be regarded as one of the striking events of recent weeks took place on Thursday, Oct. 19, when David Lloyd George resigned as Prime Minister of Great Britain. The Premier's resignation was brought about by dissent within the ranks of the Coalition Party. A crisis had been forecast several days before, but the issue was not forced until the Unionist, or Conservative Party, held a meeting at the Carlton Club at the call of Austen Chamberlain, Lord Privy Seal, and decided by a vote of 186 to 87 to appeal to the country as the Conservative Party. This vote meant that the Party would withdraw from the Lloyd George Coalition Party. Resignations of Austen Chamberlain, Lord Balfour and Lord Birkenhead from the Cabinet followed. King George, who had been on a holiday at Sandringham, returned to London on the 19th and in the afternoon received Prime Minister Lloyd George in audience. After his brief audience with the King Mr. Lloyd George returned to Downing Street, his official residence. There he received a miners' delegation. The miners, relating their experience, said Mr. Lloyd George received them smilingly and asked their business, and that Mr. Hodges, who headed the miners' delegation, replied: "We have come to see the Prime Minister." "Well, gentlemen, I have to inform you that there is no Prime Minister," replied Mr. Lloyd George. "I have just seen his Majesty and tendered my resignation, which his Majesty accepted."

With respect to the significance of Lloyd George's resignation, dispatches from London to the Associated Press had the following to say:

It was not until 6.08 p. m. that official announcement was made of the resignation of Lloyd George as Prime Minister. The resignation of the Prime Minister carried with it that of the Cabinet. At the same time the resignation of Viscount Peel, the Secretary of State for India, was announced.

Announcement had previously been made that several of the Unionist junior members had resigned from the Cabinet immediately after the Unionist meeting.

These included Stanley Baldwin, President of the Board of Trade; Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries; Lieut. Col. L. M. S. Amery, Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to the Admiralty; Sir Philip Lloyd-Greene, Minister of Overseas Trade; Sir John Bald, Under Secretary of State for the Home Office, and Col. Leslie Wilson, Joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury and Chief Unionist whip. Capt. H. D. King, another of the Unionist whips, and Col. Albert Buckley, Assistant Unionist whip, also resigned.

Thus the Lloyd George Coalition received its death blow at the hands of the Conservative Party. This creates a situation of the greatest political confusion and uncertainty the country has known for many years.

The Conservative leader likely to be picked for the task is either Andrew Bonar Law or the Earl of Derby.

Announcement of the vote of the Conservatives was preceded by reports from the Carlton Club that Austen Chamberlain's statement had failed to satisfy the meeting, and that Andrew Bonar Law had spoken in favor of maintaining the independence of the Conservative Party. Mr. Bonar Law's speech was said to have had a great influence upon the meeting.

There were some heated scenes inside the club, because although the Carlton is the headquarters of the Conservative Party, only those Conservative members of the House of Commons who had supported the Coalition, together with the members of the House of Lords who are members of the Cabinet, were invited to to-day's meeting.

Lord Chaplin, who is eighty-one and one of the oldest members of the party and the club, insisted upon his right to attend. He had to be lifted from his motor car and he mounted the steps with the aid of two canes.

With several members of the House of Commons not Coalitionists, however, Lord Chaplin was barred from going upstairs in the clubhouse to the chamber where the meeting was being held.

Two or three of those excluded protested belligerently.

Mr. Chamberlain received an ovation when he rose to address the meeting.

He spoke strongly along the lines of his recent Birmingham speech, appealing for the unity of the party he supported along the lines of the policy suggested by its leaders.

Stanley Baldwin and Col. Pretymann opposed the continuance of the Coalition. They suggested a decision should be postponed until the meeting of the Unionist Association. Sir Henry Craig, Scotch Unionist, also opposed an immediate decision in support of the Coalition.

One of those who attended the meeting said that Mr. Chamberlain received a patient hearing, but that his position was painfully unpopular.

Lord Balfour spoke in support of the Government leader.

After two or three lesser lights had spoken, Andrew Bonar Law, who was the official party leader before he retired on account of poor health, took the floor. Predictions had been made that if he spoke he would try to reconcile the Coalitionists and the anti-Coalitionists and prevent a party split.

### Bonar Law's Plea.

Mr. Bonar Law's plea for preventing the breaking up of the party is said to have made a profound impression.

"Mr. Chamberlain says the best way to defeat the Labor menace is to continue the Coalition with the Liberals," he is quoted as having said. "I say the best way is to maintain the absolute independence of the party, and you will defeat the Labor menace in the end. Otherwise you will split your party, just as the Liberals are split."

The meeting lasted two hours.

## KING ASKS BONAR LAW TO FORM NEW CABINET.

Soon after King George accepted the resignation of Premier Lloyd George, the King summoned Andrew Bonar Law, Conservative leader, and asked him to form a new ministry.



Premier-designate Bonar Law, in a message to the newspapers yesterday afternoon (Oct. 20), said:

If I am elected the leader of the Conservative party, I may be in a position to advise the King to order immediately the dissolution of Parliament. This would give plenty of time to get the Irish home rule bill through.

Andrew Bonar Law appeared to be making rapid progress yesterday, it was said, in forming a Cabinet to replace the fallen Lloyd George Coalition Government. This was evidenced by the announcement that Marquis Curzon and the Earl of Derby, both men of influence and experienced Cabinet Ministers, the former Foreign Secretary in the Lloyd George Cabinet, had agreed to serve under him in any capacity. Lord Birkenhead, the Lord Chancellor in the late Government, will not figure largely in politics after the elections, should they take place, it was learned.

#### "MY SWORD IS IN MY HAND," SAYS LLOYD GEORGE.

"My sword is in my hand," was the keynote of the farewell of Prime Minister Lloyd George to the great throng which gathered at St. Pancras Station, London, to give him an enthusiastic send-off as he left for Leeds, where he will deliver an address to-day. "I thank you from the bottom of my heart that you have come here in this great assemblage to cheer me on my pilgrimage," he said. "I am a free man. The burden is off my shoulders, but my sword is in my hand." Mr. Lloyd George received one of the most remarkable ovations ever witnessed in the Guildhall yesterday, it was stated, when he rose to propose the health of the Prince of Wales, who was guest of the Corporation of the city at luncheon. For several minutes it was impossible for Mr. Lloyd George to proceed, it is stated, and he was visibly affected. The Ex-Premier in his remarks avoided reference to the political situation.

#### LLOYD GEORGE ASSURES IRELAND RESIGNATION WILL NOT AFFECT TREATY.

An exchange of telegrams on the question of the Anglo-Irish treaty, in connection with the change of government in Great Britain, took place on Oct. 19 between Prime Minister Lloyd George and William T. Cosgrave, President of the Dai Eireann in Dublin. Lloyd George, in his message, said:

I wish to inform you at the earliest possible moment that I have this afternoon tendered my resignation to the King. You may rest assured no action of mine will compromise the treaty concluded between Great Britain and Ireland last year, which I trust will take final legislative effect by the date contemplated, next December.

President Cosgrave replied:

My colleagues and I much appreciate the kindness and promptitude of your message. We needed no telegram to assure us that no action of yours would compromise the treaty to which you and your Government have pledged your country. We share with you the confident hope that the treaty will bear in fullness the fruits which its signatories on both sides have anticipated.

#### PREMIER POINCARÉ GETS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

The French Chamber of Deputies, on the day which marked the fall of the Lloyd George Ministry in Great Britain, gave a vote of confidence to Premier Poincaré's Government on the Government's proposal to begin discussion next Tuesday of the budget. The vote was 389 in favor of, and 148 against, the proposal. The vote implies, it was pointed out, neither approval nor criticism of the Government's foreign or interior policy.

#### LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH AT MANCHESTER DEFENDING HIS NEAR EAST POLICY.

In a memorable speech delivered before the Manchester Reform Club Premier Lloyd George on Oct. 14 defended the policy pursued by the British Government in the recent negotiations with the Turks at Mudania which resulted in the signing of an armistice agreement. He dealt at length with the criticism of his Near East policy which had been voiced in British newspapers. He declared that the Ministry had been assailed with misrepresentations such as no government ever had been subjected to. He replied in very emphatic terms to the charges that the Government had endeavored to rush the country into war. "We have not been warmongers, but peacemakers," he said. "We were accused of departing from the old diplomacy," the Premier remarked at another point, "but the new diplomacy of 1922 brought peace, while the old would have brought the most disastrous war the world has ever seen." "I cast myself upon the people; the people will see fair play," the Premier declared. "If there is to be a change, no man will welcome it more than I," the Premier continued. "I never sought to win or retain the Premiership." He added:

You have only got to think what would have happened if the Turk, flushed with victory, with no army to resist him, had crossed the Bosphorus, passed into Thrace and occupied Constantinople. Do you think he would have stopped in eastern Thrace? Who would have stopped him from going into western Thrace and possibly passing into Saloniki? You know what that would have meant—war. And the war of 1914 practically began in the Balkans.

I am told it was not our business. I am sorry to say that Liberals had been pleading that it was none of our business to interfere between the Turks and their victims. That was not the old Liberal policy. It was not the policy, certainly, that I was brought up in. It was not that I was taught in my youth—that Englishmen, Scotchmen and Welshmen should every morning repeat reverently the litany of the cynic: "Am I my brother's keeper?"—that Great Britain should face the world with the brand of Cain upon her brow.

The Premier's speech in full, as reported by the New York "Herald," follows:

Since I have come to the north of England I have not witnessed those symptoms of universal indignation and execration with which the Government and its policy are supposed to be regarded. Over twenty-five times as many people sought admission to this room as it can contain, while great crowds have met me at every stage of my journey and have received me with cordiality, warmth and enthusiasm such as I have never experienced. I thank them.

The people of this country do not believe that the Government deliberately endeavored to rush the country into war. On the contrary they regard that infamous charge to be an outrage on British fair play. We insure peace. We haven't been war mongers. We have been peacemakers. We took the only road to peace and we reached it. It has been largely due to the tact, judgment and resolution of our representatives at Constantinople, Sir Charles Harington, and our sagacious adviser, Sir Horace Rumbold, and it is also largely attributable to the patience and zeal of Lord Curzon, but as Sir Charles Harington said, peace would have been impossible had it not been for the resolution and firmness that were displayed in sending support to Gen. Harington which impressed the Oriental mind.

The negotiations, delicate, difficult and dangerous as they were, have been conducted under circumstances which fortunately were without precedent in this country. Whilst we were engaged in a most difficult task, we have been assailed with misrepresentations, abuse and innuendo such as no Government conducting international affairs has ever been subjected to before, and the country resents it. At the time we could not answer the charge. We had to lie quite while it was suggested that we were war mongers, and that we were thirsting for blood, for the reason that you cannot place the whole circumstances before the country without interfering with the work of our representative on the spot.

But the time has come when I am enabled to speak, and I mean to do so. There is a writer for the press who has made himself notorious by the constancy and malignity with which he has pursued the Government for years. The moment he heard Chamberlain and I were going to defend the Government, he said: "What better proof want you of their guilt? Not only that but it makes things worse." That is the new doctrine.

Here is a poor fellow charged with every conceivable offense. The moment he pleads not guilty and begins to defend himself, the prosecuting counsel shrieks with joy and says: "Now, isn't that not only proof of his guilt but actual aggravating?"

Gentlemen, there are queer people let loose in the press these days. My task in explaining the action of the Government has been rendered very much easier by the speech of Chamberlain, speaking with hereditary point and force, delivered yesterday.

But there are a few things which I feel bound to say, although they may be a repetition, because they must be brought home. Sir, what were our objects in the action we took? They were threefold. The first was to secure the freedom of the Straits for the commerce of all nations, the second was to prevent war from spreading into Europe, with all the inconceivable possibilities of conflagration, and the third was to prevent a repetition in Constantinople and Greece of the scenes of intolerable horrors which have been enacted in Asia Minor during the last six or seven years.

I have not much to say about the Straits. It is not necessary to point out the importance of securing the Straits against a repetition of what happened in 1914. That prolonged the war two years. It is vital to us and it is vital to humanity. We could not have those Straits barred without giving away the biggest and most important prize we won by our victory over Turkey in the great war and which lost us so much life and treasure.

As to the spreading of war into Europe, you have only to think of what would have happened if Turkey, flushed with victory and with no army to resist her, had crossed the Bosphorus, passed into Thrace and occupied Constantinople. Do you think the Turk would stop in Eastern Thrace? Do you think he would come on to the Maritza River? Who was to stop him? Who would have stopped him from going into Western Thrace, possibly passing into Saloniki? You know what that means—war. And the war of 1914 practically began in the Balkans.

It was a situation full of peril, and yet we had to act promptly, resolutely, firmly, and make it clear that we were not going to allow fires to sweep over the Bosphorus. What would have happened to Constantinople I dare not tell you. Gen. Harington warned us of what might have happened. It would have been a terrible catastrophe.

The population of Constantinople is only half Turkish, barely half. There are hundreds of thousands of Armenians and Greeks there. I could call on the testimony of a gentleman who has been military adviser and pamphleteer for Abingdon Street (Asquith's headquarters), Gen. Maurice. He said that if we did not hold Chanak there would be scenes in Constantinople by the side of which the fire of Smyrna would pale.

I am not going into the question of who was responsible at Smyrna. I am not going to discuss whether the Greeks provoked the Turks or the Turks the Greeks. It is enough for me to call attention to the fact that since 1914 the Turks, according to testimony, official testimony, which we have received, have slaughtered in cold blood 1,500,000 Armenian men, women and children and 500,000 Greeks without any provocation at all. I think it was right that before the Turkish army was allowed to cross into Europe, in the flush of victory, with the blood of Smyrna on its hands, it should have time to cool and that we should have guarantees that there would be protection for the minorities in Europe. That is all we did. We are pledged to shield these people. I am told that it is not our business. I am sorry to say that the Liberals have been pleading that it was none of our business to interfere between the Turks and their victims.

If the Turk insists leave him alone, let him cross the Straits, let him cross to Constantinople—a free road and fairway to shambles? That is not the old Liberal policy. It certainly wasn't the policy I was brought up in. It was not what I was taught in my youth—that Englishmen, Scotchmen and Welshmen should every morning repeat reverently the litany of the cynic: "Am I my brother's keeper?" that Great Britain should face the world with the brand of Cain on her brow. That is not the old Liberal doctrine. Neither ought it to be the new doctrine of the party madstone led. I am told, I think by Liberal papers, that I must not involve the name of Gladstone, & I

can understand the reluctance to call that great spirit from the vast deep to witness the spectacle of Liberal leaders and Liberal newspapers attacking the Government because it is doing its best to prevent the Turks from crossing into Europe and committing atrocities against the Christian population.

I maintain that the policy we adopted was a policy in accordance with the highest interests and traditions of this land and we have reason to be proud that it has succeeded.

You had another little social function here a few days ago. It was an address, I believe, by Lord Gladstone. It was rather a shock to me to see Gladstone denouncing us because we are trying to protect the great minorities against the Turks. It was rather a shock—a Gladstone. I would have taken it from almost any one else—but a Gladstone. He was peculiarly offensive, and I am sorry to say that he has been. No one has greater respect for the name which he bears. I know the difficulties of any man without adequate gifts who has to carry through his life a very great name, but if he only does it with becoming modesty he would secure the compassion, if not the respect, of everyone.

I am sorry to say that Lord Gladstone never played that part, and has given himself airs such as his great father never in his most exalted days took upon himself. He has actually excommunicated us from the Liberal Party. Well, the Papacy is not a hereditary office, and Gladstone in his most powerful moments never excommunicated Liberals who dared to disagree, but invited them back with all his great powers of appeal and persuasion. But Lord Gladstone excommunicates us.

What service has he rendered to liberalism? I know of no service except one. He is the best living embodiment of the Liberal doctrine that quality is not hereditary. I am sorry, but I have stood it, I cannot tell you how long, speech after speech of intolerable abuse. I am told I ought to bear it like a Christian. But there are too many people about in the world now who think it is the business of a Christian to allow himself to be massacred by Turks and pro-Turks without ever striking a blow. I am not that sort of a Christian and as long as I have a sword in my hand and God gives me the strength to use it I will.

Well, so much for him. There isn't a more ridiculous spectacle on the stage than a dwarf strutting before the footlights in the garments he has inherited from a giant.

I am told we were right in our object of keeping the Turk out of Europe, preventing a massacre at Constantinople and insuring the freedom of the Straits—all that was right, but we ought not to have used force. We ought to have argued with them, ought to have persuaded them. He is a gentleman who is very amenable to persuasion. Well, now, do let us look at the facts.

General Harington, in his message printed yesterday, attributed the fact that he had succeeded largely to the reinforcements we had sent him, and if you have any doubt about it just you hark back to the speech he delivered to the Turks. General Harington was doubtful whether they were going to sign and this was his last appeal. He told the Turks that conciliation had been carried to the utmost limit and warned Ismet Pasha that Great Britain had on the spot a very large, powerful fleet, large numbers of airplanes and guns, and by means a negligible force of infantry—in fact that Great Britain would be a very awkward enemy, but a very valuable friend. That is the sort of thing the Turk understands, and I am not at all surprised at what followed. In the statement that made a very great impression.

Just think for a moment what would have happened. We were advised by both the military and naval authorities that we could not assure the freedom of the Straits for peaceful commerce unless we held both sides. The Turks advanced upon us, the French retired and the Italians followed close at their heels. We were told in speeches and in the press that it was our business to do what the Allies were doing.

Suppose we had followed meekly behind France? The Kemalist forces would have been at Chanak. The next thing that would have happened they would have been crossing the Straits. Gallipoli was held by a very weak Senegalese battalion with orders not to fire on the Turks. Both sides of the Straits would have been in the hands of the Kemalists. Do you think you would have got them out?

You would have gone to a peace conference and said, "Will you please get away from Chanak and Gallipoli?" and Kemal would have said: "No, we will guarantee the straits for you." Would any one have gone to drive them from their position afterward if they had not yielded before the conference? Of course not. You know what it cost before to attempt it. To hold it is a very different matter.

Something would have happened in the Bosphorus. They would have been in Constantinople. General Harington warned us that there were 15,000 to 20,000 Turks, all of the most fanatical character, inside Constantinople, ready. You know what would have happened. Think of it. It is too horrible.

Then our critics say, why didn't you have an understanding with your allies? We did. Only a few weeks ago we received a message from the French Government that if the Greeks or Turks invaded the neutral zone they would have to be resisted by force by the Allies. We accepted that, and we thought they meant it. How were we to believe that it was only intended for one side? Not only did we think so, but the Generals also thought so, and troops were sent by the various Allied Generals, but they had to be recalled. It is no use trying to bluff a first rate fighting animal, and the Turk is that, whatever else he is. You can try to bluff with a coward; it is no use with really brave men.

They know instinctively when you mean business and when you don't. What were we to do? Were we to send a message to Mustapha Kemal saying: "You must not cross this neutral zone, otherwise we will resist you by force," and the moment he used force the British troops were to run away? Is that policy?

I remember visiting one chateau in France during the Peace Conference. I think it was the Chateau St. Jean, and I was very much struck with the figures of a very fierce-looking dragon, with flaming eyes and determined men, and fire snorting from his nostrils, but with his tail firmly wedged between his legs. Was the British Government to present this spectacle of a British dragon to the world in that humiliating attitude? Well, we did not.

You can, if you like, say that we threatened. It is always a mistake to threaten unless you mean it, and it is because we not merely threatened but meant it, and the Turks knew we meant it, that you have peace now.

Before I dismiss that part of my topic let me say how much we owe to the promptitude, alacrity and enthusiasm with which Australia and New Zealand supported us. The fact that they wired to say that there were thousands, nay tens of thousands, of Australians and New Zealanders ready to come overseas to prevent the graves at Gallipoli from being desecrated—that contributed to this happy result. And even since I came into this room I have had a very interesting telegram from Manchester which reads: "Good luck and greeting from a lot of 1915 Gallipoli boys and medical officers of the Forty-Second Division."

But I am sure we have departed from the methods of old diplomacy. That is very true, and I am asked why didn't we emulate the patient, forbearing policy which was asked in 1914 toward the Germans instead of indulging in the amateur tactics of Downing Street? Well, the old patience and forbearing policy of 1914 ended in the most disastrous war

the world has ever seen. The amateur diplomacy of 1922 has at any rate brought peace.

I am not blaming any one for 1914, but I think Grey and Asquith, knowing their difficulties in the past, might have been a little more forbearing and patient, not merely with the Germans, but with their own countrymen. They have been very critical, very critical indeed, but believe me, I do not like entering into altercations with old friends and colleagues, and I have honestly done my best to keep out of it. But when I have seen them using the whole of their great experience and great intellects to emphasize the short-comings of others it is very difficult for me to refrain, for I am a fairly pugnacious animal.

No one knows better than Grey that when you come to quarters with international affairs there are factors over which you have no control—none. You have no control over factors at home but infinitely less over elements which make positions abroad where national prejudices, national traditions, national interests and national outlooks all differ. It is not easy in the realms of foreign affairs to secure an agreement and to secure results. Grey knows that. Take 1914. His proposals were admirable. His temper, I agree with Asquith, was the very best, but he wasn't the Kaiser's adviser and had no influence over the German General Staff.

They had their own ambitions, their own ideas. It is just possible that language more direct, language more emphatic might have stopped it. But it is easy to be wise after an event. But I am not criticizing, only pointing out that it was the greatest, the most calamitous diplomatic failure the world has ever seen and that it was due to conditions over which Grey had no control. He, therefore, ought to be charitable with others.

Take the whole incidents of that period. Grey sought to make peace in the Balkans. He made a peace. That peace did not stand the jolting of the train that carried it from London to the Balkans. It fell to pieces before it ever reached Sofia. That wasn't his fault. The plan was good, his intentions were excellent, but there were factors there which he could not control. He tried to prevent the Turk from entering the war against us—a most important matter. German diplomacy was too strong for him. He tried to prevent Bulgaria from entering the war against us. There again German diplomacy defeated us. Well, now, I have never faulted Grey with that. I do not taunt him now.

But what I say is that when you get in the realms of foreign affairs there are things which I won't say you cannot visualize, because you do, but there are factors you cannot influence.

There is no use standing on a cañon of gigantic failures and throwing stones at people who have to work through difficulties just as great as his. You may succeed or fail. The task is always a complicated one. The task is always a baffling one and all you can do is to keep at it and use every means at your disposal. Criticisms should be dispensed with great care, great tolerance and even greater charity when you are dealing with foreign affairs.

I do not want to use any bitter words if I can avoid it about old colleagues. I am told that our Eastern policy has been a series of improvisations that I have flung from what is supposed to be rather a fertile brain just to suit the caprices of the moment.

What has been that policy? The policy undoubtedly was first of all to secure freedom of the straits; second, to take away from Turkish rule the non-Christian populations who could not trust Turkish rule. Whose policy was that? I improvised it. I came into it.

When I came into office in 1916 I found a series of agreements with Russia, France, Italy and even Greece which completely partitioned Turkey. There was only a small strip of Anatolia left to the Turks. Who did that? Grey and Asquith. As a member of the Government I approved it and make no complaint about it. But I want to say that it was not my policy. More than that, that policy was approved by the Liberals, the Conservatives and I think I may say by the labor leaders. Balfour, Law, Lansdowne, Chamberlain as well as Grey, Asquith, Churchill and myself, we were all committed to it, but the direction was in the hands of Asquith and Grey.

It was not a policy that I initiated. I came into it. Turkey had been almost completely partitioned by agreements with various powers before I ever became Prime Minister. Why did it fail? It failed owing to circumstances over which neither Viscount Grey nor Mr. Asquith nor myself had the slightest control—Russia's collapse.

Armenia had been given to Russia, Constantinople had been given to Russia, the straits had been given to Russia. I did not mind at all, but it was a very short sighted policy.

It was a short sighted policy, because if the Russian revolution had come off you would have had Bolsheviks at this moment in Constantinople and the straits. Do not imagine that when I am blaming anybody I am not taking a part of the blame myself.

I agreed to it and therefore I have no right to criticize either Mr. Asquith or Lord Grey, but I am, however, bound to confess it was a very short sighted policy. It was a mistake, but we were all in it. What was the other thing that happened? The Italian Ministry, responsible for taking southern Anatolia into occupation by Italy, fell and a new Ministry came into power with other ideas.

And it very nearly brought upon the cause of the Allies an irreparable disaster. But apart from that it is the only road to the fairway of the Black Sea, where you have got raw materials and food—surplus raw food in times of peace—in normal times such as no other part of Europe could supply, and of the commerce in that part of the world one-third of it has always been by British ships.

Then came one of the greatest disasters of all—the fall of that great, wise and sagacious statesman Venizelos and the substitution of the feeble and futile administration that followed it. Well, all these were circumstances over which no Government of this country had any control, so we have had to recast our policy.

We have succeeded in the freedom of the straits, which is not merely of primary British interest, but of primary human interest. We have succeeded also in holding the peace until you had established the freedom of that great gifted people, the Arab race, and also some sort of protection for the minorities of Eastern Europe.

Neither Grey, Asquith nor myself are responsible for turning out that ministry. What is next? The French defeat at Galicia which made them recast their position. What is next? Wilson was under the impression that he could persuade America to take the mandate over Armenia. Well, Wilson's health broke down. We have no control over that.

So much for that part. I might add just one word here before I dispose of this part of the case about what I said—that these treaties were mine and prepared by myself. I am fully responsible for them, but it is supposed that I took them out of the hands of the Foreign Office—the Treaty of Sevres and the others. I shall read a short extract of a memorandum prepared by the Foreign Office, not for myself, but the Cabinet.

This is how the Treaty of Sevres was prepared: "A general basis for settlement explored by M. Berthelot of the French Foreign Office and Lord Curzon in December 1919, at the Foreign Office—all this is supposed to have been done in Downing Street by myself and my secretariat," but the Supreme Council did not assemble until February 1920, in London, and after several meetings delegated the work of preparing the treaty to



a committee of Foreign Ministers and Ambassadors sitting at the Foreign Office."

"That meeting was presided over by Lord Curzon and I never attended. I approved it. Conferences this year on this matter—the conferences at the beginning of the year as well as recent conferences—were attended exclusively by Foreign Ministers. I assented. I was consulted, but Lord Curzon, with his great ability, his great knowledge and great experience, conducted the proceedings.

"I think it necessary to say this because of the rubbishy statements made about these treaties having been prepared by the Cabinet-secretariat without the consent of the Foreign Office. They were prepared at the Foreign Office, by officials under the chairmanship of the Foreign Minister, and I think it absolutely necessary that this should be said at the present stage.

"As for the amateurs, who are the amateurs who have agreed to this policy? I'll name them: Grey, Asquith, Curzon, Balfour, Lansdowne, Law and myself; in France, Clemenceau, Poincaré (who was President of the Republic at the time), and Wilson. A fine array of amateurs.

"There you are. I would not waste your time had there not been that statement at museum by men knowing nothing about the matter from beginning to end, and who had been doing the mischief.

"I shall dismiss this part of the case with saying that by the action taken, by the skillful work representative of this country, you have secured not merely a bloodless peace, but a peace of which Britain at any rate need not feel ashamed. Now, I am sorry to intrude my personality, even upon an indulgent, kindly audience, in my native city.

"I see Sir Donald McLean, a friend of mine—I mean it, a friend of mine—finally kicked us out of the Liberal Party. I think he might have left it to others. There are diehards on both sides. There are Liberal diehards and Conservative diehards; and all would like to make me die hard, too—and soon.

"I see one newspaper that rather supports the movement in the midst of the Government claims there should be a change, that what the country wants is something a little duller and more ordinary. There might be no difficulty in supplying that from amongst my critics, where there are any number of suitable candidates to fulfill that description.

"If there's to be a change, believe me, there is no man who would welcome it more than I. I've had a long spell and a pretty hard one. I'd welcome, I'd love, freedom. There are lots of things I want to say.

"Three years ago I was anxious to go out. I begged Mr. Bonar Law to take charge. He declined. At the beginning of this year I wrote Mr. Chamberlain and suggested it would be better, as he was the leader of the party, commanding the majority in the Commons, that he should take it up; and I promised every support so long as the policy of the Government was a policy of pacification and non-reactionary legislation, and that the contract with Ireland was carried out. My colleagues, after consulting together, unanimously thought otherwise. I never sought the position, and I never wished to retain it; and I shall save the country in any capacity so long as God gives me strength.

"No man has had more loyal colleagues than I. We have worked for no mean end in the comradeship of hard toil, always for a common country. I certainly would regret any severance from the men who treated me personally with such honorable fidelity, who have helped me along with policies that excited indignation even in certain quarters among their own supporters, because they regarded it as in the interests of the country.

"But I would welcome freedom. It would be very interesting to watch others handling the difficulties they seem to think can be treated so easily. Have you ever tried to disentangle a knot with somebody looking on? You seem to fumble, you seem to take a long time and they get very impatient and at last say "Give it to me!" And then you look on—and the tangle gets a little worse, the fumbling gets a little more, with a fraction of humankind looking on.

"I shall watch many things. I shall watch, for instance, to see how we are to forgive Germany all reparations and make France love us more than ever. I shall watch how we are to pay the United States of America what we owe her, and forgive every other country everything it owes us—have a better army, navy and air force, have more houses for everybody while at the same time rents are being put up to strengthen the educational system and give more to the unemployed—and yet make the taxation of the country lighter.

"I shall watch men believing in non-denominational education working with those who claim the State church is essential to the recognition of religions. I shall watch men believing tariff reform essential to national prosperity, and those believing free trade the only remedy, working together. It would be an interesting experiment to see others fight. That's one of the joys I have in store.

"I never sought my present position. Bonar Law, Lord Balfour or Lord Carson can tell you that. I was willing to serve under any man of experience who was prepared to conduct the war efficiently, and I said so, in any office, however humble. I gave up one of the most powerful positions in the Government in 1915 to take up an absolutely new and, what then was, a very humble office, because I thought I could serve the country better. And in 1916, if they had said to me: "That's your job inside and outside." I should have done it, because there were millions facing death for their country, and it was not for a man to choose or pick his job. I never said "make me Prime Minister." On the contrary, I begged Balfour, Bonar Law or anybody to take that position. I begged Asquith to remain so long as conditions were assured in his Premiership that I thought necessary, as efficiently to conduct the war.

"I believe there's a resolution to be moved for a political Unionists' meeting. I think it would have been most honorable and more courageous if it had been moved in November 1918. That's one party. On the other hand, there's another party, led by Lord Gladstone and Sir Donald McLean, who say they will have nothing to do with or be associated with me. All the same, in spite of that, I have many friends there.

"Outside I saw that smiling welcome of faces last night greeting me and I saw the roadside to-day. I have many friends—Conservative and Liberal, yes, and a multitude who are of neither of those parties. I throw myself upon the people, whose cause I have never betrayed during the thirty-two years of strenuous public life. They will see fair play.

"Had I betrayed the people the position which is put forward in certain quarters would never have arisen. The world has not yet recovered from the deep hurt inflicted by the war. That recovery will be slow, weary and tedious; and there will be many setbacks. I am not afraid of the future. The supreme test of statesmanship in this hour is the pacification of nations. The course is a clear one, and I will support with all my might any Government that devotes itself and lends energy to that task with single-mindedness and resolution, provided it does not embark upon measures that would bring about injury upon the country, whether these measures be of a financial or of a political nature. That does not mean that I pledge myself to any particular policy, or to any particular Government that has not pursued that course of policy.

"The situation of our country and the course of events have brought me to engage in any party or to bring myself to the front. I have brought myself to the

front of destruction in spite of every warning by that kind of folly, and the men who are engaging in the same kind of folly in either party will live to reap a harvest of disappointment and disillusionment. Nations never forgive parties that sacrifice national interests in great emergencies to party gain, and whatever may be the temporary advantage of that inane maneuver, maybe a time will come when even those who have listened to those counsels, or who may recklessly and blindly follow that counsel, will rebuke them, because instead of bringing national confidence they have brought distrust to the party they loved best.

"I shall play no personal or party game. I place national security and prosperity above the interest of anybody; and if in consequence of that position I have taken—that position I mean to abide by—if in consequence of that I am driven alone into the wilderness, I shall always recall with pride that I have been enabled, with the assistance of loyal colleagues, in the dark hour of the nation's history, to render it no mean service.

"I shall be proud of the fact that I have attempted things which even yet have not reached maturity or complete success; and I shall be prouder than ever of the fact—if this were the last day I held my high position—I should be prouder than ever of the fact that there were given me the last days and weeks of my Premiership to invoke the might of this great Empire to protect from indescribable sorrow men, women and children by the hundred thousand who are trusting in the pledged word of France, Italy and Britain as the shield of their defense and who are thanking God this hour that Britain—Great Britain has kept faith.

#### AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEECH DEFENDING LLOYD GEORGE MINISTRY—LABOR DOMINATION THE ALTERNATIVE.

The day before Lloyd George made his speech at the Manchester Reform Club on the British Government's Near East Policy, a strong defense of the Lloyd George administration was put forth in a speech delivered by Austen Chamberlain, Government leader in the House of Commons, before the Midland Conservative Club at Birmingham. Mr. Chamberlain's speech for the most part was a plea for continuation of the Coalition Government in power. The choice, he said, lay between the Coalition on the one hand, and a Labor Government, with a policy of direct action, on the other. "Gentlemen," he said, "I submit to you that these are not days in which we should magnify differences or assert personal claims. These are days when it is our duty to seek to rally all the constitutional and conservative elements of the country to whatever class they belong, with whatever party they may have affiliation, to the defense of that order, to the defense of the Constitution and of that social and economic order which has made us all we are, and upon which our prosperous development depends." His reference to the Labor party was promptly met by the labor leaders. John R. Clynes, in a speech delivered at Reading on the same day, said with regard to the address of the Government leader: "Bolshevism was produced in Russia by the suppression of all popular liberty, and rebellion can be fomented in this country by ministers seeking to put the Labor party outside the pale of constitutional action." Mr. Chamberlain began his speech by referring to the portraits of Conservative leaders which hung around the room in which he was speaking, and said the fact that he was welcomed in the Conservative Club was some measure of the transformation that had passed over politics. He continued as follows (the text of his speech being taken from a special copyrighted cablegram to the New York "Times"):

"I think that in the face of trouble and stress it is well we should remember the example of our fathers and the great men who went before us, and that we should subordinate any party aims and all personal considerations to the service of our country and the greatness of our empire.

"You are well aware that this gathering was not arranged to suit the moment, it was to have been held last Summer before Parliament adjourned, but it had to be postponed owing to my indisposition. It falls to be held now at a moment of great political excitement, when not only the foreign policy of the Government as a whole, but the action and position of the Unionist leaders in the Government are the subject of much criticism, not always of a friendly or most generous character.

"I had intended a few days ago to speak only upon the events which have occurred in relation to foreign affairs within the last few weeks. I have now come to the conclusion that I cannot wholly avoid more domestic topics, but in the main my speech will deal with foreign affairs.

#### Takes Up Domestic Situation.

"I will say what I have to say on the domestic situation first and clear that out of the way.

"I speak under a great sense of obligation to the party with which for thirty years I have acted in Parliament—I hope as a loyal and honorable member of it—and which less than two years ago by the voice of my fellow members in the House of Commons called upon me to take up the task which illness forced Mr. Bonar Law to lay down. I speak as any one in my position must speak, under a great responsibility, but I am happy in one thing, that in all I have done and in all I have said since I came to my present position I have acted with the full assent of my colleagues in the Cabinet and I have spoken their mind. The advice which I have ventured to tender to the party I have tendered after consultation with them and in agreement with them.

"Sir, I recognize that a leader more than any other individual has party responsibilities and party ties. One of the chief of his responsibilities is that without care for his own position and without fear he should tender honest advice to the party with which he is connected. Sir, I claim I have done so. I claim that in the advice which, encouraged and supported by my colleagues, I have given to my party, they and I have pursued a consistent course, and if there be any change it is not we who have wavered and flattered by the way.

*Defends Premier Lloyd George.*

I beg you to remember that when called to my present position I was already a member of this Coalition Government, reorganized by the Prime Minister after the election of 1918, in which, let it not be forgotten, no small part of our own party successes were due to the influence and prestige of his name. I have worked with him in perfect harmony of political aim, and with no difference of political principle on any of the issues that have come before us. He has acted with perfect loyalty toward his Unionist allies. The agreement which he made with my predecessor before appealing to the country he has, since I was chosen leader of the party in the House of Commons, scrupulously observed.

He has strengthened the Unionist element in his Cabinet, and in all the difficulties that we have faced, in all the dangers that we have encountered and overcome, never once has any question of principle separated him and his Liberal friends from my Unionist colleagues and myself. Nor is it pretended now that any question of principle divides us, nor are any such questions of principle likely to divide us in the near future. On the contrary, the issues before the country, which are daily becoming more clear, are not the old issues which divide, but they are new issues which unite us.

I sometimes wonder whether those who so freely discuss the conduct of the Government and who are so ready to reject the advice of their leaders, have any clear conception of the dangers through which we have passed. I speak not only of foreign affairs; I am speaking of home affairs. There have been moments when revolution was very near to our door. There have been perils confronted and overcome, forgotten now only because of the success with which they were overcome, which in the hands of a weak administration might have proved fatal to our Constitution and to our country.

*Urges Rally Behind Constitution.*

Gentlemen, I submit to you that these are not days in which we should magnify differences or assert personal claims. These are days when it is our duty to seek to rally all the constitutional and conservative elements of the country, to whatever class they belong, with whatever party they may have affiliation, to the defense of that order, to the defense of the Constitution and of that social and economic order which has made us all we are, and upon which our prosperous development depends.

Within the last few weeks threats of direct action have been raised again. Parliament is no longer to decide; we are to be governed by political strike.

I do not know when an election will come, but when it does come, whenever it comes, the new House of Commons will be very different from the present House of Commons. It will raise issues and present dangers of which I think the public is little aware. And if through our discussions and our differences the Labor Party obtains a majority, heavy will be the responsibility of those who have contributed to the result because they could not take a broad view of national obligations at a moment of national danger.

I venture to warn you that if this happens it will not be the moderates of the Labor Party who will prevail. Direct action, which a strong national Government has been able to defeat, will triumph over a Government in which the leaders, as Clynes himself complains or explains, are not allowed to lead but must take their instructions in every crisis from the discourse or mass-meeting.

But even if it were the moderates who prevailed, is that moderate program so innocent or harmless that we can afford to give it by our divisions fair play for the next four or five years? Consider what it means—a capital levy which would be the doom of industry in circumstances like the present. If it were ever to be contemplated it would mean repudiation of the national debt obligation to pay the holders of the national debt in full, which was the condition of their subscribing in the hour of the nation's need. It would be a repudiation such as this country has never made and which once made generations of endeavor would hardly blot out from our record or prevent affecting or credit in the future.

*Warns of Nationalization.*

Lastly, at a moment when if ever we needed private enterprise and to encourage men who in difficult and doubtful circumstances are prepared to risk capital in industrial employment and in development of our trade and resources, at that moment nationalization of our great industries is proposed. Nationalization of the mines, to begin with, means that there would be no limit to the extent to which the nationalization policy might be carried if that had once been successfully achieved.

I do not pretend to say when an election will take place. It is the undoubted right of the Prime Minister to advise his Majesty when Parliament should be dissolved. I do not pretend to say now under what particular circumstances and under what conditions co-operation between ourselves and our present allies can best be maintained in the new Parliament, but I do say with all the emphasis of a great conviction that at such a moment union in the face of common foe will be our first consideration. It would be criminal to allow personal ambition or narrow party jealousy to sacrifice the interests of our country and to betray the great causes which we as a party have cherished and maintained and which if abandoned or betrayed by us can be sustained by no other force.

I am convinced there would be no possibility that in the new Parliament any Government could perform except by a coalition drawn from more than one of the old parties. Let us see that if that be so it is the Constitutional and Conservative Coalition Party; and do not let us hand over to experiments of a wily subversive, if not of a violent revolutionary type, our institutions and industry and the welfare and greatness of this empire.

*Discusses Near East Crisis.*

During the last four weeks we have been engaged in almost daily, often hourly consideration of a great foreign crisis. There have been moments when the danger of attack upon our forces in the Near East has appeared imminent. The position has been all the more grave because that complete unity of thought and action which prevailed among the Allies during the war and in the preparation and presentation of the terms of peace has been weakened in the months that have elapsed since, and because the Kemalists forces have been encouraged by those indications of some difference of policy and under the elation of their victory over the Greek army in Asia Minor to try conclusions with the Allies.

What has been the policy and the position of the Government in this crisis? As between the Greeks and the Turks we have been neutral, but we have had two great objects in view. We have been quite ready to recognize the result of the Greek defeat in Asia Minor. We have been as ready as we were in March last to restore Constantinople to the Turks when a definite peace was signed with the Allies. We have been ready with our allies to secure by our influence a peaceful and orderly transference of Eastern Thrace to the Turks, but we have been determined so far as in us lies to prevent the war which devastated Asia Minor from being carried into Europe, to save Constantinople with its cosmopolitan population, its large western colonies, its immense commercial and political interests, from the fate of Smyrna; and to preserve that freedom of the Narrow Straits which was our primary object in the war with Turkey and which is the chief fruit of our victory.

We were anxious—no man can be more anxious than the King's Ministers—to secure those aims by peaceful means, if that were possible, and to co-

operate in every measure with the Allies with whom we fought in the war. We desired that the safeguarding of Constantinople and the exclusion of the war from Europe should be our common task, and we were prepared, if needed, to defend on behalf of the British Empire that freedom of the Straits which is consecrated by the Empire's blood.

I dare not at this moment speak with careless optimism or with too great confidence, but I believe our policy has been successful.

If so, it will be because the Government from the first firmly and temperately impressed its will and pursued with unanimity the simple objects which it had set before itself. It will be also because we have been singularly fortunate in the judgment, courage and tact of our military and civilian representatives in Constantinople, and because of the skill, patience and dignity which Lord Curzon has shown in the difficult negotiations which he has undertaken on our behalf.

*Scores Opposition's Policy.*

But it will not be because of any help we have received from the leaders of the opposition. On the contrary, they have used language the only effect of which could be to weaken the authority of the Government speaking in the name of this country and the Empire, to encourage the Kemalists in their pretensions and in their confidence that no formidable obstacle lay in the way of the realization of those pretensions, and, lastly, to present Great Britain and the British Empire to France, not as an ally and equal, but as a humble satellite in the orbit of French policy bound to exercise no independent judgment and to take no independent action.

I cannot at this point but pause for a moment to contrast the attitude of the Unionist opposition of years before the war when the Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers of the day were speaking in the name of England with the attitude Mr. Asquith and Lord Grey have adopted in the present crisis. I have had great respect for Lord Grey. If he will not think it impertinent, I have cherished a great regard for him, but I confess I think if he contrasts the help he received from us in opposition with that which he has accorded to us in office he will not find it altogether a satisfactory retrospect.

May I give you some examples of the charges leveled against our foreign policy in the Near East? We were told by Mr. Asquith that our policy was in strange contrast with the wise and prudent course of which the example was set by our late predecessors—mind you, he said this while the results were still in doubt and at a moment when guns might have been going off—that we committed criminal folly in not abandoning the defenses of the Straits at Chanak and Ismid when the forces of our allies were withdrawn by their respective Governments.

The present Government has had no clean slate to write upon. We are the heirs of the policy initiated by Mr. Asquith and Sir Edward Grey, and as far as I can tell, Mr. Asquith, whenever he speaks, never fails to throw bouquets at the skilled professional diplomats of the days when he was Prime Minister and Sir Edward Grey was Foreign Secretary. The end of that skilled diplomacy was the great war, but although I do not say that could have been averted, I do say that a firmer declaration of British policy before that event and the knowledge on the part of the German Government of how far they could go and where they must stop might have greatly influenced events.

At any rate, I am prepared to say that in this crisis we have been the heirs and, subject to necessary modifications, continuators of the policy of Mr. Asquith and Lord Grey.

*Acted in Concert With Allies.*

Every decision taken by us has been in concert with our allies. Where and in so far as the common allied policy has failed, it has not been owing to any fault on the part of this Government, but to events outside our control and over which we could exercise no influence. If any amateur has contributed by untimely intervention to those results that amateur was not commissioned by or representative of his Majesty's Government.

The first indication of the policy of this Government after Turkey's entry into the war was given by Mr. Asquith himself in a speech at Guildhall on Nov. 9 1914, when he said that the acts of the Turkish Government had rung the death knell of the Ottoman Empire, not only in Europe, but in Asia.

(Mr. Chamberlain then reviewed in detail the various agreements made by the Allies for the partition of the Turkish Empire at the end of the war, emphasizing the fact that Mr. Asquith and Lord Grey approved of them and must take the responsibility. He then continued.)

When the Peace Conference met a committee was set up to consider the position of Greece, which had become an ally at that time, and the committee recommended that the major portion of Eastern Thrace and the zone around Smyrna should be given to Greece.

But, gentlemen, the Peace Conference did not take up the preparation of the Treaty with Turkey until a very late stage. That delay in its consequences has been profoundly unfortunate, and has affected the whole situation. But it would be unjust I think to blame the Allied statesmen for it.

*Says Wilson Promised Help.*

What was the cause of it?

The Allies hoped and they were encouraged by President Wilson to believe that the United States would take an active part in the settlement of Turkey and in the protection of the minorities which had suffered so much under the rule of the Sultan. All the Allies, and none more than our country, attached enormous importance to the co-operation of the United States, whose citizens had always shown a great interest in the subject peoples of the Ottoman Empire, and by their philanthropic and educational institutions had played a great part in their regeneration and in their education.

It was only when it became clear that President Wilson's hopes would be destroyed and when it was useless to wait for American co-operation that the Treaty of Peace with Turkey was seriously taken in hand by the Allies. The Supreme Council delegated the preparation of that Treaty to a committee of ambassadors and experts who met in the Foreign Office at London under the Presidency of Lord Curzon and whose draft proposals were afterward considered by a full meeting of the Supreme Council at San Remo, when the Prime Ministers as well as the Foreign Secretaries of the different Powers were assembled and the Treaty of Sevres, which resulted from the deliberations, was signed on Aug. 10 1920.

Meanwhile, and profiting by these conferences, opposition to the Government in Constantinople and to the terms which the Allies were expected to impose had been organized in Asia Minor by Mustafa Kemal, and the Treaty, though signed by representatives of the Sultan, was never ratified.

Within a few months of its signature Premier Venizelos fell and Constantinople was recalled to Greece, and no one can doubt that the policy of the Allies was profoundly influenced by this change from the dynasty which had taken part with the Allies to the dynasty which had no friendship.

Encouraged by these events, the opposition to the terms of the treaty stiffened.

Anxious to secure peace between the belligerents, the Allies decided to modify the Treaty of Sevres, but it was not until March of 1921 that the



proposals of the Allies failed to secure the acceptance of either party and the hostilities between them were resumed.

The Greeks after a remarkable advance failed to secure their objective and fell back early in September.

Then, gentlemen, followed the event which has had a great influence upon the subsequent proceedings—the second visit of Franklin Bouillon to Angora and the separate agreement made by the French Government with Mustapha Kemal, recorded in the papers which have already been presented to Parliament. It cannot be doubted that this action greatly encouraged the Kemalist pretensions and gave the first serious indication of any serious divergence of views among the Allies.

That was the situation when early this year the Greek Prime Minister visited the Western capitals. While in London he was persuaded by Lord Curzon to accept Allied mediation, and Lord Curzon thereupon proposed a fresh conference of the Allies to work out new terms of peace. The conference unfortunately, owing to the fall of Briand's Government, quickly followed by the fall of the Italian Government, which was not replaced for a considerable time, was delayed, and when it met and proposed terms, though they were this time accepted by Greece, they were refused by the Turks. Hostilities were resumed and the Greek collapse followed.

*Sought Concurrence of Allies.*

Now, gentlemen, if you have been able to follow my brief summary of the facts you will have observed that throughout these transactions the Government had sought at every step the concurrence of our allies, that we had made no separate agreements and had undertaken no separate negotiations and that our policy was based on agreements and international agreements, and entered into by Mr. Asquith and Sir Edward Grey, though with large and increasing modifications in favor of Turkey owing to the collapse of Greece.

The withdrawal of the United States altered the attitude of the French and Italian Governments and changed the situation of Greece and Turkey. But then there arose a new danger as a result of the Greek collapse. The threat of a Turkish advance toward the Straits and Constantinople became imminent and the threat was openly made in May 1921.

I go back for a moment, for in the pursuance of their declared policy of neutrality toward the hostilities between the Greeks and the Turks the Allied Governments had declared certain zones round the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles neutral. These zones roughly comprised European Turkey as far as the Tchatalja lines and the Ismid peninsula, the peninsula of Gallipoli and the northern half of the Sanjak of Chanak.

At one moment the Greeks, under the pretext, or under the belief, that Turkish bands were being organized against them within the Chanak zone, entered it with their military forces. They were warned off by the British troops and they retired in deference to our warning.

At the end of July of this year the Greeks, for reasons into which I need not enter, had withdrawn some of their troops from Asia Minor and transferred them to Thrace, and they had threatened to march upon the Tchatalja frontier of the neutral zone with a view of taking Constantinople. In a note written to the Foreign Office on July 28 of the present year, the French Ambassador declared that the French Government considered that the Greek Governments should certainly in a categorical manner say to the Greek Government that every attack on the zone, occupied by the Allies, whether it came from Greeks or Turks, would be repressed by force.

*Says France and Italy Backed Down.*

The British Government entirely agreed with the French forces who were defending the Tchatalja zone should have the Union Jack beside the Tricolor when a new threat arose.

His Majesty's Government, relying on this French declaration, confidently assumed that the French Government would similarly co-operate with them in meeting the danger of September last, directed this time not against the lines of Tchatalja, but against the neutral zone on the Asiatic side. When the French Government were asked their attitude on the subject they replied on Sept. 14 that "the Government of the Republic is in agreement with his Majesty's Government that it is desirable without prejudice to the provisions of the future treaty of peace to maintain the neutrality of the zones actually occupied by the Allies in the region of Constantinople and the Straits. The French Government is ready to join the English and Italian Governments in informing the Government of Angora that the Allies' Government feel sure that this zone will be respected by its troops."

When General Harington called upon the French and Italian Governments to do what they had done at the time of the earlier threat upon the Tchatalja zone and sent small contingents to join the British forces at Chanak and Ismid, in order to show the flag and to demonstrate to the Turks that the Allies were united, the French and Italian Generals readily complied, but the French Government, however, countermanded these orders without consultation with his Majesty's Government, and the Italian Government followed its example.

Gentlemen, the Government was confronted with a serious responsibility and a position of utmost gravity and moment, and we had either to defend alone the positions occupied by us in pursuance of the Allied decision or to abandon the protection of the Straits.

We were advised by our competent advisers that our position at Chanak was essential to full control of the Straits and the free passage of armored ships through them, and that upon the continuance of Allied control of the Straits the possibility of continuing the Allied control of Constantinople depended. We carefully considered the situation. We took account of the grave responsibility which we owed to our people not to engage them again lightly in the horrors of war, and as guardians for the empire to protect the fruits of victory as heirs of the achievements of the men whose graves are thick on the historic hills of Gallipoli. We decided we would still do what we could to prevent the passage of war into Europe and to save Constantinople from the fate of Smyrna, and that in any case we would maintain the freedom of the Straits until such times as, peace having been made and an agreement having been secured, they could be transferred to some international authority under the direction and control of the League of Nations.

Let me add, and it is right that I should add, that I owe it to my countrymen to tell them that in the military preparations which we made and the military orders which we gave we acted throughout upon the advice of the Chiefs of Staffs of the three great fighting services.

*Says Britain Saved Peace of Europe.*

Gentlemen, as said at the opening of my remarks, I will not speak too confidently. Even this morning we have news of disquieting incidents. I hope that they are only such accidents as may occur with the best of good will on both sides in carrying out the agreement only just signed. I hope and believe that agreement which has been signed with the authority of the Angora Government will be kept.

I say that by supplying General Harington with forces to maintain his position we have achieved our object and the peace of Europe has been secured.

Gentlemen, I have told you the story of these events at the first moment that I think that it was possible for any member of the Government to have told. You have them almost without comment. I leave the facts to speak

for themselves and I venture to close these observations with an appeal that surely the time has come when it must be as clear to our allies, as it is to us, that in union of thought and counsel and action lies safety and nowhere else. Surely whatever has happened in the past we may now decide that there shall be no more unilateral negotiations or special agreements, and that as throughout the years of the war and throughout those anxious months in which the peace treaties were signed we fought together, we conquered together, we worked together, so now we may resolve one and all to act in that old spirit of mutual respect of hearty loyalty and of cordial co-operation in the face of the dangers and the difficulties which confront us.

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

Under date of Oct. 14 1922 the Census Bureau issued its regular preliminary report showing cotton consumed, cotton on hand, active cotton spindles and imports and exports of cotton for the month of September 1921 and 1922, with statistics of cotton consumed, imported and exported for the two months ending Sept. 30. The statistics of cotton in this report are given in running bales, counting round as half bales, except foreign bales, 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 Sept. 30 (Bales)—		Cotton Spindles Active During September (Number).
		Sept.	Two Months ending Sept. 30.	In Consuming Establishments x	In Public Storage and at Compresses x	
United States.....	1922	495,344	*1,022,748	*1,085,117	*3,217,639	33,296,513
	1921	484,718	951,777	1,118,045	4,312,135	33,874,620
Cotton growing States.	1922	327,263	665,891	513,743	3,000,169	15,724,568
	1921	295,198	572,806	533,427	3,974,171	15,283,366
All other States.....	1922	168,081	356,857	571,374	217,470	17,571,945
	1921	189,520	378,971	584,618	337,964	18,591,254

x Stated in bales.  
\* Includes 18,246 foreign, 7,775 Am. Ex. and 669 sea island consumed, 70,125 foreign, 16,722 Am. Ex. and 2,947 sea island in consuming establishments, and 59,071 foreign, 27,538 Am. Ex. and 4,870 sea island in public storage.  
Linters not included above were 59,833 bales consumed during September 1922 and 60,710 bales in 1921; 97,205 bales on hand in consuming establishments on Sept. 30 1922 and 156,295 bales in 1921, and 21,269 bales in public storage and at compresses in 1922 and 204,690 bales in 1921; Linters consumed during the two months ending Sept. 30 amounted to 120,650 bales in 1922 and 115,401 bales in 1921.

**IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF COTTON AND LINTERS.**

Country of Production.	Imports of Foreign Cotton During— (500 lb. Bales).			
	September.		2 Months end. Sept. 30.	
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
Egypt.....	2,261	3,396	13,478	8,124
Peru.....	395	928	944	1,000
China.....	264	---	743	306
Mexico.....	54	301	54	301
All other countries.....	1,654	1,737	3,859	2,261
Total.....	4,628	6,362	19,108	11,922

**EXPORTS OF COTTON AND LINTERS.**

Country to Which Exported.	Exports of Domestic Cotton and Linters During— (Running Bales)—			
	September.		2 Months end. Sept. 30.	
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
United Kingdom.....	148,874	52,618	214,777	109,186
France.....	40,063	105,651	83,967	145,180
Italy.....	34,162	22,696	61,083	43,557
Germany.....	62,873	159,241	119,289	266,126
Other Europe.....	55,246	83,429	93,405	123,664
Japan.....	19,472	63,889	43,897	175,713
All other countries.....	8,300	35,305	25,780	82,214
Total.....	*368,890	*532,830	*642,198	*946,330

\* Figures include 2,902 bales of linters exported during September in 1922 0,057 bales in 1921, and 7,392 bales for the two months ending Sept. 30 in 1922 and 16,945 bales in 1921. The distribution for September 1922 follows: United Kingdom, 345 bales; France, 1,471 bales; Germany, 420 bales; other Europe, 123 bales; all other countries, 543 bales.

**LAYING OF CORNER STONE OF NEW BUILDING OF NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE.**

The laying of the cornerstone of the new building of the New York Cotton Exchange, which is being erected on the site of the old building at the corner of Beaver and William Streets, took place on Saturday last, Oct. 14, following the close of the day's market. President George M. Shutt in laying the stone, used a silver trowel which had been presented by the employees of the Exchange. Besides various records of the Exchange, copies of the city's newspapers were inclosed in the cornerstone. President Shutt in a brief address described the origin, growth and development of the Cotton Exchange from the time of its organization, 1870, to the present time, and added, according to the New York "Commercial":

From the initial membership of 106 merchants we have grown to a total of 427, including members of the trade, from no less than six foreign countries, and during busy periods there are frequently scores of active brokers clamoring for a hearing around our "ring."

Naturally, this growth has not been attained without encountering problems and discouragements. Criticisms arising from ignorance of the futures system and its true functions have been combined with threats of adverse

legislation. There have been times, also (such, for instance, as immediately following the outbreak of the great war), when all our courage and resolution has been necessary to preserve unbroken the validity and integrity of our contracts. Every difficulty, however, has yielded before a strict adherence to the square deal and ideals of service which are basic principles of the organization, and each obstacle overcome has left us larger and stronger.

The more our methods have been investigated, the more generally have our functions been understood, and the practical utility of the broad principle upon which our founders acted, amplified by the needs of the industry as they have developed, has been recognized by the Federal Government in the Cotton Futures Act, under the protection of which we are now operating.

*Functions Vindly Important.*

How far the experiments in co-operative marketing may go, or just what their ultimate effects may be upon merchandising and distribution, few thinking men will attempt to definitely predict. Yet, there is one thing which may be said: No marketing pool, whether of planters or others, can guarantee the spinner a supply of cotton or a price, extending over such periods of time as he frequently requires in the conduct of his business. They can do that no more than they can control the elements which enter so largely into its production. So long as these uncertainties exist, the futures system will exist with them, with its machinery for the distribution and redistribution of just such risks.

President Shutt, it is also stated, expressed regret that Henry Hentz, former President of the Exchange, and its only surviving charter member, who had been invited to lay the cornerstone, had been compelled to decline on account of his health. Samuel T. Hubbard, a member of the Exchange, and one of the best known cotton brokers in the country, who was called upon by President Shutt to make a few remarks, recalled some of the reminiscences associated with the institution in years long gone by.

The new building will cost approximately \$3,500,000 and with the land will represent a total investment in the neighborhood of \$4,500,000. The Exchange is temporarily located at 90 Wall Street.

**MAINTENANCE OF WAY MEN GET WAGE INCREASE UNDER RULING OF RAILROAD LABOR BOARD.**

An increase of 2 cents an hour, affecting 451,911 members of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railroad Shop Workers was granted by the United States Railroad Labor Board on Oct. 14, adding \$22,125,000 to the payroll of the roads. The average minimum wage under the decision will range from 23 to 37 cents an hour. The decision came after ten days of deadlock in the Board, in which Ben W. Hooper, Chairman, and a member of the public group succeeded in obtaining a majority in favor of the increase. The 2-cent increase was originally proposed by the public group of the Labor Board. The group representing the railroads was opposed to any increase, while the employees group held the 2-cent increase insufficient. W. L. McMenimen, representing the employees, and Samuel Higgins, of the railroad representation, it was said, were won over by Chairman Ben W. Hooper.

Chairman Hooper declared the raise had been given to meet the upward trend in wages in other lines of industry and not because of any increase in living costs. The classes of employees who will receive the increased wage follow:

Section, track and maintenance foremen and assistant section, track and maintenance foremen; track laborers and all common laborers in the maintenance of way department and in and around shops and roundhouses drawbridge tenders and assistants, pile drivers, ditching and hoisting firemen, pumper engineers and pumpers, crossing watchmen or flagmen and lamp lighters and tenders; engine watchmen and wipers, fire builders, ash pit men, fine borers, coal passers, and miscellaneous classes of foremen and other employees.

With further regard to the decision of the Labor Board, press dispatches of Oct. 16 from Chicago said:

The wage bill of the nation's railroads was increased an estimated \$22,125,000 by a decision of the United States Railroad Labor Board to-day granting increased pay of 2 cents an hour to over 450,000 maintenance of way employees.

Four of the nine groups of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railroad Shop Workers were affected by the rise, the largest single group being common laborers. The decision raised minimum rates of pay for the classes affected from the present 23 and 35 cents to 25 and 37 cents.

Chairman Ben W. Hooper, in a statement following the decision, said that the Board based its findings on a general upward trend in wages for this and other groups of workmen, and not on any pronounced change in living costs.

The maintenance of way officers, in presenting their case to the Board several weeks ago, demanded a virtual minimum wage of 47 cents an hour.

The public group to-day was augmented after a ten days' deadlock by W. L. McMenimen of the labor group and Samuel Higgins of the railroad group, these two making necessary five to make the public group's proposal effective. A. O. Wharton of the labor group voted against to-day's decision. Albert Phillips, also of the labor group, was not present.

To-day's decision was a direct outgrowth of the July wage cuts and the rail strikes and threatened strikes which followed. When the shop crafts strike was declared the maintenance of way men were also on the verge of walking out, but E. F. Grable, head of the organization, withheld action pending an appeal to the Labor Board for a revision of wages.

In making the decision public, Chairman Hooper explained that about 13,000 maintenance of way employees on roads in the extreme South will still receive from 17 to 23 cents an hour, they having signed agreements with the carriers to this effect and not being affected by to-day's ruling.

According to figures compiled by the railroads and submitted to the Labor Board during the hearings, a plurality of about 112,000 trackmen on 85% of the carriers are now receiving between 35 and 36 cents an hour.

Among those not affected are mechanics and helpers in the bridge and building and maintenance of way departments, bridge, building, painters, construction, mason, concrete, water supply and plumbing foremen and assistants.

**YARDMASTERS' PAY INCREASED BY RULING OF RAILROAD LABOR BOARD.**

An eight-hour day with overtime, which is said to amount to nearly a 25% increase in pay, was granted to approximately 2,000 yardmasters on twenty-six Class-1 railroads and at six switching terminals by the United States Railroad Labor Board on Oct. 16.

This is said to have been the first time the Board has established rules and working conditions for yardmasters, who now are classified as subordinate officials and subject to the Board's jurisdiction under the Transportation Act. The Delaware Lackawanna & Western, the Pennsylvania and the Illinois Central were excluded, it is stated, from the decision. W. L. McMenimen, a labor member of the Board, although contending that those three roads were properly before the Board in the matter, voted to exclude them in order to obtain a decision which otherwise would have failed for lack of one vote. The rules provide that yardmasters required to work seven days a week shall be given two days off each month. The Yardmasters' Association is said to have a membership of between 4,000 and 5,000.

**SHOPMEN ELECT NEW HEAD THROUGH RADICAL DOMINATION.**

The International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers, at their triennial convention in Detroit, elected on Oct. 13 F. H. Fljoldal, of Dauphin, Pa., President, to succeed E. F. Grable, of Detroit, as General President. Mr. Fljoldal announced that a new demand "for improved working conditions and a living wage" would be made by the organization upon the United States Railway Labor Board. President Grable, credited with having averted a strike of the 400,000 railway maintenance men of the country last summer, after they had voted overwhelmingly in favor of joining the shopmen's walkout, was defeated by more than 3,000 votes out of a total of approximately 86,000, each delegate casting as many votes as there were members in the local union here represented. In a statement made through his personal representative, Frank Finson, of Detroit, the President-elect, declared his opposition to a strike of the maintenance men at any time in the future, but announced that "the union membership might be prepared to walk out if improved working conditions and adequate wage increases were not forthcoming."

Mr. Fljoldal, it was announced by his representatives, is prepared immediately upon assuming office to make an appeal to the Labor Board, "setting forth the needs of the maintenance men for higher wages and improved working conditions," and "that the organization is prepared to prove to the public as well as to the Board the justice of our demands." Shortly before the result of the election was made known on the convention floor a telegram sent on Oct. 12 by Mr. Grable to labor members of the Labor Board was read. The telegram was an appeal for a quick decision of the case of maintenance men now before the Board, a protest against as small an increase of two cents an hour for maintenance laborers and a threat that unless a larger increase was granted to all classes of workers in the brotherhood, "loyal members of our brotherhood may adopt extreme tactics, fostered by questionable leaders, to remedy their just grievances of long standing." Elmer E. Milliman, of Mount Morris, N. Y., was elected Secretary of the brotherhood, defeating S. J. Pegg, of Detroit, incumbent.

**SHOPMEN HELD FOR VIOLATING FEDERAL INJUNCTION—PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION FILED.**

Fifteen shop employees of the Chicago & North Western RR., arrested in East Clinton, Ill., were brought to Chicago on Oct. 19 to be tried for violating the recent Federal injunction restraining striking shopmen from picketing. The men are alleged to have threatened strikebreakers. A motion for the dissolution of the Daugherty injunction was made before Judge Wilkerson on the same day. Donald Richberg, attorney for the union, petitioned the court to dismiss the injunction on the following grounds:

1. That a large portion of railroads which are named in the petition asking an injunction have settled their dispute, and there is no further controversy.
2. That the conditions set forth in the bill, if they really did exist, are not now in existence, and there is no further reason for continuing the restraining order.



### PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD LIFTS FREIGHT EMBARGO.

The Pennsylvania Railroad announced this week that, effective Oct. 20, all the restrictions on freight traffic originating on its own lines, with the exception of the Northern Grand division, which embraces the Buffalo, the Allegheny and the Renovo division, were entirely removed. This means that restrictions upon the acceptance of freight which originates on points located on the Pennsylvania Lines west of Altoona, Renovo and Buffalo, destined to points east thereof, are removed entirely. Those on west-bound traffic were removed last week. With these modifications, the only remaining restrictions upon acceptance of freight on this railroad other than to or via Northern Grand Division points, will be against freight received from connecting lines at points west of Altoona, Renovo and Buffalo for points east thereof.

### SEVENTEEN RAILROADS COMPLETE NEW AGREEMENTS WITH THEIR OWN SHOPMEN.

Sixteen railroads have completed agreements with new organizations of their shopmen by which in effect the men waive the right to strike and the companies pledge themselves not to litigate, both parties agreeing to abide by the decisions of the Railroad Labor Board, it became known on Oct. 14, when it was announced that notice of the completion of the agreements had been filed with the Labor Board. The mileage represented by the sixteen roads aggregates 55,916. The roads are:

Southern Pacific System, Missouri Kansas & Texas, Southern Pacific, Texas and Louisiana Lines, Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis, Central of Georgia, New York New Haven & Hartford, Chicago Burlington & Quincy, Colorado & Southern, Great Northern, Lehigh Valley, International & Great Northern, Union Pacific System, Illinois Central, Florida East Coast, Trinity & Brazos Valley and San Antonio Uvalde & Gulf.

In addition to these roads, numerous others are negotiating agreements with associations of their own employees. Regarding the action of the sixteen railroads referred to press dispatches from Chicago had the following to say:

With the organization of company unions on the sixteen roads, the Federated railway shopcrafts, whose official name is the Railway Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor, which directed the recent nation-wide shopmen's strike, are without recognition or representation so far as the sixteen roads are concerned.

The Pennsylvania Railroad, the largest of all the roads which have made agreements with new organizations of employees, is not included in the list, that system having begun negotiations before the strike. The Pennsylvania refused both to recognize the federated unions or to abide by the wage decisions of the Labor Board and still is in litigation with the Board.

There are 201 Class 1 railroads of a total mileage of 256,000 of which the federated shopcrafts have announced approximately ninety railroad companies (including several bridge and terminal and switching companies), with a mileage of 65,000, have settled the shopcrafts' strike on the basis of the Warfield-Willard-Jewell agreement ratified by the shopcrafts a month ago, by which a number of the larger Eastern and Western roads took back their striking employees. Excluding the roads which have made agreements with the federated shopcrafts, the sixteen which have settled with their own men and the Pennsylvania system, there remains a mileage of approximately 120,000 for which the roads are understood to be negotiating with their employees.

Following the announcement of the action of the 16 roads referred to above it became known that approximately 13,000 members of the Association of Maintenance of Equipment employees of the Louisville & Nashville railroad, an organization formed to replace that of shopmen who left the employ of the L. & N. on strike, were committed to an agreement of wages and working conditions submitted by road officials and accepted by representatives of the Association. Announcement that the agreement had been accepted by the shop workers' representatives was made on Oct. 18 by C. F. Giles, who has been representing the road officials in the negotiations at Louisville, Ky.

Rates of pay as fixed by the Railway Labor Board were accepted as the basis for the wages of the shopmen under the terms of agreement. Seniority was fixed from the date of last employment. Eight hours was fixed as the working day for skilled labor and ten hours for unskilled workmen. No extra rate of pay was fixed for work on Sundays or holidays.

### OUR BANKERS' CONVENTION SUPPLEMENT.

We send to our subscribers to-day, along with the "Chronicle" itself, a special Supplement, or Section, of 200 pages devoted to an exposition of the proceedings of the annual Convention of the American Bankers Association.

The Convention was held in this city Oct. 2 to Oct. 6, and it will always rank as one of the most noteworthy in the long history of the American Bankers Association. By reason of its discussions of international questions of a most urgent character it gave to its deliberations world-wide importance. It enjoys the further distinction of a record at-

tendance. No less than 11,503 persons registered for the Convention. It is stated that only two conventions in the United States have surpassed this A. B. A. gathering in the number of those present. The largest was the convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1916, which was attended by 20,000. The next largest was the convention of the Christian Endeavor Society held last year, at which there were more than 16,000 delegates.

### ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

Walter S. McLucas, Vice-President of the National City Bank of New York, has confirmed the report emanating from Kansas City that he has accepted the Presidency of the Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City. Before coming to the National City Bank Mr. McLucas was President of this institution which at that time was closely associated with the National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City. His decision to leave Kansas City and come to New York resulted in the merger of the two institutions, so that he now goes back to head an institution nearly three times as large as that which he left, having a capital account of \$9,000,000 and deposits of \$85,000,000. No definite date for his departure for Kansas City had been set. Charles E. Mitchell, President of the National City Bank, is now abroad on a short trip. Mr. McLucas will remain in his present capacity at the National City Bank until Mr. Mitchell returns.

The National City Company is distributing a new booklet to its friends and clients entitled "For Buyers of Bonds," which tells of the organization and scope of National City Investment service.

Albert S. West, for forty-four years associated with the banking house of Kidder, Peabody & Co., and for the last several years a member of the firm, died last Thursday at his summer home in Hingham.

The Board of Directors of the Mechanics' & Metals National Bank of the City of New York, have appointed Frederick W. Gehle and M. G. B. Whelpley, Vice-Presidents of the bank. They have also named A. F. Bryan and George W. Dusenbury, Assistant Cashiers, and P. M. Bayford, Auditor. The two new Vice-Presidents have been elevated from positions within the bank, Mr. Gehle having been Director of Publicity and Mr. Whelpley Manager of the Bond Department. Mr. Gehle became associated with the bank in 1916 when he left the position of Wall Street Editor of the New York "Evening Post" to head the Advertising and New Business Department of the bank. One feature of Mr. Gehle's work has been the preparation of the monthly letter of the Mechanics' & Metals National Bank, which is now read in every part of the civilized world, and is widely quoted on current economic questions. Mr. Whelpley entered the bank in 1919 at the close of the war and upon his return from France, where he served as Captain of Field Infantry with the American Expeditionary Forces. His early business experience was gained in the Middle West, where his activities were confined to commercial credits. In 1915 he entered the employ of Harris, Forbes & Company, where he remained until he entered the first Plattsburg Camp in 1917. Since 1919 he has handled the bond purchasing of the Mechanics' & Metals National Bank and supervised its investment relations with customers.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the New York Trust Co. on Oct. 18, Ernest C. Wagner, President of the Discount Corporation of New York, and Harry T. Peters of the firm of Williams and Peters were elected to the Board.

On Tuesday, Oct. 31, bankers representing the largest and most prominent institutions of New York will gather at the Westchester-Biltmore Country Club to participate in the 1922 Bankers Athletic League Golf Tournament. Any trustee, director or officer of a member bank may participate. Competing banks will each enter a team composed of five men. A cup has been presented to the League by Alvin W. Kreech, President of The Equitable Trust Co. of New York. The team winning this annual event three times will become the permanent possessor of the cup. Team captains or managers may secure further details regarding the tournament from C. E. Reid, Bank of America, 44 Wall St. Mr. Reid is President of the Bankers Athletic League.

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## INVESTMENT BANKERS' ASSOCIATION—ANNUAL CONVENTION.

### INVITATION OF CAPT. PERRET IN BEHALF OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT FOR TOUR OF FRANCE BY BANKERS.

While we took occasion last week (page 1692) to give a brief account of some of the proceedings of the annual Convention of the Investment Bankers Association of America held at Del Monte, Cal., from Oct. 9 to 12, inclusive, we print this week (following our usual custom) a very extended account of the reports and deliberations. Besides the regular reports of the various committees, nearly all of which we are giving in detail, there was an address by Wigginton E. Creed, President of the Pacific Gas & Electric Co., and one by Captain Joseph Perret, a special representative of the French Department of Public Works, who on behalf of the French Government extended to the delegates an invitation to again visit France and acquaint themselves with the progress of reconstruction and the opportunities for investment of American capital. The invitation, as we indicated last week, was tentatively accepted, and it is probable that a goodly number of members will tour France the coming spring in response to the invitation. In introducing Captain Perret, President Beebe of the Association said:

We have with us to-day Captain Perret, who represents the Minister of Public Works of France. Through the courtesy of Captain Perret and the French officials, a trip of our members was arranged in France last year. Mr. Ross, who was on that trip, is present, and I am going to ask him if he won't introduce Captain Perret with any appropriate statements which he cares to make.

Mr. Ross: Mr. President and members of the Association: Last spring, as you all know, a very courteous invitation was extended to us through Captain Perret by the Ministers of Finance and Foreign Affairs, to send a delegation of members of this Association on a survey of France. A total of about forty accepted that invitation. We were received with the most wonderful example of French hospitality and courtesy. Throughout the whole country we were entertained by the Chambers of Commerce, by the Mayors of the cities, and by the leading bankers and other business men, and we were given every opportunity in the world to obtain a clear idea of France's position, economically, financially and politically, particularly in regard to the international affairs, which to-day are of so large moment all over Europe.

I do not think that we could possibly express so strongly the appreciation which the members of that Committee felt for the remarkable opportunity given them to see at first hand the grave problems in which France's part is so large. We came back, all of us, with a feeling of sympathy and a feeling of confidence in France which nothing else could have given to us so fully. Captain Perret made the arrangements for us. It was largely due to him that the trip was so wonderfully successful, and I think that all of those going and those who have benefited by the result of this group's work owe a large debt of gratitude to him and to his Government.

In his remarks Captain Perret said:

It is a real pleasure to find myself among you and to have the opportunity of giving you some idea of the French point of view as regards the importance of the recent Investment Bankers Association's trip to France.

Although I have not the honor of being a colleague, still I feel myself among friends, as is most natural for us, Frenchmen. Enthusiastic as I am about France, the trip from New York to San Francisco, which, by the way, is my first, has given me an idea of the size, beauty and varied development of the United States which I never had before, and which I would like to carry back with me and give to my countrymen.

This trip has even more firmly convinced me of the necessity of traveling if one wishes to intelligently understand the people and appreciate the resources of a nation.

It is not my role to report officially the result of the Investment Bankers Association's trip to France to this convention; I am, however, the first to admit that there is considerable room for improvement in the arrangements made this spring, but which have already been rectified in the plans of the proposed trip for 1923.

You of that hardy group of investment bankers who went forth, bent upon the discovery of my country, have blazed a real trail for which we, of France, are most grateful, and which, we sincerely trust, will become a broad highway of financial and commercial understanding between the two countries. However, all was not hardship; and, as I have learned from reliable sources, there were many moments of relaxation, when our explorers could enjoy and pass judgment upon the excellence of many products of French soil.

There is, however, another side to this picture. The bankers did not make of their voyage merely a sight-seeing trip. They considered it, first of all, a splendid occasion for them to study a country, which, for many reasons, I am proud to say, is dear to them.

One thing which inspired the original suggestion that a group of American bankers would study at close range the conditions existing in France, was the fact of our having placed in America hundreds of millions of dollars of French securities which are now held by your clients.

I understand that at each flurry in the political situation some disturbance takes place in the minds of investors holding foreign securities. This can be allayed by such investment bankers as have closely studied the situation or have had personal contact as was afforded by the trip of last spring.

The French people are very appreciative of the attitude which was taken by the bankers in the course of their trip. They know how important it is for them to be well known by America, and they consider themselves fortunate when representative Americans honor them with a visit. Your bankers have seen France at work, and I hope that they have also had, here and there, a glimpse of France at play. They have seen that reconstruction is not a mere word, and when they hear now of the amounts which have been spent on reconstruction work, they will know that the 90 billions of francs which the people of France have already provided to rebuild their Northern provinces have been spent wisely.

The investment bankers, I trust, have at least brought from France a vision of untiring labor which should permit the greatest confidence in the future.

Plans have been drawn up for a repetition of this trip in 1923, which I hope will meet with your approval, and which will include a visit to Algeria, one of the richest of French colonies lying only 30 hours distance from Marseilles.

The following committee has been formed in Paris to take charge of the arrangements for next year:

Paris Committee for the Reception of the American Investment Bankers and Organizers of Their Tour in France in 1923.

Fernand David, former Minister of Public Works, President.  
Defert, President Touring Club of France; Dal Piaz, President French Line.

Lehideaux, President of the Syndicate of Paris and Provincial Bankers.  
Baron de Neufville and Ernest Maillot, Regents Bank of France.  
Jacob, President of the Syndicate of Stock Bankers of France.  
Paul Fatzler, Manager National City Bank, Paris.  
George Hebbman, Manager Guaranty Trust Co., Paris.  
H. H. Harjes, Morgan, Harjes & Co., Paris.  
Fisher, Administrator Delegate Bankers Trust Co., Paris.  
Stephan E. Kahn, Manager Equitable Trust Co., Paris.

I have been given the very pleasant mission to thank in behalf of the Ministry of Public Works and of the Ministry of Finance the Investment Bankers Association and its President, Mr. Beebe, for their friendly cooperation in making possible such trips.

I am authorized to say that the French Government is giving this movement its hearty support and everything will be done to make the stay of such of you as may go to France next year most pleasant and instructive.

Captain Perret also read a message from President Poincaré to the President of the Association, as follows:

Have followed with great interest the success of the mission of the American Investment Bankers of last season. I am happy to address to you my hearty encouragement for the organization of another mission. Please transmit my thanks to the prominent American organizers, especially Mr. Beebe, the President.

Captain Perret added:

I do not want to interfere with the organization for next year. There is a committee already formed in Paris. I would say that, if you judge it useful and convenient to have a committee formed on this side, I would very gladly act as a liaison between the two groups.

### DISCUSSION OF SHIP SUBSIDY.

One of the reports which evoked considerable discussion was that of the Marine Securities Committee (E. G. Tillotson of the Tillotson & Wolcott Company, Cleveland, Chairman), which we are giving further below, and which some of the members seem to have interpreted as definitely opposing the Ship Subsidy bill. As will be seen from a perusal of the report, the committee recommended "that Congress be asked to delay passage of the bill until it can have full consideration and that if any subsidy is to be adopted, its administration should be in the hands of some existing executive department of the Government, either that of the Treasury or of the Department of Commerce and Labor." While during the discussion it was sought to eliminate from the report all reference to ship subsidy, these efforts failed, and a motion was agreed to that the report simply be received, not adopted. This is indicated in the discussion on the 11th inst., which we quote in part as follows:

The next matter on the program is that of the Marine Securities report. The other day when that report was read, it had not been received in time to be printed, and it was decided to defer action on that report until it could be properly set before all of our members. I want to explain how we are handling this matter. Copies of this report have been placed in the hotel boxes of all the members, and we have all had an opportunity to read and digest the general purport of it. Mr. Morris Parker, a member of the Committee, who was not present the other day, is here, and I would like him to present the report, and to take care of any succeeding discussion. For Mr. Parker's information, I would say that there seemed to be, on the part of some of the hearers the other day, a feeling that this report embodied a certain definite recommendation against the passage of the Subsidy Bill now before Congress. I think the subsequent reading of this report would dispel any such thought. There are only two recommendations in this report which Mr. Parker can explain and take up in detail.

Mr. Parker: Mr. Beebe and gentlemen, I am sorry I was not here when this report came up on Monday. I did not appreciate that it was going to be reached quite so quickly, and I got in here just after the discussion had closed and the matter was put over until to-day. I think, if you have had a chance to read carefully the report, you will find that it does not carry a definite recommendation, either for or against the proposed Subsidy Bill. But those of you who have been in touch with shipping at all, I think will realize that the proposition that we are up against in this country is, whether, in the first place, we are going to have a Merchant Marine that can be at all worthy of the name. We have had one in the past, and, as a result of European competition, it faded out, and became practically nothing, so that, just before the War, you know that all of our foreign commerce—or practically all of it—was being carried in foreign bottoms. The American Merchant Marine did not amount to anything, in comparison with the Norwegian and Scandinavian countries and with England. Now, as a result of the War, that was, of course, immediately changed, and there came into being this mass of ships, many of them under the jurisdiction of the Shipping Board, and when 1920 and 1921 came those ships were there, many of them out of use. So we had our Merchant Marine but we had no way, in competition with foreign governments, of operating those ships on anything like a competitive basis. We cannot compete, under our laws, with the foreign ships, particularly the Scandinavian ships.

Now, what the report tried to make clear to the Convention was that, if our Merchant Marine is to continue, and if the investment that we have got now, through the Shipping Board and through private enterprise in ships, is to be maintained and anywhere near worked out, there has to



be aid of some kind. The present Subsidy Bill has been suggested as a means of accomplishing that end. Whether that is the proper means or not I do not believe anyone knows yet, and I imagine you will find that, when the matter actually comes up for final action in Congress, that it will be along quite different lines than those that have been suggested in the past by the President. But whether it is a subsidy or whether it is through some other means yet to be devised, the aid has got to be given if the Merchant Marine is going to continue or is going to grow.

There is one other very important point I think, and that is, if a subsidy or some other sort of a benefit for American shipping is worked out, how that should be administered. I do not know how many of you gentlemen have ever come in contact with what is known as the United States Shipping Board and the Emergency Fleet Corporation. If you have, you will recognize, at once, the unwisdom of giving that Board anything like control over the administration of the ship subsidy. It should be, as the committee, I think, believes unanimously, either in the hands of the Treasury Department or in the hands of the Department of Commerce and Labor. The Shipping Board should be wound up, liquidated and gotten out of the way as soon as possible, so as to prevent the continuance of Government competition in private enterprise. It is a very difficult thing for the private owners to compete, even when business is fairly good, against Shipping Board ships. And the committee has felt that it would be a good thing if the Convention here could go on record that they were in favor of some sort of aid to the shipping industry, whether it is in the form of a subsidy or through some other means is not so material as long as the aid comes.

And the second point that, if the means of helping shipping is finally worked out, that it be given to some other department of the Government to administer, and not be given to the Shipping Board. I don't know whether there are any questions that you gentlemen want to ask. If there are, there are probably a lot of them that I cannot answer.

The President: Mr. Parker, as a matter of general information as to the opinion of the people here on the Coast who are in touch with this situation, I would like to have you read this wire which was received to-day.

Mr. Parker: This is a wire addressed to H. F. Beebe, President Investment Bankers Association of America, Del Monte, Calif., dated Oct. 10: "It has just been brought to our attention that an effort is being made to have a report adopted by the Convention recommending against the Ship Subsidy Bill. The undersigned desire to urge you against such action, as we believe the same would be highly detrimental to America's future on the seas. This procedure if successful would be particularly detrimental to the commerce of the Pacific Coast. We sincerely hope that the Investment Bankers Association can be relied upon not to take adverse action on this matter until the proper committees have been given ample time in which to study the Act. This we do not believe is possible in the limited time yet left to the members before the adjournment of the present session."

And signed by Herbert Fleishacker, President Anglo-London-Paris National Bank; Mortimer Fleishacker, President Anglo-California Trust Co.; J. S. Drum, President Mercantile Trust Co.; George T. Tourny, Vice-President San Francisco Savings & Loan Society; C. K. McIntosh, Vice-President Bank of California National Association; J. W. Harrison, Chairman Legislative Committee, California Group, Investment Bankers Association, and H. C. Hale, Bank of Italy.

That, Mr. President, is really furthering what the report of the committee in substance asked for.

The President: Evidently they had the same misunderstanding some of our members had the other day.

Mr. Parker: Yes. If you read the report, particularly on the last page of it, you will notice that it states quite definitely there that it is a great big subject which cannot be jumped into and determined all of a sudden; and this Association is of too much importance throughout the country, its standing is too good to take any chances jumping in and endorsing or refusing to endorse some bill right off the bat. It is a question that requires a lot of time and a lot of study. And, I am sorry that the idea got into the minds of the delegates that the report carried any implied recommendation against the present Ship Subsidy Bill. That is not the point. The committee does not feel that any of you know yet enough about it to really make a recommendation, but they do feel that you can state to the Convention that some-kind of Government aid has to be extended to shipping and it has to be extended through some other body than the Shipping Board. That is about as far as they can go.

The President: Is there any discussion?

Mr. R. H. MacMichael, Dexter-Horton National Bank: I think that it is safe to say that most of the houses represented in this Convention are in favor of a ship subsidy—and probably a very large majority of the houses represented. This report that was presented the other day came as a complete surprise, and many of us felt as Mr. Sinsheimer did, that the only interpretation that could be put upon that report by the newspapers and the public was that this organization was against a ship subsidy if we received that report—certainly, if we adopted it.

There was some difference of opinion at the moment as to what interpretation might be put upon that. The Monday Evening "Bulletin" of San Francisco said: "Business is anti-ship subsidy, bankers report." That is the headline, then the report is published in full. The Oakland "Tribune" says: "Ship Board should quit, say bankers," then they publish the report in full and draw the conclusion that we are against the ship subsidy.

On Tuesday morning the "Journal" in its headlines, first column, first page, says: "Ship Subsidy opposed."

Now, in view of that fact can any one on this floor doubt that the public in general and the newspapers will assume from that report that we are against ship subsidy? Hundreds of papers no doubt all over this country have carried exactly the same kinds of headlines. I have not any doubt but what has been said by Mr. Parker is entirely true, that the Committee had no idea of being understood in that way. Their intentions were of the best, I have no doubt, with respect to that, but their intentions miscarried. I want to criticize the Committee for its report. I think they went entirely out of their way to discuss this matter, and throw it into this convention. I do not think it belongs here at all. I think any reference to the ship subsidy might have been confined in the report of this Committee to the statement that as far as marine securities are concerned, based upon foreign carrying vessels that until a ship subsidy or some equalized method of operation reached a stable condition, that we had better be careful. They take up two pages of a closely typewritten report, discussing the pros and cons of ship subsidy, and I do not think that belongs there. Then they go on gratuitously and say that the Shipping Board ought to go out of business. I do not think that belongs before this convention.

The Chairman told us here yesterday that we did not appreciate the importance that was placed upon recommendations and actions of this body not only by Congress but by the Public Service Commissions of the various States, and the other public bodies, and I think, generally speaking, that that is true. We hardly appreciate the importance that is given to the action of our organization. Certainly we cannot afford to take the position of being against the ship subsidy. I would rather that the question

had not come up, but it has come up. The Committee's report is placed before us. The newspapers of the country have interpreted it, and have broadcasted it all over the land that the Investment Bankers Association of America is opposed to ship subsidy. I think that is an incorrect interpretation of the language. I agree with Mr. Parker that that ought not to be the interpretation, but, nevertheless, it is. Now, there is only one way that we can get before the country the fact that we are not opposed to ship subsidy, possibly two or three ways, but some way must be found. I had intended before Mr. Parker spoke, to move that we decline the report. I did not want to ask this convention to go on record in regard to the ship subsidy, either pro or con. I do not believe it is proper discussion, and I thought the only way to place ourselves on record properly before the public, in view of the interpretation that has already been placed upon our action, or lack of action, was to decline to receive this report.

From what Mr. Parker has said, I assume that he must be going to introduce a resolution favoring a ship subsidy. If the convention wants to adopt such a resolution, I would not be opposed to it. But unless some positive action of that sort is made the intent, when discussing the matter later, I want to move to decline to receive this report.

Mr. Osgood: Mr. President, I move that the Association receive the report of the Marine Securities Committee, and, in receiving the report, expressly declare that we take no position either one way or the other, on the question of ship subsidy.

Mr. Sinsheimer: I move as an amendment to that motion, Mr. President, that the report be adopted with an amendment in this language: "Excepting those features dealing with the subject of ship subsidy," and I will ask for a second to that amendment, after which I would like to speak to it.

(The motion was seconded from the floor.)

Mr. Osgood: I am perfectly willing, Mr. Chairman, to withdraw my motion in favor of the motion made by Mr. Sinsheimer, and to second his motion.

Mr. Sinsheimer: Now, if I may just briefly explain why I make this motion—

The President: Will Mr. Osgood's second concur in the motion being withdrawn?

A Member: Yes.

The President: I would recommend, then, that you now make such motion as you desire to make, so as to clarify the record.

Mr. Sinsheimer: The motion will then stand, as I understand it, that we adopt this report, with an amendment attached to it in this language: "Excepting those features dealing with the subject of ship subsidy."

The President: Let me see if the chair has this correctly. Your motion is that the report be adopted—

Mr. Sinsheimer (interrupting): Suppose we use the word "received"?

The President: Very well. It is moved that the report be received, with the exception—and I will put the exception in your language, if you will again read it.

Mr. Sinsheimer: "Excepting those portions dealing with the subject of ship subsidy."

The President: Then I understand that motion is seconded?

Mr. Osgood: I second the motion.

Mr. Sinsheimer: I will now, Mr. President, with your permission, speak briefly, as we seem to be approaching unanimity here, but I want to be entirely frank, that the amendment as I propose it practically emasculates the report, because it was intended so to do, since the entire report deals with very little except the subject of ship subsidy, and I do not care to be put in the position here of attempting, through artifice, to nullify the report. So I am frank to say that, as I before stated, this amendment practically emasculates the report, and if Mr. Osgood should at any time desire to withdraw his acceptance of the amendment, and his second to my motion, I will graciously accede.

Mr. Osgood: I desire, Mr. President, the privilege of drawing my own conclusions as to the meaning of this report.

Mr. Sinsheimer: And I also, Mr. President, wish the privilege of drawing my own conclusions of the meaning of this report, and I draw them from its language. I think I can read, and I think the members here can also read, and I think I can further write and understand and speak the English language. And if this is not a declaration against the ship subsidy, gentlemen, I do not know how it could be more markedly or cleverly expressed in language—and I do not care in the slightest degree to criticize any member of the Committee who framed the report—I prefer infinitely to speak in commendation of the reports made here, and only regret that I neglected the opportunity to speak on Mr. Prescott's report for the Public Service Committee, in the highest commendation. But as I would speak in highest commendation of that report, so I must speak with equal frankness of this report. Let me come now to the language of it, and I hold the report in my hand. The first paragraph says:

"After considerable correspondence between members, a recent attempt was made to hold a meeting of the committee in New York. Unfortunately, due to the geographical location of one member, and the absence on a vacation of another, only two were able to be present."

We have here, therefore, a report formulated by two men at one meeting. Now, coming down to the gist of the report, we find in the second paragraph this language:

"It is obvious that the present laws make it difficult, if not impossible, for ships under United States registry to successfully compete with foreign owned tonnage."

Then comes this alternative statement:

"If our country is to have a merchant marine for overseas trade, either—and note the word 'either'—there must be a modification of laws—in other words, there must be a modification of the so-called Shipping Bill—so that operating cost can be reduced"—that is the first alternative—"or there must be some way devised that earnings may be increased." That is, a subsidy.

In other words, there must be a repeal of the Shipping Bill or the subsidy—that is the alternative, as the committee states it. I next refer, if you please, to the second page of this report, the second paragraph, where the committee uses this language:

"Proponents of the plan"—referring to the Ship Subsidy plan—"believe that it would be unwise to try and revise the present laws governing shipping, and that any attempt to try to do so would fail."

Then comes this important statement:

"If this is true, then Government aid is absolutely necessary, but the members of the committee believe that an effort should be made to make our operating rules more nearly on a basis with competitors."

You have the statement of the case, and you have the conclusion: On page 1, there must be a repeal of the Shipping Act, or a subsidy; on page 2, answering their own statement of the proposition, they take position number 2, as I have just read it.

Mr. Parker: Mr. Chairman, I gather from what Mr. Sinsheimer has told us that he does not think much of the report. I am sorry he does not

and I am sorry that geographical location of the Committee is as it is. I unfortunately was the one that was guilty of being on a vacation at the time it was written.

Mr. Shinsheimer: I knew you did not write it, Mr. Parker.

Mr. Parker: But I still think, although Mr. Shinsheimer has admitted that the language is plain, I still think he misinterprets what I know to be the intention of the Committee, although it may not have been set forth clearly in the report. The Committee is not in any way opposed to the Ship Subsidy. It is true that parts of the country that are about as remote from Mr. Shinsheimer as they are from me do not have very real objection to it. Now we cannot propose to suggest how this thing shall be worked out. It was for that reason that we did at the end of the report recommend delay. As a matter of fact, we in this room are competent to take a bond issue and sell it but we are not competent to devise a scheme to bring the industry back than we are competent to fly a kite. It is not in our line and we have got to be very careful what we say about it. If we go on record definitely one way or the other we may get into considerable trouble. We have tried to go on record as definitely as we could in favor of a ship subsidy bill. Apparently our language is not clear. That is what we meant. I have a telegram here from Mr. Tillotson, the Chairman of the Committee, which I would like to read. It has just come in.

"The Committee believes that present laws can be amended so as to reduce operating cost, thus permitting American ships to compete. If this is not the situation probably no subsidy is necessary. If not, believe that Government should first retire from business. Then consideration can be given to some form of subsidy. No subsidy bill will add to available cargo."

Right in the last line you have got the sum and substance of the whole thing. You have got a lot of ships and no more use to you than to a blind man if you have got nothing to carry in them. The subsidy bills, or any other kind of thing, will not of necessity create cargo. When you have your international relationships straightened out, when you have exchange somewhere near normal and you get back to normal times where there is a flow of commodities from this country and they have got to have a great many ships, then you will have a basis on which you can sit down and talk about the proposition of ships.

But until that time comes ship subsidy bills, or whatever methods are set up, are going to be highly theoretical, and in the practical school of experience of operating ships there is a very likelihood that they may not work out at all. Under our present laws we cannot compete with the foreigners. They can operate their ships at a per ton cost way under ours, and, while those conditions continue to exist, it is going to be a very difficult thing to get American shipping back on anything like a paying basis. The subsidy is the natural way to do it. It has advocates on both sea coasts. It has opponents throughout the Middle West. And there is the situation as you have got it. I am sorry the Committee's report is not clearer. They did the best they could. They started something, but, apparently, they could not finish it.

Mr. Dexter: I hope that, if I ever have the honor of being Chairman of a Committee of this organization, that Mr. Shinsheimer will not be present when the report is read. However, his motion I think is entirely too negative. We are on record before this country, through the newspapers, as being opposed to a ship subsidy, and merely to receive this report, striking out from it all reference to ship subsidy, I think is too weak. Now, it was not with any sense of unfriendliness to the committee that I suggested that we decline the report. That was an unprecedented suggestion, perhaps, in this organization, but it seemed to me the only way that we can make clear that that report did not embody an expression of opinion of this organization. And to adopt a report merely that eliminates all reference to a ship subsidy, it seems to me will not counteract the position into which we have been thrown. I have not wanted to see this organization go on record, one way or the other, with regard to a ship subsidy, but I do think that we should do something here which will make it clear to the newspapers of the country, and through them to the country, that we are not opposed to a ship subsidy.

Mr. Watson, of Hayden, Stone & Co.: In connection with what Mr. Parker said I have a wire here from Mr. Stone, which I will read.

"At present Ward Line has freight ships owned by it at idle anchorage in Hudson River and other places and performs its West Indian Service with chartered European ships. This fact is eloquent testimony to the burden of present navigation laws as affecting freight transportation. My judgment is confirmed that other radical modification of present navigation laws must be accomplished or American shipping impossible in international trade without subsidy. Do not believe that navigation laws can be sensibly modified and am inclined to expect gradual approximation of foreign shipping laws to ours because of international labor union efforts. Believe subsidy absolutely essential during what I hope will be transition period if American shipping is to remain on the international seas."

Now, I have a letter from Mr. Raymond, the President of the Clyde Line, and saying that the bill has been considered quite carefully in many quarters:

"President Harding's shipping subsidy bill was carefully framed last Winter by Shipping Board experts and Senators of Committee on Commerce and Merchant Marine. Introduced Feb. 28 and carefully examined and revised by Congressional committees and favorably reported to the House June 16. No previous shipping bill half so carefully studied. Measure formally approved by Chamber of Commerce of United States, National Association of Manufacturers, Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade of New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and other principal cities of country. Not one business association considering bill has thus far failed to endorse it. See action of American Bankers Association approving the President's policy. Bill is unitedly supported by genuine American shipping companies and shipbuilders. Most powerful measure ever offered for merchant marine. Total cost of subsidy thirty million dollars per annum. Present operating loss of Shipping Board fifty millions per annum. Will save Government large sum every year. Navigation laws revised and modernized two years ago by expert commission is now waiting action of Congress. Delay on Shipping Bill will simply play into hands of foreign shipowners and La Follette and other champions of Government ownership and operation."

Mr. Henrotin: Do I understand that we are asked in this report that the Shipping Board go out of business as soon and as quickly as possible?

A Delegate: Yes.

Mr. Henrotin: I guess we have heard a great deal from the Far West objection to this report, and we haven't heard anything from the Eastern men at all, and I don't know whether the Middle West, as they say, is absolutely against the subsidy. I question that statement. I think there are a tremendous lot of problems here, and I think if we could get rid of all of them and not enter into any of them we would be very much better off.

The President: It has been moved and seconded that the report of the committee be accepted with the exception that all reference to the subsidy be dropped from it—is that the sense of the motion?

A Delegate: No, that the report be received.

The President: Received, not adopted—received. All those in favor say "aye." (Ayes.)

All contrary, "No." (Noes.) Speak up loudly so we can tell whether we need a count. All those opposed, say "No." (Noes.) Evidently carried by a large majority.

#### USE OF ASSOCIATION NAME—CAMPAIGN AGAINST FRAUDULENT SECURITIES.

One of the more important of the questions brought before the Investment Bankers Association of America at its annual meeting in session at Del Monte, Cal., from Oct. 9 to 12, inclusive, had to do with the suggestion, in Secretary Fenton's report, that the by-laws of the Association be amended so as to allow the use of the name of the Association by members. Secretary Fenton in presenting the proposal said:

Membership in the Investment Bankers Association of America now is recognized in every bond house as a part of the necessary equipment.

The work before us to be done has multiplied as new problems have arisen and the business of investment banking has assumed such an extraordinary magnitude. I believe our membership realizes the responsibilities which are resting upon the shoulders of each individual member. I do not believe the investing public as yet knows very much about the efforts which are being put forth by this Association to guide its membership along conservative lines to use every human agency to make the securities we sell safe and sound investments. In order to educate the public that they may know more about what membership in the Association stands for, I believe the time has come when we should let the public at large know the advantage which exists in buying bonds from a member of this Association. In order to get the support to which we are justly entitled, we must let the country at large know what houses are represented in the Association. This can be accomplished in several ways. Perhaps the most effective one would be for the members of the Association to state on their letterhead, in their literature and public advertisements that they are members. I realize that there are those who do not believe that this is advisable. I believe the Board of Governors has been given authority by the constitution and by-laws to adopt regulations governing the conduct of the membership which could meet most of the objections raised.

To render effective the suggestions in Mr. Fenton's report, a motion for the adoption of the following resolution was made and seconded:

Resolved, That paragraph fifth of the by-laws be and the same is hereby repealed, and that the following be and is hereby enacted in lieu thereof:

Fifth: The Board of Governors shall have power by resolution to enact regulations in respect of the use of the name of this Association on letterheads or advertising matter used or circulated by members, and to prescribe penalties for violation of such regulations, including forfeiture of membership. The Board of Governors shall have power to make such investigation as to it shall seem proper in respect of any violation of any such regulations coming to its knowledge, and the decision of the said Board upon such investigation shall be final and conclusive, provided, however, that no forfeiture of membership shall be declared as a penalty for the violation of such regulations, save upon the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the Board in attendance.

Referring to the fact that the matter was one that has had a great deal of discussion and consideration on the part not only of the present Board of Governors, but of at least two other Boards preceding, President Beebe called upon Roy C. Osgood to "state briefly just exactly why the Board thought that this resolution was an advisable one at this time." In reciting the purpose of the resolution, Mr. Osgood said:

This resolution, which has been approved by the Board of Governors, is one that, to my knowledge, in discussion of the matter, has been in the minds of the members of the Association and of the members of the board for something like the last 5 or 6 years. Various members of the Association have asked the officers to take steps to allow them the use of the name of the Association. This has been a repeated request for the last half dozen years, to my knowledge, as I have just said. The board has taken the matter up year after year, but it is only within the last two years that the sentiment of the Association has grown to a point where the board felt that it was permissible or proper or advisable to make such change. The by-law, as you will note, by the resolution, does not attempt to act automatically, it simply places the whole matter in the hands of the Board of Governors. And if the Board of Governors shall feel that the time has arrived for putting the by-law into action, either to the full extent expressed in the by-law, or going part way toward that extent, then the Board shall take that action. In other words, you are placing in the hands of your Board of Governors power to do something which is not only to the benefit of the Association as a whole, but is to the benefit of every individual house, in the use of the name. We feel that the Association has reached a point in its history where we can properly point with pride to being members of the Investment Bankers Association of America. In other words, it has come to have a distinct meaning, not only from the business standpoint, but from the standpoint of ethics in business. And the members of the board have felt all along that the free use of the name would not be permitted until we were ready to take the stand that, we would discipline, if necessary, any member who violated the ethics of the Association, and that the name would come to mean something and that a proper use of the name would be enforced.

I have tried to put the matter to you in a very general way. I think that is the feeling of the Board, and I think also very largely the feeling of the members of the Association at this particular time.

Discussion then proceeded as follows:

The President: Gentlemen, Mr. Osgood has placed the matter very clearly before you. The original prohibition against the use of the name was well conceived, and it was a very wise and far sighted move, and we do not want to make any change unless it is for the better.

Mr. Moore: Mr. President, as I understand the purpose of the resolution, it does not make it possible for members to use the name of the Association in their advertisement as yet, but it merely leaves it within the discretion of the Board of Governors to decide under what conditions the use of the name of the Association may be made by members.

The President: That is correct Mr. Moore.

Mr. Moore: Merely instead of the prohibition in the by-laws, it makes it possible for the Board of Governors to adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary.

The President: That is correct. A reading of By-Law V in which the prohibition against the use of the name is embodied will show that.

You see, there is now lodged with the Board only one penalty, and certainly an expulsion from the Association would be entirely too drastic for



an inadvertent use of the membership name, if we were going to allow that under any general restriction. If, however, we do not have this change, we cannot take that medium ground, and, furthermore, the hands of the Board would be tied for an entire year, as these by-laws may only be changed at the annual meeting.

The Convention approved the amendment.

With the presentation on the 10th inst. of the report of the Publicity Committee by John W. MacGregor (of Gover & MacGregor of Pittsburgh), Chairman, the following list of questions was brought up for discussion:

1. Should the Association take a definite position on a campaign against worthless and (or) fraudulent securities?
2. Should the Association inaugurate an investment educational campaign?
3. Should the Association permit members to advertise their membership in the Association under certain restrictions?

Some of the discussion incident thereto we give herewith because of its bearing on the question of the use of the name of the Association by members.

Mr. Price (Seattle): The three questions that are proposed by this Committee's report have not been accepted, and unless some sense of the meeting is expressed it would see a fruitless expenditure of time. In order to crystallize the matter, I move you, Mr. Chairman, that the sense of this meeting be favorable to such a program of publicity as in accord with the approval of the Committee and the Board of Governors, and that incident to such a publicity campaign there be given expression through the individual members of the group, and in that expression the individual members be permitted to use the name of the Investment Bankers Association of America in conjunction with their name should they give voice to any expression along the lines and in accord with the general policies of the Association. That is a very long and involved motion, but the sentiment is there.

The President: Mr. Price, there is only one trouble about a resolution of that kind in that it comes within the classification which is not supposed to be brought up on the floor of the convention except after it has been presented ten days prior to the meeting, the theory being we do not want to rush into a matter of policy. If I may suggest as a possible basis for consideration on your part in making that resolution, we passed yesterday a change in By-law No. 5, which is designed to do exactly what your resolution is giving. Have you considered that point? That is exactly what we had in mind at the time that resolution was passed. I do not know whether you were in the room when that was passed or not.

Mr. Price: No, Mr. Chairman. I am sorry to admit that I was not. I am very glad, of course, to withdraw my resolution in accordance with the policy that has been authorized.

The President: I think the constitution would require that a question of that type would have to be submitted in advance.

Mr. Osgood: Mr. President, I appreciate the difficulty that we are laboring under about bringing resolutions on the floor of the convention. That is something that has been in our by-laws ever since we have formed our organization. However, I do not think there is anything in the by-laws to prevent the Chairman from asking the convention by a show of hand to indicate their desire to carry out the expressed purpose of the committee as set out in its report and as expressed so well by Mr. Hollowell.

The President: I think Mr. Osgood is correct. It is certainly my understanding and it is certainly the desire of the Board, and the Committee is here to have such expressions of opinion. It is only through such expression of individual opinions to the Board or to the Secretary's office or to the committees during the year that those committees can possibly carry out the desires and the wishes of the membership as a whole. I think Mr. Osgood's suggestion is a good one and I will ask all of those who are in favor in a general way of establishing some definite, tangible, continuous form of publicity against fraudulent securities, and in the education of the public in what constitutes good securities will raise their hands (a large number raised their hands). That seems to be a very heavy vote, but by virtue of letting Mr. MacGregor know how many there are who are not in favor of that, I will ask them kindly to raise their hands (none).

#### SUGGESTIONS LOOKING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL FINANCIAL LIBRARY.

The question of the establishment of a national financial library entered into the discussions of the convention on the 9th inst., following the presentation of the report of the Education Committee by Lawrence Chamberlain (of Lawrence Chamberlain & Co. of New York) as Chairman of the Committee. In his comments Mr. Chamberlain stated that "such a library would naturally be the repository of many documents now housed in certain trust companies in New York, for the benefit of certain classes of our members," and "it would also be the natural clearing house for the investigation of very many of the problems that are before us practically as investment bankers." We give herewith his remarks:

There is another work that the Chairman of the Education Committee has been concerning himself with in behalf of the Association which the President desires him to comment on—that is the possible propriety of the Association as such being interested in the establishment of a national financial library. The idea originated a number of years ago in connection with the reamalgamation of American securities placed abroad and in the purchase of foreign securities to adjust the unbalance of trade.

Mr. Lamont, as Chairman of the Foreign Securities Committee, had the matter under advisement in his committee. Later on the work was taken up by Mr. Wiggin and more recently by Mr. Hodges. Mr. Hodges was compelled by the death of his partner to surrender to the speaker the task of looking into the desirability of the establishment of such a library.

The idea was not, and is not, I think, that the Investment Bankers Association should be primarily responsible for the establishment of such a library if it were deemed advisable, but merely that it should be one of the contributing factors to such an establishment. It seems to the speaker that the logical principal sponsor for such a library would be the American Bankers Association, so far as it was any association whatever, but that possibly the banks in New York which maintain very expensive, very elaborate and very valuable independent libraries might be the principal

contributors and sponsors for such an undertaking. I think the President desires from you now more a general expression from as many as have an opinion as to the usefulness of such a library, if established, to the members of this Association.

The practical mechanics of the thing are something as follows: There exists in New York at the present time a very valuable library that Professor Dewing of Harvard considers the second best financial library in the country. This library is a nucleus for such an undertaking which offers no immediate expense. It might be purchased over a number of years or might be returned eventually to the present owner, if that seemed the best ultimate disposition of it. But we could begin with a very substantial nucleus to such a library and I think that the principal banks in New York having libraries would be very glad to consider loaning a large part of their libraries toward an amalgamated library to reduce the expenses of maintenance and accretion.

The idea was that if this were undertaken this library might be given a space in one of the civic associations of New York near the financial centre, and that the cost of maintenance of such a library might be at the start between \$25,000 and \$50,000 a year.

I have discussed the practicability of the scheme with six or eight different librarians in the city of New York, including the Public Librarian, the Librarian of the Engineering Society and others, and also with some of the bank presidents and vice-presidents that are particularly interested in this aspect of the banking business, and there is undoubtedly a very strong sentiment in New York in favor of the establishment of such a library.

Naturally, as far as the Association is concerned, it is interested in how such a library might be available and serviceable to the members outside of the City of New York. It is undoubtedly true that New York is the logical place for the establishment of a national library at the present time and probably would be for a number of decades to come.

But it is also equally logical that the benefits to be obtained from such a library would be more manifest and evident to people that are easily in physical access to such a library in the City of New York. But the experience of all the commercial libraries in the City of New York is that their members are able to get great benefit from them, even though they reside a thousand or two thousand miles away.

Such a library would, naturally, be the repository of many documents that are now housed in certain trust companies in New York for the benefit of certain classes of our members, it seems to me. It would also be the natural clearing house for the investigation of very many of the problems that are before us practically as investment bankers. I was discussing with one of the Middle West bankers yesterday the matter of a thorough investigation of Drainage Districts securities, and the laws governing them, and things of that character. He tells me that, although there is an immense amount of very valuable material lying hidden away in the archives of various organizations, that there has been no general effort to get this material in such form that it would be serviceable to all those dealing in this type of bonds. Such a library would naturally be the place to house this material, and the staff of the library would naturally be the proper medium for the collating of the material, and the getting it into such shape that it would be available to members interested in this type of securities. And that would be equally true of any other of the activities of the Association.

The matter of cost is, of course, important. So far as the Library was sustained by the Association, it would be a simple matter, if this Association was interested in the project, to make a modest appropriation each year, just the same as we do to the National Chamber of Commerce, and so on. Then the specific service that the Library might render to individual members would, and probably should, be paid for on a per diem basis, or per hour basis. That is the way these libraries are usually run. If a house in Spokane desired the investigation of a certain mortgage in New York City, the request would be sent by wire, and the work would probably be undertaken on a per diem basis or a per hour basis. Translation from foreign languages, in connection with foreign government bonds would be undertaken in the same way. One of these commercial libraries in New York, with an income of something over \$50,000 a year, derives about a third of its income from these miscellaneous fees received from its members for special work undertaken.

President Beebe in suggesting that those desiring to voice their opinions in the matter communicate their views to the Secretary of the Association or the Chairman of the Education Committee, said:

This library question is one which, as Mr. Chamberlain stated, came up some years ago. As a matter of fact, the original suggestion of the need of such a library was incorporated in a report by Mr. Thomas Lamont, who was Chairman of our Foreign Securities Committee at that time. Mr. Wiggin, of the Chase National Bank, who has been Chairman of the Foreign Securities Committee this time, is in sympathy with the need and the desire to have such a library. If there are any of our members who have any opinion to express so that the officers of the Association may know just how widespread such a need or demand is, it would help very much if they would now express their views. One of our difficulties on this whole question would seem to be largely embodied in the fact that the location of the library would be at one point, whereas our membership is scattered throughout the country. It would be necessary and I would suggest that if anyone has not a definite opinion which they care to express on the floor that it would be very helpful if they would write a letter either to the Secretary's office or to the Chairman of the Education Committee expressing their views. It is very necessary if we are going to handle these things in the interest and to the satisfaction of our members that we have the help of the members in determining what that action should be.

#### RESOLUTION OPPOSING CAMPAIGNS TO INDUCE OWNERS OF LIBERTY BONDS TO EXCHANGE THEM FOR OTHER SECURITIES.

The Association, in a resolution adopted on the 11th inst., voiced its opposition to campaigns, the object of which is the exchange of Liberty Bonds and Victory Notes in the hands of investors for other securities. The resolution was proposed in the Report of the Government Bond Committee, under the chairmanship of J. R. Edwards, of the Fifth-Third National Bank of Cincinnati. The following is the resolution as adopted:

Resolved, That because of objections on the part of the United States Treasury Department, and because any other course of action by members of the Investment Bankers Association may be cited by unscrupulous dealers as precedent for their own actions, all members of the Association

are hereby requested to refrain from any campaign conducted either by public appeal, circulars, advertisements, or the concerted action on the part of salesmen, which have for their purpose the inducing of owners of United States Government securities to exchange same for other forms of investment, and

*Be It Further Resolved,* That all members of this Association are urged to use all possible influence in causing others to refrain from using similar campaigns, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Chairman of the Government Bond Committee to the Secretary of the Treasury, Members of the Federal Reserve Board at Washington, Governors of each of the Federal Reserve Banks and the Chairman of each of the Local Groups of the Investment Bankers Association.

### NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS—REMARKS OF PRESIDENT-ELECT PRESCOTT.

The new officers of the Investment Bankers Association of America elected at the closing session on the 12th inst. are:

President, John A. Prescott, Prescott & Snider, Kansas City.  
 Vice-Presidents: Philip S. Dalton, Coffin & Burr, Inc., Boston; James C. Fenhagen, Robert Garrett & Sons, Baltimore; Arthur Sinclair, Jr., Estabrook & Co., New York; Eugene M. Stevens, Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Dean G. Witter, Blyth, Witter & Co., San Francisco.  
 Secretary, Frederick R. Fenton, of Fenton, Davis & Boyle, Chicago.  
 Treasurer, McPherson Browning, Detroit Trust Co., Detroit.  
 Governors: For term expiring in 1925: Ray Morris, Brown Brothers & Co., New York; John W. MacGregor, Glover & MacGregor, Pittsburgh; J. Clark Moore, Jr., Barclay, Moore & Co., Philadelphia; Tom K. Smith, Kauffman-Smith-Emert & Co., Inc., St. Louis; Eli T. Watson, Watson, Williams & Co., New Orleans; W. Octave Chanute, Rosworth, Chanute & Co., Denver; Frank W. Remick, Kidder, Peabody & Co., Boston; Fred S. Borton, Borton & Borton, Cleveland.

To fill unexpired terms ending in 1923: Joel E. Ferris, Ferris & Hardgrove, Spokane; Walter S. Brewster, Russell, Brewster & Co., Chicago.

President-elect Prescott in addressing the convention spoke in part as follows:

The successful career and present position of the Investment Bankers Association of America are both impressive and inspiring. The Association began its existence modestly, but with high purposes, only ten years ago. To-day it occupies a position of honor and influence in the front rank of the great national business organizations of this wonderful country of ours.

Much of this has been due to the naturally high intellectual and moral qualities of a membership whose business success is peculiarly dependent upon those qualities. But it has been due also, in a very great degree, to the splendid leadership which the Association has enjoyed. Few organizations have been so fortunate in the selection of their leaders and none can point with more just pride to the men who have filled its official positions or the unselfish devotion and broadmindedness with which they have performed their duties.

To the broad and patriotic concept of the proper relationship between business interest and public welfare of the men who served both their country and this Association so well during the trying days of the great World War, we are indebted for our firm foundation in public confidence and respect. Continued loyalty to those same ideals and able and conscientious devotion to its interests by their successors have brought the Association to its present enviable and honored position.

Until comparatively recently the conventional attitude of leaders of industry and finance towards the public was that of reserve, if not silence. The investment banker was no exception. Such reserve naturally resulted in an uninformed or misinformed public opinion. It was a mistaken attitude and was one of the principal causes of many of the ills from which business has suffered. The Investment Bankers Association has done much to change that situation. The discussions of financial problems and methods at conventions and in committee reports have been published, have been widely quoted in the press and have become text-books in universities and financial schools. They have been of real educational value. The door has been opened for real constructive work in the further development of an informed and intelligent public opinion on financial matters and a better and more widespread understanding of the necessity and value of the services rendered by investment bankers. Such work will help to make fraudulent financing difficult and to promote public interest and confidence in sound securities. I believe we should avail ourselves of this opportunity for service and endeavor to establish broader and more intimate contacts with the public through conservative carefully planned methods of publicity.

As you know, the work of our organization is carried on chiefly through committees. Our effectiveness depends upon the readiness of our membership to devote time and serious attention to committee work. The committee assignments will be distributed with a view to making the task of each appointee as light as consistent. The work which the committees have undertaken in the past and are likely to undertake in the coming year, is worthy of the best thought and ability of our members. Its performance in a proper manner will have intimate bearing upon the business welfare of our individual members. The best results can be secured only if partners and executives with their skill, experience and sense of responsibility, will participate. Greater use should also be made by the general committees of group organizations and committees. It will lighten and facilitate the work of the general committees. As an illustration, let us take the Committee on Legislation. There is a local Committee on Legislation in each of the sixteen groups. During the approaching winter the legislatures of a great many of the States will be in session. The general committee will be able to supervise closely and keep in touch with all proposed legislation of interest to investment bankers in each group territory through the group committee, but will be relieved of most of the detail work by the latter. So the work of the general committees should not be burdensome. Let me urge every partner and every executive of the membership to respond cheerfully to calls for committee work whenever at all possible and thus each contribute his share to the promotion of our common welfare. Constructive suggestions to the officers and committees will also be helpful and welcome.

I will not attempt to outline a comprehensive program for the coming year or to keep you longer by forecasting or discussing impending financial problems. But I know that I can say to you, on behalf of the other incoming officers and the Board of Governors, as well as myself, that we all shall give to the affairs of the Association and to all general problems affecting your interests our best thought, and shall make every effort to promote in every possible legitimate way the interests of investment banking and to make the coming year a banner year for the Association and all its members.

### ANNUAL ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT HOWARD F. BEEBE, OF HARRIS, FORBES & CO.

This, the Eleventh Annual Convention of our Association, completes about one decade in its life, this formal organization having been accomplished on Aug. 8 1912, and the first annual meeting was held in New York on Nov. 21 1912. Last year we met for the first time in the South—in the city of New Orleans. At the time of fixing the place and date for the annual meeting there the fear was expressed that the distances which a large percentage of our members would have to travel would deter them from attending the meeting, but it was demonstrated that our fears were without foundation, and many expressions of opinion reached your officials that not only had the trip been a delightful one, but a source of interesting and valuable education.

We are now meeting on the Pacific Coast for the first time and I know that those of our members who may not have had an opportunity of seeing and knowing the Far West will feel amply repaid for making the long journey. I know that those who have felt that they knew this part of the country through visits in years gone by will also have a revelation in the wonderful development which has occurred in a comparatively short span of years.

The officers are very much pleased at the large and representative attendance which we have and which is no doubt due in great measure to the almost continuous flow of alluring literature which our California friends have placed before our members.

Our membership has continued to grow, as will be set forth in detail in the report of our Membership Committee, this despite the fact that your Board of Governors has continued to enforce the policy of careful selection of new members, particularly requiring that new concerns shall have a sufficient time for their organization to demonstrate their business policies and ability before being received as members of our Association. Our financial position is very sound, and I sincerely trust that the members will carefully examine and digest the report of our Finance Committee.

In addition to the opportunity to meet each other, become better acquainted and exchange points of view, the annual meeting was designed to give the occasion for acquainting our members with the preceding year's work, which will be set forth in detail through the medium of the various reports submitted by the respective committees charged with the responsibility of carrying on the work required by our various activities. Sufficient time will be provided for discussion on the subjects treated in each report, and if we are to receive the maximum of benefit from our association here, it is essential that our members offer their opinions freely. It is only in this way that the educational part of our meetings can be fully availed of, and our executives receive the proper perspective to effectively conduct the detailed affairs of the Association for the coming year.

As forecast at the last annual meeting, the past year has been one of orderly progress—and I trust profitable operation for a large majority of our members. So far as I can judge the ensuing year should be equally satisfactory for the investment business.

The gradual shrinkage in the market value of Government bonds to a point much below their issue price was one of grave concern for many reasons. The education of a substantial number of our people in the benefits to be derived from consistent saving and profitable investment was clearly threatened by the unfortunate shrinkage in marketable values. Therefore the advance in the price of Government securities during the past year to the issue price and higher has been a most gratifying one. Looking at this from the point of our own selfish interest, it should be reflected in a largely increased number of persons who are willing to buy and hold investment securities of the more conservative type. The decrease in the Government indebtedness has continued but at a much slower rate than was anticipated at the time of the creation of the war debt. Our Government's loans to foreign countries are in the "frozen credit" class and it is evident that it is going to be difficult for many of these debtor nations to even pay the interest on these loans under existing conditions in their respective lands. It has, therefore, been necessary for our own Government to employ a substantial portion of its receipts in the payment of interest on the debt created to make possible these loans. If this condition is to exist over a period of years it is time to consider whether additional sinking fund provisions should not be established on that part of the Government debt which it was anticipated would be liquidated from receipts from the debtor countries.

One of the most satisfactory changes which has occurred in the last 12 months has been the reduced cost of loans for the financing of necessary activities throughout our country. The fact that funds may again be had at reasonable terms on good security has played a most important part in re-establishing normal conditions.

The financing of State and municipal work has not had the same difficult problems presented by conditions surrounding industrial and public utility enterprises, with the result that work in those fields has proceeded at a rapid pace. In fact, decided tendencies toward extravagance are apparent in some sections of the country and all our influences should be used to discourage unwise expenditures. The financing of public work through "special fund" and special limited tax issues is in my opinion a serious menace for under the belief that property will not be generally taxed authority is given by the voters for expenditures of money in amounts and ways which would not be countenanced if under any circumstances it were possible to tax property therefor in the usual way. The failure to meet these obligations, however, by the State or municipality would have serious consequences to general credit, and I believe that if the taxpayers are unwilling to stand squarely back of public works by submitting themselves to the possibility of taxation, they should not authorize such ventures in the public name.

The conditions confronting transportation facilities throughout our land during and since the war have led to a general education in the importance of these facilities among the people as a whole. This general education is bringing about a very different attitude toward the problems of the public carriers and with the knowledge that adequate and efficient transportation facilities cannot be had without reasonable rates it ought to be possible to secure the necessary rate changes to re-establish railroad credit. This accomplished, the development of large transportation systems from the point at which it was arrested by the breaking out of war conditions will be feasible.

Under conditions when it was difficult to borrow to advantage on the very best of security it was a natural tendency to expand the fixed charges of corporations through the creation of debt to the exclusion of new stock issues. There are welcome signs of a return to the sounder progress of fairly balancing capital and debt, and wherever we can encourage the proper issuance of such junior securities we should do so in the interests of building up sound financial structures.

Unfortunately, all the developments are not so favorable as those before mentioned which are intimately related to the conduct of the business in which we are mutually interested. I have reference to such matters as "the bonus," or, as the politicians evidently prefer to call it, "adjusted compensation"; the tariff and labor disturbance. Without attempting to express an opinion as to whether a bonus should be paid, and if so, to whom, it is clear that the bill which was vetoed failed specifically to provide the means of paying the obligations assumed. The bill as passed would have burdened the banks of the country to the detriment of regular business and would have



made it well-nigh impossible for the Treasury Department to arrange a comprehensive budget. President Harding well deserved the nation-wide commendation he received for the honesty of purpose and political courage he displayed in vetoing the measure. While there is no doubt room, and always has been, for an honest difference of opinion on the matter of the tariff, the efforts of Congress have apparently met with little approval from men of sound business judgment and unprejudiced view. Activities in this direction certainly point strongly to the advisability of a permanent tariff commission, despite the many valid objections which may be raised against that method of handling the situation.

Farms, factories and commerce have accepted with reasonable good grace the post-war readjustments which were necessary but much of organized labor continues to refuse to accept its share of the readjustment burden. Without in the slightest trying to disparage the benefits and advantages of organized labor properly regulated, it is certain that such strife as we have seen between our large and important business interests and unionized labor in recent months cannot be allowed to continue, in the interests of the people as a whole and some means must be found to properly protect the interests of the laboring man which will also protect our general interests. Our representatives in the Federal and State Legislatures do not hesitate to rush forward with measures designed to control business, but they seem to be very reluctant to insist that labor shall be properly organized and held to account for its actions. Among the suggestions which have been made from time to time none has appealed to me as more practicable than the requirement of Federal incorporation, so that unions and their duly qualified officers may be held legally accountable for their actions.

One of the most encouraging developments of recent times has been the willingness of business men to give an increasing amount of time and attention to matters of public interest. Great good has been accomplished through trade organizations co-operating with each other in matters of mutual interest. I am glad to say that our own business has been among the foremost in this respect. The evil of fraud and misrepresentation in financial matters is one which has been very marked in recent years, the activities of the "crook" having been stimulated by the opportunities offered through the distribution of many millions of our population of Liberty bonds. The Board of Governors and your various committees, as well as the Group organizations, have continued in touch with the authorities at Washington, and in the various States, in an endeavor to stamp out the evil and to so improve the laws as to make the officials' efforts more effective. While the amount of time and funds which the Association has spent in this work may seem disproportionate with other activities, it is of such paramount and lasting importance that your Board has felt justified in the course pursued. There are very encouraging developments in recent months in the co-operation of many other important national bodies in the effort to stamp out this widespread national menace. The press, as a whole, is to be commended for their willingness to keep out of their columns advertising matter of a fraudulent and misleading type. Our co-operation with others has not only been of service to them, but we have been able to enlarge our own point of view and thereby increase the efficacy of our own efforts.

HOWARD F. BEEBE.

#### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY, FREDERICK R. FENTON.

To the Members:—Your Secretary is pleased to submit his Eleventh Annual Report. The work of the Association is carried on largely by committees and they will submit reports which will outline their activities for the past year and present problems to you for discussion. The Secretary's report, therefore, will not touch on those subjects.

During the years I have seen the organization grow in importance both national and State, not only to the investment bankers but to the investing public. That the investment bankers realize the important work which is being carried on by this Association is evidenced by the large number of applications for membership which have been filed during the past year. Membership in the Investment Bankers Association of America now is recognized in every bond house as a part of the necessary equipment.

The work before us to be done has multiplied as new problems have arisen and the business of investment banking has assumed such an extraordinary magnitude. I believe our membership realizes the responsibilities which are resting upon the shoulders of each individual member. I do not believe the investing public as yet knows very much about the efforts which are being put forth by this Association to guide its membership along conservative lines to use every human agency to make the securities we sell safe and sound investments. In order to educate the public that they may know more about what membership in the Association stands for, I believe the time has come when we should let the public at large know the advantage which exists in buying bonds from a member of this Association. In order to get the support to which we are justly entitled, we must let the country at large know what houses are represented in the Association. This can be accomplished in several ways. Perhaps the most effective one would be for the members of the Association to state on their letterhead, in their literature and public advertisements that they are members. I realize that there are those who do not believe that this is advisable. I believe the Board of Governors has been given authority by the Constitution and By-Laws to adopt regulations governing the conduct of the membership which could meet most of the objections raised.

#### Membership.

The work of the Membership Committee has increased to the point where it is practically burdensome for any man to assume the Chairmanship. During the past year, the Committee has had before it 94 applications. Of this number, 41 have been approved, 33 have been rejected and 19 are now pending. Eighteen applications held over from last year were approved. To give the membership an idea of the amount of work carried on, I desire to review briefly the steps taken before an application is finally approved or rejected.

All applications are filed with the Secretary's office. It is the duty of the Secretary to learn whether the house is eligible under the two-year rule. This rule provides that a house shall have been in business two years prior to the date of making application; if a newly organized house, then the principals of the applying house must have been partners of member houses. It is necessary to secure the approval of the Group, which has jurisdiction over the applying house; secure questionnaires from the endorsers and from other prominent members in that locality. If the questionnaires returned to the Secretary's office are not entirely favorable, other sources of information are sought, as a rule. Copies of circulars descriptive of issues over \$100,000 are filed. When the necessary information is received, it is tabulated and a copy sent to each member of the Membership Committee, together with a ballot. Members of the Committee may vote for admission, against or for further investigation. No application is approved unless unanimously acted upon by members of the Committee. When ballots have been returned from the Chairman, they are held in the Secretary's office awaiting the next meeting of the Board of Governors, at which time the entire history of the applicant

is read before the Board. The Board either may concur in the recommendations of the Membership Committee, reject, or refer back for further investigation. This, in brief sets forth the manner in which all applications are handled. It is impossible for an application to be rushed through, no favors are granted and, large or small, all applicants must go through the same formalities.

The Association has approached the saturation point. Practically all houses eligible and desirable are members. There are still investment houses and banks with bond department which, no doubt, would be welcomed by this Association and should become members and join in the activities. We are able to use and do use the greatest discrimination in electing members. With this increase in vigilance, the time is approaching rapidly when the Association should take the steps to make the organization more compact.

The Board of Governors and Committees are doing a great deal to make membership in this Association valuable but it is incumbent upon the membership to see to it that their business is conducted along the high standards which this Association stands for, so that the investing public may appreciate the advisability of dealing only with members of the Association.

#### Groups.

The organization of our membership into Groups was discussed a number of years ago. The original plans called for the Groups to take up local matters, work in conjunction with the National Association and furnish information on houses applying for membership. Two years ago the country was divided into sections and Groups were formed. An officer or a member of the Board of Governors is represented on the Executive Committees of most of these Groups. This Officer or Governor is in touch, between conventions, with the active work of the Association. At the quarterly meetings of the Groups the membership is able to get first-hand information as to the position of the Association on questions affecting the investment bankers throughout the country.

The Groups have accomplished a great deal of good and they have stimulated interest in the national organization. Some Groups have been more active than others, but the movement is new and in time the work will link in with that of the national organization. The Group organizations are bound to make this Association more effective. In some sections of the country some of our members have not realized the necessity of taking part in Group meetings. At the quarterly meetings of the Group it has been customary to have discussions on matters relating to the investment banking business and to have addresses by prominent speakers on related subjects. I am sure the members value these meetings highly. I urge upon our membership the advisability and necessity of keeping in touch with the work of the local Group. Attend these meetings and thereby lend the Association further support to properly carry on its work.

#### Financial.

We have closed the fiscal year with a balance of \$9,890 as against \$24,500 on August 31 1921. Our investments last year amounted to \$81,000 as against \$116,000 this year. The increase in investments has been made possible by the wisdom of the Finance Committee in purchasing long-time securities with membership fees, interest from investments and interest from daily bank balance. It is not, and should not be, the policy of the Association to accumulate a large surplus fund but certain things are under consideration by the Board of Governors which will show the wisdom of the fund we have on hand at this time. Our current income for the past year from annual dues amounted to \$77,000. Income from dues is really the only amount which should be taken as the gauge for our expenditures. It has taken approximately \$75,000 to operate the Association, including the general headquarters and the expenditures of committees.

The work we may undertake is unlimited, and any funds the Association has, can be expended wisely for the benefit of the business. In this connection I might add that while this Association employs counsel, it has never maintained a lobby in Washington or in any of the States. Legislative work has been carried on through our committees. It has been the policy of the Association to help formulate laws which would not work hardship on the investment banker but would protect the investor in every way possible.

The Association operates under a budget and the Finance Committee of the Association holds monthly meetings to pass on all bills and to see that the expenditures come within the appropriation granted by the Board of Governors. Inasmuch as our dues are collected in advance, this Committee very wisely has invested a portion of our funds in Treasury Certificates. By this action, we have been able to secure some additional income. The Committee also has invested in Liberty Bonds the funds received from membership fees, the interest from these funds and the interest on temporary investments and daily bank balance.

The finances will be covered more completely in the report of the Finance Committee. I want to say that the Finance Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Joseph A. Rushton, has given the same careful thought and consideration to the finances of the Association as any good business man would to his own private business.

#### Bulletin Service.

The make-up of the Bulletin has changed considerably in the past ten years. When the first Bulletin was issued it was the thought of the officers that it should serve as a means of conveying to the members information relative to laws and other rules and regulations affecting the business of the investment banker. It still serves that purpose. It has gone further. We have had in the past year many contributions from members of the Association touching on the business of investment banking. The Bulletin has served as an open forum for the discussion of the methods of distribution, advertising, syndication and partial payment.

During the fiscal year closing Aug. 31 the Secretary of the Association issued eleven Bulletins comprising 350 pages.

If the membership of this Association would read the Bulletins, the reports and communications sent out by the Secretary's office, many questions which are arising daily would be answered. We have many inquiries for information on subjects which have been covered in the Bulletins. This indicates that only a small number of our members give proper consideration to the literature sent to them. We endeavor in so far as possible, with the aid of the members, to send the Bulletins direct to some individual selected by the member. In this way there will be some one in the organization who will keep in touch with the work of the Association. We have provided binders for the Bulletins, which if used and kept in a convenient place, should be referred to frequently by the members of every organization which goes to make up our membership. I urge the necessity of reading these communications and giving them consideration. They entail an immense amount of work on the part of our committees. The men making up these committees have given freely of their services and have given a great amount of thought and energy to the matters presented to you through these reports.

#### Office Counsel.

There is another department of the Secretary's office which I do not believe is fully appreciated by our members. That is the Office Counsel.

Members may, through the Secretary's office, ask questions of a legal nature and the Secretary will in turn give an answer, without expense, based upon the opinion of counsel. This does not mean that Office Counsel will give advice on individual matters pertaining to some particular mortgage, but general information regarding matters which come up daily for discussion. The service is yours. Why not use it?

#### California Convention.

Owing to the long distance of California from New York and Chicago, the arrangements for the Convention in Del Monte this fall have been more difficult to handle. It has been the custom of the Secretary's office to attend a number of conferences of the local members and to be in constant touch with them to lend any possible assistance. Distance made many conferences impossible this year. We have had to content ourselves with making one trip to San Francisco and Del Monte to complete the preliminary plans.

In July the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Schray, spent some time with the California members and made a report to the Board of Governors on July 21 at Toronto. The details worked out on his trip to California were a preliminary program, arranging hotel accommodations, checking over plans for entertainment and lending assistance in the matter of organization of committees. There was little organization work to be done. The California members practically had completed their plans long before he arrived. He found everything in working order.

For months the California members have been broadcasting the convention features to our members by means of attractive and well-written letters. Some of these broadcasted letters were of a personal nature, some were but "flyers." I think the California members are to be congratulated upon the manner in which these convention plans have been handled. With all due respect to past committees, I must say that in all my experience as Secretary of this Association I have never come in contact with a group of men who have performed their work in a more energetic and forceful manner. Back in the East hardly a week passed when there was not received some kind of letter touching on the convention from the turn of the year at the holidays to the departure of the special trains last week. The attendance at this convention speaks for itself as to the success crowning the efforts of the California members.

Our coming to California to hold the Eleventh Annual Convention is another step forward in the program in the Association in acquainting the members with all sections of the country. The convention this year serves as an opportunity to gain information as to the development of the West and to better acquaint our members with the country and some of its larger enterprises. The financing of many of these enterprises has been done in the East by the members of this Association.

#### Closing.

I could not close this brief report without mentioning the splendid co-operation the Secretary's Office has received, not only from the officers and governors, but from its individual members. The spirit of co-operation ever has been present. We are indebted to the press, which has ably supported us in the campaigns we have made for better legislation, bringing to light and to the attention of the public, those people who are operating under the guise of investment bankers and who are annually swindling the people of this country out of hundreds of millions of dollars. The prosecution of this work must go on with renewed vigor. It can be accomplished only through the support of public officials working in conjunction with this and other associations and with the continued support of the press because, after all, it is powerful in moulding public sentiment.

The members of this Association have great possibilities for public service. One municipalities, rural districts, public utilities, industrials and railroads will continue to have large capital requirements and with the wealth in this country accumulating the demand for investments will increase. The opportunity is ours to assist in building up this country's industries. At the same time we may assist in creating securities which will safeguard the savings of the people and increase the business of the investment banker.

We will be able to make investment banking a profession which will be looked up to and respected. With "conservatism" as the watch-word the business of every member of this Association should continue to grow and be looked upon by the people with increasing confidence.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK R. FENTON, Secretary.

### REPORT OF MARINE SECURITIES COMMITTEE BY E. G. TILLOTSON, CHAIRMAN.

To the President and Board of Governors of the Investment Bankers Association of America.

*Gentlemen:* After considerable correspondence between members, a recent attempt was made to hold a meeting of the committee in New York. Unfortunately, due to the geographical location of one member, and the absence on a vacation of another only two were able to be present.

In the correspondence above referred to, the Subsidy Bill and suggested modification of present laws relating to shipping operations had been discussed. During the year all of the members of the committee have had conversations or correspondence with men actively interested and experienced in marine transportation, and therefore were able to give the subject quite serious consideration. It is obvious that the present laws make it difficult, if not impossible, for ships under United States registry to successfully compete with foreign owned tonnage. If our country is to have a merchant marine for overseas trade either there must be a modification of laws so that operating cost can be reduced, or there must be some way devised that earnings may be increased. Without one or the other our ships will again disappear as they did in the middle of the last century.

This country has just cause for pride in its low cost of transportation and it seems to be the opinion of all that these costs must be kept to a minimum. Competition generally fixes the level of freight rates, although there are at times other determining factors. Advocates of a subsidy believe if this country has a large merchant marine, freight rates will be reasonably low and that because American products will be almost exclusively transported in American ships the results will be reflected in greater prosperity for all kinds of business. They point out that before the war Americans disbursed hundreds of millions of dollars in freight charges to foreigners and they say that had these vast sums been kept here the advantages derived therefrom would have been apparent to everyone. They point out that when this country went into the Great War it was without ships suitable for the movement of troops and supplies and that without the English merchant marine our aid for a considerable time would have been negligible. They present figures and arguments strong enough to demand deliberate consideration of the subject. Opponents of the plan believe that Government aid is a tax; that such a tax will add a further burden on the vast interstate business which has no direct connection with foreign trade, and that if such legislation is adopted, comparatively few industries will be benefited. Some opponents of the plan be-

lieve that any form of subsidy is economically unsound. They argue that the world now owes us a vast sum which cannot be collected in money but can only be realized upon by the exchange of goods and services. They say that if we bar by means of a high tariff the importation of goods and then seek by subsidy to monopolize transportation there will be no possible way left for our foreign debtors to begin the liquidation of their debts. These opponents of the subsidy plan believe in a full exchange of commodities without any restriction except such as are created by natural laws. They argue that the return of economic stability in Europe will be deterred by the proposed legislation and that the results to American business by such delay will be far more injurious than the results of European competition. They, too, present arguments which make one hesitate in making a decision.

The committee finds that the great majority of ship owners, managers and builders are in favor of some form of governmental assistance, but there is some opposition in their ranks, and considerable hostility to the proposed Subsidy Bill from other business and agricultural interests. Proponents of the plan believe that it would be unwise to try and revise the present laws governing shipping and that any attempt to try to do so would fail. If this is true, then Government aid is absolutely necessary, but the members of the committee believe that an effort should be made to make our operating rules more nearly on a basis with competitors. There seems to be an unanimous feeling in all classes of business that the Government should promptly retire from the shipping business, and that the Shipping Board and fleet corporations should be promptly dissolved.

Your committee concurs in this opinion.

The committee believes that the question of subsidy is one of great importance and that no Congressional action should be taken without full consideration by competent, disinterested authorities. The committee feels that the American business interests as a whole have not taken time to seriously consider the measure now pending in Congress. The present bill provides that the administration shall be in the hands of the Shipping Board. The committee therefore recommends that Congress be asked to delay passage of the bill until it can have full consideration, and that if any subsidy is to be adopted its administration should be in the hands of some existing executive department of the Government, either that of the Treasury or of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

We regret that the members are not unanimous in their ideas concerning the question of subsidy, except that it may be wise to have some form of assistance to ships which may be called upon to act as transports during time of war. Until Governmental policy is finally announced and some means are taken to assure profitable operation, and until there is some stability in conditions abroad, there can be no considerable dealing in securities based upon overseas transportation.

Respectfully submitted,

THE MARINE SECURITIES COMMITTEE.

By E. G. Tillotson, Chairman.

Bayard T. Pope concurring.

Sept. 19 1922.

### THE FEDERAL VALUATION OF THE RAILROADS IN THE UNITED STATES.

By the Committee on Railroad Securities of the Investment Bankers Association of America.

#### Personnel of Committee:

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#### Foreword.

When the Bureau of Valuation of the Interstate Commerce Commission completes the tentative report of the valuation of a carrier, mimeographed copies of the report are sent to the railway company, the governors and public service commissions of the States in which the property is located and to the Attorney-General of the United States. Additional copies of the reports are difficult to obtain owing to the limited number made. Holders of bonds and stocks of railway corporations are very deeply concerned with these valuation reports, which are not easily understood. For this reason, the Committee on Railroad Securities determined to present as its annual report for 1922 to the Investment Bankers Association a study of this subject.

In the accompanying text will be found a brief history of the Valuation Act, a description of the methods of finding values, an account of some of the differences as to principles and methods which have arisen between the carriers and the Bureau of Valuation, the uses to which the valuations may be put, and their probable effect on railway credit. In the supplement, tables are presented setting forth the valuations of such Class I roads as are now obtainable, the amount of additions and betterments made to these properties since the date of valuation, the cost of materials and supplies, the cash on hand, and the outstanding capitalizations as of Dec. 31 1921. To afford a ready means of comparison, the above figures are also presented on a per mile basis.

The hope is expressed that successor Committees on Railroad Securities may issue from time to time supplements giving the valuation figures for other carriers as they are released.

The present Committee on Railroad Securities wishes to express its great obligation to Messrs. H. H. Copeland & Son, 111 Broadway, New York City, who have generously drawn upon their study of "Railroad Valuation" to prepare the statistical tables given in the supplement, and to Mr. J. E. White, of the New York Bar, who has done much research work and prepared valuable memoranda for the use of the Committee.

#### Brief History of Valuation Act.

In order to have a better appreciation of the reasons for the passage of the Valuation Act, we should first give some consideration to the fundamental principle of public transportation, on which the rights and duties of common carriers rest.

The State, i. e. the sovereign power, owns the public highways, and the transportation of goods and passengers thereon is a State function and logically should be performed by the State, but this service is delegated by the State to private individuals or corporations; hence both the right and the duty of the State to control this service.

The Federal Constitution empowers Congress "to regulate commerce with foreign nations and among the several States." The first Federal legislation dealing with the regulation of interstate commerce was the Interstate Commerce Act, approved Feb. 4 1887. Prior to that time, there had been great lack of uniformity among the carriers as to rates, practices and methods of dealing with the public, which gave rise to many State laws and regulations, such as the Granger Laws in the Middle Western States. There have been nu-



merous amendments to the Interstate Commerce Act not connected with valuation, but we are not now concerned with these.

The Valuation Act, which is a part of the Interstate Commerce Act, was approved March 1 1913. Some two or three years before that, Congress, under its authority to regulate interstate commerce, had had under consideration a bill to regulate the issuance of securities of railroad corporations engaged in interstate commerce, and authorized the appointment of a commission to investigate and report with reference thereto. The commission, headed by Arthur T. Hedley, then President of Yale University, in its report, submitted in 1911, advised against such legislation pending a valuation of the property used in interstate commerce. It is probable that this report had much to do with causing the passage of the Valuation Act. At the time, it was expected that the work of valuation could be completed in from three to five years, at a cost of six to ten million dollars. One original estimate of the cost of valuing the railroads was as low as ten dollars a mile. In one case the Commission expended \$110 a mile in investigating original cost alone of a railroad constructed within the last 25 years. According to the report of the President's Conference Committee, under date of Jan. 20 1922, the Class I carriers reporting to that committee had expended \$54,120,957 up to June 30 1921. The expenditures of the Commission's Bureau of Valuation to the same date were \$21,462,809, a total of \$75,583,766, and the end is not yet.

The members of the Senate and House chiefly responsible for the introduction of the bill to regulate the issuance of railroad securities and later the passage of the Valuation Act, were of the opinion that the roads as a whole were much over-capitalized, and they sought to show this as a result of valuation of the properties. The value to be fixed was also to be the basis for determination of the reasonableness of rates and the fairness of taxation, as well as other basic questions depending on value of the properties for their settlement.

#### Requirements of the Act.

The Valuation Act direct the Commission to find and report the value of all the property owned or used by every common carrier subject to its jurisdiction. The Commission is directed to ascertain and report in detail, as to each piece of property owned or used by each such carrier for its purposes as a common carrier, "the original cost to date, the cost of reproduction new, the cost of reproduction less depreciation, and an analysis of the methods by which these several costs are obtained, and the reason for their differences, if any. The Commission shall in like manner ascertain and report separately other values, and elements of value, if any, of the property of such common carrier, and an analysis of the methods of valuation employed, and of the reasons for any differences between any such value, and each of the foregoing cost values.

"Such investigation and report shall state in detail and separately from improvements the original cost of all lands, rights of way, and terminals owned or used for the purpose of a common carrier, and ascertained as of the time of dedication to public use, and the present value of the same, and separately the original and present cost of condemnation and damages or of purchase in excess of such original cost or present value."

"Such investigation and report shall show separately the property held for purposes other than those of a common carrier, and the original cost and present value of the same, together with an analysis of the methods of valuation employed."

Upon the completion of valuation, the Commission is directed to keep itself informed of changes in the properties and to revise its valuations and report to Congress at the beginning of each regular session.

The valuations found by the Commission are submitted to the respective carriers as "Tentative Valuations," and the Act provides for 30 days within which to file a protest, and if no protest should be filed within that period the "Tentative Value" so found shall become the "Final Value." The Act provides that "All final valuations by the Commission and the classification thereof shall be published and shall be prima facie evidence of the value of the property in all proceedings under the Act to regulate commerce as of the date of the fixing thereof."

The particular requirements of this Act have proved to be a stupendous task to both the Commission and the railroads. Because of the seriousness and magnitude of the work, progress in outlining definite policies of procedure were exceedingly slow. Much time was spent in developing a method of procedure only to find that it must be abandoned. The Commission has been working on valuation of the railroads for nearly ten years and there still seems to be no well defined idea of what is to be determined as value or how it is to be ascertained. Different theories of valuation have been developed, the most important of which may be referred to as:

- (1) The "Reproduction" theory—the cost of reproducing the property in existence on the date of valuation determines the value.
- (2) The "Investment" theory—the total cash sacrifice. In applying this theory, the amount taken out as profits is considered in connection with the amount put in, with the idea that the investor shall be allowed a reasonable return on what he has, in fact, contributed to the public use.
- (3) The "Original Cost" theory—similar to the "Reproduction" theory, except that the original price, instead of the present price is applied.
- (4) The "Market Value" theory—what the property could be sold for and which is based on the earning capacity of the property.

#### Methods of Finding Value.

The methods of finding value prescribed by the Act follow in part certain elements of value mentioned in the opinion in *Smyth vs. Ames*, infra, p. 24. The Bureau of Valuation makes an examination of the books and records of the carrier and its predecessors, if any, and endeavors to show the outlay in money for road, equipment, machinery, lands, etc., and embodies these in its report of tentative valuation as the original cost of construction, so far as it can be ascertained. The Bureau's field parties, for the purpose of reporting the cost of reproduction new, make a survey of the carrier property and as to such property, other than lands, report the estimated amount of work, materials in place, machinery, structures, plant and other parts, and amounts in dollars representing these items are shown by the Bureau as of the valuation date, which is June 30 of the year when the greater part of the valuation work for the particular carrier is done, using prices, however, as of June 30 1914 for all valuations. To show cost of reproduction less depreciation, the Bureau uses different percentages of depreciation for the different items. The Bureau likewise endeavors to show the original cost of lands, rights of way and terminals at the time of their dedication to public use, as supported by the accounting records, their value as of the valuation date, referred to in the reports as the "present value," and, in the later valuation reports, the excess cost of acquisition. In all the valuation reports that we have seen, the Commission reports that "The original cost of condemnation and damages or of purchase of lands owned and used, owned but not used, and used but not owned by the carrier for common-carrier purposes, in excess of the original cost of such lands, cannot be ascertained."

The carriers have done much, however, to co-operate with the Commission in this work. A committee of railroad presidents (the Conference Committee

above mentioned) represents the carriers in looking after this work and many conferences have been held with the Division of Valuation to consider the principles and countless details connected with the work. The legal features of the work are of great importance, as the amount of detail and the expense involved require that care should be taken to see that the work is done in conformity with the requirements of the Act. It was well that this work has been under the supervision of counsel for both the Government and the carriers; otherwise, as is easily conceivable, the differences would probably have been much more serious. The carriers have prepared elaborate maps and exhaustive engineering and other data and have aided the Commission's field parties by sending members of their engineering departments to accompany them and point out the railroad properties, without which the Bureau of Valuation would have been practically unable to proceed.

#### Difficulties in Finding Values.

As the Commission progressed in its valuation work its methods met with increasing disfavor on the part of the carriers, one of the main points of difference being that the Commission has appeared to be working for a valuation, as it is stated, for "rate-making" purposes, and more or less arbitrary, while the railroads have contended that the valuation contemplated by the Act is the commercial, or exchange, value. Although no definite method of finding value is laid down in the Act, it defines certain elements of value that are to be determined and treated as evidence of value. In its tentative valuations, the Commission, so far as possible, seems to have reported "Original cost to date," "Additions and Betterments to date of valuation," "Cost of reproduction new," and "Cost of reproduction less depreciation," but the carriers maintain that it has not reported analyses as required by the Act as to how it arrived at the results reported, nor analyses of what is covered by the expression, "Other values and elements of value" used in its reports. Without analyses of how it arrived at the amounts reported as "Cost of reproduction new," "Cost of reproduction less depreciation" and the other cost values, or what it has allowed for "Other values and elements of value," the carriers could hardly be expected to receive the Commission's reports without protest.

The question of depreciation, for example, is a serious one. Not so much, perhaps, with rolling stock, as experience has shown about how long a locomotive or car will last with ordinary usage. When purchased, such equipment is charged always to capital account and a depreciation reserve is set up sufficient to retire it at the end of its usefulness. The cost of such new equipment is never charged to maintenance. But with rails, ties and other like parts, which are charged to operating expenses, it is entirely different. In many instances the actual work of valuation in the field has been done in a period considerably later than the valuation date reported. How, then, can depreciation for a date so remote be shown, particularly in the case of property that may have even disappeared? Dealing with depreciation theories as to such parts as these presupposes want of maintenance. To state to what extent allowance should be made for want of maintenance, even approximately, is probably out of the question. Total want of maintenance ultimately spells no value; value disappears. Instead of assuming depreciation to exist and proceeding on the theory that the physical property constantly lessens in value, the actual facts are that the average well managed railroad is not only constantly maintained but even improved. Heavier and better material is substituted for that taken out. In his "Memorandum Upon Final Value," the late Director Prouty admits that, "It can safely be assumed that maintenance takes care of depreciation."

Eliminating the question of deferred maintenance, which though it does occur at times is, however, only a temporary condition and in the end is made up, it may safely be stated that the property, instead of growing less in value, is constantly increasing in value. It is a well known fact that every leading railroad in the country is a better railroad to-day than ever before. Its constituent parts are renewed as soon as they cease to serve their purpose as well as new ones, and they serve their purpose as well one time as another as long as they last. The question of depreciation has been one of the points of contention between the Commission and the carriers.

#### Difficulty of Finding Original Cost.

Another difficult point has been the attempt of the Commission to find the so-called "Original cost to date," as stipulated by the Act. With some of the smaller lines of comparatively recent construction, this has not been a difficult matter, as in the case of the Winston-Salem Southbound. But in most cases, especially with the older and larger systems, many of the early records have long ago vanished—have been lost, destroyed by fire or otherwise—and to state original cost in such circumstances has been quite impossible.

Even though original cost could be fully and accurately ascertained, it is not important as an element of value. As was said by the Supreme Court in the Minnesota Rate Cases (p. 434): "It is clear that in ascertaining the present value we are not limited to the consideration of the amount of the actual investment. If that has been reckless or improvident, losses may be sustained which the community does not underwrite. As the company may not be protected in its actual investment, if the value of its property be plainly less, so the making of a just return for the use of the property involves the recognition of its fair value if it be more than its cost. *The property is held in private ownership and it is that property, and not the original cost of it, of which the owner may not be deprived without due process of law (italics ours).* But still, it is property employed in a public calling, subject to Governmental regulation, and while under the guise of such regulation it may not be confiscated, it is equally true that there is attached to its use the condition that charges to the public shall not be unreasonable."

As a practical illustration of this difficulty of finding value, we paraphrase from the report of the hearings before the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the House on H. R. 6043, pp. 97-9.

Testimony was being presented concerning the question of whether or not any allowance for excess cost of acquisition of lands was made by the Commission in its valuation reports, and it was stated that the Commission, prior to the decision of the Supreme Court in the Kansas City Southern case, had served 56 tentative valuations. None of these had any statement as to the excess cost of acquisition, nor did any of them contain any statement of the figure of final value of the entire property. Subsequent to the decision, the Commission issued 56 supplemental tentative valuations, in which there were stated the excess cost of acquisition of lands and a tentative figure of final value. Nothing had been changed in the way of amounts; that is, the amounts fixed in the tentative valuations served by the Commission were not changed in any way by the supplemental reports. The supplemental tentative valuations merely added to the original tentative valuation a statement in regard to the excess cost of acquisition of land and a tentative figure of final value of the entire property.

In the original tentative valuations the Commission announced that it would later report a figure of final value, but what was called a tentative valuation originally included nothing except the various cost figures called for by the Valuation Act. The Commission makes a blanket assertion that it has considered everything the law required and then states its figure of value. It does not state to what elements it attached weight and to what elements it did not attach weight. It was the opinion of the witness that the Commission

\*Congress recently passed an amendment to the Act, approved June 7 1922 (H. R. 6043, *infra*).

(a) Excluding land from the "pieces of property" for which original cost to date, cost of reproduction new, and cost of reproduction less depreciation are to be ascertained.

(b) Limiting the report on land to a report of (1) its original cost, "ascertained as of the time of dedication to public use," and (2) its "present value."

did not comply with the provisions of the Act requiring it to state an analysis of the methods employed. What the Commission reports as to the present value of land is the value of the adjacent and adjoining land per acre applied to the carrier lands computed in acres.

The witness stated that so far as he had examined the tentative valuations reported, taking the figure of cost of reproduction less depreciation, the figure representing the present value of the lands, the figure representing the excess cost of acquisition of lands, the figure representing working capital, materials and supplies, and adding them together produced a total in every case greater than the figure of value reported by the Commission. It was his belief that if the Commission had considered depreciation and going-concern value and had allowed anything for these elements, it had not allowed anything for the excess cost of acquisition of land. The witness then refers to the case of the Winston-Salem Southbound Railroad, a small railroad in North Carolina, only about 90 miles long, which was built by the Atlantic Coast Line and the Norfolk & Western as a connecting link between them. The line was built but had not been entirely completed on the date of its valuation. There was a fairly complete report, however, of what the road actually cost, so that comparison could be made between the original cost and cost of reproduction. The Commission reported this road as having a value of \$5,850,000 as its final value under the Valuation Act after considering all the various elements. The witness stated that taking the figure of cost of reproduction less depreciation, the figure reported for the present value of land, the figure reported for working capital, materials and supplies, the figure reported for excess cost of acquisition of land, and adding them together made a total of \$6,114,086, while the valuation reported was \$5,850,000. In the case of this road, the Commission reported its original cost as something less than the final value figure reported. The facts were, that to build this road the corporation had issued \$5,000,000 of 4% long term bonds, had borrowed \$1,200,000, for which it issued stock subsequent to the date of valuation, and also had issued stock paid in for cash to the amount of \$125,000, making \$6,245,000 that the railroad cost. The figure reported as value could not have included anything for the excess cost of acquisition of land. The witness went on to say that what is true of that property is true of all the valuations that he had examined. The actual investment, therefore, of the Winston-Salem Southbound is about 6% in excess of the value placed upon the property by the Commission.

#### *Difficulties Concerning Land Values.*

Another point on which there has been serious division has been the question of land values. Before the Act was amended, as above mentioned on page 9 (foot note) [pamphlet report], the Commission was directed not only to ascertain and report the true present value of carrier lands, but also to report separately the "present cost of condemnation and damages or of purchase in excess of such original cost or present value." The Commission interpreted the term "present value" so used to mean "acreage value," which it arrived at by ascertaining the number of acres of land owned or used for common carrier purposes and multiplying this acreage by a market value determined from the present value of similar adjacent and adjoining lands. In its valuation report on the Texas Midland, the Commission said: "Nothing is included for the expense of acquisition, nor for severance damages, nor for interest during construction." The Commission proceeded in this manner to ascertain the acreage value of adjacent and adjoining lands and to apply the same to the carrier lands on an acreage basis, reporting the same as the "present value" of the carrier lands.

The carriers were much dissatisfied with this method of finding and reporting land values and protested that it was not a compliance with the Act. One of the most important cases under protest was that of the Kansas City Southern. When the Commission first found the tentative valuation of that property it refused to find the cost of reproduction of the company's lands, saying in substance that the reproduction costs of the lands could not be ascertained, and hence it was useless to submit testimony upon that issue, basing its conclusion upon its interpretation of the Minnesota Rate Cases (1913), 230 U. S. 352. The Kansas City Southern disputed the conclusions of the Commission and pointed out that the Commission had already determined the present value of adjacent lands. The importance to the Kansas City Southern is apparent from the fact that the Commission's tentative valuation of the lands was \$4,478,267, while the company contended that upon the valuation date the cost of the lands by purchase or condemnation was not less than \$14,997,940, a difference of approximately \$10,000,000 between the figures based on the valuation method of the Commission and that of the carrier.

The contention of the Kansas City Southern in its mandamus case was upheld by the Supreme Court, and following such decision the Commission ascertained and reported the "present costs of condemnation and damages or of purchase" in excess of "present value," describing it as "the excess cost of the carrier lands."

Valuations served prior to the amendment are so prepared as to enable carriers to support by the Commission's own figures any claim that the actual value of their lands is not less than what it would cost on the date of valuation to acquire them. Valuations prepared and served subsequently to the amendment do not include any statement of "excess cost of acquisition of the carrier lands." Only "present value" is reported and it is limited to the acreage value of adjacent and adjoining lands.

It is probable that this change in the tentative valuation reports of land values will lead to further protests on the part of the carriers and that the carriers will be prepared to support such protests through the preparation of correct estimates of the costs of acquisition of their carrier lands so that they may be prepared to establish the true value of such lands.

There has been some discussion as to whether the carriers own their property in fee and whether the value is affected by the title possessed. It has even been proposed that the Valuation Act be amended so as to provide that the Commission shall ascertain what may be the title of the carrier to each separate parcel of real property held, and be governed accordingly in its report of values. Apart from the enormous amount of work and expense that this would entail, it ought to be obvious, from the fact that established railroads for all practical purposes hold property in perpetuity, that whatever be the title, it cannot affect the value nor the protection of that value under the Constitution. Private capital invested in railroad property does not lose its private character, and the property in which such private capital is invested still retains its character as private property. The State could hardly expect private capital to embark in railroad enterprise if the persons who devoted their funds to this purpose were required to surrender their title to the property so purchased. The courts, all the way up to the Supreme Court of the United States, deal with railroad property as private property, so that all such discussion may be dismissed as immaterial.

#### *Going-Concern Value.*

The carriers insist that going-concern value is included in the language of the Act: "Other values and elements of value" and the late Director of the Bureau of Valuation, C. A. Prouty, agrees with them up to a certain point.

In his "Memorandum Upon Final Value," Judge Prouty said: "The Commission must also add something on account of going-concern value. After the decision in the Des Moines Gas Case, it was assumed in many quarters that nothing need be added for going value in a rate case, but the language

of that case was squarely opposed to this interpretation, and still later in the Denver Water Case, the court expressly held that an addition for going-concern value should be made."

In this Memorandum going-concern value is analyzed to contain three elements designated as commercial, early losses and structural. The first of these, commercial, arises out of the successful operation of a property. Experience has shown that it is a profitable business enterprise. Commercial going-concern value therefore depends upon the earnings of a railroad, past and prospective, and Judge Prouty recommends that the Commission disregard it in finding a rate-making value because what the Commission is seeking is the value of the property, not the value of the business.

The second kind of going-concern value is associated with early losses in the operation of a property. Many railroads during the first years of their operation fail to earn a fair return on the investment and unless the right of owners to recoup their losses in later years of prosperity is recognized, private capital will not embark in the construction of railroads. At the same time, unless a carrier justifies its construction within a reasonable period and is able to make up the losses which it sustained in the early years of its operation, these losses cannot be taken into consideration. For this reason Judge Prouty argued that there should be a definite period, differing perhaps for different carriers, within which the losses might be recouped and that unless the loss had been made good within that period, the value of the property should not be increased on that account.

Structural going-concern value is defined by the Director in his "Memorandum" as follows:

"Before a railroad can be successfully run, its operating organization must be built up. This is not accomplished by simply hiring so many people. The relation between these people must be established. A working organization must be developed. The same people, after this organization is perfected, will transact much more business and in a much more satisfactory way than at the beginning.

"It is also necessary that the operators of these railroads become familiar with the property. Its weak points and its strong points must be developed. What traffic it can handle to advantage, both through and local, and how that traffic is to be obtained and how handled must be thought out. No organization can economically handle the business of a railroad until that railroad is thoroughly understood.

"Finally and perhaps principally, this railroad must establish itself with the public. People must learn that there is such a railroad, must come to know the extent to which it can be used, must have confidence in its ability to transact the business which is committed to it."

This kind of going-concern value, Judge Prouty believed, attaches to the property itself and is the same whether the exchange value of the property is great or small and therefore should be added to the depreciated value of the property in determining final value. In his opinion, appreciation plus going-concern value is equivalent to about 7 1/4% of the cost of reproducing a road, including in such costs general expenditures, but excluding land.

#### *Meaning of "Tentative" and "Final" Value as Used in the Valuation Reports.*

There appears to be considerable confusion as a result of the manner in which these terms have been used by the Commission in its valuation reports, and their use has been misleading. The Act provides for the service upon the carriers of a tentative valuation and makes further provision that such tentative valuation shall become the final valuation either after hearing or by default. The valuation reports served by the Commission contain a paragraph reading substantially as follows:

"Final value. After careful consideration of all the facts contained herein, including appreciation, depreciation, going-concern value, and working capital, including material and supplies, and all other matters which appear to have a bearing upon the values here reported, the values, as that term is used in the Inter-State Commerce Act, of the property of the carrier owned and used, used but not owned, and owned but not used, devoted to common-carrier purposes, are found to be as follows:"

The use by the Commission of the term "Final Value" thus appears to be for the purpose of indicating that the amounts then stated are the complete figures of valuation of the property as found by the Commission. It does not mean the final value of the property as that term is used in the Act, for the valuation reports as served, both in the notice and order, distinctly state that they are tentative valuations. They do not become "Final" valuations until accepted by the carrier either without protest or after hearing, or unless the carrier should permit the valuation to become final by default as provided by the Act.

#### *What Property of the Railroads is Valued.*

Although the Valuation Act provides for valuation of all property of the carriers, the property on the value of which the "fair return" is based, as provided both by the Valuation Act and the Transportation Act, 1920, is the property used in the service of the public.

The Valuation Reports state non-carrier property separately, as lands held for purposes other than those of a common carrier, structures of like character, investments in other companies, securities owned, and other property not used for common carrier purposes.

The reports state the original cost of such lands as supported by the accounting records, or that such original cost cannot be ascertained, and then state a sum as the present value of such lands; non-carrier structures are given a present value; both the par value and the book value of investments in other companies are stated; and the value of securities owned is stated in the same way. But these values are not included in the amounts shown as the value of property used for common carrier purposes.

There is great difference among the carriers as to the amount and value of their non-carrier property, which, of course, is represented in the outstanding capitalization in the same manner as carrier property. It is for this reason that a carrier's capitalization may not closely represent the value of its carrier property; hence the market value of stocks and bonds has been given little or no consideration in the Valuation Reports. When a carrier owns little or no non-carrier property, however, it would seem that the market value of its stocks and bonds is entitled to consideration.

Whatever value may be placed by the Commission on non-carrier property, it should have no bearing on the Commission's estimate of value of carrier property.

#### *Result of Completion of Valuation.*

The Act provides that the valuations found by the Commission shall be "prima facie evidence of the value of the property in all proceedings under the Act." It is to be borne in mind, therefore, that the "Final Value" found and reported by the Commission, even though accepted without protest by the carrier, is not necessarily the last word. It must still stand the test of judicial inquiry, if need be. As such prima facie evidence it would, of course, carry great weight in any hearing, but the carriers are not estopped from introducing other evidence in their own behalf. The Commission has no power to fix a "Final Value" of itself and compel its acceptance by the carriers, for they will still have the right to go into court and attack these valuations. The Commission is a body with powers delegated by a legislative body and its acts are, therefore, subject to judicial review.

"The perpetuity of our institutions and the liberty enjoyed under them depend in no small degree upon the power given the judiciary to declare null



and void all legislation clearly repugnant to the supreme law of the land." (Smyth vs. Ames.)

*Keeping Valuations Up to Date.*

It has often been said that even before valuation has been completed it would be out of date and of little or no use, and it is quite apparent that unless some method can be devised to keep the valuations up to date, they will soon be of little or no account. To add to the value when found, actual expenditures in dollars and cents for additions and betterments and to deduct the actual cost of retirements is only partly a solution. The actual quantities would not appear and in time the valuation would be largely an investment valuation, corresponding to the carrier's property investment account, and not a structural or inventory valuation. To assemble these units of added and retired quantities after the lapse of several years and apply prices so as to bring the valuation down to date would be a huge task. The late Director Prouty said that he did not believe it would ever be done.

There are other difficulties. Whatever may be the outcome of the controversy in regard to depreciation, allowing for additions and betterments and for retirements does not provide for obsolescence of buildings, bridges and other parts that become outgrown and must be discarded though still as serviceable up to their capacity as when first put in use, nor does this allowance take into consideration changes that may occur in the value of lands. It seems apparent that only reappraisal of these parts of the property would provide for such changes.

*Fixing Rates.*

Probably only those with long and close familiarity with the making of rates have a working understanding of this exceedingly complex question, with its problems of competition, differentials and other difficulties peculiar thereto. To state fixed sums as the value of the several railroad properties and then to prescribe rates that shall yield a fair return on the total of such sums for the respective groups defined by the Commission, has, of course, the sanction of authority, but it is only a bench mark. The fixing of rates is a practical, business matter of adjustment and compromise. It is easily conceivable that a road or all the roads of a group or of the entire country may be honestly capitalized, and honestly and efficiently managed, and still not be able to charge rates that will yield a fair return on the fair value of the property. In the rate increase of 1920, *ex parte* 74, the Commission fixed a tentative value for the roads by groups aggregating \$18,900,000,000, which was probably well within the fair value of the properties, and then made a sincere attempt to adjust rates to yield net operating income of 6% on that amount; with what result? For the year 1921 the Class I roads in the Eastern group earned 3.3%, in the Southern, 2.6% and in the Western, 3.5%, with an average percentage of 3.31 for these roads as a whole (Reduced Rates, 1922, 68 L. C. C., 676,687). The Commission could not, nor could anyone else, foresee the extent of the business depression that set in, in the latter part of 1920, a short time after the effective date of the rate increase in the latter part of August. But suppose the Commission had foreseen it exactly. What could it have done? Placed the rates still higher, or fixed them at a lower level with the hope of lessening trade depression? Either course would have been futile. The result of this depression has shown that no matter what valuation may be finally placed on the carriers and no matter what may be the rates based thereon, however fair and true such valuation may be and however able and sincere may be the attempt to adjust the rates to such valuation, the actual returns to the carriers will in the main always be governed by the same inexorable economic laws that affect any other commercial enterprise.

As with every question that is not well understood, this rate problem has its peculiar effects on the general public in various ways. During recent months, but before the rate reduction by the Commission, effective July 1, 1922, the shippers in general insisted that the high rates retarded business, and owing to this attitude of the shippers the rates probably did so to some extent, although it was practically denied by the railroads' executives, who, however, admitted that rates were too high in many cases and should be reduced as soon as practicable. The railroad managers do not like high rates. It is safe to say that not within the past 20 years have the railroads made application for rate increases for any other reason than that they were confronted with the necessity for raising additional needed revenue to meet their legitimate charges. They know only too well the effect of rate increases on business and industries along their lines. Moreover, every increase of this kind is made the excuse to exact higher prices, whether there may be any real justification for it or not. Total operating revenues for 1921 were \$5,563,232,215. Reduced by 10% they would have been less by \$556,000,000. If the cost of living were lowered to the entire extent of this saving, it would have meant \$5 for each of us. Obviously this would not have gone a great way to reduce our living expenses. Were it not for the attitude of the public, particularly the shippers, it would not have the slightest effect on business. When business is good little attention is paid to rates.

Part III of the Report of the Joint Commission of Agricultural Inquiry of the Senate and House, recently published, deals with Transportation. As evidence of our contention that the fixing of rates is a practical matter, the Joint Commission, after a searching inquiry and without awaiting the results of Federal Valuation, in its summary recommends:

- "1. That the transportation rates on many commodities, more especially the products of agriculture, bear a disproportionate relation to the prices of such commodities; that there should be immediate reductions in transportation rates applied to farm products and other basic commodities; and that reductions in rates upon the articles of higher value, or upon tonnage moving upon so-called 'class rates,' are not warranted, while the rates upon agricultural products and other basic commodities remain at their existing levels; that greater consideration should be given in the future by public rate-making authorities and by the railroads in the making of transportation rates to the relative value of commodities and existing and prospective economic conditions.
- "2. That the pyramided per cent advances in rates which have been authorized by the Inter-State Commerce Commission or made by the United States Railroad Administration caused the dislocation of long-standing rate relationships between rates upon agricultural and industrial products between competitive enterprises and cooperative sections of the country; that the railroads and the public rate-making bodies should seek to readjust rates of the country so as to preserve so far as practicable the general relationship of rates existing prior to 1918, with due regard to present and future changes in economic conditions.

In this controversy over valuations and the basing of rates thereon, there has been much discussion to the effect that the public is entitled to fair and reasonable rates. Granted. But that right is no greater than the right of the roads to a fair and reasonable return. Business practice may at times compel a road to take certain business at a loss, but certainly there is nothing in law or equity to compel any of us to serve the rest of us under such conditions. It is repugnant to the Fifth Amendment. Although the property of railroads is devoted to public use, the private property (for it is still private property) so used is not at the mercy of legislative caprice, but rests secure under constitutional protection, which extends not to the title only, but to the right to receive just compensation for the services rendered to the public. As was said in *Smyth vs. Ames* (1897), 169 U. S. 466, 546-7:

"It cannot be assumed that any railroad corporation, accepting franchises, rights and privileges at the hands of the public, ever supposed that it acquired, or that it was intended to grant to it, the power to construct and maintain a public highway simply for its benefit, without regard to the rights of

the public. But it is equally true that the corporation performing such public services and the people financially interested in its business and affairs have rights that may not be invaded by legislative enactment in disregard of the fundamental guarantees for the protection of property. The corporation may not be required to use its property for the benefit of the public without receiving just compensation for the services rendered by it. How such compensation may be ascertained, and what are the necessary elements in such an inquiry, will always be an embarrassing question.

"We hold, however, that the basis of all calculation as to the reasonableness of rates to be charged by a corporation maintaining a highway under legislative sanction must be the fair value of the property being used by it for the convenience of the public. And in order to ascertain that value, the original cost of construction, the amount expended in permanent improvements, the amount and market value of its bonds and stock, the present as compared with the original cost of construction, the probable earning capacity of the property under particular rates prescribed by statutes, and the sum required to meet operating expenses, are all matters for consideration, and are to be given such weight as may be just and right in each case. We do not say that there may not be other matters to be regarded in estimating the value of the property. What the company is entitled to ask is a fair return upon the value of that which it employs for the public convenience. On the other hand, what the public is entitled to demand is that no more be exacted from it for the use of a public highway than the services rendered by it are reasonably worth."

Subject to the Commission's review, the fixing of rates is, therefore, a business matter between the carriers and the shippers, and if they were given greater freedom of action, they could be trusted to get together and put the rates on a sound, business basis. There is a close interrelation of interest between carrier and shipper, and if they were permitted greater freedom in this regard there would be a better understanding on the part of each of the problems of the other. Some of the carriers have established public service departments for the purpose of meeting this need of a closer contact, with excellent results. Much could probably be done to correct this situation if the carriers that have not done so would establish like service. Failure to appreciate this interdependence has been a great contributing cause to the railroad problem as it has grown from year to year for many years past. In considering the relation between rates and the cost of transportation, we must not overlook the fact that the cost of capital is just as much a part of the cost of transportation as is the cost of labor or material or supplies or any other element, and any adjustment of rates must give the cost of capital due consideration. Much refunding of capital obligations and the raising of considerable new capital (though far less than should have been raised) have taken place during the past few years at rates 50% or more in advance of what the cost to the carriers was previously. In justice, the rates allowed should give this recognition.

Nowadays we all take it for granted that regulation of transportation so that rates shall be fair to all concerned, so that service shall be sufficient and without discrimination, so that no person or locality shall prosper at the expense of another is just as much a Governmental function as taxation or any other matter where the welfare of all the people is at stake. But private management is entitled to prerogatives that must accompany any private business to make it successful. Transportation by railroads privately operated is subject to the same general business principles and conditions that appertain to other private industry, and too rigid public requirements are bound to be injurious. Injury to the railroads is injury to the public and more directly than is generally realized. Therefore, while our policy toward the carriers, as exercised through Governmental agency should be definite and permanent, so far as possible, it should at the same time permit sufficient flexibility of administration to allow control of rates and other transportation matters to anticipate changed economic conditions. Instead of attempting to adjust rates to a level aiming to hew as close to the line of confiscation as would stand the test of a court review, it would seem more consistent with sound policy to permit the carriers to earn a surplus in good times, in order that they may be able to reduce rates in bad times, with the hope of encouraging a revival of trade. Again, so long as private enterprise is looked to for the development of transportation facilities, the carriers must be permitted to earn sufficient to make railroad investment attractive. This they cannot do unless they be permitted to earn a surplus in good times sufficient not only to carry them through poor earnings in bad times, one year with another, but also to build up a reserve. This is no more than any commercial enterprise is entitled to.

*Testimony Respecting the Valuation of the Carriers in the 1920 Rate Case.*

Mr. Thomas W. Hulme, Vice-Chairman of the President's Conference Committee, offered striking testimony before the Interstate Commerce Commission on May 27 1920 in support of the carriers' contention that the book values fairly reflected the true values of railway property. In his statements he relied on the work of Bureau of Valuation in so far as it had progressed up to that time.

The statistics supporting the statement were taken from nine tentative valuations and 41 so-called "preliminary reports." These 50 railroads have an aggregate mileage of 51,853 miles, or approximately 20 of the total in the United States.

The summary shows that the cost of reproduction new plus the value of the lands was 101% of the total investment as reported by these carriers on their own books. In other words, the book values amounted to \$3,158,275,156, while the cost of reproduction new and land was \$3,203,782,543.

To Mr. Hulme's tables, submitted herewith, has been added in each case the ratio of cost new and land to the investment in road and equipment as shown by the balance sheets of the roads.

**EASTERN GROUP.**

<b>Tentative Valuations</b> (2, covering 590 miles of road)	
Cost of reproduction, new.....	\$58,666,495
Land.....	4,404,311
Cost new and land.....	\$63,070,806
Investment in road and equipment.....	63,610,882
Ratio of cost new and land to investment.....	99.15
<b>Preliminary Reports</b> (16, covering 12,834 miles of road)	
Cost of reproduction new.....	\$982,414,387
Land.....	159,922,636
Cost new and land.....	\$1,142,337,023
Investment in road and equipment.....	951,196,372
Ratio of cost new and land to investment.....	120.09
<b>Total for Tentative Valuations and Preliminary Reports</b>	
Cost of reproduction new.....	\$1,041,080,882
Land.....	164,326,947
Cost new and land.....	\$1,205,407,829
Investment in road and equipment.....	1,014,807,254
Ratio of cost new and land to investment.....	118.78

**SOUTHERN GROUP.**

<b>Tentative Valuations</b> (4, covering 2,047 miles of road)	
Cost of reproduction new.....	\$64,617,232
Land.....	7,110,675
Cost new and land.....	\$72,027,907
Investment in road and equipment.....	87,745,178
Ratio of cost new and land to investment.....	82.09

<b>Preliminary Reports (10, covering 6,014 miles of road)</b>	
Cost of reproduction new	\$263,851,408
Land	30,408,728
Cost new and land	\$294,260,136
Investment in road and equipment	247,902,158
Ratio of cost new and land to investment	118.70
<b>Total for Tentative Valuations and Preliminary Reports</b>	
Cost of reproduction new	\$328,768,640
Land	37,519,403
Cost new and land	\$366,288,043
Investment in road and equipment	335,647,336
Ratio of cost new and land to investment	109.13

**WESTERN GROUP.**

<b>Tentative Valuations (3, covering 2,051 miles of road)</b>	
Cost of reproduction new	\$98,725,701
Land	8,770,411
Cost new and land	\$107,496,112
Investment in road and equipment	193,223,213
Ratio of cost new and land to investment	55.63
<b>Preliminary Reports (15, covering 28,767 miles of road)</b>	
Cost of reproduction new	\$1,387,466,289
Land	137,124,270
Cost new and land	\$1,524,590,559
Investment in road and equipment	1,614,597,353
Ratio of cost new and land to investment	94.42
<b>Total for Tentative Valuations and Preliminary Reports</b>	
Cost of reproduction new	\$1,486,191,990
Land	145,894,681
Cost new and land	\$1,632,086,671
Investment in road and equipment	1,807,820,666
Ratio of cost new and land to investment	90.28

**TOTALS.**

<b>Tentative Valuations (9, covering 4,688 miles of road)</b>	
Cost of reproduction new	\$222,309,428
Land	20,285,397
Cost new and land	\$242,594,825
Investment in road and equipment	344,579,273
Ratio of cost new and land to investment	70.40
<b>Preliminary Reports (41, covering 47,165 miles of road)</b>	
Cost of reproduction new	\$2,633,732,084
Land	327,455,634
Cost new and land	\$2,961,187,718
Investment in road and equipment	2,813,695,883
Ratio of cost new and land to investment	105.24
<b>Total for Tentative Valuations and Preliminary Reports</b>	
Cost of reproduction new	\$2,856,041,512
Land	347,741,031
Cost new and land	\$3,203,782,543
Investment in road and equipment	3,158,275,156
Ratio of cost new and land to investment	101.44

Summarized valuation figures for many of the roads used by Mr. Hulme in the preparation of the foregoing comparisons are given in the supplement at the end of this report. These are the more important carriers which have received tentative valuations. Comparisons between cost new and land values and investment in road and equipment for the other roads which were embodied in Mr. Hulme's testimony, but which are not in the supplement, are as follows:

**EASTERN GROUP.**

**Preliminary Reports.**

	Cost New	Land	Cost New and Land	Investment in Road and Equipment	Miles of Road.
Central New England	\$16,483,002	\$1,911,772	17,394,774	\$23,342,396	136
Hartford, Conn., West	5,037,451	*669,632	5,707,083	4,359,613	124
Montpelier & W. R.	1,937,229	75,551	2,012,780	1,124,320	42
N. Y. N. H. & Hartf.	248,599,023	*71,000,000	319,599,023	195,505,844	1,252
Portland Terminal	5,253,047	2,601,268	7,854,315	5,138,223	23
Terre Haute & Peoria	3,445,808			6,267,319	138
Vandalia	42,351,590	6,060,896	51,858,294	136,366,572	651

\*Carriers' Return to Order No. 7.

**SOUTHERN GROUP.**

**Tentative Valuations.**

	Cost New	Land	Cost New and Land	Investment in Road and Equipment	Miles of Road.
A. B. & A. System	\$25,114,141	\$2,337,676	\$27,471,817	*\$30,255,787	663
Ga. Southern & Fla.	10,297,657	1,231,450	11,529,113	12,273,374	392
Winston-Salem S'd.	5,428,444	910,655	6,339,099	6,598,558	90

\*Investment as of Dec. 31 1915 after reorganization, taken from I.O.C. statistics

**Preliminary Reports.**

	Cost New	Land	Cost New and Land	Investment in Road and Equipment	Miles of Road.
Charleston & W. Car.	\$9,814,315	\$1,875,745	\$11,690,060	\$8,279,563	341
Ga. RR. & Bk. Inc.					
Ga. RR. (Jesseco org.)	14,041,901	102,493	14,144,394	5,430,000	301
Gulf & Ship Island	9,498,259	1,354,196	10,852,455	14,170,083	308
N. C. & St. L. System	60,309,554	4,857,487	65,167,041	42,086,246	1,100
New Or. Great North	7,298,789	208,825	7,507,614	16,045,669	243
Southern Ry. in Miss.	4,881,786	564,783	5,446,569	610,659	237

**WESTERN GROUP.**

**Tentative Valuations.**

	Cost New	Land	Cost New and Land	Investment in Road and Equipment	Miles of Road.
New Or. Tex. & Mex.	\$8,865,636	\$141,686	\$9,007,322	\$15,780,645	173

**Preliminary Reports.**

	Cost New	Land	Cost New and Land	Investment in Road and Equipment	Miles of Road.
Arizona Eastern (Incl. Phoenix & East.)	\$12,178,415	\$778,654	\$12,957,069	\$19,227,648	374
Duluth So. Sh. & Atl.	20,231,742	939,096	20,170,538	45,167,021	539
Grand Canyon Ry.	1,265,674	6,207	1,271,881	1,983,785	64
Mineral Range RR.	3,230,437	*113,582	3,344,019	3,217,151	64
M. St. P. & S. R. M.	108,066,929	*6,634,182	114,701,111	116,963,635	3,144
Northwestern Pacific	37,461,314	*691,879	38,153,193	65,984,697	506
Oregon Short Line	107,018,375	*2,866,841	109,885,216	113,094,103	2,129
O. W. R. R. & N. Co.	125,490,123	*10,857,000	136,347,123	156,642,559	1,999
Spok. Port. & Seattle	55,906,302	*6,093,285	62,000,187	61,266,414	498
Texas & Pacific	66,290,979	*1,127,432	67,418,411	109,250,993	1,853
Trinity & Brazos Val.	10,300,356	499,638	10,800,000	11,792,807	303

\*Carriers' Return Order No. 7.

**The Interstate Commerce Commission's Valuation for the Rate Case of 1920.**

The rate making section of the Transportation Act of 1920 required the Interstate Commerce Commission to determine the aggregate value of the railway property of the carriers. The Transportation Act became a law Feb.

28 1920. The rate making section imposes the duty on the Interstate Commerce Commission promptly to initiate rates which would yield, as nearly as may be, a return of not less than 5 1/2% on the aggregate value of railway property. Recognizing that the valuations had not been completed, the law authorized the Interstate Commerce Commission, in making an immediate determination of aggregate value, to utilize results of the investigation under the Valuation Act so far as such results were available, to give due consideration to all the elements of value recognized by the law of the land for rate making purposes, and to give to the property investment of the carriers only that consideration which under such law it is entitled to in the establishment of values for rate making purposes.

Five months after the passage of the Transportation Act the Interstate Commerce Commission announced that for the purpose of this particular case, the value of the steam railway property of the carriers is approximately \$18,900,000,000. Testimony is introduced in this report on a later page to show how this valuation was reached.

The increased rate decision itself contains the following:

"While the valuation of the railroads under Section 19a of the Inter-State Commerce Act is still incomplete, the work has progressed so far that the results are of value and informative in reaching the determination we are now required to make. So far as the work has produced results, either as to particular roads, or as showing general tendencies, and principles, we have given consideration thereto. As will appear from examination of our various valuation reports, and from Section 19a itself, our investigations under that section are designed to give information as to the original cost of the property, the cost of reproduction new, the accrued depreciation, the amount of the investment, the corporate histories of the properties, the values of the lands, and other values and elements of value, if any.

"We have also before us the investment accounts of the carriers. Since 1907 there have been mandatory regulations by us as to the manner in which the investment accounts should be kept. In the administration of Section 20 of the Interstate Commerce Act we have had frequent occasion to investigate, and in many cases to correct, errors apparent in the investment accounts; other errors have been discovered and brought to our attention in the progress of the work of valuation under Section 19a.

"The probable earning capacity of the properties under particular rates prescribed by law and the sums required to meet operating expenses, separately and collectively, are indicated in the record.

"There is also evidence which tends to show the amount and market value of the bonds and stocks of the carriers.

"In properly appraising all these elements of value we are mindful of the fact that the carriers are operating units and going concerns. This fact has been given due consideration in the light of the financial history of the transportation system of the United States, as developed by the record and as known to us. The needs for working capital, and materials and supplies on hand have been considered and allowance therefor has been made.

"From a consideration of all of the facts and matters of record, and those which, under Section 15a of the Inter-State Commerce Act, we are both required and authorized to consider, we find that the value of the steam railway property of the carriers subject to the Act held for and used in the service of transportation is, for the purposes of this particular case, to be taken as approximately the following:

Eastern group, as defined by the carriers	\$8,800,000,000
Southern group, as defined by the carriers, including both the Western and Mountain-Pacific groups herein designated	2,000,000,000
Total	\$10,800,000,000

Ex Parte 74, Increased Rates 1920, 58 I. C. C., pp. 228-229.

**The Testimony of Chairman Clark.**

The Hon. Edward E. Clark was chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission at the time the valuations were made in the rate case of 1920. Mr. Clark was testifying before a Senate committee on Oct. 29 1921 when the discussion shifted to the method employed by the Commission in determining the aggregate value of railway property used in the rate decision of 1920. His testimony in part reads as follows:

Senator Reed: It is a little aside from this hearing, but I think you may answer this question. How did you get at the value of the property? What is the general basis? Is it stocks and bonds; is it the physical value? Commissioner Clark: Stocks and bonds are not considered at all. The question of capitalization was not thought of. It is the fair value as closely as could be estimated and approximated at that time of the physical property which was devoted to the transportation service. We had a mass of information which we had gathered in our valuation work, which is not in complete form to be given out in the form of reports or findings, and the Transportation Act specifically authorized us to avail ourselves of that information. We availed ourselves of all the information that we could get.

The cost of the property, according to the books of the carriers, and which they urged upon us as representing the value, was something in excess of \$20,000,000,000. The value which we found for the carriers of the country for the purpose of that case, was about eighteen and one-half as a whole, for the purpose of that case, was about eighteen and one-half billion, and that included the materials and supplies on hand and reasonable working capital.

Senator Reed: So you made these valuations based upon an investigation you had been conducting, and you were trying to arrive at what was the actual value of the roads, regardless of their stocks, regardless of their bonds and regardless of the book value.

Commissioner Clark: I repeat that we did not regard their capitalization, their stocks, or their bonds in any way whatsoever, and we declined to accept their book value as a basis.

Senator Fernald: I do not recall that you gave the exact figures as to the value you found. I presume it may come to your memory if I repeat the exact value which you found. Was it not \$18,900,000,000?

Commissioner Clark: I think it was. Senator Fernald: I remember seeing that a few weeks ago, and I think it is important to have it in the record.

Senator Reed: Did that embrace all the roads in the United States? Commissioner Clark: That is the aggregate property of all the steam railroads in the United States as determined by us for the purposes of the proceeding.

Senator Pomerene: \$18,900,000,000 was the best judgment of the Commission after going through all the data that had been gathered during all these years?

Commissioner Clark: Yes, sir. Senator Pomerene: That should set at rest the charge that there is nine billions of water in the railroads now.

Senator Jones of New Mexico: Does that figure include the percentage arising from the increase in the value of materials and property in recent years, since the roads were constructed?

Commissioner Clark: No; it does not attempt to equate the values. The principal figures that we used in our value are as of 1913 and 1914. We fixed the price units on a given railroad valuation as of June 30 1914. Those price units were, we think, accurate, and they were based upon experiences of a series of years in the past up to that date, and the prices then prevailing, for the determination of what was up to that time the normal price for fixing the value of a box car, a piece of track, or anything else.

\*Hearing before Committee on Manufactures, Senate Report, pp. 51 seq.

**Rate Decision of 1922.**

In the rate decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission handed down May 16 1922, reference was made to the valuation found in 1920. The Commission then stated:

"In the instant proceeding there is little of record which goes directly to the subject of value. There has been a general acceptance by carriers and shippers of the value taken in our former determination as an appropriate basis for the purposes of the present proceeding. The respondent carriers have not attempted to show that that value should be increased, other than by appropriate consideration of the subsequent increments to the transportation plant. We have before us deductions made by certain of the State Commissions and shippers, based upon the results of the valuation work under section 19a of the Inter-State Commerce Act so far as announced, and also computations based upon the market value of outstanding stocks and bonds.



"More than 20 months have passed since our former determination, and in that period the valuation of the railroads under section 19a has gone forward. The work is still incomplete, but has progressed to such an extent that we may accept the results with fuller assurance, both as to particular roads and as showing general trends and principles (Italics ours). In our administration of various sections of the Act, and in our certification of standard return for the purposes of the Federal Control Act, we have had occasion to make further investigation and corrections of investment accounts of the carriers.

"The various other values and elements of value, as set forth in 'Increased Rates, 1920, supra,' pages 228-229, have been re-examined in the light of the present record and the requirements of section 15a. We find no present reason to disturb the value taken by us in that proceeding as approximating the sums there stated, except to the extent that subsequent additions to or withdrawals from the property in service, including materials and supplies and working capital, and further depreciation, make adjustment necessary (Italics ours)."

\*Cf. I. C. C. No. 13293, Reduced Rates, 1922, 68 I. C. C., pp. 684-685.

*Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railway Valuation.*

The Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railway Co. is the only company which to date has officially presented to its stockholders a comparison between the tentative valuation placed upon the company's properties by the Interstate Commerce Commission and the outstanding capitalization. For this reason it is considered desirable to incorporate this comparison in this study.

The value of the carrier property as of the valuation date of June 30 1915 includes the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific, the Chicago Rock Island & Gulf and the Morris Terminal. It excludes valuations of leased lines which are not controlled through the ownership of the entire capital stock, that is, the Keokuk & Des Moines, Peoria & Bureau Valley and White & Black River. The figures as announced by the Commission are as follows:

Carrier property.....	\$335,539,013
Non-carrier property.....	5,745,895
	\$341,284,908
Deduct—Values of leased lines mentioned above.....	\$5,814,958
Cash and materials on hand June 30 1915.....	9,022,288
	14,837,246
Remainder, representing physical property owned directly or through stock ownership, as of June 30 1915.....	326,447,662
Add—Additions and betterments July 1 1915 to June 30 1921.....	36,374,458
Cash and materials June 30 1921.....	25,455,222
	\$388,277,342
<i>Liabilities June 30 1921, According to Company's Books.</i>	
Long-term debt.....	\$234,505,515
Loans and bills payable.....	14,930,000
Preferred stock.....	51,557,989
Total capital liabilities ahead of Common stock.....	\$300,993,504
Common stock outstanding.....	74,482,523
	\$378,476,027
Amount by which minimum value as found by Commission exceeds total capital liabilities as of June 30 1921.....	\$9,801,315
Amount of equity represented by Common stock (difference between property values of \$388,277,342 and total of senior obligations).....	\$84,283,838
Same per share of \$74,482,523 of Common stock.....	\$113 16

While this valuation refutes any charge of overcapitalization of the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific, the officers and directors of that company nevertheless regard the valuation as being much less than the actual value of the property and have filed the protest provided for in the law in the hope that upon a hearing the Commission will substantially increase the valuation.

*A Comparison of Final Value with Reproduction Cost.*

As elsewhere stated in this report, the final value as determined by the Commission is obtained after taking into consideration the cost of reproduction new and less depreciation, cost of carrier lands, appreciation, depreciation, going-concern value working capital materials and supplies and all other matters which appear to have a bearing on the values to be reported.

The figures are reported on the basis of the following classification of property:

1. Owned and used.
2. Used but not owned.
3. Owned but not used.

The Commission has not yet made public an analysis of the methods by which it has reached the determination of final value but it would appear that to the cost of reproduction less depreciation was added the present value of lands, excluding excess costs of acquisition of same, materials and supplies and cash on hand. What, if any, allowance for appreciation or going-concern value is made, does not appear, but from the following figures the allowance is evidently a very minor consideration.

For the sake of simplicity the figures do not cover the entire systems named but only the properties wholly owned and used. In the case of the Rock Island, for example, no allowance is made for properties classified by the Commission as owned but not used, such as the Choctaw Oklahoma & Gulf Railway and the St. Paul & Kansas City Short Line, nor for the properties used but not owned.

	Cost of Reproduction New	Cost of Reproduction Less Depreciat'n.	Present Value of Lands, Working Capital, &c.	Total of Columns 2 and 3	Final Value.
Chic. & Eastern Ill.....	70,731,092	53,385,834	8,946,545	62,332,379	64,612,109
Chic. Ind. & Louisv.....	28,119,356	22,938,569	3,424,158	26,362,727	27,270,223
Chic. R. I. & Pacific.....	254,184,621	199,074,141	51,084,205	251,058,346	251,809,983
Florida East Coast.....	43,515,318	38,569,822	8,011,072	46,580,894	46,931,947
Maine Central.....	46,879,763	35,624,288	6,464,045	42,088,333	44,030,606
N. Y. Ont. & West.....	37,481,743	28,902,147	3,654,011	32,556,158	34,495,193
N. Y. Phila. & Norf.....	11,465,512	8,540,839	2,206,533	10,756,372	10,976,927
St. Louis Southwest.....	28,622,627	21,833,914	4,389,232	26,223,146	26,716,924

*Uses of Valuation.*

As hereinabove stated, the Commission's valuation, even though accepted by the carriers, is declared by the Act to be prima facie evidence only of the value of the property. Although not the sole measure of the value, therefore, of the property of the carrier, the final value will be treated as of great authority in any proceedings wherein the question of the value of the property is raised. It seems important, therefore, to enumerate the principal uses to which the valuations are expected to be put.

Under Section 15a of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended by the Transportation Act, 1920, the Commission is required to prescribe just and reasonable rates under which the carriers may earn an aggregate net railway operating income equal, as nearly as may be, to a fair return on the aggregate value of the railway property used in the service of transportation. The final value will be used by the Commission as a basis for the rates it is thus directed to prescribe. As a result of the rates based on such values, the amount of earnings that may exceed the percentage of fair return fixed by the Commission will be determined for the purpose of recapturing the excess.

The Transportation Act requires the Commission to prepare and adopt a tentative plan for the consolidation of the railway properties in the United States into a limited number of systems, the par amount of the capitalizations of which is not to exceed the value of the consolidated properties as determined by the Commission under the authority of the Valuation Act.

The final value so fixed is to form the basis for the rentals of property by one carrier to another and the basis of payment for joint use of facilities.

With the Commission's approval, reserve and depreciation funds are authorized by the Transportation Act to be set up and additions that may be made in any year will depend upon these final values, as the Commission is authorized to fix the percentages of depreciation of value that the carrier shall use.

It appears to be the fair implication of the Transportation Act that the Commission will give much consideration to the valuations of the properties as thus fixed in determining the adequacy of the security for loans to the carriers authorized by that Act.

It is expected that the valuations when completed will be largely used in connection with appraisals of the properties for purposes of taxation and that the result may be greater uniformity of taxation in the several States, a consummation devoutly to be wished.

*Valuation and Railroad Credit.*

Although a railroad is a private property, as is elsewhere stated, it is, nevertheless, a public utility and subject to Governmental regulation of rates. This power of the Government to regulate rates is a power to affect earnings, which in turn affect the market price of the securities of the railroad—the barometer of the railroad's credit. The return the carrier is entitled to on the fair value of the property is as much under the protection of the Constitution as the amount that it should receive if it were required to dispose of its property to the State for public purposes, and such fair value is the value that would be determined by the ordinary and usual rules.

It was apparent long before this country became involved in the European war that the diminishing credit of the carriers would not enable them to extend transportation facilities to keep pace with our development, industrially and otherwise, as in general they were unable to raise new capital for the purpose of expansion except at prohibitive rates. One of the main things that it was hoped would follow the passage of the Transportation Act, 1920, was the restoration of railroad credit, and that hope has been partly realized. As an aid in the restoration of credit, the Act provides for consolidation of railroads and values found by the Commission were to govern.

As to the claim from some quarters of over-capitalization, it may well be that in some instances where over-capitalization may have occurred, it is the direct result of the policy of not granting sufficient rates to enable the carrier to pay out of earnings for expenditures properly chargeable to earnings, so that at times the carrier has been forced to meet these expenditures through the use of capital obligations. Had there been always a true and uniform method of accounting, reasonable earnings, a balanced capitalization, the difficulties of valuation would have been much less. It is a difficult matter to distinguish between reasonable rates, rates that are less than reasonable and rates that are more than reasonable. All these things have had their effect on the credit of the carriers.

From the reports of tentative valuation thus far submitted by the Commission, however, it would appear, not only that the roads are under-capitalized, but that their real value is so much in excess of their outstanding capital obligations that the result must be a salutary effect on their credit.

*REPORT OF FOREIGN SECURITIES COMMITTEE BY ALBERT H. WIGGIN, CHAIRMAN.*

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Your committee begs leave to submit the following report of its activities for the past year:

*First. The establishment of some means of certifying to the authenticity of certificates representing foreign internal Governmental, municipal or corporate loans held by investors in this country.*

A very considerable amount of foreign internal securities has been placed with investors in this country. A large portion of such securities represent, not issues made in this country with responsible banking sponsorship, but securities that have been brought in by a great number of individual houses, and which have no official market here. Your committee has recognized the danger that some of the certificates representing such issues might be fraudulent, and has given a considerable amount of thought to the question of providing some means for establishing the authenticity of all foreign internal issues held by investors in this country or offered for sale in this country. There are, however, a great many difficulties in the way of the practical operation of any plan providing for the accomplishment of this purpose and your committee has thus far arrived at no satisfactory solution.

The suggestions of members of the Association on this subject are cordially invited.

*Second. Closer co-operation with the United States Government in the flotation of foreign Governmental issues in this country.*

Your committee in the early part of this year was requested, through the President of the Association, Mr. Beebe, by Mr. Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, to bring about closer co-operation between members of the Association and the Administration in the flotation of foreign Governmental issues. Your committee, in consultation with Mr. Beebe, expressed its willingness to use its best efforts in bringing about any measure of co-operation that the Administration desires.

*Third. Imperial Russian Government 8½% three-year credit, due June 18 1919.*

The protective committee formed to look after the interests of American holders of these securities has continued to accept deposits thereof, although the time for deposit officially expired June 1 1922. The secretary of the committee having informed us that they were still receiving deposits and that they were desirous of securing as many certificates as possible, your committee issued, in the beginning of July, a special bulletin drawing attention to the work of the protective committee and suggesting that members of the Association who had not yet deposited their bonds to do so promptly.

While it is highly probable that no immediate action will be taken in regard to this situation, it is again urged that members who have not deposited their bonds do so promptly, as it is very likely that our Government, when and as it formally recognizes the Government in Russia, will insist that some provision be made for American losses in that country. It is, therefore, highly desirable that our State Department at all times be kept fully informed of the amounts of these securities in the hands of our investors.

On the protective committee for this credit are the following members of the Foreign Securities Committee: Mr. Charles S. Sargent, Jr., Mr. Charles H. Sabin and Mr. Albert H. Wiggin, Mr. Wiggin acting as official representative of the Foreign Securities Committee of the Investment Bankers Association of America.

#### Fifth. Mexico.

The International Committee of Bankers on Mexican Debt held a number of conferences with the representatives of the Mexican Government in New York in the early part of this year. The following members of your committee are members of the International Committee: Thomas W. Lamont, Charles H. Sabin, Mortimer L. Schiff, Albert H. Wiggin, Charles E. Mitchell.

Mr. Wiggin officially represented your committee on this body. As was officially announced at the time, an agreement was ultimately concluded between the International Committee and the representatives of the Mexican Government and this agreement has recently been ratified by President Obregon of Mexico. It is expected that the agreement will be submitted to the Mexican Congress for ratification in September. [Ratification has since occurred.—Ed.]

Your committee will take pleasure in keeping members of the Association advised of such progress as is made and will at the proper time submit such recommendations as it may consider advisable.

It is the belief of your committee that in the present unsettled international situation the Foreign Securities Committee of this Association should find an increased field for useful activity over the period of the next few years in conserving the interests of American investors. The co-operation of the members of the Association is therefore earnestly requested to the end that the committee's hands may be strengthened and its prestige increased.

Sept. 1 1922.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE SECURITIES BY JOHN A. PRESCOTT, CHAIRMAN.

#### General Financial Conditions.

A former president of the very able Railroad Commission of the State of California said:

"The biggest single problem before the public utilities to-day is financing: that is to say, obtaining money at reasonable rates sufficient adequately to meet the constantly growing demands of the public for service. Particularly as to the electric power companies, the demands for money for development have become so great that, looked at from the standpoint of the consumer, if there are any unnecessary obstacles in the way of financing they should be swept away and every effort should be made to encourage investment in public utilities."

The above statement was made two years ago. Since that time there has been marked improvement in the demand for public utility securities, which, coupled with declining interest rates, has resulted in a broader market and higher prices. This has affected not only senior issues, like funded obligations, but also junior issues even to some of the more speculative classes. Mortgage bonds, and even preferred stocks, of the best established companies can now be sold with comparative facility, although in case of preferred stocks still at relatively high cost. With very few exceptions, however, common stocks are difficult, if not impossible, to market. Thus, the financial problem is still the overshadowing one.

#### Junior Financing.

As we indicated in our May report, we believe a much larger proportion of capital than has been the practice in recent years should, to accord with sound principles, be hereafter supplied by junior financing. It is very generally understood that if mortgage bonds are to be readily sold they must be protected not only by a sufficient equity or margin of security, but also by a satisfactory margin of divisible income. It is not so well understood, by the public at least, that if a preferred stock is to be readily sold it also must, because its participation in profits is limited, have behind it a margin of security and of income adequate to give it a high degree of safety and reasonable assurance of continuity of dividends.

It necessarily follows that capital must be secured in some form to supply this final equity or margin of safety which is usually represented by capital or common stocks. It should be apparent, therefore, that the common stock which represents the greatest business risk is the foundation of the whole financial structure. How is money to be attracted into this form of investment? The seriousness of this problem is now more generally recognized by regulatory bodies and should be made clear to the patrons of the utilities. It should be made evident to all that, before sufficient new capital can be attracted into the common stocks of the utility companies, at least two fundamental conditions must be met:

- (1) There must be a reasonable assurance of the safety of the principal of the investment.
- (2) There must be a reasonable assurance of an adequate and regular dividend return.

Capital for the final equity or common stock should be obtained primarily from the people of the community which is to enjoy the service, but if conditions should be such that it cannot be obtained from them, it must be sought in other money markets. Investors in such markets can receive no direct benefit from the development of the utility service itself and must, therefore, be attracted by safeguards to their investment and yields such as will seem attractive to their eyes, as compared to other similar investment opportunities.

Indisputably, therefore, it would be to the interest of the community to be served that the rates should be adequate to pay the entire cost of the service. This should include not only operating and maintenance costs, taxes and interest on borrowed money, but additional earnings sufficient to pay a attractive return on capital invested in stocks and to set up adequate reserves for emergencies and to insure regular dividends in the less prosperous years. These things are not only proper, but are essential to sound public utility financing.

The public well understands that if a community desires the benefit of clubs, churches or charitable institutions, it must contribute the entire cost of establishing and maintaining them. The same principle applies to public utility service and is really as simple in its application. In each case, insufficient support inevitably means inadequate and unsatisfactory service.

Protection of the security and income of the capital invested in the final equities, or common stocks, of public utilities evidently must be, as it should be, the fundamental factor in the development of public utility service. Where such conditions have existed and companies have, therefore, been able to build up sound financial structures, investment bankers have felt safe in supplying common stock capital. As such protection and conditions become more widespread new sources of such capital will be found and drawn upon by investment bankers and customer ownership will become increasingly common.

#### Disclosure of Full Information.

In previous reports your committee has referred to the advantages which would accrue, both through the development of cordial relations between util-

ties and their customers and through increased confidence of investors in public utility securities, from the dissemination of more complete and comprehensive information concerning the economics of the public utility business. A public fully and correctly informed will offer sterile ground for the arts and deceptions of the demagogues.

A careful study of annual reports, circulars and statistical manuals discloses a marked improvement in recent years in the character and amount of data furnished. We believe that co-operative effort on the part of the industry, investment bankers and publishers of statistical and rating manuals will bring about still further improvement. Much additional data is really available because many States require the filing of complete operating and statistical reports. This data requires only to be made more accessible. Perhaps the greatest need for more complete information is with regard to so-called holding companies. These are often very large and their relations with their operating companies are sometimes very complex. Full information necessary to a complete disclosure of their financial condition often would be very detailed and voluminous, but the fact that such information is furnished by some of them indicates, in the opinion of your committee, that there are no serious obstacles to its disclosure by all. We believe that any such company which seeks capital from the investing public should make available and readily accessible all information and data pertaining to both the holding company and subsidiaries necessary for a thorough study of earnings, expenses, maintenance expenditures or reserves, fixed charges, dividends, assets, capitalization and liabilities. Without these an appraisal of the real worth of its securities would not be possible. On the other hand, investment bankers should exercise the most scrupulous care that all representations made by them in the sale of public service securities should be not only accurate in the statement of information given so as to be technically correct, but also the information should be complete and comprehensive so as to be fair and honest.

#### Certain Pending Legislation—II. R. 10,222.

Reference was made in previous reports of this committee to the above bill, which is commonly called the "Bacharach Bill." The text of the bill was given in full in our report of May 4 1922. The purpose was to curtail the jurisdiction of Federal District and Circuit Courts of the United States in public utility cases, such as rate regulation cases, in States where laws have established public utility commissions and afford the right of appeal from the findings of such commissions to State courts.

The effect of this legislation, if enacted, would be to take away from Federal District and Circuit courts the power to use injunctive orders in the protection of rights of utility companies, until appeal has been prosecuted through the highest courts of the States, after which appeal would be only to the Supreme Court of the United States.

The adoption of this bill would mean the withdrawal of a recognized and valuable right upon which investors have relied for safety and protection in making investments in the securities of public utilities in States other than where they reside. This is a right which has been frequently exercised and which experience has proved indispensable to the investor's safety. The withdrawal of such a vital right inevitably would have a serious effect on the credit of public utility companies and their ability to procure capital. The right which is accorded to holders of every other form of security surely should not be denied to those who devote their savings to the public service.

The sub-committee of the Committee on Judiciary of the National House of Representatives has had a number of hearings on this bill. At all these hearings the Association was represented by counsel who fully presented our views. The Committee on Judiciary has not yet made its report. Your committee is informed that the Bacharach Bill was discussed at the recent convention of the American Bar Association at San Francisco and that a resolution condemning legislation of this character was adopted unanimously by that association.

#### Missouri Constitutional Convention.

The constitutional convention in session for some time past in Missouri is attempting to draft a new constitution for submission to the voters of that State. Among the proposed provisions of interest to investment bankers are those for taxation and the authorization and limitation of municipal indebtedness.

The provision for taxation includes the classification of property with a view to a more equitable distribution of the burdens of taxation.

Some of the provisions for the authorization and limitation of municipal indebtedness are to the following effect:

- (1) The pledge of the general credit of a municipality for general purposes is limited to 5% of the assessed valuation.
- (2) The general faith and credit of the municipality may be pledged for 5% additional for the purpose of constructing or acquiring public utilities, commonly supposed to be self-sustaining.
- (3) Additional indebtedness may also be incurred, without, however, the pledge of the faith and credit of the municipality, for the purpose of financing publicly owned utilities, the security being in such case the utility property constructed or acquired and the revenue which may be derived therefrom.

Some of these provisions suggest interesting questions concerning municipal credit. In the cities of some other States, perhaps because of the tax-exempt features of municipal bonds and the consequent ready market for them since tax burdens have become so heavy, there has appeared a rather alarming tendency, encouraged probably in some cases by political exigencies, to pile up municipal indebtedness for many purposes, including raising funds to acquire or extend utilities which seemingly might be carried on as well or even more economically by private enterprise. It is a serious question how far such tendencies may be indulged without seriously affecting municipal credit as a whole. Capital absorbed for such purposes ceases to be subject for taxation and increases in proportion the tax burdens of other property or reduces public revenue. The withdrawal of so much capital from productive industry serves also to menace industry and make industrial financing more expensive. It is not sufficiently appreciated how intimately and adversely such conditions affect the welfare of every individual citizen, regardless of his vocation or station in life.

Whatever the correct conclusions as to these questions may be, these tendencies suggest extreme caution on the part of investment bankers in considering securities issued for such purposes. Should not the investment banker be as particular to examine into the feasibility and self-sustaining capacity and the character of administration of such publicly owned enterprises as he would be if he were considering the securities of a privately owned corporate enterprise?

There have been cases where administrations have operated utilities, such as water works, for years without publishing operating statements. When such operations finally have been investigated they have been found frequently not to be self-sustaining. Such disclosures have brought surprise and shock to the tax-paying public, and sometimes impaired municipal credit. We believe that tax-payers and investment bankers both should insist that municipalities at least adopt thorough accounting and sound financial methods if they are to own and operate public utilities, so that the public served and investors both may be able to ascertain the results of such operations and to judge whether they are economically managed.



*California Water and Power Act.*

In its report of May 4 1922, published in the I. B. A. of A. Bulletin of May 27 1922, your committee analyzed the provisions of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of California, commonly known as the "Water and Power Act." Upon consideration of that report the Board of Governors adopted the following resolution:

*Whereas*, The State of California has heretofore enjoyed good credit and its bonds and those of its public utility companies have, through members of this Association, been distributed widely throughout the United States to investors and institutions intrusted with the savings of the people; and the great natural water powers of the State have been developed extensively by private capital and enterprise, and have contributed greatly to, if not even made possible, the rapid development of the resources and wealth of the State; and because of the sane and constructive regulation of such public utilities by the State Railroad Commission, and their prosperity and stability and the resulting increased prosperity of the industries and people of the State, the bonds and stocks of such utilities have found a wide and ready market; and

*Whereas*, It is proposed to submit to the people of California at the election to be held next November, a constitutional amendment declaring it to be the purpose and policy of the State to conserve, develop and control the waters of the State for the use and benefit of the people, and providing, among other things:

For the issuance of five hundred millions of dollars of State bonds secured by the full faith and credit of the State:

For a board of five members to be appointed by the Governor for rotating terms of four years each, and removable only for dereliction of duty, corruption or incompetency, by recall, or by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the legislature, which board is to be vested with practically unlimited powers to acquire, by purchase or condemnation, land, water rights, electric energy or any other property, including established plants, transmission lines or works, railroads, machinery and equipment, or to construct such works, and to do any other things necessary or convenient for its purposes, including the operation of all such properties, and, in its practically uncontrolled discretion, without supervision by the State Railroad Commission or legislative control, to sell and expend the proceeds of the above mentioned bonds;

For the issuance and sale of bonds, or the levying of taxes, to pay the interest or principal of outstanding bonds as they fall due, in the event the revenue from the projects of the Board shall prove insufficient to pay the same;

For the fixing of rates and granting preferences in rates, in the practically uncontrolled discretion of the Board;

For the appropriation of general funds of the State to make up any deficiencies, by the provisions of the amendment itself, without further legislative action or control;

For the preferential right of political subdivisions to water and electrical energy controlled by the Board as against privately owned public utilities selling water or electrical energy to the public;

For the prohibition of the Board from supplying water to a privately owned public utility for the production of electric energy or the supplying to privately owned public utilities which sell electric energy or water to the public, more than 20% of the total amount of the same under control of the Board, thus enabling, if not indeed compelling, the Board to stifle competition, and enabling it to utterly destroy the value of the properties of existing privately owned public utilities;

For the immediate possession by the Board of property under condemnation, including properties of existing privately owned public utilities;

For the amendment being self-executing without action of the legislature;

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved*, By the Board of Governors of the Investment Bankers Association of America that it looks with grave concern upon the proposed amendment as threatening not only the destruction of the credit of existing privately owned hydro-electric power and light utilities, built up within the State of California by the combined capital of a multitude of investors residing throughout the United States, who have been induced by the wise laws and sane regulation heretofore existing to entrust their savings to the development of California's natural resources, but even the destruction of the credit of the State of California itself.

At the same meeting of the Board of Governors it was announced that the Pacific Coast Electric Association had requested our President, Mr. Howard F. Beebe, to address them at their convention in Los Angeles about June 2 upon the financial aspects of this legislation. At the direction of the Board of Governors Mr. Beebe went to Los Angeles in response to this request and at that time made public the above resolution and presented quite fully the views of the Investment Bankers Association of America.

The hydro-electric development in the State of California has surpassed that of any other State of the Union, or that of any other country in the world. This remarkable development has occurred under private ownership with public regulation and has been financed largely through members of this Association, who have distributed the securities of these privately owned public utility companies to a multitude of investors, large and small, throughout the United States. A large volume of these securities also has been sold to investors in the State of California itself and to life insurance companies or institutions which are trustees for the savings of the people, which in turn have invested large sums in the securities of California public utilities.

In the past few years residents of California have been purchasing in very large volume both the bonds and preferred and common stocks of their local utilities. The ownership of these properties has become widely diffused among the people of the State they serve. These direct investments in addition to those of the life insurance companies and other savings funds in which the people of California are indirectly interested are an indication of how vital the protection of these public utilities is to the public and private interests of the citizens of the State.

Aside from the shock to the confidence of investors in other States who, relying upon California's well known and established policy of sound legislation and sane regulation have invested their savings in the securities of California's public utility companies and thus made possible the very rapid development of the State's resources, anything which works serious injury to these large hydro-electric developments must immediately react, either directly or indirectly, upon the private purse of nearly every family in the State of California. During the period of rapid and successful development of these properties by private enterprise, relationships have been established, through which it has been possible for these California companies to raise money more readily than companies in almost any other State. This, as stated above, has been due largely to the widespread public confidence in the State's wise laws and sane policy of regulation.

This is a situation which any other State might well envy and covet. In the face of it, the question naturally arises—why should such favorable conditions be abandoned for what would appear to be an extremely radical and dangerous experiment?

We are informed that the people of the State are promised cheaper power, yet in the language of Secretary Hoover, an experienced engineer and citizen of the State, "Nowhere is power so cheap as in California." The change from established successful private ownership and public regulation under which these utilities have been so effectively developed to absolute public ownership and control would be a very radical one. It would inevitably result in the disturbance, if not the cutting off of those established sources of capital which have so generously responded to the demands of the public for service. There is a concrete illustration of this in the refusal of one of the largest life insurance companies in the United States to buy, and its statement that it will not consider the purchase of, any more bonds of public utility companies in California prior to the November election, or so long as there is probability, or even reasonable possibility, that the pending Water and Power Act or similar legislation may be enacted. The company alluded to has, among the life insurance companies, been in times past one of the largest purchasers of

public utility bonds. Such sacrifice to be justified should be offset by some greater advantage. Where can it be found in legislation of this character?

Perhaps more important than the immediate and direct effect of such a change upon the public and private interests of the citizens of California and those of other States who have risked their savings in the development of these utilities, is the inevitable effect upon the State, county and municipal credit of California and the credit of all private enterprises within its borders.

The present debt of the State of California is about \$73,000,000. Add to this the \$500,000,000 of bonds proposed to be issued, and the debt of the State of California will be more than double that of the State of New York, the richest State in the Union. Even if such an amount of bonds for such a purpose could be sold at all, it would require great effort and expense to find the new markets which must be sought, for certainly the credit of the State of California would not be high with those whose previous investments there had been sacrificed or jeopardized.

One of the fundamental principles of the American system of government is that Governments should undertake no functions or projects which can be performed as well or better by private enterprise. The relative efficiency and economy of State, municipal or Governmental ownership and operation of industrial enterprises, including public utilities, has been tried of late in many instances, among the striking ones being the experiments in North Dakota, Ontario, the operations of the United States Shipping Board, Government operation of the railroads and Government operation of the utilities in European countries. The results are fairly well known and both public and expert opinion now seem in accord in the conclusion that most public utilities can best and most economically serve the public under private ownership with sane public regulation. Why should the State of California risk and tie up its credit in acquiring public utility properties which have been already so successfully built up and admittedly so satisfactorily operated by private enterprise, when such credit could be used so much more profitably for many other essential needs? Even if it could sell so large an amount of bonds, why should it load itself with such a mass of public indebtedness and at the same time remove from taxation so large an amount of heretofore taxable property? The impending sale of so large an amount of new State obligations would, in itself, very adversely affect market values of State, county and municipal obligations already outstanding and certainly would retard materially the sale of more obligations of such political subdivisions.

Is it conceivable that if the credit of the State itself and of its political subdivisions becomes impaired, the credit of private enterprises within the State could fare any better?

It does not seem credible that the people of the State, if informed of the real character, sinister purpose and inevitable effects of the proposed act, can be prevailed upon to endanger their prosperity, progress and splendid present credit by embarking in so radical a political experiment so out of harmony with American traditions, experience, institutions and ideals.

*The Muscle Shoals Situation.*

A brief statement of some of the salient facts concerning a development in the public utility field which has attracted much attention during the past year may be of interest. We refer to Mr. Ford's offer for the Government-owned hydro-electric project and nitrate plants at Muscle Shoals, on the Tennessee River, which is briefly as follows:

He offers to purchase outright all the property exclusive of the hydro-electric project. This comprises the nitrate plants, several steam electric generating plants and transmission lines and various incidental property. The total original cost of this property was over \$85,000,000, and it is estimated by Government engineers to be worth as scrap over \$8,000,000. For this property Mr. Ford offers to pay \$5,000,000.

The hydro-electric project on which the Government has already expended about \$17,000,000 is to be completed at the Government's expense and leased to Mr. Ford. During the first few years a purely nominal amount is to be paid and thereafter an annual rental of 4% of the cost of completing the project. Nothing is to be paid on account of expenditures already made. Mr. Ford also would make small fixed annual payments for the purpose of "amortizing" the new money which the Government is to put in the project. It is estimated that during the hundred-year period of the lease the actual payments for amortization would total \$4,672,600, but Mr. Ford estimates that if interest were compounded thereon at the rate of 4%, they would amount at the end of the lease period to approximately \$50,000,000, which is about the estimated expenditure necessary to complete the hydro-electric project.

The offer was reported on favorably by the majority of the House Committee on Military Affairs which, however, presented a bill embodying some changes from the original plan. A minority report also was filed condemning the proposition. The majority of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry reported strongly against the acceptance of the offer, but failed to agree on any alternative plan, so that there is at the present time no bill before the Senate.

Among the arguments advanced for the acceptance of the Ford offer is the claim that Mr. Ford will manufacture fertilizer at these nitrate plants in such large quantities as to cause the prices now asked for that much needed commodity to fall materially, thus greatly benefiting the farmers of the country. According to the minority report of the House Committee on Military Affairs, Mr. Ford does not agree, and admits that he does not intend, to make fertilizer at Muscle Shoals unless profitable to him, but merely agrees that if he does manufacture it there, the profit to himself shall be limited to 8%.

The chief objections which have been urged to the Ford offer fall into two general classes: first, that the compensation offered the Government is far from adequate. Colonel Cooper, the Government's consulting engineer on the Muscle Shoals work, testified before the House Military Committee that the acceptance of the Ford offer would show a loss to the Government in the first one hundred years of \$1,275,000,000 second, that to turn this property over to Mr. Ford on his own terms would be to make, in favor of a single private citizen, a flagrant exception to the Federal Water Power Act which was adopted so recently by the United States Government after years of investigation, study and deliberation and would give him a most unfair advantage over those who have taken out licenses under this Act.

It is worth noting that a large power company in Alabama has offered to purchase the two large Government-owned steam electric generating plants, and the transmission lines for \$5,000,000 (the same amount which Mr. Ford offers for the entire property outside of the hydro-electric proposition (leaving the Government in full possession of the nitrate plants which then could be disposed of otherwise. The company would also furnish the Government with 100,000 free horse power to operate these plants, and undertake to take over the hydro-electric project and complete it at its own expense and then operate and maintain the dam and power plant under a 50-year license to be taken out under the Federal Water Power Act.

*Public Utility Bonds as Legal Investments.*

Public utility bonds are already legal investments for savings and trust funds in 12 States. For some time it has been felt generally that savings banks in other States should logically be extended the privilege of purchasing gilt-edge utility bonds which are generally conceded to constitute one of the

safest classes of investment securities and which yield on an average a somewhat higher rate of return than legal rails. A joint committee of the National Conference of Mutual Savings Banks and the National Electric Light Association was appointed last December to consider this question. A member of our committee is serving on that joint committee. The joint committee has held a number of meetings and at the convention last spring of the National Conference of Mutual Savings Banks a session was devoted to discussion of this subject. It is hoped that substantial progress will be made during the coming winter.

#### *In General and in Conclusion.*

It would be strange indeed if the public utility industry, unlike all other forms of business enterprise should have emerged from the upheavals of the great war with no changes in the conditions of its existence, no new problems to confront it. Like others it was obliged to meet higher operating costs and heavier taxes with reduced income. The large increase in the number of private automobiles in operation and jitney and auto-bus competition have made inroads into the patronage which the electric roads would otherwise have enjoyed and the construction of parallel hard surfaced roads will probably further, and sometimes wastefully, multiply transportation facilities and divide the available business. New capital, or capital to meet maturing bond issues, has been and is still unduly costly to all public utility companies, because their securities must compete in the money markets with an enormous volume of tax-free municipal bonds. It has been authoritatively stated that more than one billion dollars of such tax-exempt securities were issued in 1921.

On the other hand, these adverse and discouraging conditions seem likely to be overcome by favorable and encouraging ones. Costs have declined considerably and gradually improving general business conditions are bringing some increases in earnings. The practical experiences and lessons of the war and its aftermath seem to have done much to clear the atmosphere and bring about a more widespread popular understanding of the value and necessity of the services supplied by the public utility companies, the advantages of private ownership and operation under sane public regulation, and the economic and financial conditions under which efficient and satisfactory service, keeping pace with public demand, alone is possible. The present practice of many utility managements of frankly discussing the problems of the industry with its patrons is stimulating public confidence and good will. There is a growing recognition of the real mutuality of interest between the companies and their patrons. To paraphrase a recent statement of the president of one of our most successful railroad companies:

- (1) The customer's attitude toward a public utility can now be guided and made informed and friendly.
- (2) Satisfied customers now can be used to build up good will.
- (3) Pleased customers will voluntarily help a utility to get new business.

This better mutual understanding already has enabled the managements to eliminate much useless expense and many artificial obstructions to efficient operation, and has removed much of the uninformed popular objection to adequate rates. It certainly will bring many other practical and profitable advantages including improved credit. Investment bankers will naturally give great weight to such favorable conditions in considering public utility financing.

As has been stated in previous reports, this committee has faith in the fundamental soundness of the public utility business, including gas and transportation as well as power and light. There is an insistent and, we believe, permanent demand for the services it renders. We expect that public utility credit will be soon established upon a basis of greater permanency and stability than ever before. As in other industries, there will be exceptional situations; and discrimination and sound judgment will be required. But the solution of the impending financial problems of the public utility companies will, in our opinion, afford investment bankers opportunities for both constructive public service and profit, and will demand the assumption of duties and responsibilities from which they should not shrink.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. PRESCOTT, *Chairman.*

### REPORT OF MUNICIPAL SECURITIES COMMITTEE BY L. E. WAKEFIELD, CHAIRMAN.

When the Municipal Securities Committee work came to your present committee, we were informed that the main functions of the committee in the past had been along the following three lines:

1. Legislation affecting the issue and sale of municipal bonds.
2. Working out defaults for member houses.
3. Adjusting disputes of various nature between members, including all sorts of complaints as to circulars, etc.

There were very few State Legislatures in session during this year and but little has been accomplished along the line of legislation. The committee has, however, been giving some attention to questions the solution of which can probably be brought about by proper legislation in the years to come.

#### *Sinking Funds.*

The very important question of the creation and maintenance of proper sinking funds by municipalities has had considerable attention. There appears to be a growing sentiment that serial bond issues are a more economical method of financing than long time issues with sinking funds, as evidenced by the present New Jersey law requiring serial payment in all new issues. Many State constitutions and laws require the creation of a sinking fund sufficient to pay bonds at maturity, while in other places the municipalities have undertaken similar obligations. Municipal officials as a general rule take this responsibility seriously, but there have been enough scattered exceptions so as to warrant emphasis on this point. A number of instances have been brought to our attention where the municipality has not felt it necessary to levy and collect taxes sufficient to cover such sinking funds in accordance with the contract under which the bonds were issued, and in certain cases sinking funds have been totally ignored from the beginning, so that when bonds mature the only recourse is the levying of a prohibitive tax in a single year or a refunding operation which passes the debt on to another generation. The knowledge that such exceptional situations have arisen, has resulted in very large purchasers of municipal securities, principally insurance companies, announcing their intention of purchasing no further issues of municipal bonds where investigation shows that there exists at the present time any failure to maintain sinking funds at their proper standing.

We do not believe that bond houses have fully appreciated this situation, and we believe that a proper protection of the interests of their clients should require a periodical inquiry to determine whether such obligations are being rigidly observed, and if they are being intentionally neglected or ignored, we think that pressure might properly be brought to bear upon the offenders by the I. B. A., calling attention to the direct effect which this default has upon the credit of the municipality. The State of New Jersey has admirable laws (Chap. 212, P. L. 1917) for the upkeep of municipal sinking funds, and in States where adequate legislation does not exist, the Association might well strive to have similar laws enacted at the next session of the Legislature.

The new laws adopted in West Virginia and North Carolina are also great improvements in this respect.

#### *Delays and Defaults.*

In reading over the past reports of the Municipal Securities Committee, it is evident that it has been thought best to use this committee in an effort to bring about more prompt compliance on the part of municipalities in meeting payments of interest and principal at the place of payment designated in the bond, and promptly when due. This has been done in the past largely through suggestions on the part of the committee to the offending municipality, to the effect that where defaults are carelessly brought about, such information shall be given to all of the members of the Association, with the undoubted result that their securities will not be as much sought after in the future, and will probably have to sell at a higher interest basis in order to overcome the prejudice which they have permitted to grow up against them on account of carelessness.

In this connection, however, nothing of a definite nature has ever been undertaken; that is, no system has as yet been established for making a record of municipalities which are careless in this respect, so that information concerning them is not available to the general membership at the present time. Your committee believes that this work is one which warrants some attention on the part of the Association, and that definite results could best be accomplished by arranging for the Secretary's office to handle correspondence direct under the guidance and advice of the Municipal Securities Committee, where same relates to delinquencies of any nature. There are two reasons for suggesting that this method be adopted:

1. It will probably be difficult to secure a chairman of the Municipal Securities Committee who can give the amount of time which would be required in handling correspondence of this nature.

2. It is probable that the effectiveness of correspondence relating to such matter would be greater if coming direct from the Secretary's office than if sent from the chairman of the committee.

Through correspondence concerning the matter of delinquencies with the Mississippi Valley Group, the suggestion has been made by them that the Municipal Securities Committee notify Moody in all cases of delinquencies in order that Moody might amend his rating of various municipal securities up or down, as the occasion might require.

The growth of extensive "rating" services for municipal bonds, as well as other securities, presents certain problems which require careful consideration. Credit information in all lines of business is desirable, but where it is prepared wholesale and in many cases hurriedly, it is necessarily incomplete and subject to frequent error. In so far as reliance on such agencies tends to substitute the judgment of the latter for that of the distributing house and for that of the investor, it constitutes a dangerous factor. There has already developed among certain non-member and less responsible dealers and even among issuing companies, a habit of attempting to sell securities on the basis of ratings given these securities by certain agencies. The use on the part of the member dealers of such ratings as sales arguments will, in a general way, undoubtedly result in making it much easier for irresponsible houses to handle certain types of securities on which ratings may be out of line. We believe it should be made clear to members that they are shirking their responsibilities as advisers of the investment public whenever they substitute such arbitrary ratings for their own judgment.

#### *Clarity in Financial Statements.*

We have had considerable correspondence concerning the proper contents of a municipal bond circular. This question was brought rather forcibly before the attention of the Convention at New Orleans, and we again urge upon all dealers in municipal securities, who are members of the Association, the greater need of accuracy and care in putting out municipal circulars.

There is need for the formulation of a set of principles which members could use in preparing financial statements of municipalities to be presented to the public through selling literature. While financial statements of corporations have attained an accepted standard which is now universally followed, financial statements of municipalities are now presented to the public in widely varying forms, with the result that some do show accurately the true financial condition of the municipalities, while others are very misleading. Your committee has not arrived at any conclusive recommendations, except the fundamental one that the facts should be stated in such a way that the non-technical reader can understand them, and that no important facts be omitted which are essential to a broad understanding of the financial status of the municipality. We regard the question of whether the general taxing power of the municipality is available for ultimate payment, or whether payment is limited to certain limits or to certain funds or revenues, as a factor of prime importance.

The very unusual conditions prevailing relating to municipal finance would seem to call for a clear and new line of thinking on the part of all municipal dealers if they would avoid difficulty for themselves and clients in the future.

Every member here is undoubtedly familiar with the tremendous increase during the past two years in the amount of municipal securities issued and sold. This increase has been due primarily to three factors:

1. The issuance of Soldiers' Bonus bonds by the various States at the close of the recent Great War.

2. The fact that practically all public work has been accomplished with what would seem to be unreasonable cost, because it has become the usual custom to undertake construction work involving large expenditures through the engineering department of the State or municipality, and with the employment of day labor, the result is almost universally that such work costs from 50% to 100% more than the amount required to secure the same results through the employment of the lowest contract bidder based upon complete and adequate specifications.

3. Highway Construction. Mr. Roy D. Chapin, President of the Hudson Motor Car Co., of Detroit, recently made the statement that at least \$10,000,000,000 are at present invested in self-propelled vehicles and that the turn-over is \$3,000,000,000 annually. It has been estimated by the United States Chamber of Commerce that \$21,000,000,000 are invested in highway transport in this country, including the improvements on the road, but nothing for the right-of-way. That represents more than the total investment in railroads in the United States. Many of the States have already reached their constitutional limit of indebtedness for highway purposes. They will, no doubt, in the near future, devise means for additional issue of bonds, so that the time is rapidly approaching when the question of per capita indebtedness, or tax burden assumed by borrowing communities, will have to be scrutinized with care and new standards established.

#### *Legislation Regulating Security Issues.*

How far can a municipality safely go in the creation of public debt, and at what point in the process should legislative or other restrictions apply to prevent an overburdening of the population and to safeguard the interests of investors? Here is a great problem which never has received scientific analysis. Ours is a country of apparently limitless natural resources, and lavish municipal expenditure has been a direct outgrowth of this condition. However, as these resources are consumed and the creation of wealth comes to be



more and more a matter of productive work, how much debt per unit of population can a municipality safely assume?

If the interests of municipal bond investors are to be properly safeguarded, there must be a scientific study of this problem to determine what legislative restrictions should be made to apply in order to protect municipalities against themselves without making the restrictions so stringent as to hamper the reasonable development of public facilities. Take the matter of road construction as a single illustration. The tremendous increase in motor cars during the past decade demands a wholesale improvement in our highways, and public expenditure up to a certain point will be a distinct economy in conserving the investment in motor vehicles. The solution of this problem so far as the physical nature of the highways is concerned, lies with the highway engineer. He should be able to determine with reasonable accuracy what expenditure per vehicle per mile of highway is justified as an economical measure. He should also be able to determine what expenditures are justified in the reduction of grades and in the development of hard surfaces.

*Highway Finance.*

The Federal Government, through its Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Highways, is giving a great deal of time to scientific research work on this subject, and information which they have is available to all road building agencies. Several States have now organized their own State highway departments and are working closely with the Federal Board of Highways with good results. The work already accomplished by the Federal Department State Agencies gives assurance of far better results in highway construction and less wasted expenditure in type of road or method of construction.

The matter of highway finance is one calling for careful study. Which of our municipal or Governmental units are the logical agencies through which highway improvement should be undertaken? Should this be left, as is being done in many States at present, with the township, the road district and the county, or should the unit of administration be enlarged to cover the entire State? What method of taxation should be employed to cover construction and maintenance? Should it take the form of a vehicle tax so that each user of the highways pays his pro rata share of the cost? Should the cost be assessed against supposedly benefited property, or should the two methods be combined? The development of motor traffic in America has been so rapid that our highway program has fallen far behind the needs of the day. There are going to be tremendous expenditures in this field within the next quarter of a century, and it behooves those who are becoming identified with the financing of this development to see that it is undertaken on a safe basis.

*Legal Opinions.*

The attention of members of the Association is again called to the advantage to both dealers and investors, through the filing with the United States Mortgage & Trust Company of New York of legal papers and legal opinions on all municipal issues, and members are urged to file such documents and to make use of these facilities to the fullest extent.

Respectfully submitted,

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**REPORT OF IRRIGATION SECURITIES COMMITTEE BY J. W. HARRISON, CHAIRMAN.**

In view of the several reports rendered the Board of Governors during the current year, it seems appropriate to review, for the benefit of the general membership of the Investment Bankers Association, some of the salient points discussed in the above mentioned communications.

The work of the Irrigation Securities Committee, since the last annual report, has consisted largely of routine correspondence with members of the Investment Bankers Association and officials of the various irrigation districts.

Information has been furnished to investment bankers addressing this committee regarding various districts and the Acts under which they are organized. Many inquiries have been received with reference to the securities of older districts in this and nearby States.

Irrigation securities have held up well during the period of financial readjustment following the war. In fact, as a class, they suffered less shrinkage in market value than either corporation or municipal bonds. This stability, no doubt, can be attributed to the high interest rate which most of the issues carry, and to the fact that the income from such bonds is not subject to the Federal tax.

The committee is now engaged in preliminary work looking toward the re-drafting of the California Irrigation District Act, known as the "Wright Act," thanks to the generous treatment of the Board of Governors at their recent meeting at Toronto, in appropriating \$2,500 to assist in the above mentioned work.

It is the intention to secure an Act that will give investors the maximum of security, and yet prove workable from the standpoint of the irrigatoinists. In order to accomplish this, it is necessary to co-operate with the legal departments of the various interested States and also with the attorneys of the irrigation associations.

A great deal of work is involved, and it is hoped that the new draft will be ready to present to the Legislatures at their spring sessions early in 1923. The responsible officials of several States have expressed their interest and willingness to co-operate in having such an Act placed in their statutes, and it is hoped that much will be accomplished towards strengthening irrigation securities.

Some of the essential points to be given consideration in the proposed new legislation are as follows:

- (a) Providing a simple method for changing the name of a district from "Irrigation" to "Water Conservation" or some other suitable term, eliminating the term "Irrigation."
- (b) For a redemption period after delinquent sale of one instead of three or more years, as heretofore.
- (c) Placing of all matters after the equalization of an assessment in the hands of the County Assessor, Tax Collector and Treasurer instead of in the hands of District officials. (Same system in effect as obtains in California in the case of school districts.)
- (d) Determine, if possible, the best method of basing assessments. One of the four following methods will be adopted, to wit:
  - (1) Property tax based on valuation, as at present in California;
  - (2) A fixed tax per irrigable acre, as in Oregon;
  - (3) An assessment of all benefits on each parcel of land, as in Nevada;
  - (4) An assessment based upon an individual water allotment to each parcel, as in Utah.

Each method has its separate advantages, and it is of great importance. It is apparent that it is unwise to have different methods of assessment obtaining in districts organized under the same Act, and particularly unwise to have different methods of assessment obtaining in the case of separate bond issues of the same district.

Personally, my preference is for the California method, based upon a detailed observation of the working of each. However, there are various views on these matters which, doubtless, are worthy of consideration.

The above points are considered the most essential changes to be made, but there are many others of minor importance that will have a bearing on the desirability of irrigation district securities.

It is eminently desirable, for many reasons, that the machinery for assessing, levying and collecting taxes, and taking delinquency proceedings, be taken out of the hands of district officials and placed in the hands of the regular county officials.

Careful consideration will also be given to the change in the statute to provide for the levying of a tax as a sinking fund for future maturities. The statute now provides for the levy to take care of ensuing years' requirements of principal and interest only. This is a question that is not readily answered and requires very careful consideration.

The plan at present is to call a conference at which shall be present investment bankers, their attorneys, attorneys for various districts, attorneys for the Irrigation Districts' Association, district officials, county assessors, tax collectors and treasurers, which conference shall thoroughly canvass the situation with the result that there may be prepared an Act beneficial alike to districts, property owners, investment bankers and investors.

This committee has already accomplished much in having legislation adopted by States other than California to conform to the general provisions of the California law. It is the intention to continue the work along these lines.

In concluding, perhaps it might be well to state, for the benefit of members not previously interested in this type of security, that California bond dealers have so far, during the year 1922, purchased and marketed at retail approximately \$15,150,000 of California Irrigation District bonds, and approximately \$5,850,000 of Irrigation District bonds originating in other States. Further, the market is constantly broadening for such bonds, and many dealers who heretofore have not offered such securities are now doing so.

Several investment houses recently engaged to market \$7,500,000 of 6% bonds of one district in this State. The first issue of \$2,000,000 was oversubscribed on the day of offering.

Bonds already voted but unsold in the State of California, but which will soon come into the market, amount to approximately \$35,300,000.

There are many unsold issues in adjoining States, with a proposed program, including California, involving upwards of \$400,000,000.

**REPORT OF TAXATION COMMITTEE BY EUGENE E. THOMPSON, CHAIRMAN.**

The work of this committee in the year since the convention of the Association at New Orleans has been considerably less than in recent years, and it mostly has been concerned with matters of Federal taxation.

*The New Tax Law.*

At the time of the Tenth Annual Convention of the Association the House of Representatives had passed and the Senate was then engaged in debating the new revenue bill. This bill became a law on Nov. 23 1921, substantially in the form discussed in the report of the former Committee on Taxation, submitted at New Orleans.

This law has been criticized because it reduced surtaxes only 15%, from 65 to 50, but it did repeal the excess profits taxes, which in part were smothering the productive activity of the country. Serious efforts were made in the Senate to adopt a sales tax as a substitute for the higher surtaxes and the excess profits tax and other forms of aggregated taxation, but those advocating this form of tax payment as a just and equitable system of taxation could not muster a sufficient number of votes to secure favorable action.

Whatever may be said as to the new tax law, and no such enactment ever has been or ever will be popular, it is infinitely better than the former tax law; but at the same time no one is satisfied with it as a final work of tax revision, and there is little doubt but that the Administration will proceed actively at a comparatively early date to a more thorough-going, courageous and intelligent attempt to rearrange taxes on a peace basis. It must be expected, however, that the tax burden will continue heavy for many years to come. The \$25,000,000,000 the war cost is a debt that must be paid, and these bills must be paid largely by taxes.

*The Soldiers' Bonus.*

[We omit the remarks under this head, as President Harding has vetoed the Soldier Bonus Bill.—Ed.]

*Taxation of Municipal Bond Interest.*

The Congressional refusal in the writing of the new revenue law to reduce the high surtaxes led the President in his message to Congress of Dec. 6 1921 to propose that future issues of bonds of States and their political subdivisions should be deprived of the present constitutional exemption from taxation. The President recognized that it would be necessary to change the Constitution in order to accomplish this result, at the same time expressly stating that no action can change the status of the many billions outstanding. The purpose underlying the President's recommendation was to create in this way that equality of investment attractiveness which had first been attempted in the form of reducing the surtaxes.

Hearings on the subject were held by the Ways and Means Committee of the House on Jan. 16, 18 and March 7 1922. This Association filed a brief with the committee stating the position of the Association, in keeping with the resolution passed by the Board of Governors in May 1920, advocating the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States empowering on the one hand, the Federal taxation of the income from future obligations of the States and political subdivisions, and, on the other hand, the taxation of future obligations of the United States by the States and their political subdivisions, in both cases with proper safeguards limiting such taxation.

On May 3 1922 the Ways and Means Committee reported in favor of an amendment to the Constitution permitting the taxing of such income. The form of amendment recommended by the Ways and Means Committee is as follows:

"Sec. 1. The United States shall have power to lay and collect taxes on income derived from securities issued after the ratification of this article, by or under the authority of any State, but without discrimination against income derived from such securities and in favor of income derived from securities issued prior to the ratification of this article, by or under the authority of the United States or any other State."

"Sec. 2. Each State shall have power to lay and collect taxes on income derived by its residents from securities issued, after the ratification of this article, by or under the authority of the United States; but without discrimination against income derived from such securities and in favor of income derived from securities issued, after the ratification of this article, by or under the authority of such State."

It will be observed that the form of the amendment does not forbid the further issuance of tax-exempt securities, but merely permits their taxation by the Federal Government, on the one hand, provided it does not discriminate against securities issued by the States or under their authority in favor of

national securities, and that each State, on the other hand, is permitted to tax the securities issued by the Federal Government, provided the State in levying the tax does not thereby discriminate in favor of securities issued by it or under its authority. In other words, the several States are given the same rights with reference to Federal securities that the national Government has with reference to State securities.

This resolution is now pending on the calendar, and so far has not been acted upon by the House.

The advantage of investing in tax-free securities arises, of course, from the exemption it confers in respect to Federal income surtaxes. The extremely high surtax rates still imposed by law inevitably encourages investment in wholly tax-exempt securities. Those advocating the withdrawal of the exemption, point out that present conditions give rise to grave economic evils; that it means an inequitable distribution of the tax burden to the grave disadvantage of earned income as against unearned income; that it entails loss of revenue to the Federal Government; and, furthermore, that it tends to encourage reckless increase of public indebtedness, and to divert capital from productive enterprise.

The majority report of the House Committee found that the present system should be condemned for eight reasons, which the report enumerates as follows:

- "1. A large portion of property escapes taxation, thereby causing great loss of revenue;
- "2. It violates the ability principle of taxation and unfairly discriminates between taxpayers;
- "3. It impedes private financing;
- "4. It discourages investment in new enterprises;
- "5. It encourages extravagances of Governmental agencies;
- "6. It grants a private subsidy to certain interests;
- "7. By withdrawing money from private enterprises it increases the rate of interest required for all enterprises not carried on by the Government, and thereby adds to the cost of living;
- "8. It creates social unrest."

The whole situation as to tax-exempt securities is accentuated by our present high surtaxes. It would greatly relieve the situation to reduce the surtaxes, and if this is not done the result can be accomplished only by withdrawing the present exemption from taxation enjoyed by municipal issues.

It is a serious objection to adopting the latter alternative that it necessarily involves a most fundamental change in the traditional constitutional relations between the Federal Government on the one hand and the State Governments on the other hand. For the States to give up the authority they now have over the conditions of borrowing money and their own taxation would be a surrender of State rights probably greater than any one of the many that have already taken place. For this reason, undoubtedly, the pending measure will meet with serious opposition and even if Congressional approval should be given, it is doubtful whether a sufficient number of the States would ratify it to make it a part of the Constitution.

#### Court Decisions.

On May 29 1922 an important decision was rendered by the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Miles, Collector, vs. Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Baltimore, with reference to Federal income taxation as applied to proceeds received from the sale of stock subscription rights. Under the rulings of the Treasury Department the entire amount realized from the sale of rights was held to be taxable income. Under this decision the result, for tax purposes, of a sale of rights is to be determined by averaging the cost of the old and new shares, and only so much of the proceeds of sale as represents a realized profit over and above the cost of what is sold is to be treated as taxable income. In determining the cost for the calculation of the profit or loss on the sale, there is to be added to the cost (used to include also, where required, the fair market value as of March 1 1913) of the old shares the subscription price to be paid to the corporation for each share of the new, the total being treated as the cost of each two shares, one of which is to pass to the purchaser of the right. All that must be borne in mind is that it is considered that in selling rights a stockholder is selling his new shares for the amount received plus the subscription price, the purchaser assuming the payment of the subscription price. The difference between such sales price and the average cost, according to this decision, will then represent the profit or loss realized out of the transaction. It will thus be perceived that under this decision a sale of rights may, in some cases, even result in a loss—whereas under the former Treasury rulings the entire proceeds in all cases were treated as taxable income.

Another decision of interest was rendered on April 10 1922 by the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Greiner vs. Lewellyn, Collector. Under the provisions of the Federal estate tax it is required that State and municipal bonds held by a decedent be included for the purpose of determining the amount of the decedent's net estate for purposes of the estate tax. While the earlier decisions of the Supreme Court tended in favor of the power of Congress to require the inclusion of State and municipal bonds, the Supreme Court, in this particular case, now squarely decides that Congress does possess the power, the theory being that the tax is levied in respect of the transfer upon death irrespective of the character of the property transferred.

#### Convertible Bonds.

The question has arisen under the new tax Act as to whether any profit or loss results from the conversion of a convertible bond for stock.

Under the Treasury regulations issued under the Revenue Act of 1918 (Art. 1563; Regs. 45) it was provided that "Where the owner of a bond exercised the right, provided for in the bond, of converting the bond into stock in the obligor corporation, such transaction does not result in a realization of profit or loss, the transaction not being closed for purposes of income taxation until such stock is sold."

Under the present regulations issued under the new tax Act of 1921, this provision is omitted.

Under the exchange provisions of the new Act the Treasury Department has ruled that no profit or loss results upon the exchange of stock for stock or of bonds for bonds, and in the absence of a specific regulation covering conversion of a convertible bond for stock, the implication might be drawn from the regulation applying to exchanges that any profit arising from such conversion is taxable.

It is not believed that such conversion constitutes an exchange of property which would result in a taxable gain should the value of the stock when received be in excess of the cost of the bond. The bond when purchased carried with it the right of conversion and the exercise of this option or privilege, it is believed, cannot properly be held to constitute an exchange of property.

Your committee has taken the subject up with the Treasury Department so as to obtain a definite ruling on the point and, if possible, the reinstatement of the former regulation. When the ruling is had it will be published through the Bulletin.

#### Exchanges of Securities.

Attention is called to a recent ruling of the Treasury Department which is believed to be important. Under the present tax Act securities held for investment may be exchanged for other securities and no taxable gain or loss will be recognized. This provision has been construed as permitting the ex-

change of bonds for bonds and of stock for stock, but not as permitting the interchange of bonds for stock or vice versa.

Recently the Treasury Department issued an interpretative ruling as follows:

"A, an investment dealer, acquired from B, the taxpayer, not a dealer, a bond of the M company for \$955, and B acquired from A on the same date a bond of the O company at a cost of \$900.

"If the transaction with the taxpayer was a true exchange—that is, if the dealer traded a bond which was a part of his stock in trade, and was owned by him, for another bond owned by the taxpayer—the taxpayer may report the transaction as an exchange in accordance with the provisions of section 202 (c). If, however, the dealer acted in effect as his broker, and purchased the bond of the O company for B, the taxpayer's transaction was simply a sale of the bond of M company, followed by the purchase of the O company bond, and he may not treat such separate transactions as an exchange. The fact that A is an investment dealer, not a broker, does not in itself make the transaction an exchange if, in effect, A acted as B's agent or broker in this particular transaction. Nor are the book entries or confirmation slip conclusive evidence one way or the other, the actual facts being determinative."

Under the strict language of this ruling it might seem that the intention was to treat as taxable any transaction in which the bonds traded by the dealer were not held by him at the time of his receipt of the customer's request for the exchange. Such a holding, it is believed, would be clearly contrary to law.

It is realized that in many cases there is difficulty in determining whether the transaction is a true exchange or really a sale and reinvestment of the proceeds in other securities. But undoubtedly the substance and true nature of the transaction must be controlling. While it may not be practicable to lay down any hard and fast rule to govern all cases, nevertheless, your committee has felt that it would be desirable that so far as practicable a clearly stated rule be issued by the Treasury Department which would enable it to be more definitely known under what conditions a non-taxable exchange may be made. If possible to obtain such a ruling it will be made known later.

#### Ownership Certificates.

The improper use of information obtained from income tax ownership certificates continues. Names and addresses and holdings of investors are being disclosed and unfair use is being made of the information. Despite the provisions of the law forbidding these disclosures, the practice seems to be on the increase, many of those engaging in the traffic seemingly relying for immunity upon the practical difficulties of establishing definite responsibility. In a number of instances, however, the disclosure has been in entire good faith, especially in aiding securities holders' protective committees. In other cases it is conceivable that the practice may be due to a lack of definite understanding of the restrictions of the law.

After consideration of the subject, your committee has accordingly felt that it might be helpful to have the Treasury Department give a definite ruling on the point and the same then be furnished to all members for their information and future guidance. The following rulings have been received from the Department.

First a letter dated March 20 1922, as follows:

"Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of Feb. 24 1922 wherein you inquire whether a fiscal paying agent may furnish to a corporation the names and addresses of the holders of interest-bearing obligations of the corporation, and also whether such an agent or corporation may disclose to any person the information obtained from Forms 1000, 1001 and 1001-A, furnished by holders of interest-bearing obligations of corporations.

"In reply you are advised that Section 3167 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is as follows:

"It shall be unlawful for any person to print or publish in any manner whatever not provided by law, any income return, or any part thereof, or source of income, profits, losses or expenditures appearing in any income return; and any offense against the foregoing provision shall be a misdemeanor and be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or by an imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both, at the discretion of the court; and if the offender be an officer or employee of the United States he shall be dismissed from office or discharged from employment."

"It is held that ownership certificates become income returns as soon as they are presented with interest coupons for the payment of the interest. It is unlawful, therefore, for any person through whose hands the ownership certificates may pass prior to the time they are filed with the Collector of Internal Revenue or the Commissioner to disclose any information contained thereon. The names and addresses of the holders of bonds are information and the disclosure of such information is declared to be unlawful by Section 3167 of the Revised Statutes, as amended."

Secondly, a letter from the Treasury Department dated April 20 1922 advising that the same ruling would apply to the case of a fiscal agent using for its information, or that of its representatives, the names and addresses of the holders of interest-bearing obligations payable at its office.

Thirdly, a letter from the Treasury Department dated Aug. 5 1922, further advising that the above ruling of March 20 1922 is equally applicable to the case of a trustee, paying agent or corporation. The Department has also recently informally advised that these rulings are, of course, not intended to interfere with the fiscal agent properly aiding the debtor corporation to the extent that such corporation may be enabled to make its fiscal return or complete its files and records. Respectfully submitted,

Committee on Taxation.

#### REPORT OF FRAUDULENT ADVERTISING COMMITTEE BY JAMES C. FENHAGEN, CHAIRMAN.

During the past year the work of the Fraudulent Advertising Committee has been much developed by reason of the fact that nearly all of the 16 groups of the Association have formed local fraudulent advertising committees which have in many cases done intensive work in securing evidence against and effecting the discontinuance of "fly-by-night" schemes in their particular districts.

With the idea of setting before the Association a bird's-eye picture of what is being accomplished throughout the country in this line, your committee has secured reports from many of the chairmen of the various group committees and presents herewith a brief synopsis of these reports:

#### New England Group.

The New England Group organized a fraudulent advertising committee late in 1921. Later on, in co-operation with the Boston Chamber of Commerce, some of the local banks and the Retail Trade Board, the Boston Better Business Commission was formed and the local fraudulent advertising committee threw in its efforts with this bureau. The Commission started to operate May 1 1922, since which date 119 financial propositions have been investigated and 19 more are in process. As a result, a number of sales campaigns have been abandoned. In four cases objectionable advertising copy has been discontinued, and in one case the Public Utilities Commission has barred the sale of a certain stock.

The Commission is also attempting to instill the idea of "Before You Invest—Investigate," and with that in view is inserting articles in internal publications of the larger department stores, and the General Electric Plant at Lynn. The Commission is also co-operating with various Chambers of



Commerce in other New England towns and cities, and with the local District Attorney, who under the existing fraud law, has the power to summon to his office any promoters against whom misrepresentation is reasonably charged.

One of the most interesting cases of fraud reported was in the case of a man selling 1,000,000 rubles for \$2 when they could be bought, tied up in nice packages of 4,500.00 for \$1. Another was the instance of a man selling stock of the Gold Field Deep Mines for 20 cents which could be bought at the time on the New York Curb at 2 cents a share.

#### New York Group.

The Fraudulent Advertising Committee of the New York Group was appointed in December 1921 and has been very active in its attempts to check fraudulent and bucket-shop advertising throughout the State. All the best newspapers have here, as in most other sections, co-operated to keep their columns free of the promotional type of advertising and advertisements of known unreliable concerns. The committee, without solicitation, has sent letters to many of the newspapers which have so co-operated, expressing appreciation of their stand and commending their efforts to destroy the illegitimate branches of finance.

#### Eastern Pennsylvania Group.

The committee for this Group was organized in close co-operation with a representative of Group One of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association and a representative of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange. It is the intention of the joint committee to wage an active campaign against offerings of fraudulent securities both through the co-operation of the District Attorney and through a newspaper campaign.

#### South Eastern Group.

The Fraudulent Advertising Committee, in close co-operation with the Blue Sky Committee, Inc., of Baltimore, has, under the Maryland Fraud Act, made a determined effort to rid the Maryland territory of the "fly-by-night" promoters. As a result, a great many promoters have left the city or State under either action on the part of the Attorney-General, or frequently after his formal demand for information relative to the securities which they were offering.

In recent weeks an intensive campaign has been instituted by the Baltimore newspapers, with the co-operation of the Blue Sky Committee and the Fraudulent Advertising Committee, against the so-called "blind pools." These speculative pools have received on deposit large sums of money, chiefly in small amounts and from people of comparatively small means, with the avowed intention and purpose of speculating in listed New York securities, and have been paying profits (?) on their supposed transactions of from 50% to 120% per annum. As this report is being prepared two of these concerns with headquarters in New York and operating a branch in Baltimore, have closed their doors, receivers have been appointed, and it is understood that the principals are on their way to Europe. Two others are under indictment, another has closed its doors, and it is probable a few weeks will see the end of all of the eight which have been operating.

In the District of Columbia splendid work has been accomplished by action of the Grand Jury in indicting the promoters of a number of fraudulent enterprises. Legislation is also pending in Congress for the District of Columbia, but has been held in abeyance for the time being until it can be determined whether the Investment Bankers Association and the Securities Commissioners Association could not work out an Act which might serve as a model for proposed legislation.

#### Central States Group.

The local fraudulent advertising committee has been working largely through the Investors & Advertisers Bureau, which is supported mainly by the Group. This will probably be changed, however, and the work of the Bureau taken over in part by the Secretary of State and in part by the Association of Commerce. The committee has been working largely on the line of educational publicity with the idea of creating a demand for talks before schools, clubs, colleges, business organizations, etc., on the line of investments and the dangers of fraudulent promotional enterprises. They have also secured the co-operation of all the best newspapers in keeping out of their columns any advertising that is of the "fly-by-night" variety.

#### Minnesota Group.

The Minnesota Fraudulent Advertising Committee has been running a splendid series of advertisements in the newspapers of St. Paul and Minneapolis with the idea of educating the public on the lines of sound investment and warning them against the "get-rich-quick" propositions. They have also distributed through all the banks of the Ninth Federal Reserve District copies of large colored posters of which the copy at hand bears the heading "Beware of Present-Day Pirates." This is followed by three terse paragraphs warning against the pirates of finance and advising consultation with one's bankers or a responsible investment dealer before investing.

#### Mississippi Valley Group.

The Fraudulent Advertising Committee of this Group has also been working in close co-operation with the Better Business Bureau of St. Louis, contributing to it financially and making use of its already established organization. The work of this Bureau in the investment field is broadly divided into three activities:

1. It has developed a contact with advertising media so that no investment copy is accepted and published until it has been thoroughly investigated. This, of course, refers to the offerings on the part of dealers of no known standing.

2. The Bureau has also built up a free service to the public based on the idea of "Before You Invest—Investigate." This service, in addition to supplying analyses and information on any particular security concerning which inquiry is made, aims at education of the inquirer on the general line of investments. The Bureau's records show an average of 800 inquiries a month during 1922, which well illustrates the scope of its activities.

3. The Bureau also supplies a good deal of reading matter (news) in reference to fraudulent and worthless investments for speeches to be made at public gatherings and for local community papers. It also works in very close harmony with the local Prosecuting Attorneys, both State and Federal, the State Blue Sky Committee and the local police.

The committee writes that "when the Bureau entered this field in 1920 it was in the shoes of Hercules when he faced the task of cleaning out the Augean Stalls. Now it has got ahead of the mess and can forestall attempted frauds."

#### Pacific Northwest Group.

This committee reports that it has many times during the year called the attention of local dealers to certain inaccuracies in newspaper and circular advertising. These have been inadvertent and unintentional, and when noted were corrected.

The committee has also worked in very close harmony with the local Better Business Bureau in campaigns against the "fly-by-night" concerns. One of the fraud cases which has been successfully worked out by this Bureau illustrates so well some of the difficulties which have been successfully overcome in this work, that it is here quoted in full:

#### "Sparks & Dye: Skagit Land Fraud.

"Early in the year 1921 advertisements appeared in the local papers advertising land in the Skagit Delta for sale. The claim was made that these

lands, if diked, would be very productive, and quite a campaign was carried on to sell these tracts.

"The Seattle Better Business Bureau questioned the advertising, made an investigation and convinced itself that the entire project was not feasible, and also made a thorough soil investigation of the land offered for sale. Evidence was submitted to the Bureau showing that it was almost impossible to make the soil productive for farming purposes and that the expense of diking would be absolutely prohibitive.

"The Seattle Bureau prepared data which was submitted to the District Attorney, and we were informed that we had no case. However, we did not agree with him and the evidence which had been prepared by the Bureau was sent on to New York to the National Vigilance Committee of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World and by them was sent to the Washington Better Business Bureau, and they in turn took it up with the Postmaster-General. An order was issued by him to the Seattle Post Office Inspector to check up on the evidence, and if found to be correct to present the entire matter to the Federal Grand Jury. After a complete investigation by the Post Office Inspector the evidence submitted was O. K.'d and the matter was presented to the Grand Jury and an indictment issued against Sparks & Dye and several of their representatives.

"Early this year the case came to trial and it was decided to try Sparks & Dye separately from their representative, Lamppan, who was also under indictment. After rather a lengthy trial, in which witnesses were brought to Seattle by the Government from many of the Northwestern States, Sparks was found guilty, but Dye was acquitted. Sparks's attorney made a motion for appeal, but this was afterwards withdrawn, and Sparks is now in the Federal Penitentiary for 18 months.

"The case against the representative of the company has not been set for trial as yet.

"The Bureau was absolutely vindicated in its original stand and a good demonstration was made of the effectiveness of the co-operation of the Bureau throughout the United States."

### REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE BY JOHN W. MACGREGOR, CHAIRMAN.

List of questions to be discussed in connection with the report of the Publicity Committee:

1. Should the Association take a definite position on a campaign against worthless and/or fraudulent securities? Discussion led by Roy C. Osgood.
2. Should the Association inaugurate an investment educational campaign? Discussion led by N. Penrose Hallowell.
3. Should the Association permit members to advertise their membership in the Association under certain restrictions?

The Publicity Committee believes the Investment Bankers Association of America should establish an educational bureau, under a competent director, which shall join in the growing national movement against worthless and fraudulent securities. It is proposed by the committee that this bureau shall not only co-operate with existing agencies, official and otherwise, now serving toward this desired end, co-ordinating its efforts wherever possible, but that, within its special field, it shall endeavor to inaugurate a national educational campaign in the name of our Association. The members of the committee believe that the time has come when the Association must take a definite stand upon this challenging issue, or fail in its obligation to the country and to itself. It is proposed to make a modest beginning, along practical and conservative lines, always under the guidance and close control of the governing officials of the Association, and to expand only as experience justifies. The committee desires to commend the work done in various communities, cities and States in combating fraud, not only by legislation, but also by prosecution of offenders and suggests that the Association, through the proposed educational bureau and otherwise, shall support such worthy efforts and co-operate in the work.

Despite the fact that no public announcement has been made of our plans or purposes, and also that the membership at large has had no intimation an educational campaign is contemplated, the committee has done much preliminary work, has received approval of its ideas from many quarters and has been given assurance of financial support from a number of the leading financial interests of the country. It has been promised the active co-operation of many daily and weekly newspapers, magazines and of various organizations, corporations and Governmental agencies interested in checking the sale of questionable securities. The committee trusts that the Convention will give due consideration to this great problem and that discussion of the report will develop a definite sentiment thereon.

A somewhat detailed report was made to the Board of Governors at the White Sulphur meeting in May, in which it was recommended:

- (a) That the committee be authorized to develop and inaugurate at once a general educational and missionary campaign, the primary purpose of which is to teach the principles of sound investing, with privilege of using every agency at its command;
- (b) That an educational director be obtained at a salary to be fixed by the Board of Governors, and
- (c) That the name of the committee be changed.

The report was favorably received and approved. As several members of the Board evidently misunderstood the real significance of action taken at the White Sulphur meeting, the committee decided to await developments at the meeting of the Governors at Toronto on July 21, when a supplemental report was presented. In view of the probable expense of the undertaking and the somewhat limited funds at the disposal of the Association, it was suggested that the committee should start the campaign in a modest way and obtain the services of some newspaper man at a moderate salary. This suggestion, while disappointing, was concurred in most willingly, and the committee has done some work, the full effect of which cannot be determined at this time.

The failure, early in 1922, of a large number of stock brokerage houses (practically all of which were referred to as "bucket shops") developed more or less of a hysteria for regulation and licensing of dealers in stocks and bonds, although legitimate investment houses were involved in no manner whatsoever. While agitation for such procedure has not been pronounced during the past three or four months, we should not overlook the fact that many State Legislatures will hold annual or biennial sessions before the next convention of the Investment Bankers Association of America. Many bills, which would restrict or harass legitimate dealers, are certain to be introduced and, doubtless, a fair proportion thereof will be enacted into law unless this Association is prepared to offer something tangible and definite to counteract the sentiment for such legislation, and should offerings of worthless or fraudulent securities become more frequent, and should failures of so-called bucket-shops again become numerous, Government and State action might be of such character as might require the Association, in self defense, to put itself squarely and conspicuously on record as actively combating these evils. Furthermore, if the Association were forced into an aggressive campaign, it first might be compelled to allay criticism for apparent indifference, under which circumstances the effectiveness of a constructive campaign would be restricted until the public had forgotten earlier inactivity.

The committee believes that the proposed educational campaign would be helpful in this respect. Doubtless, it would be influential in directing interest of intending investors towards high grade securities, and in considering purchases from firms and houses of unquestioned reliability. This, however, should remind us of the fact that we, too, owe a duty to the public and should not only exercise great care in the election of new members, but should also increase the authority of the Board of Governors whereby members could be disciplined more promptly for practices not in conformity with good business ethics. Consequently, the Publicity Committee strongly endorses the resolutions of the Central States Group, presented to the Board of Governors at the White Sulphur meeting, and urges that these resolutions be placed upon the calendar of the Convention for discussion and action.

The brokerage failures already mentioned naturally attracted a great deal of attention in newspapers and magazines and were also effective in stimulating sentiment against the vendors of poor, worthless and fraudulent securities. The committee considers it unfortunate that the Association was not prepared to step into the breach and immediately inaugurate a nation-wide publicity and educational campaign. The committee appreciates fully there was neither authority vested in any committee to undertake the work nor any organization to conduct a campaign. Meanwhile, the committee has made a rather extensive inquiry and has come to the conclusion that an educational campaign would receive general approval and co-operation. In fact, there is evidence that some agencies are anticipating the Association by effecting organizations to combat the Blue Sky promoter.

County investment bureaus are being organized in one State and are being directed and supported by a combination of banking institutions; building and loan associations; farm federations; Kiwanis, Rotary and other clubs; boards of trade and chambers of commerce. It is proposed to supply newspapers and all organizations represented in the bureaus with articles on financial subjects, and with reports about securities offered in the State. Trained investigators are to be employed and a publicity department is to be attached to State headquarters. The committee has been requested to co-operate with the bureaus, and, in turn, the committee is offered the co-operation of the bureaus and the opportunity to push our educational campaign in that State, the expense of which would be very moderate.

The committee held meetings in New York on April 3 and in Chicago on June 12, in addition to which the Chairman has conferred, on various occasions, with individual members of the committee and has maintained a steady flow of communication therewith. At no time has there been a difference of opinion as to plan and policy. The endorsement of our aims and purposes by individuals, institutions and investment houses leaves no doubt in our minds of the wisdom as well as the urgent necessity of the proposed educational campaign. A direct evidence of this situation was made manifest in the reception accorded an address of Mr. Roy C. Osgood, at Milwaukee, on June 13. Mr. Osgood's address was delivered before the annual meeting of the Financial Advertisers Association of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World. His subject was "Do Investment Bankers Owe the Public the Duty of Warning or Educating Against Fraud?" The question was answered thus:

"Yes, emphatically, for the following reasons:

"It is the duty of every citizen to so act as not to commit fraud.

"It is also his moral duty to restrain others from committing fraud.

"It is his ordinary duty to warn others of fraud so far as practicable.

"This is particularly true of the citizen having knowledge of existing fraud. Investment bankers have a special knowledge concerning the issuance and sale of securities and learn to detect the kinds of fraud that infest them. It, therefore, becomes their duty both to warn and educate against fraud. In addition to being a duty, it is business common sense on the part of the investment banker to warn against fraud because every dollar sunk in fraudulent securities is diverted not only from his own business but the business he is assisting to finance. The duty exists not only to warn but to educate the public, because education in itself constitutes a warning."

Interest in the address was apparent not only at the Milwaukee meeting, but also by publication in full in the Bulletin and by a printing for distribution among the officers and salesmen of the Harris, Forbes & Co. organization. Other members of the Association also have answered Mr. Osgood's question affirmatively and have done excellent work, of which conspicuous examples include co-operative advertising of the Milwaukee dealers, the display poster of the Minnesota Group and participation in the organization and management of Better Business Bureaus. The New York Stock Exchange and the Chicago Stock Exchange have taken a strong public position in the campaign against fraud and against the bucket shops. The Baltimore and Pittsburgh Stock Exchanges also helped the movement by display advertising in daily newspapers.

Nevertheless, it must be admitted that drives against fraud must be constant, and not spasmodic, if real progress is to be expected. The committee believes, by inaugurating, and then extending, the campaign as circumstances develop, that satisfactory results can be obtained. Briefly, the plan proposes an investment educational campaign, which, in part, would include the preparation of articles on financial, business and investment subjects and distribution thereof through newspaper associations, for publication at regular intervals; to furnish articles for magazines, and lectures for use in schools and colleges; to co-operate with organizations of all kinds in attempting to limit the issuance and sales of worthless and/or fraudulent securities; to provide speakers for meetings and the lecture platform and to assist every legitimate effort to spread the doctrine of sound investment; to make use of the radio, the moving picture and the publicity and advertising bureaus of railroads, public utility and industrial corporations and of boards of trade, chambers of commerce, farm bureaus and granges and labor organizations.

The committee suggests the employment of an educational director, to operate under the direction of the committee or of the Secretary's office, with authority to begin the campaign and to extend the work. We are prepared to recommend for educational director a man who has impressed most favorably all members of the Association with whom he has come in contact. It is apparent that he is exceptionally well qualified for the work. He has been a crusader for years against Blue Sky operations. He has a forceful personality. He is editor of one of the largest class publications in the country. He has a wide newspaper experience, has been a college professor and has written a book dealing with power development of small streams. He is at home on the platform and is thoroughly conversant with the value of sound publicity.

In conclusion, the committee recommends that its name be changed from "Publicity" to "Investment Education." The word publicity is in disrepute, especially in newspaper and magazine offices, and will prove a handicap in our efforts. Acknowledgment herewith is made of assistance rendered by members of the Association and of support promised by many individuals and organizations interested in our proposed campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

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H. F. CLIPPINGER,              JOHN W. MacGREGOR, Chairman.  
Publicity Committee of the Investment Bankers Association of America.

#### REPORT OF LEGISLATION COMMITTEE BY THOMAS N. DYSART, CHAIRMAN.

The work of the Committee on Legislation is largely confined to co-operating with other standing committees of the Association on matters of legislation, either local or national, which fall within the scope of the particular committee's activity and, as most of these subjects of legislation are dealt with in the reports of those committees, it will only be necessary for this committee to make brief mention of them.

Only a few of the State Legislatures were in session this year, and the committees' activities were therefore confined largely to looking after bills pending in Congress. The wisdom of establishing the various Groups is emphasized by the marked reduction of the work of the General Committee on Legislation, much of the work formerly done by that committee being done now by the legislative committee of the various Groups. Your committee acknowledges with thanks the prompt assistance and hearty co-operation of such of the Group committees as may have been called upon during the year. Its work is very materially facilitated through the establishment of these Groups and their local legislative committees. For this reason it might be well here to call to the attention of the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the various Groups the undoubted value of an active legislative committee made up of members who are qualified to do the work and interested in doing it. This will be true especially during the coming year, when a large majority of the State Legislatures are to be in session. These local committees could be of valuable assistance not only to the general committee on legislation, but to the other standing committees as well.

During the year the committee has been requested to give consideration to several matters of legislation originating in various States. It was requested by the State Bank Commissioner that suggestions be submitted for a new savings bank law in Maine. Working in connection with the Legislative Committee of the New England Group, this matter is having attention. The Chairman has been in communication and conference with members of the Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Pennsylvania Groups with respect to the agitation in Pennsylvania for a State Blue Sky Act. Also with members of the Southeastern Group at Atlanta regarding a new securities Act for the State of Georgia. The committee, through some of the members of the Chicago Group, was able to arrange for a very necessary change in the phraseology of the clause in the proposed new Constitution for Illinois having to do with the authorization and issue of bonds payable by taxation. A constitutional convention is now in session in Missouri, and, at the request of several of its members, the committee drafted the provisions of the Constitution relating to municipal financing and has been able to have them unanimously approved by the appropriate committees of the convention. In Mississippi the State officials revived their efforts to enforce the amendment to Section 3783 of the Mississippi Code of 1906 which levies a tax of \$100 on dealers in securities in towns of less than 3,000 inhabitants; \$200 in towns of over 3,000 and less than 5,000; \$300 in cities of 5,000 or over; and a flat tax of \$500 throughout the State. This naturally caused considerable alarm on the part of those members of the Association who sell securities in that State. We have been able so far to prevent any attempt to apply this law as to the representatives of dealers in investment bonds. Both the commercial and investment banks in Alabama are again agitating a revision of the Constitution and the adoption of new municipal bond laws in that State. The committee has been in correspondence with various parties in Alabama and is actively assisting in the work. It is hoped that the next Legislature will submit a call for a constitutional convention and, failing to do this, that it will propose amendments removing present constitutional tax limits in so far as they relate to municipal bonds.

The situation with respect to bills pending before Congress in which the committee has taken an interest are about as follows:

H. J. Resolution 314. This proposes an amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the purpose of permitting the Federal taxation of interest on the obligations of the States and their political subdivisions. This measure was reported favorably by the Ways and Means Committee on the House on May 3 1922 and is now on the calendar of the House. This subject will be treated in detail in the report of the Committee on Taxation.

H. R. 10,212. This is known as the Bacharach Bill and is intended to deprive the Federal courts of jurisdiction in certain public utility cases. At the hearings held by the sub-committee of the Committee on Judiciary of the House, to which the bill was referred, the Association was represented by its committee counsel, Mr. Keyser, who was heard in opposition to the bill. Hearings have been closed and the measure is now under advisement by the sub-committee and, while no report has been submitted, it is expected that when submitted it will be unfavorable, and the passage of the bill is considered unlikely. This bill has been followed closely by the Public Service Securities Committee and will undoubtedly be mentioned in the annual report of that committee.

H. R. 11,969. This provides for the incorporation and regulation of banks in the District of Columbia. During the preparation of the bill, its author, Congressman Millsbaugh of Missouri, communicated with the Chairman of your committee about various of its features, particularly the provision with respect to the creation of savings banks. In the main the bill is acceptable, but as originally worded, it contained a provision which would prevent the use of the name "investment banker" by members of the Association desiring to do business in the District of Columbia. It is hoped that it will be possible to reach an understanding with reference to a satisfactory amendment to eliminate this objection.

H. R. 5016. This is a fraudulent securities bill for the District of Columbia, and is in effect a straight fraud Act similar to the laws passed in New Jersey, Maryland and New York, with the addition of a provision for the registration of brokers and dealers similar to the registration provision of the Massachusetts Securities Act. This bill was introduced prior to the time when the special committee of our Association and the Securities Commissioners Association had reached an understanding regarding the amendment of the Denison Bill and in view of the action on that measure, it has been agreed by all parties in interest that any efforts to push this legislation should be held in abeyance for the present. This understanding was laid before the Chairman of the House sub-committee handling the pending bill and the arrangement was accepted by him.

H. R. 10,595. This is the well-known Denison Bill intended to give Federal aid in the enforcement of State Blue Sky laws. The Bulletin of March 15 1922 contains a report of the special committee which has had this work in charge, and gives a full history of the bill and the work of the committee down to that time. Your Chairman cannot emphasize sufficiently the importance of the work done by this special committee. Its members have devoted far more of their personal time to this work than is ordinarily given by members of the Association to any particular subject, and the results they have accomplished have been more than could have been reasonably expected at the beginning and have been of inestimable value to all members of the Association, especially as the bill in its present shape relieves legitimate investment banking business from the many annoyances that might have attended with the passing of the bill in its original form. In view of the importance



of the work of this special committee, and of its vital interest to practically every member of the Association, your Chairman has requested Mr. Osgood, one of the members of the special committee, to treat the subject in a special report under the time allotted to this committee.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS N. DYSART, *Chairman.*

### REPORT ON HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER DEVELOPMENT IN CALIFORNIA BY GEORGE R. MARTIN.\*

With seventy million dollars expended this year for developing electricity from the water courses of California, and conveying and distributing it to the markets where it is in immediate demand, the financial aspect of the electrical business is of such importance, both present and future, that it is the dominating factor in the consideration of California investments.

While the appropriations for hydro-electric construction in 1922 make a new record, the State is only upon the threshold of its great, comprehensive and complete development era. For the ensuing ten years, appropriations of one hundred million dollars a year will be required to carry on the surveyed and charted programs of the hydro-electric power companies, for accelerating production to meet the annual increase of requirements as demonstrated by actual experience.

In the consideration of the development of electricity from streams that have for centuries swept down to the sea in destructive floods, or idled their way to tidewater, it should be borne in mind that hydro-electric energy produces the nearest maximum production at the minimum consumption, and increased production automatically produces property wealth, which is the basis of safe and conservative investment. This is a fundamental fact, and can be stated in still another way, namely that there is no diminution—no wastage in Nature's resources when electricity is being generated by water power. But when electricity is generated by coal or oil these valuable resources of the earth are destroyed forever and cannot be put to the other uses which the world is constantly demanding of them. Furthermore, hydro-electric power means that the first investment is practically the only investment and comparative freedom from industrial interruption of every nature. Therefore, when we relate that this year an army of 8,000 men is working upon electric development construction, and during the next 12 years its ranks will probably be increased to 10,000 men, we see that California is awake to the importance of quickly conserving her wonderful natural resources, and setting them to producing wealth and prosperity.

Dollar for dollar, day's work for day's work, the hydro-electric development of California, now well under way, is the greatest construction undertaking in the annals of the Western Hemisphere, and probably of the world. Based upon present estimates of the commercial value of horse power of hydro-electricity as compared with the cost of producing power from fuel, its complete development is placed at about 1935. The new investment up to that date will aggregate one billion dollars, or almost three times the construction cost of the Panama Canal. There has already been developed in the State 1,500,000 horse power. Development in 1922 and 1923 will aggregate about 300,000 horse power, or 20% on top of all that has been developed, and this peak of development has barely kept abreast of the demand.

The importance of the electric power companies of California, and the market for the product is illustrated in a report of a survey of the industry, published in the "Electrical World" of New York on April 29. This report states that in 1921 California's two largest hydro-electric companies, the Southern California Edison Company in Southern California, and the Pacific Gas & Electric Company in Northern California, were among the first five power companies in America in size, as measured by electric production for that year. The other three of the world's five big producing companies are the Niagara Falls Company, and the New York and Chicago companies.

Of the development work now in progress and planned for 1923, about 65% is in hand by the Southern California Edison Company of Los Angeles, of which Mr. John B. Miller is President and Mr. R. H. Ballard, Vice-President and General Manager, and the Pacific Gas & Electric Company of San Francisco, of which Mr. W. E. Creed is President and Mr. John A. Britton, Vice-President and General Manager. The other hydro-electric companies, namely the California-Oregon Power Company, the Great Western Power Company, the Western States Gas & Electric Company, the San Joaquin Light & Power Company and the Southern Sierras Power Company, are also engaged in development work in their respective territories, and have plans for speeding up their activities to conform to the demands of their power market. The city of Los Angeles has additional hydro-electric developments planned and the city of San Francisco is proceeding with its Hetch Hetchy development. Steam power, pending ultimate development of the water power resources of the State, is a necessary auxiliary and is being installed by the Los Angeles Gas & Electric Company and the San Diego Gas & Electric Company.

Of the hydro-electric development now going on, it is only possible within the scope of this paper to outline that of the Southern California Edison Company on its Big Creek-San Joaquin River project in the High Sierras of northeastern Fresno County and that of the Pacific Gas & Electric Company on the Pit River in northeastern California, near the Oregon line.

Unprecedented in magnitude is the co-ordinated development program of the Southern California Edison Company on the High Sierras project, both from an engineering and an electrical standpoint. There the problem is the central mountain torrents, which drain enormous areas of mountain water sheds, where the snows linger long and the spring rains swell the streams to raging torrents that have for untold time ravished the valleys of central California with their floods. To store these flood waters and conserve the flow of these streams by impounding dams, converting mountain meadows into beautiful lakes and by these dams to increase the depth of what are now little more than ponds, is an underlying feature of the work. Huntington Lake, constructed in 1914, lying in a crevice among the peaks, at an altitude of 7,200 feet, its shimmering surface licking the pine forests which hem it in, is the first of this mountain lake chain. Florence Lake, over the crest of the 10,000-foot summit of the Kaiser Range, will be the next, the work on its impounding dam having just been started. Shaver Lake, now a beautiful natural sheet of water, will be more than doubled in surface and capacity by a monstrous dam, and later on Vermillion Lake, far up on the west fork of the San Joaquin River, will be increased in size by an impounding structure.

From Huntington Lake, the water is delivered to the first Edison power house on the Big Creek-San Joaquin River project through a fall of 2,170 feet, and from the first to the second at a drop of 1,000 feet, and then again, farther down the Grand Canyon of the San Joaquin River, to a third power house. In a few weeks work will be started on the fourth of this string of power houses, which will generate 100,000 horse power. This will come into service next summer and will be the largest hydro-electric power plant west of

Niagara Falls. Its ultimate capacity will be two or three times its original. Below this fourth development and yet farther down the San Joaquin Gorge, is the site of the fifth power house, which will use the same water for the fifth time in generating electricity at the enormous aggregate drop of 6,000 feet from the first power house and then the precious flow of the stream, controlled and harmless, will do its work of gravity irrigation on the rich lands of central California. Four or five more power houses are to be built before the full million and a quarter horse power potentiality of the Big Creek-San Joaquin work is completed, some ten or twelve years hence. In two directions from Cascada, the supply base and construction headquarters, active development is now going on over a far-flung line of 65 miles, where an army of 5,000 men are engaged. Florence Lake tunnel, 14 miles long, which will convey the waters from the back ranges, Florence Lake and Vermillion Lake to Huntington Lake, is the feature of the work which is just now attracting the attention of the engineering world because it is the longest tunnel ever projected on this hemisphere. It was started in December 1920 and will be finished in March 1925, making a world's speed record for drilling through solid granite. In this High Sierras project 86 miles of tunnel will be bored through solid rock. As a matter of comparison, it is interesting to note that the Panama Canal, from deep water to deep water, is only 50 miles long, the work being mostly open excavation and many miles of near shore dredging, instead of gouging under mountains in high altitudes and under winter conditions, by the strength of giant powder.

Diametrically different from the Edison High Sierras project is the big development now being progressed on the Pit River by the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. The Pit River is the most easily controlled, and consequently, the most wonderful natural power stream in the State, and has a rated electrical potentiality of over 600,000 horse power. Of this remarkable water course, which is in reality the upper Sacramento River, its unique feature is that its constant and almost even flow of about 2,500 second-feet, is over twice the precipitation in its apparent drainage area. This is accounted for by subterranean sources, which reach through lava beds as far as Idaho, and some geologists say that they tap the Columbia River. It is also fed by Fall River, Rising River and by Hat Creek, upon which latter stream the Pacific Gas & Electric Company has constructed, as a preliminary to its Pit River project, two small but modern power houses, with a capacity of 15,000 horse power each. The first big development is known as Pit River Number One, which has a capacity of 94,000 horse power generated at an effective head of 450 feet. This plant is just coming into operation and is doubtless the most beautiful power house construction on the continent. Its architecture resembles a Moorish castle, and its spill-way, spanned by a classic bridge, is fashioned after a note. Surrounded by a grove of majestic trees, it faces the pastoral valley of the Pit River and is the first of a chain of five power houses which will be built as the electric demands of San Francisco and the Bay cities require, at points ranging 60 miles down stream, and terminating at Pit River, Big Bend, where a generating plant of 256,000 horse power will complete the project. According to present estimates of requirement, this progressive construction program will be finished about 1932.

Of great importance in the contemplation of California's electrical achievements, and perhaps one of the things which caused Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover to say that "California leads the world electrically," is the construction of 443 miles of 220,000-volt transmission lines, the highest voltage at which electricity has ever been transmitted in the world, and which will result in vast economies in investment and operation.

In the South 243 miles of 220,000-volt transmission line is being built by the Southern California Edison Company to bring the current generated at its High Sierras power plant to the San Joaquin Valley and Southern California communities and to the city of Los Angeles, where under long term contracts with the city and with the electric railroads it is now supplying about 60% of the electricity consumed in the southern metropolis. In the North, 200 miles of this new high voltage type transmission is being built by the Pacific Gas & Electric Company, to convey the product of the Pit River power plants to San Francisco and the Bay cities, and to supply the increasing electrical demands of the fertile upper State counties.

Under supervision by the California Railroad Commission, every dollar expended by the power companies is checked and audited by staff engineers and accountants of the Commission, who spend much of their time on the job. Upon the reports of proper expenditure and demand, the Commission authorizes the sale of the bonds of the companies for the senior financing and the issuance of their stock for the junior financing. Thus, construction proceeds on the basis of conservative financing, and the bonds are amply protected by actual investment in property largely in excess of the amount of bonds issued.

A new feature of electric utility financing in California is challenging the attention of investment bankers and investors alike throughout the country. It is known in the East as "The California Movement," and in the West as "The People's Project," a name given it by Mr. R. H. Ballard, Vice-President and General Manager of the Southern California Edison Company, and had its inception in the constructive brain of Mr. A. P. Hockenbeamer, Vice-President of the Pacific Gas & Electric Company, in charge of finance. As early as 1914, when the storm of war was breaking over Europe, and the demand for money made financing of construction projects difficult, Mr. Hockenbeamer conceived the idea of selling the stock of his company to its own consumers, thereby securing locally a part of the funds for progressive development and making the sale of bonds possible later on to the company's consumers and other California investors.

Immediately following the merger of the Pacific Light & Power Corporation, controlled by H. E. Huntington, and the Southern California Edison Company, of which John B. Miller is the President and creator, the greater Edison Company adopted the "people's project" as a fundamental policy. Under the direction of A. N. Kemp, Vice-President in charge of finance, the plan was launched in 1917, and the people of the Southwest laid hold upon it with an enthusiasm resembling the Liberty bond movement. Welding 4,500 of the permanent employees of the Edison Company into a compact sales organization, Mr. Kemp effected the distribution of \$35,000,000 of the company's common capital stock to 48,000 individual stockholders, the largest number of individual stockholders in any electric utility in the world. Nearly all of these stockholders reside in Los Angeles and the ten counties of Southern and Central California, served by the Edison Company, and the great majority of them are consumers of Edison electricity. The several issues of Edison common stock authorized by the Railroad Commission were closed out last June. Over 11,000 individual subscriptions were taken in one week, which was designated "John B. Miller Week" by the company employees, as a tribute of affection to their President. The company has since reclassified its capitalization and is selling its preferred stock on the same popular plan as it did its common.

It is estimated that at this time there are over 125,000 Californians who own the bonds or the stock of the electric companies which supply them. The constant active market for California electric securities, the regularity with which the sales go on, the factor they have become in determining the price of other corporation securities in California, indicates that the predictions of electrical financiers are well based, and that the great majority of the patrons of these utilities will within a few years be either stockholding partners or bond holders or both in the electrical business.

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ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

(Continued from page 1791.)

Samuel S. Dennis, President of the Howard Savings Institution of Newark, N. J., and a director of the Prudential Insurance Co. of Newark, N. J., gave a luncheon on the 18th inst. at the Down Town Club, New York, in honor of Edward D. Duffield, recently elected to the Presidency of the Prudential Insurance Co. The guests included members of the insurance world, and many leaders of banking and financial affairs in New York and Philadelphia. The following regarding the luncheon is taken from the Newark "Evening News" of the 18th inst.:

In addition to speeches by the host and the guest of honor, informal addresses were made at the conclusion of the luncheon by Charles A. Peabody, President of the Mutual Life Insurance Co. and William E. Knox, President of the Bowery Savings Bank. In addition to those named, the guests included the following:

Richard V. Lindabury, General Counsel, Prudential Insurance Co., Frederick Frelinghuysen, President Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., William A. Day, President Equitable Life Assurance Society, James S. Alexander, President National Bank of Commerce, Howard Bayne, Vice-President Columbia Trust Co., Wilbur S. Johnson, Vice-President Prudential Insurance Co., George G. Frelinghuysen, President P. Ballantine & Sons, J. William Clark, President Clark Thread Co., James H. Perkins, President Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., William Woodward, President Hanover National Bank, James C. Colgate, President James B. Colgate & Co., John O. H. Pitney, Pitney, Hardin & Skinner, Charles L. Farrell, President National Newark & Essex Banking Co., Peter Campbell, President Nairn Linoleum Co., C. Weston Bailey, President American Insurance Co., Wynant D. Vanderpool and Alexander S. Ward, Vice-Presidents, Howard Savings Institution, Samuel Rea, President Pennsylvania Railroad Co., Henry Tatnall and George D. Dixon, Vice-Presidents Pennsylvania RR., John J. Puleyn, President Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, Seward Prosser, President Bankers Trust Co., Chellis A. Austin, President Seaboard National Bank, C. M. Dutcher, President Greenwich Savings Bank, Usal H. McCarter, President Fidelity Union Trust Co., Edward W. Bok, Curtis Publishing Co., Philadelphia, Dwight W. Morrow of J. P. Morgan & Co., Charles W. McAlpin, McAlpin Estates, Rev. Dr. Howard Duffield, brother of the Prudential President, Dr. John Grier Hibben, President Princeton University, Robert H. McCarter of McCarter & English, Edwin W. Winter, Mutual Life Insurance Co., William B. McKinney, A. L. Dennis of Post & Flagg, J. Henry Bacheller, President Ironbound Trust Co., Wilson Farrand, Head Master Newark Academy, and Baynard Henry of Henry, Pepper & Bodine.

President R. A. Patteson of the Tarrytown National Bank, Tarrytown, N. Y., on Aug. 22 completed 35 years of service with the institution, having entered its employ on Aug. 22 1887. Not quite eight years later, March 1 1895, he assumed the Presidency of the bank, a position he has held ever since. The following comparison of the principal items of the bank's statement for Aug. 22 1887 with those for March 1 1895 and with the figures for Aug. 22 1922 is interesting as showing the growth of the institution under Mr. Patteson's able management:

	Aug. 22 1887.	March 1 1895.	Aug. 22 1922.
Capital	\$100,000 00	\$100,000 00	\$100,000 00
Surplus	6,000 00	20,000 00	100,000 00
Undivided profits	19,371 09	16,889 14	83,006 36
Deposits	347,796 09	286,122 99	1,859,054 32
Total resources	555,484 57	481,084 77	2,219,736 28

As a result of the resignation of M. H. Grape as a Vice-President of the Union Trust Co. of Baltimore, which went into effect on Oct. 16, the following changes have taken place in the bank's personnel: W. O. Pierson, formerly the Treasurer of the company, has succeeded Mr. Grape as a Vice-President; Thomas C. Thatcher, heretofore Assistant Treasurer, has been made Treasurer in lieu of Mr. Pierson, and Charles W. Hoff has succeeded Mr. Thatcher as Assistant Treasurer. Mr. Grape had been with the Union Trust Co. seven years.

A consolidation of two important Washington financial institutions has been arranged, namely that of the Federal National Bank and the American National Bank under the title of the Federal-American National Bank. Special meetings of the stockholders of both institutions will be held on Oct. 30 to ratify the union of the two banks. The new institution will have the following officers: John Poole, President of the Federal National Bank, President; William J. Eynon, C. B. Lyddane and W. J. Walker, Vice-Presidents; Charles D. Boyer, Cashier, and Miss B. L. Mitchell, Assistant Cashier, and Wm. C. Johnson, Assistant to the President; W. T. Galliher, President of the American National Bank, Chairman of the Board. The consolidation will become effective Oct. 31 1922. The new institution will have a capital of \$1,200,000 and surplus and undivided profits of from \$550,000 to \$650,000.

The directors of the Union Trust Co. of Chicago this week authorized the following:

Standish Hall has been appointed Assistant Secretary of Union Trust Co., Chicago. After graduating from Harvard University he spent several years in travel and research in Europe and South America and subsequently became an officer of the United States Naval Reserve force during the World War. He became associated with the Union Trust Co. in 1919.

THE CURB MARKET.

The Curb Market was unsettled this week, selling pressure in the early part of the week contributing to a reactionary movement which resulted in heavy losses in some of the high-priced shares. The market continued irregular the rest of the week, with strength and weakness alternating throughout the list. High-priced Standard Oil stocks suffered the heaviest. Ohio Oil from 354 dropped to 325 and closes to-day at 327. Prairie Oil & Gas lost 30 points to 670. Prairie Pipe Line rose from 290 to 302 and sold finally at 295. Standard Oil of New York sold down from 628 to 542, recovered to 574 and ends the week at 567. The new stock declined from 53 1/2 to 46 1/2 and rested finally at 48 3/4. Vacuum Oil fell from 710 to 615, recovered to 675 and reacted finally to 659. The new stock was traded in down from 42 1/2 to 41 1/2. Standard Oil (Indiana) after early gain of over three points to 130 1/2 weakened to 124 1/2 and closed at 125 3/4. Standard Oil (Kentucky) advanced early from 113 1/2 to 114 3/4, then sank to 110 1/2. Standard Oil of N. J. new stock rose from 43 3/8 to 46, reacted to 44 1/2 and finished to-day at 44 1/4. Magnolia Petroleum declined from 249 to 217 and closed to-day at 223. Gulf Oil of Pa. advanced from 64 1/8 to 66 3/4, reacted to 63 1/4, the final figure to-day being 63 3/8. Maracaibo Oil Exploration was off from 20 1/2 to 18 1/4. New England Fuel Oil was strong, advancing from 79 1/4 to 83. Industrial issues were slightly more prominent. Hayes Wheel was active and improved from 33 3/8 to 41, reacting finally to 36 1/2. Durant Motors, after early fractional increase from 52 1/4 to 52 3/8, dropped to 49 1/8 and sold finally at 50 1/2. Gillette Safety Razor gained 17 points to 265, with the final transaction to-day at 264. National Biscuit new stock was a feature and on active trading ran up from 31 1/4 to 35 3/8. The close to-day being at 34 1/4. Glen Aiden Coal was off from 58 to 56. Bonds were quiet and about steady.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 1830.

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings continue their record of expansion as compared with a year ago. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ending Saturday Oct. 21, 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 26.2% over the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$9,184,110,572, against \$7,278,680,505 for the same week in 1921. This is the thirtieth 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 October 21.	1922.	1921.	Per Cent.
New York	\$4,386,000,006	\$3,223,000,000	+36.1
Chicago	598,648,549	547,811,950	+9.3
Philadelphia	503,000,000	378,000,000	+33.1
Boston	401,000,000	289,183,854	+38.7
Kansas City	143,538,060	140,136,261	+2.4
St. Louis	152,100,000	121,200,000	+25.2
San Francisco	*172,500,000	144,727,828	+20.0
Pittsburgh	104,053,720	99,260,850	+4.8
Detroit	92,510,130	64,107,924	+44.3
Baltimore	64,852,333	49,112,581	+32.0
New Orleans			
Eleven cities, 5 days	\$6,610,063,692	\$5,057,141,228	+30.9
Other cities, 5 days	1,034,421,785	908,428,860	+13.9
Total all cities, 5 days	\$7,653,425,477	\$5,965,567,088	+26.2
All cities, 1 day	1,530,687,095	1,213,113,417	+26.2
Total all cities for week	\$9,184,110,572	\$7,278,680,505	+26.2

\* No longer reports clearings. \* Estimated.

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 Oct. 14. For that week the increase is 12.8%, the 1922 aggregate of the clearings being \$7,154,329,549 and the 1921 aggregate \$6,344,290,799. Outside of this city the increase is 12.2%, the bank exchanges at this city having recorded a gain of 13.2%. 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 8.2%, in the New York Reserve District (including this



city) 13.4%, in the Philadelphia Reserve District 16.5% and in the Cleveland Reserve District 17.5%. The Richmond Reserve District shows a gain of 17.2%, the Atlanta Reserve District 15.4% and the Chicago Reserve District 12.0%. The St. Louis Reserve District records an improvement of 14.6% and the San Francisco Reserve District of 13.4%. The Kansas City Reserve District is the only one reporting diminished clearings, but the decrease is small, being only 1.8%. The Dallas Reserve District enjoys a gain of 25.3%, while on the other hand the Minneapolis Reserve District has an increase of only 2.3%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week ending Oct. 14.		1922.	1921.	Inc. or Dec.	1920.	1919.
<b>Federal Reserve Districts—</b>						
(1st) Boston.....10 cities	\$	342,087,098	315,084,521	+8.2	375,748,648	441,996,886
(2nd) New York.....9 "	\$	4,014,017,028	3,511,216,543	+13.8	4,574,731,955	4,980,251,619
(3rd) Philadelphia.....10 "	\$	457,859,583	393,065,216	+16.5	499,545,719	479,155,274
(4th) Cleveland.....8 "	\$	349,333,474	287,215,715	+17.5	409,880,083	389,527,658
(5th) Richmond.....6 "	\$	175,452,914	147,910,045	+17.2	196,574,185	206,857,134
(6th) Atlanta.....12 "	\$	193,521,351	159,079,839	+15.4	203,000,924	237,548,186
(7th) Chicago.....19 "	\$	730,364,171	651,974,352	+12.0	936,509,859	846,275,630
(8th) St. Louis.....7 "	\$	75,370,828	65,523,273	+15.8	73,527,628	17,519,623
(9th) Minneapolis.....7 "	\$	137,765,615	159,752,930	-1.3	172,919,181	103,053,356
(10th) Kansas City.....11 "	\$	251,059,146	258,742,040	+2.8	348,692,662	399,431,126
(11th) Dallas.....5 "	\$	68,944,115	55,036,279	+25.3	75,648,486	53,982,185
(12th) San Francisco.....14 "	\$	271,395,527	327,530,042	+13.4	398,795,587	351,719,473
Grand total.....118 cities	\$	7,154,329,549	6,344,290,799	+12.8	8,261,281,106	8,504,021,232
Outside New York City	\$	3,203,621,786	2,855,323,718	+12.2	3,755,016,569	3,676,330,310
Canada.....28 cities	\$	355,636,956	347,223,782	+3.3	436,589,533	358,608,777

We now add our detailed statement, showing last week's figures for each city separately, for the four years:

Week ending Oct. 14.		1922.	1921.	Inc. or Dec.	1920.	1919.
<b>First Federal Reserve District—Boston</b>						
Me.—Bangor.....	\$	930,903	801,879	+16.1	900,000	850,615
Portland.....	\$	3,386,426	2,432,100	+39.2	3,300,000	3,000,000
Mass.—Boston.....	\$	309,000,000	287,747,306	+7.4	341,710,451	404,160,999
Fall River.....	\$	2,481,357	2,128,955	+16.6	1,904,690	2,661,449
Holyoke.....	\$	a	a	a	a	a
Lowell.....	\$	1,140,290	1,110,153	+2.7	1,425,093	1,500,000
Lynn.....	\$	a	a	a	a	a
New Bedford.....	\$	2,014,395	1,779,595	+13.2	1,924,203	1,961,843
Springfield.....	\$	4,698,482	3,839,852	+22.4	5,321,069	5,073,245
Worcester.....	\$	3,645,000	3,527,272	+3.3	4,381,473	5,786,465
Conn.—Hartford.....	\$	9,057,494	7,607,793	+19.0	9,075,222	10,275,537
New Haven.....	\$	5,732,791	5,109,806	+12.2	5,808,241	6,729,793
R. I.—Providence.....	\$	a	a	a	a	a
Total (10 cities)	\$	342,687,098	310,084,521	+8.2	375,748,648	441,996,886
<b>Second Federal Reserve District—New York</b>						
N. Y.—Albany.....	\$	3,970,538	3,769,319	+5.6	5,200,000	5,798,518
Binghamton.....	\$	11,121,700	961,400	+11.7	1,237,600	1,123,300
Buffalo.....	\$	438,951,232	31,562,210	+23.4	41,434,777	40,174,357
Elmira.....	\$	615,780	Not included	a	a	a
Jamestown.....	\$	1,229,363	1,075,871	+20.8	949,571	a
New York.....	\$	3,990,707,763	3,488,967,081	+13.2	4,506,264,539	4,827,990,922
Rochester.....	\$	9,035,231	8,475,141	+17.3	11,572,100	10,728,134
Syracuse.....	\$	4,137,400	3,918,059	+5.3	4,632,049	4,334,045
Conn.—Stamford.....	\$	43,503,919	3,091,458	+67.5	2,933,268	a
N. J.—Montclair.....	\$	378,862	405,124	-7.0	506,761	402,343
Total (9 cities)	\$	4,014,047,028	3,541,216,543	+13.4	4,574,731,955	4,890,251,619
<b>Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia</b>						
Pa.—Allentown.....	\$	1,329,680	1,129,795	+17.7	1,162,535	1,097,022
Bethlehem.....	\$	3,465,700	2,293,949	+51.1	4,516,540	a
Chester.....	\$	1,637,476	1,002,729	+63.3	1,581,546	1,476,502
Lancaster.....	\$	3,071,292	2,717,803	+13.0	2,928,063	3,026,943
Philadelphia.....	\$	433,000,000	372,000,000	+16.4	471,757,711	456,580,551
Reading.....	\$	3,230,343	2,712,739	+19.1	3,500,000	3,390,456
Scranton.....	\$	3,974,726	4,498,706	-11.6	3,430,182	4,489,800
Wilkes-Barre.....	\$	62,700,873	2,218,927	+21.7	2,412,777	4,056,018
York.....	\$	1,381,705	1,289,892	+7.1	1,490,691	1,511,998
N. J.—Trenton.....	\$	4,187,779	3,203,676	+30.1	4,765,674	3,516,984
Del.—Wilmington.....	\$	a	a	a	a	a
Total (10 cities)	\$	457,959,583	393,068,216	+16.5	499,545,719	479,152,274
<b>Fourth Federal Reserve District—Cleveland</b>						
Ohio—Akron.....	\$	4,475,417	3,319,256	+34.8	4,000,000	3,000,000
Cincinnati.....	\$	56,079,963	50,309,138	+12.9	67,258,382	60,495,536
Cleveland.....	\$	601,969,906	77,955,733	+18.0	136,830,699	132,661,890
Columbus.....	\$	15,428,600	13,532,900	+14.0	16,232,600	16,795,400
Dayton.....	\$	a	a	a	a	a
Lima.....	\$	980,477	708,115	+22.8	870,066	1,233,788
Mansfield.....	\$	a	a	a	a	a
Springfield.....	\$	a	a	a	a	a
Toledo.....	\$	a	a	a	a	a
Youngstown.....	\$	3,406,810	3,299,290	+6.2	5,542,507	5,842,331
Pa.—Erie.....	\$	a	a	a	a	a
Greensburg.....	\$	a	a	a	a	a
Pittsburgh.....	\$	172,800,000	144,006,159	+20.0	174,345,228	156,884,638
W. Va.—Wheeling.....	\$	4,193,201	4,085,124	+2.6	5,300,000	6,014,075
Total (8 cities)	\$	349,333,474	297,215,715	+17.5	409,880,083	389,527,658
<b>Fifth Federal Reserve District—Richmond</b>						
W. Va.—Hunt'gton.....	\$	1,820,656	1,557,608	+16.9	2,250,242	a
Va.—Norfolk.....	\$	68,086,380	7,689,792	+5.2	8,729,353	12,102,685
Richmond.....	\$	52,015,801	45,771,357	+11.2	61,727,098	81,930,156
S. C.—Charleston.....	\$	62,157,459	2,688,579	+19.8	5,000,000	5,600,000
Md.—Baltimore.....	\$	89,607,760	71,388,697	+25.5	103,400,252	93,122,296
D. C.—Wash'ton.....	\$	19,764,857	17,844,612	+10.8	17,467,240	17,101,997
Total (6 cities)	\$	173,452,913	147,940,045	+17.2	195,674,185	209,857,134
<b>Sixth Federal Reserve District—Atlanta</b>						
Tenn.—Chatt'ga.....	\$	65,979,935	5,770,361	+3.6	8,035,842	7,271,021
Knoxville.....	\$	3,012,820	3,486,772	-13.6	3,566,975	3,550,941
Nashville.....	\$	21,441,536	17,194,626	+24.7	24,303,189	19,110,816
Ga.—Atlanta.....	\$	56,066,433	51,917,959	+8.0	66,362,192	96,129,492
Augusta.....	\$	2,737,622	2,303,573	+18.2	3,906,583	8,665,573
Macon.....	\$	1,526,957	1,300,000	+17.5	1,500,000	1,800,000
Savannah.....	\$	a	a	a	a	a
Fla.—Jackson.....	\$	8,580,958	7,793,812	+11.8	9,700,000	9,523,629
Ala.—Birm'gh'm.....	\$	37,584,139	19,440,147	+41.9	20,118,687	19,233,013
Miss.—Jackson.....	\$	1,861,306	1,554,322	+19.8	2,421,454	2,279,755
Louis.—Jackson.....	\$	1,019,647	941,519	+10.8	749,975	955,937
Vicksburg.....	\$	450,931	630,638	-28.5	388,885	678,665
La.—New Orleans.....	\$	53,159,337	46,769,110	+13.7	61,856,142	68,358,443
Total (12 cities)	\$	183,521,351	159,072,839	+15.4	203,000,924	237,548,185

Clearings at—

Week ending October 14.

	1922.	1921.	Inc. or Dec.	1920.	1919.	
<b>Seventh Federal Reserve District—Chicago</b>						
Mich.—Adrian.....	\$	249,573	221,663	+12.6	295,322	75,872
Ann Arbor.....	\$	682,596	608,036	+12.6	655,998	481,007
Detroit.....	\$	89,232,053	78,897,000	+13.1	133,743,728	109,466,516
Grand Rapids.....	\$	6,756,502	6,450,259	+4.7	7,507,824	7,258,651
Lansing.....	\$	2,128,614	2,542,139	-16.3	2,140,582	1,530,705
Ind.—Fl. Wayne.....	\$	2,068,436	1,630,725	+24.9	2,070,446	1,807,512
Indianapolis.....	\$	17,552,000	17,203,000	+4.4	18,496,000	17,326,000
South Bend.....	\$	2,418,782	2,086,816	+15.9	1,300,000	1,600,000
Wis.—Milwaukee.....	\$	35,681,556	29,524,999	+19.2	36,590,441	33,995,330
Ia.—Cedar Rap.....	\$	2,389,433	2,159,337	+10.7	2,856,682	3,396,985
Des Moines.....	\$	10,215,833	3,908,992	+11.5	11,427,403	12,410,305
Sioux City.....	\$	6,306,004	5,651,893	+13.2	9,000,000	11,815,448
Waterloo.....	\$	1,420,209	1,446,687	-1.8	1,889,811	2,230,978
Ill.—Bloom'ng'n.....	\$	1,228,010	1,310,152	-6.3	1,767,910	1,821,725
Chicago.....	\$	542,162,540	484,193,853	+12.0	694,553,540	639,012,952
Decatur.....	\$	1,117,086	1,056,988	+5.7	1,614,166	1,515,218
Peoria.....	\$	3,028,610	3,422,400	-14.8	4,800,000	4,913,310
Rockford.....	\$	2,091,707	1,880,800	+14.2	2,500,000	2,562,909
Springfield.....	\$	2,234,627	2,330,772	-4.1	2,700,000	2,507,117
Total (19 cities)	\$	720,384,171	651,974,355	+12.0	906,509,859	846,275,630
<b>Eighth Federal Reserve District—St. Louis</b>						
Ind.—Evansville.....	\$	4,264,937	4,436,210	-3.0	5,138,283	5,456,308
Mo.—St. Louis.....	\$	a	a	a	a	a
Ky.—Louisville.....	\$	25,737,646	23,790,320	+8.3	31,432,562	16,184,341
Owensboro.....	\$	1,841,397	1,841,397	a	1,841,397	1,841,397
Tenn.—Memphis.....	\$	29,834,363	23,324,949	+12.7	31,455,642	535,801
Ark.—Little Rock.....	\$	14,868,854	25,312,895	-16.0	22,134,002	34,327,868
Ill.—Jacksonville.....	\$	273,494	11,374,974	-30.7	12,071,408	19,387,750
Quincy.....	\$	1,309,137	1,166,247	+12.3	1,619,930	1,768,720
Total (7 cities)	\$	76,379,828	66,654,274	+14.6	73,327,328	73,212,623
<b>Ninth Federal Reserve District—Minneapolis</b>						
Minn.—Duluth.....	\$	8,679,142	6,739,163	+27.8	13,660,378	9,274,120
Minneapolis.....	\$	79,419,085	78,397,317	+1.3	106,249,989	58,934,753
Wis.—Paul.....	\$	36,489,560	35,979,362	+1.4	49,187,243	22,364,170
N. D.—Fargo.....	\$	2,291,741	2,013,952	+13.5	3,665,921	4,534,254
S. D.—Aberdeen.....	\$	1,451,364	1,451,997	-0.4	2,359,215	1,963,982
Mont.—Billings.....	\$	640,544	77,111	+7.8	1,005,670	1,505,731
Helena.....	\$	3,7				

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKET—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

Table with columns: London, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Oct. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20. Rows include Silver, Gold, Consols, British, French Rentes, French War Loan.

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been:

Table with columns: Domestic, Foreign. Rows include Silver in N. Y., per oz. (acts.).

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange Oct. 14 to Oct. 20, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Large table with columns: Stocks—Par, Friday Last Sale, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Lists various stocks like Alliance Insurance, American Gas, etc.

APPLICATION TO CONVERT RECEIVED. Oct. 14—The Central National Bank of Nashville, Tenn. \$300,000

Oct. 10—12259—The First National Bank of Leaksville, No. Car. \$40,000

Oct. 10—11900—The National Bank of Gallup, New Mexico, to "The First National Bank in Gallup."

Oct. 2—2597—The First National Bank of Ogden, Utah \$150,000 and 2880—The Utah National Bank of Ogden, Utah \$500,000

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table with columns: Banks—N.Y., Amer Exch., Battery Park, Bowery, Broadway Cem, Broxly Bor'o, Bronx Nat., Bryant Park, Butch & Drov, Cent Mercan, Chase, Chat & Phen, Chelsea Exch, Chemical, Coal & Iron, Columbia, Commerce, Com'wealth, Continental, Corn Exch, Cornsmop'tan, East River, Fifth Avenue, Fifth, First, Garfield, Gotham, Greenwich, Hanover. Includes Ask, Bid, and various bank names.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table with columns: Alliance R'ty, Amer Surety, Bond & M. G., City Investing, Preferred, Lawyers Mgt, Mtge Bond, Nat Surety, N. Y. Title & Mortgage, Realty Assoc, Realty Guar, Title & M. G. Includes Ask, Bid, and company names.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not usually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were recently sold at auction in New York, Boston and Philadelphia:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, Price, Shares, Stocks, Price. Lists various securities like Bakerly, Inc., East Coast Fisheries, etc.

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, Price, Shares, Stocks, Price. Lists securities like 10 Wm. Whitman, Inc., 1 Hill Mfg. Co. rights, etc.

By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, Price, Shares, Stocks, Price. Lists securities like 4 Lyman Mills, 5 Peppercell Mfg Co, etc.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

Table with columns: Applications to Organize Received, Capital. Lists bank applications like The First National Bank of South San Francisco, etc.

By Messrs. John F. Post & Sons, Pittsburgh:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, Price, Bonds, Per cent. Lists securities like 15 Liberty Savings Bank, 2 Consolidated Traction, etc.



By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Lists various companies like 50 Abbots Alder Dairies, 100 H. & B. T. M. RR. & C., etc.

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:

Main dividend table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, Banks, Trust Companies, Fire Insurance, Miscellaneous, and Cities Service.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes Miscellaneous (Concluded) items like Warwick Iron & Steel, Waypoint Mfg., etc.

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week.

Main dividend table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, Banks, Trust Companies, Fire Insurance, Miscellaneous, and Cities Service.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded)			
Exchange Buffet (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 21a
Fajardo Sugar (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Famous Players-Lasky Corp., Bk. (quar.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16a
Federal Sugar Refining, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Fisher Body Corp., com. (quar.)	\$2.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21a
General Chair, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21a
Debtenture preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21a
General Motors, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 9
Six per cent debtenture stock (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 9
Seven per cent debtenture stock (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 9
Gillette Safety Razor (quar.)	83	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Gillette Safety Razor (stock div.)	65	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Glimbel Bros., pref. (No. 1)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Gossard (H. W.) Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 25
Hall (C. M.) Lamp	50c.	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 21a
Hale Bros. Co., 1st & 2d pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 31	Oct. 25 to Oct. 31
Hillman Coal & Coke, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 25	Oct. 16 to Oct. 25
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 25	Oct. 16 to Oct. 25
Homestake Mining (monthly)	25c	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Hupp Motor Car, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 14a
Indiana Pipe Line (quar.)	2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Ingersoll-Rand, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 14a
International Combustion Engineering (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 21a
International Nickel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21a
Intertype Corp., com. (in com. stock)	1/10	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 13
Iron Products, pref. (quar.)	2 1/2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a
Kaufman Dent. Stores, common (quar.)	81	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Kelly-Springfield Tire, pref. (quar.)	2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a
Kelsey Wheel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Kidder Peabody Acceptance Corp., pt. A Preferred Class B	2 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16
Kress (S. H.) Co., common (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Loose Wires Biscuit, 2d pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 19a
Maey (R. H.) & Co., Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 14
Mason Tire & Rubber, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Massachusetts Gas Co., com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 14
May Department Stores, com. (quar.)	2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
May Department Stores, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Miami Copper (quar.)	50c.	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a
Milchigan Drop Forge, com. (monthly)	*25c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 25
Common (extra)	*25c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 25
Miller Rubber, pref. (quar.)	*1	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 10
Mohawk Mining (quar.)	81	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 14
Moon Motor Car, com. (quar.)	25c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16a
Motor Car Corp., common (quar.)	*2 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 14
Motor Products (quar.)	*\$1.25	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Mullins Body Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 10a
Nash Motors, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
National Biscuit, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 29	Holders of rec. Nov. 17a
Nat. Esam. & Stip., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 9a
National Tea, common	83	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 19
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 19
New Jersey Zinc (quar.)	2	Nov. 10	Holders of rec. Oct. 31a
New River Co., pref. (acc. accum. div.)	81 1/4	Oct. 28	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
N. Y. & Honduras Rosario Min. (quar.)	25c	Oct. 28	Holders of rec. Oct. 16
Peerless Truck & Motor (quar.)	75c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
Penmans, Ltd., common (quar.)	2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 4
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 21
Phillips-Jones (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Pittsburgh Coal, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 6a
Plant (Thomas G.), 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 17a
Postum Cereal, Inc., common (quar.)	*1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	*2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Prairie Oil & Gas (quar.)	3	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Extra	2	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Prairie Pipe Line (quar.)	3	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Extra	2	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Pyrene Mfg., common (quar.)	2 1/2	Nov. 1	Oct. 21 to Oct. 31
Quaker Oats, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a
Russell Motor Car, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Oct. 13 to Oct. 31
St. Joseph Lead (quar.)	25c.	Dec. 20	Dec. 10 to Dec. 20
Extra	25c.	Dec. 20	Dec. 10 to Dec. 20
Salt Creek Consol. Oil (quar.)	25c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Salt Creek Producers Assn. (quar.)	25c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16a
Extra	10c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16a
Savannah Sugar, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16
Seaboard Oil & Gas	2 1/4	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Seaboard Oil & Gas	2 1/4	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Seaboard Oil & Gas	2 1/4	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Shaffer Oil & Ref., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Shelair Consol. Oil, com. (quar.)	50c.	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 14a
Shelair Consol. Oil Corp., pref. (quar.)	2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a
Standard Oil (Ohio), pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 27
Steel Co. of Canada, com. & pref. (quar.)	75c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 9
Sterling Products, Inc. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 14
Storer Mfg. & Equip. pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Superior Steel, 1st & 2d pref. (quar.)	2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Thompson (John R.) Co., com. (extra)	1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 25a
Common (extra)	1	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 25a
Tobacco Products Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 23a
Tonopah Mining	5	Oct. 21	Oct. 1 to Oct. 8
Extra	2 1/2	Oct. 21	Oct. 1 to Oct. 8
Union Oil of California (quar.)	2	Oct. 28	Holders of rec. Oct. 10a
Extra	1	Oct. 28	Holders of rec. Oct. 10a
Union Tank Car, com. & pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 6
Common (monthly)	50c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 22a
Common (monthly)	50c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 22a
Preferred (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 22a
Warner (Charles) & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 26	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Wells, Fargo & Co.	2 1/4	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a
Westinghouse Air Brake (quar.)	81	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg., com. (quar.)	81	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Wilcox Oil & Gas (quar.)	2	Nov. 5	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Woolworth (F. W.) Co., com. (quar.)	*2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 9
Wright (Wm.) Co., com. (monthly)	50c.	Nov. 1	Oct. 26 to Oct. 31
Common (monthly)	50c.	Dec. 1	Nov. 26 to Nov. 30
Common (monthly)	50c.	Jan. 1	Dec. 26 to Dec. 31
Wurlitzer (Rudolph) Co.	2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 21
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	Mar 23	Holders of rec. Feb. 19 '23
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	Jan 23	Holders of rec. May 22 '23
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan 23	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr 23	Holders of rec. Mar. 22

**Weekly Return of New York City Clearing House Banks and Trust Companies.**

The following shows the condition of the New York City Clearing House members for the week ending Oct. 14. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of the grand totals, we also show the actual figures of condition at the end of the week.

**NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.**  
(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers (000) omitted.)

Week ending Oct. 14 1922 (000 omitted.)	Net Profits		Loans, Discounts, Investments, &c.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depositaries.	Net Demand Deposits.	Time Deposits.	Bank Circulation.
	Capital.	Sept. 15 State, Sept. 30 Tr. Cos. Sept. 30						
<b>Members of Federal Reserve Bank of New York &amp; Trust Co.</b>	4,000	11,879	9,068	1,018	6,665	49,849	6,106	—
Bk of Manhattan	5,000	13,534	124,270	2,359	13,497	100,206	18,908	—
Mech & Met Bk of America	10,000	17,847	168,262	5,564	20,910	165,784	5,426	996
Nat City Bank	5,500	5,502	65,577	1,775	8,922	66,787	2,585	—
Chem Nat Bank	40,000	50,929	482,654	7,100	60,032	\$545,900	40,619	2,066
Nat Bk of Dr	4,500	16,004	120,549	1,136	13,801	100,889	10,821	341
Amer Exch Nat	500	214	5,295	71	540	3,516	6	294
Nat Bk of Com.	5,000	7,846	100,876	1,232	12,474	86,513	9,452	4,871
Paelle Bank	1,000	1,720	22,676	1,108	3,334	22,503	763	—
Chat & Phen Nat	10,500	9,810	145,898	5,864	16,945	117,929	23,614	5,521
Hanover Nat Bk	8,250	11,492	168,870	7,123	22,658	154,725	15,725	100
Corn Exchange	1,500	8,627	33,903	583	3,599	26,721	50	51
Imp & Trad Nat	10,000	23,757	159,758	998	16,991	128,618	5,149	5,444
National Park	1,000	834	13,668	359	1,741	12,167	1,906	50
East River Nat.	10,000	47,398	282,822	512	23,959	174,132	44,034	3,230
Fed. National	12,500	11,027	194,225	4,430	25,900	194,458	6,942	2,518
Irving National	1,000	879	6,957	129	893	5,717	380	—
Continental Bk.	20,000	21,787	322,352	5,228	40,859	297,255	29,490	1,096
Chase National	500	2,359	22,491	605	2,919	21,680	—	—
Fifth Avenue	400	935	8,833	305	1,847	9,432	—	—
Commonwealth	1,000	1,621	14,234	456	1,869	13,661	74	396
Garfield Nat.	1,200	1,058	15,467	279	1,973	15,384	243	63
Fifth National	4,000	6,934	77,017	1,081	10,230	74,275	1,905	245
Seaboard Nat.	1,500	1,339	14,305	1,151	1,671	12,344	665	400
Coal & Iron Nat	20,000	25,014	260,726	1,021	29,290	\$229,540	20,389	—
Bankers Tr Co.	3,000	4,510	55,871	763	6,255	46,936	6,100	—
U S Mfg & Tr	25,000	17,604	357,995	1,447	42,676	\$392,869	32,866	—
Guaranty Trust	1,500	1,824	18,488	428	2,400	18,058	541	—
Fidelt-Inter-Tr	5,000	7,945	79,632	662	9,786	74,838	6,544	—
Columbia Trust	10,000	17,336	149,633	528	16,251	122,262	17,047	—
N Y Trust Co.	2,000	3,729	41,537	543	5,989	36,770	3,659	—
Metropolitan Tr	5,000	14,889	127,150	509	12,623	\$9,209	29,582	—
Farm Loan & Tr	2,000	2,055	29,860	624	3,636	27,652	2,078	—
Columbia Bank	12,000	15,462	158,456	1,437	21,653	\$193,140	9,184	—
Equitable Trust								
<b>Total of averages</b>	<b>274,350</b>	<b>447,980</b>	<b>4,383,375</b>	<b>59,523</b>	<b>515,000</b>	<b>3,784,991</b>	<b>378,884</b>	<b>31,772</b>
<b>Totals, actual condition Oct. 14</b>	<b>3,663,180</b>	<b>59,582,600</b>	<b>853,379,335</b>	<b>365,577</b>	<b>31,441</b>	<b>3,784,991</b>	<b>378,884</b>	<b>31,772</b>
<b>Totals, actual condition Oct. 7</b>	<b>3,410,383</b>	<b>58,727,478</b>	<b>801,638,780</b>	<b>355,769</b>	<b>31,933</b>	<b>3,438,539</b>	<b>387,717</b>	<b>31,955</b>
<b>Totals, actual condition Sept. 30</b>	<b>1,417,900</b>	<b>55,860,565</b>	<b>661,838,539</b>	<b>387,717</b>	<b>31,955</b>			
<b>State Banks</b>	<b>Members of Fed'l Reserve Bank</b>							
Greenwich Bank	1,000	2,097	18,957	1,736	1,645	18,404	50	—
Rowley Bank	250	873	6,306	350	430	2,586	2,115	—
State Bank	2,500	4,630	70,709	3,325	1,669	26,385	50,330	—
<b>Total of averages</b>	<b>3,750</b>	<b>7,600</b>	<b>103,072</b>	<b>5,391</b>	<b>3,734</b>	<b>47,375</b>	<b>52,495</b>	
<b>Totals, actual condition Oct. 14</b>	<b>102,944</b>	<b>5,458</b>	<b>3,922</b>	<b>47,600</b>	<b>52,520</b>			
<b>Totals, actual condition Oct. 7</b>	<b>102,640</b>	<b>5,630</b>	<b>3,828</b>	<b>47,250</b>	<b>52,396</b>			
<b>Totals, actual condition Sept. 30</b>	<b>103,364</b>	<b>5,440</b>						



	Actual Figures.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve banks.....	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks*	5,458,000	3,922,000	9,380,000	8,569,620	810,380
Trust companies.....	2,283,000	5,370,000	7,653,000	7,417,800	235,200
Total Oct. 14.....	7,741,000	510,145,000	517,886,000	520,218,280	2,332,280
Total Oct. 7.....	8,053,000	487,962,000	496,015,000	510,066,900	23,051,900
Total Sept. 30.....	7,666,000	577,709,000	585,375,000	528,835,250	58,539,750
Total Sept. 23.....	7,816,000	551,561,000	559,377,000	519,794,150	39,582,850

\* 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: Oct. 14, \$10,967,310; Oct. 7, \$11,573,070; Sept. 30, \$11,631,510; Sept. 23, \$12,026,190.

**State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House.**—The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House as follows:

**SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK, NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.**  
 (Figures Furnished by State Banking Department.)

	Oct. 14.	Differences from previous week
Loans and investments.....	\$742,587,600	Dec. \$1,867,100
Gold.....	4,051,400	Dec. 4,900
Currency and bank notes.....	19,058,800	Inc. 799,800
Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York.....	70,201,900	Inc. 3,794,900
Total deposits.....	788,295,300	Inc. 4,339,900
Deposits, eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City exchanges and U. S. depositories on deposits.....	745,981,800	Inc. 9,932,100
Percentage of reserve, 20.0%.....	122,668,100	Inc. 1,215,500

	RESERVE.	
	State Banks	Trust Companies
Cash in vault.....	\$29,064,000 17.15%	\$84,247,500 14.56%
Deposits in banks and trust cos.....	7,018,100 04.14%	22,337,900 05.09%
Total.....	\$36,082,700 21.29%	\$86,585,400 19.62%

\* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on Oct. 14 were \$70,201,900.

**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.
June 24.....	\$ 5,401,415,000	4,280,544,500	90,155,600	663,100,900
July 1.....	5,370,259,900	4,816,507,000	88,730,000	637,840,800
July 8.....	5,457,357,300	4,808,047,500	92,436,900	651,619,800
July 15.....	5,421,565,700	4,792,536,500	95,874,700	717,627,500
July 22.....	5,408,203,300	4,762,119,600	88,892,800	701,290,900
July 29.....	5,350,876,600	4,700,542,500	89,033,900	697,796,200
Aug. 5.....	5,408,610,600	4,714,814,300	87,948,700	700,127,900
Aug. 12.....	5,383,482,700	4,646,854,700	89,403,600	622,177,400
Aug. 19.....	5,372,805,900	4,613,652,400	86,439,800	618,135,000
Aug. 26.....	5,334,972,100	4,599,009,500	86,492,800	609,486,700
Sept. 2.....	5,311,817,600	4,596,237,500	86,259,400	619,093,200
Sept. 9.....	5,297,744,400	4,566,272,800	85,946,400	616,544,100
Sept. 16.....	5,297,309,200	4,615,836,300	90,326,700	625,919,600
Sept. 23.....	5,338,208,100	4,640,919,500	86,359,200	680,815,100
Sept. 30.....	5,317,017,500	4,634,695,500	88,271,200	616,428,800
Oct. 7.....	5,328,359,700	4,649,378,900	81,018,300	624,721,900
Oct. 14.....	5,305,281,600	4,623,334,800	90,361,200	623,553,900

\* This item includes gold, silver, legal tenders, national bank and Federal notes 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	Net Profits		Loans, Discounts, Investments, &c.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depositories.	Net Demand Deposits.	Net Time Deposits.	Net Bank Circulation.
	Capital.	Sept 15						
Week ending Oct. 14 1922.	Nat. bk. & Tr. cos. Sept 15	State banks Sept 15						
Members of Fed'l Res. Bank	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,219	11,933	159	1,169	\$ 9,002	370	196
Battery Park Nat. W. R. Grace & Co.	500	1,267	12,326	20	533	1,210	10,150	-----
Total	2,000	2,487	23,349	179	1,702	9,212	10,620	196
State Banks	Not Members of Fed. Res'vo Bank.							
Bank of Wash. Hts	200	319	5,183	730	315	5,256	600	-----
Colonial Bank.....	800	1,820	18,698	2,417	1,476	20,060	-----	-----
Total.....	1,000	2,139	23,881	3,147	1,791	26,316	600	-----
Trust Companies	Not Members of Fed. Res'vo Bank.							
Mech. Tr., Bayonne	200	667	8,992	411	102	3,385	5,548	-----
Total.....	200	667	8,992	411	102	3,385	5,548	-----
Grand aggregate.....	3,200	5,295	56,222	3,737	3,595	37,013	16,674	196
Comparison with previous week.....	+156	+230	+16	+1,434	+559	-----	-----	-----
Gr'd agr. Oct. 7	3,200	5,102	56,066	3,507	3,579	36,479	16,115	196
Gr'd agr. Sept. 30	3,200	5,102	53,000	3,637	3,423	36,219	15,114	196
Gr'd agr. Sept. 23	3,200	5,072	52,436	3,441	3,475	35,932	14,973	198
Gr'd agr. Sept. 16	3,200	5,072	51,923	3,492	3,514	35,697	14,821	199

a U. S. deposits deducted, \$99,000.  
 Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$995,000.  
 Excess reserve, \$20,030 decrease.

**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.			
	Oct. 18 1922.	Changes from previous week.	Oct. 11 1922.	Oct. 4 1922.
Capital.....	\$ 59,359,000		\$ 59,350,000	\$ 58,850,000
Surplus and profits.....	87,092,000		87,092,000	87,069,000
Loans, disc'ts & investments.....	858,141,000	Inc. 14,076,000	844,065,000	842,894,000
Individual deposits, incl. U. S. Due to banks.....	634,612,000	Inc. 22,496,000	612,116,000	614,880,000
Time deposits.....	132,050,000	Dec. 216,000	125,968,000	123,880,000
Bank States deposits.....	117,853,000	Dec. 216,000	118,069,000	118,036,000
Exchanges for Clearing House	15,746,000	Inc. 6,867,000	8,889,000	10,233,000
Due from other banks.....	30,156,000	Inc. 6,917,000	24,139,000	27,519,000
Reserve in Fed. Res. Bank	89,473,000	Inc. 20,450,000	69,023,000	71,716,000
Cash in bank and F. R. Bank	72,039,000	Inc. 1,580,000	70,459,000	71,388,000
Reserve excess in bank and Federal Reserve Bank.....	10,062,000	Dec. 133,000	10,195,000	9,779,000
Total.....	3,254,000	Inc. 1,256,000	1,998,000	3,205,000

**Philadelphia Banks.**—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Oct. 14, 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."

Tico Ciphers (00) omitted.	Week ending Oct. 14 1922.			Oct 7. 1922.	Sept. 30. 1922.
	Members of F.R. System	Trust Companies	Total.		
Capital.....	\$35,175.0	\$1,500.0	\$39,675.0	\$39,675.0	\$39,675.0
Surplus and profits.....	97,932.0	14,332.0	112,264.0	112,264.0	112,264.0
Loans, disc'ts & investm'ts	655,258.0	40,077.0	695,335.0	689,396.0	685,391.0
Exchanges for Clear House	33,157.0	821.0	33,978.0	28,932.0	26,711.0
Due from banks.....	101,237.0	25.0	101,262.0	95,953.0	90,721.0
Bank deposits.....	126,598.0	503.0	127,201.0	125,842.0	120,557.0
Individual deposits.....	544,019.0	26,194.0	570,213.0	554,918.0	544,021.0
Time deposits.....	21,091.0	534.0	21,625.0	21,718.0	21,402.0
Total deposits.....	591,808.0	27,231.0	719,039.0	702,475.0	686,010.0
U. S. deposits (not incl.)	5,523.0	5,523.0	7,072.0	7,072.0	9,302.0
Res'v with legal deposit's.	3,897.0	3,897.0	4,912.0	4,912.0	3,922.0
Reserve with F. R. Bank.....	56,698.0	-----	56,698.0	55,899.0	55,277.0
Cash in vault*.....	10,482.0	1,100.0	11,582.0	10,384.0	10,334.0
Total reserve and cash held	67,180.0	4,997.0	72,147.0	71,195.0	69,533.0
Reserve required.....	56,324.0	3,903.0	60,327.0	69,196.0	68,277.0
Excess res. & cash in vault.	10,856.0	1,094.0	11,920.0	11,999.0	11,256.0

\* 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 Oct. 18 1922 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Resources—	Oct. 18 1922.	Oct. 11 1922.	Oct. '19 1921.
Gold and gold certificates.....	142,532,088	150,260,815	356,039,090
Gold settlement fund—F. R. Board.....	204,410,191	131,679,016	116,714,000
Total gold held by bank.....	346,942,279	281,939,832	472,753,090
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent.....	711,173,298	731,405,498	545,396,000
Gold redemption fund.....	10,358,837	8,075,441	15,000,000
Total gold reserves.....	1,038,474,414	1,021,420,772	1,033,149,090
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.....	36,801,473	33,785,159	56,668,000
Total reserves.....	1,104,275,888	1,055,205,932	1,089,817,000
Bills discounted; Secured by U. S. Government obligations—for members.....	57,515,432	110,261,447	78,460,000
For other F. R. banks.....	-----	-----	19,407,000
All other—For members.....	44,991,225	40,009,139	150,977,000
For other F. R. banks.....	-----	-----	1,000,000
Bills bought in open market.....	85,401,298	85,589,003	22,776,000
Total bills on hand.....	187,907,957	235,856,591	272,626,000
U. S. bonds and notes.....	53,446,850	68,794,850	1,095,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	-----	-----	-----
One-year certificates (Pittman Act).....	10,000,000	11,500,000	45,776,000
All other.....	70,800,000	74,103,500	959,000
Total earning assets.....	322,151,807	390,256,941	320,351,000
Bank premises.....	9,908,578	9,647,225	5,883,000
5% redemp. fund agst. F. R. bank notes.....	493,000	574,000	1,945,000
Uncollected items.....	190,191,794	134,823,395	132,811,000
All other resources.....	2,122,229	2,388,504	2,756,000
Total resources.....	1,620,155,358	1,592,901,060	1,552,965,000
Liabilities—			
Capital paid in.....	27,835,200	27,805,200	27,087,000
Surplus.....	60,197,127	60,197,127	59,318,000
Deposits:			
Government.....	83,293	68,556	7,098,000
Member banks—Reserve account.....	781,894,760	769,833,593	650,322,000
All other.....	13,530,256	11,410,670	12,225,000
Total deposits.....	795,418,310	781,813,120	679,645,000
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	895,329,774	611,983,771	632,329,000
F. R. bank notes in circ'n—net liability.....	8,412,200	9,681,200	25,684,000
Deferred availability items.....	126,432,089	96,588,126	104,784,000
All other liabilities.....	5,530,658	5,332,515	24,719,000
Total liabilities.....	1,620,155,358	1,592,901,060	1,552,965,000
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	78.8%	75.7%	83.0%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.....	15,322,990	11,889,622	12,171,025

**CURRENT NOTICES.**

—Walter H. Woodward has formed the firm of W. H. Woodward & Co., with Edward M. Hill and A. Edward Brown, as special partners, to conduct a general investment security business. The offices of the company are at 50 Broad St.  
 —Brown Brothers & Co. have issued a circular describing thirty issues of railroad, industrial and public utility preferred stock, and giving principal details of the companies issuing these stocks; also current prices and yields.

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Friday afternoon, Oct. 20, and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve Banks at the close of business on Wednesday. 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 1779 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 OCT. 18 1922.

	Oct. 18 1922	Oct. 11 1922	Oct. 4 1922	Sept. 27 1922	Sept. 20 1922	Sept. 13 1922	Sept. 6 1922	Aug. 30 1922	Oct. 19 1921
<b>RESOURCES.</b>									
Gold and gold certificates	257,929,000	265,341,000	270,158,000	272,000,000	275,307,000	281,408,000	285,316,000	293,751,000	447,697,000
Gold settlement, F. R. Board	594,159,000	570,599,000	563,241,000	592,494,000	530,176,000	525,340,000	530,135,000	534,420,000	480,829,000
Total gold held by banks	852,079,000	835,940,000	833,399,000	864,494,000	811,483,000	807,748,000	815,451,000	828,171,000	928,526,000
Gold with Federal Reserve agents	2,163,165,000	2,192,040,000	2,194,932,000	2,160,322,000	2,202,258,000	2,219,102,000	2,206,468,000	2,197,058,000	1,711,331,000
Gold redemption fund	71,269,000	61,100,000	55,949,000	51,927,000	48,127,000	40,324,000	38,914,000	37,585,000	132,864,000
Total gold reserves	3,086,813,000	3,089,980,000	3,084,280,000	3,076,748,000	3,061,868,000	3,067,234,000	3,060,833,000	3,063,314,000	2,772,721,000
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.	127,384,000	120,037,000	123,725,000	120,184,000	128,092,000	130,204,000	125,854,000	132,474,000	149,039,000
Total reserves	3,214,197,000	3,210,017,000	3,213,005,000	3,203,127,000	3,189,870,000	3,197,438,000	3,186,687,000	3,195,888,000	2,921,760,000
Bills discounted:									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	194,155,000	232,250,000	156,315,000	139,102,000	133,021,000	123,960,000	130,447,000	133,651,000	453,671,000
All other	316,944,000	292,506,000	277,878,000	281,078,000	290,886,000	293,213,000	274,636,000	270,717,000	876,097,000
Bills bought in open market	256,815,000	246,620,000	235,458,000	238,116,000	220,207,000	204,742,000	188,365,000	171,700,000	54,298,000
Total bills on hand	767,914,000	771,405,000	669,654,000	658,296,000	644,174,000	591,836,000	593,448,000	576,074,000	1,384,066,000
U. S. bonds and notes	226,210,000	236,135,000	253,042,000	229,158,000	213,585,000	198,836,000	207,514,000	193,750,000	33,130,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness:									
One-year certificates (Pittman Act)	43,500,000	46,000,000	48,000,000	50,500,000	52,000,000	55,000,000	56,500,000	63,000,000	156,875,000
All other	177,191,000	192,419,000	182,209,000	171,788,000	173,399,000	243,045,000	244,178,000	241,220,000	3,898,000
Municipal warrants	27,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	16,000	18,000	21,000	21,000	10,000
Total earning assets	1,214,842,000	1,245,985,000	1,153,010,000	1,109,757,000	1,083,174,000	1,088,734,000	1,101,661,000	1,074,065,000	1,577,889,000
Bank premises	45,099,000	44,605,000	44,522,000	44,473,000	44,392,000	43,808,000	43,636,000	43,456,000	30,987,000
5% refund, fund agst. F. R. bank notes	3,750,000	3,750,000	3,750,000	3,917,000	4,483,000	4,742,000	4,698,000	6,567,000	8,883,000
Uncollected items	798,439,000	649,385,000	631,701,000	593,911,000	609,503,000	661,605,000	576,078,000	510,807,000	630,581,000
All other resources	14,787,000	15,114,000	14,004,000	15,076,000	14,194,000	18,820,000	18,193,000	17,841,000	16,887,000
Total resources	5,291,114,000	5,168,870,000	5,060,694,000	4,970,261,000	5,005,676,000	5,014,847,000	4,930,953,000	4,848,624,000	5,186,957,000
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>									
Capital paid in	106,327,000	106,271,000	108,230,000	106,172,000	105,177,000	106,070,000	106,085,000	106,086,000	103,034,000
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	213,824,000
Reserve for Govt. franchise tax									
Deposits—Government	12,545,000	12,457,000	14,901,000	19,945,000	57,019,000	39,294,000	37,730,000	51,553,000	29,120,000
Member banks—reserve account	1,921,277,000	1,890,841,000	1,842,508,000	1,797,975,000	1,774,097,000	1,811,237,000	1,796,081,000	1,807,008,000	1,660,936,000
All other	23,285,000	18,927,000	20,389,000	23,213,000	21,773,000	21,773,000	22,986,000	23,125,000	27,388,000
Total	1,956,107,000	1,922,225,000	1,877,697,000	1,840,133,000	1,853,789,000	1,872,103,000	1,856,797,000	1,881,686,000	1,777,444,000
F. R. notes in actual circulation	2,315,437,000	2,320,115,000	2,274,651,000	2,243,384,000	2,218,764,000	2,213,615,000	2,211,889,000	2,153,181,000	2,440,862,000
F. R. bank notes in circulation—net liab.	40,613,000	42,716,000	44,729,000	46,065,000	46,834,000	50,222,000	52,793,000	53,930,000	92,952,000
Deferred availability items	622,430,000	537,899,000	518,334,000	495,471,000	541,633,000	534,674,000	465,794,000	415,762,000	543,238,000
All other liabilities	24,802,000	24,247,000	23,068,000	23,638,000	23,081,000	22,765,000	22,227,000	22,551,000	75,664,000
Total liabilities	5,291,114,000	5,168,870,000	5,060,694,000	4,970,261,000	5,005,676,000	5,014,847,000	4,930,953,000	4,848,624,000	5,186,957,000
Ratio of gold reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	72.3%	72.8%	74.4%	75.3%	75.2%	75.1%	75.2%	75.9%	66.7%
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	75.2%	75.7%	77.4%	78.4%	78.3%	78.3%	78.3%	79.2%	70.3%
<b>Distribution by Maturities—</b>									
1-15 days bills bought in open market	65,241,000	70,709,000	53,255,000	55,875,000	53,112,000	56,155,000	55,118,000	45,053,000	25,170,000
1-15 days bills discounted	317,057,000	330,574,000	243,163,000	225,972,000	230,408,000	195,219,000	206,038,000	200,952,000	794,732,000
1-15 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	27,161,000	29,620,000	23,550,000	9,034,000	11,712,000	38,721,000	39,928,000	11,009,000	7,509,000
1-15 days municipal warrants	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
16-30 days bills bought in open market	39,106,000	43,587,000	47,950,000	53,496,000	42,800,000	38,935,000	34,405,000	33,228,000	10,826,000
16-30 days bills discounted	48,671,000	52,240,000	52,493,000	51,960,000	47,642,000	49,298,000	55,170,000	44,391,000	149,285,000
16-30 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	3,000	3,000	4,250,000	22,632,000	19,932,000	5,339,000	7,624,000	32,559,000	2,300,000
16-30 days municipal warrants	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
31-60 days bills bought in open market	66,345,000	63,993,000	64,058,000	60,514,000	64,992,000	63,931,000	61,105,000	53,998,000	11,350,000
31-60 days bills discounted	76,228,000	70,095,000	73,414,000	76,305,000	81,042,000	77,490,000	78,259,000	81,740,000	224,855,000
31-60 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	45,528,000	15,863,000	1,298,000	2,631,000	8,890,000	35,604,000	38,380,000	34,287,000	19,215,000
31-60 days municipal warrants	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
61-90 days bills bought in open market	68,183,000	54,021,000	53,087,000	53,524,000	49,439,000	38,298,000	34,756,000	30,222,000	6,929,000
61-90 days bills discounted	49,570,000	45,007,000	47,103,000	47,102,000	43,372,000	43,476,000	42,579,000	50,962,000	138,881,000
61-90 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	15,685,000	63,035,000	62,045,000	68,932,000	63,787,000	3,398,000	1,498,000	10,420,000	12,303,000
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	13,940,000	14,340,000	17,103,000	14,707,000	9,915,000	7,341,000	2,923,000	3,405,000	70,000
Over 90 days bills discounted	17,870,000	17,870,000	17,053,000	18,841,000	19,443,000	21,720,000	23,023,000	26,323,000	31,014,000
Over 90 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	19,573,000	12,801,000	139,156,000	119,139,000	121,348,000	211,080,000	213,248,000	215,845,000	119,365,000
Over 90 days municipal warrants	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
<b>Federal Reserve Notes—</b>									
Outstanding	2,722,446,000	2,708,014,000	2,682,940,000	2,653,544,000	2,636,112,000	2,652,313,000	2,639,293,000	2,603,919,000	2,769,083,000
Held by banks	407,009,000	387,890,000	408,289,000	410,160,000	417,348,000	438,098,000	427,404,000	450,738,000	328,221,000
In actual circulation	2,315,437,000	2,320,115,000	2,274,651,000	2,243,384,000	2,218,764,000	2,213,615,000	2,211,889,000	2,153,181,000	2,440,862,000
Amount chargeable to Fed. Res. Agent in hands of Federal Reserve Agent	3,515,888,000	3,489,306,000	3,481,292,000	3,486,366,000	3,472,244,000	3,444,730,000	3,388,980,000	3,379,240,000	3,588,748,000
Issued to Federal Reserve banks	794,442,000	781,292,000	798,352,000	812,822,000	836,132,000	792,417,000	749,687,000	775,327,000	819,665,000
Issued to Federal Reserve banks	2,722,446,000	2,708,014,000	2,682,940,000	2,653,544,000	2,636,112,000	2,652,313,000	2,639,293,000	2,603,919,000	2,769,083,000
<b>Note Secured—</b>									
By gold and gold certificates	416,507,000	416,509,000	416,507,000	416,508,000	416,507,000	416,508,000	416,522,000	416,522,000	450,163,000
By eligible paper	558,981,000	515,074,000	488,008,000	493,022,000	433,854,000	433,151,000	432,825,000	406,201,000	1,057,752,000
Gold redemption fund	133,925,000	126,843,000	125,188,000	133,652,000	132,617,000	128,505,000	124,654,000	122,088,000	126,046,000
With Federal Reserve Board	1,613,033,000	1,649,588,000	1,653,237,000	1,610,362,000	1,653,134,000	1,676,149,000	1,605,292,000	1,659,048,000	1,135,122,000
Total	2,722,446,000	2,708,014,000	2,682,940,000	2,653,544,000	2,636,112,000	2,652,313,000	2,639,293,000	2,603,919,000	2,769,083,000
Eligible paper delivered to F. R. Agent	740,927,000	751,046,000	654,235,000	613,693,000	630,172,000	580,211,000	578,210,000	563,226,000	1,344,603,000

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS OCT. 18 1922.

	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
<b>RESOURCES.</b>													
Gold and gold certificates													



Table with 13 columns: RESOURCES (Concluded)—Two ciphers (00) omitted, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows include Bank premises, 6% redemption fund, Uncollected items, All other resources, LIABILITIES, Capital paid in, Surplus, Deposits, Member bank—reserve acct., All other, Total deposits, F. R. notes in actual circulation, F. R. bank notes in circulation, net liability, Deferred liability items, All other liabilities, Total liabilities, Memoranda, Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, per cent, Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS OCTOBER 18 1922.

Table with 13 columns: Federal Reserve Agent at—, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleve., Richm'd, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minn., K. City, Dallas, San Fr., Total. Rows include Resources—(In Thousands of Dollars), Federal Reserve notes on hand, Federal Reserve notes outstanding, Collateral security for Federal Reserve notes outstanding, Gold and gold certificates, Gold redemption fund, Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board, Eligible paper (Amount required), Excess amount held, Total, Liabilities, Net amount of Federal Reserve notes received from Comptroller of the Currency, Collateral received from Gold, Federal Reserve Bank (Eligible paper), Total, Federal Reserve notes outstanding, Federal Reserve notes held by banks, Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation.

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

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the 787 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 1779.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business October 11 1922. Three ciphers (000) omitted.

Table with 13 columns: Federal Reserve District, Boston, New York, Philadel., Cleveland, Ri chm'd, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows include Number of reporting banks, Loans and discounts, including bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank, Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations, Secured by stocks and bonds, All other loans and discounts, Total loans and discounts, U. S. bonds, U. S. Victory Notes, U. S. Treasury notes, U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness, Other bonds, stocks and securities, Total loans & disc'ts & investm'ts, incl. bills redisc'd with F. R. Bk., Reserve balance with F. R. Bank, Cash in vault, Net demand deposits, Time deposits, Government deposits, Bills payable with F. R. Bank, Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations, All other, Bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank, Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations, All other.

2. Data of reporting member banks in Federal Reserve Bank and branch cities and all other reporting banks.

Table with 13 columns: Three ciphers (000) omitted, New York City, City of Chicago, All F. R. Bank Cities, F. R. Branch Cities, All Other Report. Bks., Total. Rows include Number of reporting banks, Loans and discounts, including bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank, Loans sec. by U. S. Govt. obligat'ns, Loans secured by stocks & bonds, All other loans and discounts, Total loans and discounts, U. S. bonds, U. S. Victory notes, U. S. Treasury notes, U. S. Certificates of indebtedness, Other bonds, stocks and securities, Total loans & disc'ts & investm'ts, incl. bills redisc'd with F. R. Bk., Reserve balance with F. R. Bank, Cash in vault, Net demand deposits, Time deposits, Government deposits, Bills payable with F. R. Bank, Sec'd by U. S. Govt. obligations, All other, Bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank, Sec'd by U. S. Govt. obligations, All other, Ratio of bills payable & rediscounts with F. R. Bank to total loans and investments, per cent.

Bankers' Gazette

Wall Street, Friday Night, Oct. 20 1922.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The spectacular features of last week's stock market have largely disappeared and with a few exceptions fluctuations have been within a narrow range. The market was firm at the opening on Monday and an advance of about 1 point in rails and 2 points in the case of industrials was scored within an hour. This was followed by a reaction which, before the close of business, had practically wiped out the early gains. Since Monday the market has been irregularly weak and railway shares are an average of from 1 to 2 points lower than last week. At the same time industrials have dropped an average of 3 to 5 points and have covered a much wider range in the process. For instance, Mex. Pet. has sold at 198 and 228 within the week, Standard Oil of N. J. at 211 and 224, while other issues in this group have covered 7 to 8, 6 to 7, 5 to 6 and so on down.

Owing to Government financial operations, including the redemption of \$100,000,000 Loan Certificates, payment of semi-annual interest on Liberty Loan bonds, and payment by the British Government of \$50,000,000 on account of interest on her war debt to this country, transactions through the New York Clearing House and elsewhere have been on an enormous scale, but without causing a ripple of disturbance. Call loan rates, which held steady at 6% during the early part of the week, have declined to 4 1/2%.

Following are sales made at the Exchange this week not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow

Table with columns: STOCKS, Sales for Week, Range for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes sub-sections for Railroads, Industrials, and various stock listings with prices and volume.

\* No par value.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Table showing daily, weekly, and yearly transactions at the New York Stock Exchange, categorized by Stocks, Railroad & Bonds, State, Mun. & Foreign Bonds, and U. S. Bonds.

Table showing sales at the New York Stock Exchange for the week ending Oct. 20, 1922, and for Jan. 1 to Oct. 20, 1922, categorized by Stocks, Bonds, and Total bonds.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table showing daily transactions at the Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore exchanges, categorized by Shares and Bond Sales for each city.

Daily Record of Liberty Loan Prices.

Table showing daily record of Liberty Loan prices from Oct. 14 to Oct. 20, 1922, including various bond series and their market prices.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds:

Table showing registered bond transactions, including 188 1st 3 1/2s, 41 1st 4 1/2s, and 70 1st 2d 4 1/2s.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table showing quotations for U.S. Treasury certificates of indebtedness, including maturity, rate, bid, asked, and other details.

Foreign Exchange.—The market for sterling showed an improving tendency and quotations were marked up about 4 cents, on fairly active trading. Continental exchange, on the other hand, was dull and irregular, with marks and francs conspicuously weak.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 4 1/2% @ 4 4 1/2% for sixty days, 4 4 1/2% @ 4 4 1/2% for cheques and 4 4 1/2% @ 4 4 1/2% for cables. Commercial on banks, sight 4 4 1/2% @ 4 4 1/2%, sixty days 4 4 1/2% @ 4 4 1/2%, ninety days 4 4 1/2% @ 4 4 1/2%, and documents for payment (sixty days) 4 4 1/2% @ 4 4 1/2%. Cotton for payment 4 4 1/2% @ 4 4 1/2%, and grain for payment 4 4 1/2% @ 4 4 1/2%.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 7.31 @ 7.30 for long and 7.34 @ 7.42 for short. Germany bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 38.74 for long and 39.08 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London 60.18 francs; week's range 59.04 francs high and 60.75 francs low.

Table showing the range for foreign exchange for the week, categorized by Sterling Actual, Paris Bankers' Francs, and Germany Bankers' Marks.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$1.55 per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, par.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 1791.



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For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page.

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-shares lots		PER SHARE Range for previous year 1921	
Saturday, Oct. 14.	Monday, Oct. 15.	Tuesday, Oct. 17.	Wednesday, Oct. 18.	Thursday, Oct. 19.	Friday, Oct. 20.		Shares	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares	Railroads					
*16 21	*17 21	*17 21	*17 21	*17 21	*16 21	100	Ann Arbor	21	Jan 3	24	Jan 30	
*43 45 1/2	*42 1/2 45 1/2	43 45 1/2	43 45 1/2	43 45 1/2	43 45 1/2	600	Preferred	28 1/2	Jan 26	52	Aug 25	
106 1/2 107 1/2	106 1/2 107 1/2	107 1/2 107 1/2	106 1/2 107 1/2	106 1/2 107 1/2	106 1/2 107 1/2	14,700	Ach Topeka & Santa Fe	91 1/2	Jan 3	103 1/2	Sept 14	
92 1/2 93 1/2	92 1/2 93 1/2	92 1/2 93 1/2	92 1/2 93 1/2	92 1/2 93 1/2	92 1/2 93 1/2	3,200	Do prof.	34 1/2	Jan 2	95 1/2	Aug 21	
2 1/4 2 1/4	2 1/4 2 1/4	*2 1/4 2 1/4	2 1/4 2 1/4	2 1/4 2 1/4	2 1/4 2 1/4	2,100	Atlanta B'n & Atlantic	1/4	Jan 14	5 1/2	Apr 17	
119 1/2 122	123 1/2 124 1/2	123 123 1/2	121 1/2 123 1/2	121 1/2 123 1/2	122 1/2 123 1/2	4,700	Atlantic Coast Line RR	83	Jan 9	124 1/2	Aug 21	
56 56 1/2	56 56 1/2	56 56 1/2	56 56 1/2	56 56 1/2	56 56 1/2	26,300	Baltimore & Ohio	33 1/2	Jan 27	60 1/2	Aug 21	
*64 1/4 64 1/4	64 1/4 64 1/4	64 1/4 64 1/4	64 1/4 64 1/4	64 1/4 64 1/4	64 1/4 64 1/4	1,000	Do prof.	62 1/2	Jan 11	66 1/4	Aug 23	
*73 74	73 74	*72 1/2 72 1/2	*72 1/2 72 1/2	*70 72 1/2	*70 72 1/2	3,000	Buffalo Roch & Pitta	50	Jan 4	73 1/2	Oct 4	
16 1/2 17 1/4	17 1/4 19 1/4	16 1/2 18 1/2	17 1/4 17 1/4	17 1/4 17 1/4	17 1/4 17 1/4	19,300	Brooklyn Rapid Transit	6	Jan 4	29	June 30	
14 1/2 15	15 1/2 16 1/2	14 1/2 15 1/2	15 1/2 15 1/2	15 1/2 15 1/2	15 1/2 15 1/2	7,300	Cerificates of deposit	5 1/2	Jan 11	24 1/2	June 30	
14 1/2 14 1/2	14 1/2 14 1/2	14 1/2 14 1/2	14 1/2 14 1/2	14 1/2 14 1/2	14 1/2 14 1/2	13,900	Canadian Pacific	119 1/2	Jan 6	15 1/2	Aug 31	
214 215 1/4	211 1/4 214 1/4	*205 211	*209 209	*195 210	*204 210	1,000	Central R.R. of N.J.	134	Mar 31	215 1/4	Oct 14	
74 74 1/2	74 75 1/2	73 1/2 76 1/2	73 1/2 77	75 76 1/2	75 76 1/2	22,800	Chesapeake & Ohio	64	Jan 10	79	Aug 21	
2 1/4 2 1/4	2 1/4 2 1/4	*2 1/4 2 1/4	*2 1/4 2 1/4	*2 1/4 2 1/4	*2 1/4 2 1/4	1,700	Chicago & Alton	1 1/2	Jan 24	12 1/2	May 26	
5 5 1/2	4 1/2 5 1/2	*4 1/2 5 1/2	*4 1/2 5 1/2	*4 1/2 5 1/2	*4 1/2 5 1/2	700	Preferred	3 1/2	Jan 25	20 1/2	May 25	
39 39	39 1/4 39 1/4	39 39 1/2	37 37 1/2	37 1/2 37 1/2	35 1/2 38 1/2	1,300	Chic & East Ill RR (new)	12 1/2	Jan 25	43 1/2	Aug 21	
61 61	61 1/2 61 1/2	61 62 1/4	61 61 1/4	60 1/4 61	61 61	2,400	Do prof.	32	Jan 30	64 1/2	Aug 22	
6 1/4 7	*6 1/4 7	*6 1/4 7	6 1/4 7	6 1/4 7	6 1/4 7	600	Chicago Great Western	5 1/2	Jan 11	10 1/2	May 27	
14 1/2 14 1/2	15 15 1/4	*14 1/2 15	14 1/2 15	14 1/2 15	15 15 1/4	2,800	Do prof.	13 1/2	Sept 29	24 1/2	May 29	
32 1/2 32 1/2	32 1/2 33 1/2	32 1/2 32 1/2	32 32 1/2	31 1/2 32 1/2	31 1/2 32 1/2	20,100	Chicago Milw & St Paul	17 1/4	Jan 9	36 1/2	Aug 22	
50 1/2 51 1/4	50 1/2 51 1/4	50 1/2 51 1/4	50 1/2 51 1/4	50 1/2 51 1/4	50 1/2 51 1/4	32,900	Do prof.	29	Jan 10	55	Aug 22	
92 92 1/2	92 1/2 93 1/2	93 92 1/2	92 93 1/2	91 1/2 92 1/2	91 1/2 92 1/2	21,200	Chicago & North Western	59	Jan 9	95 1/2	Sept 11	
*122 123 1/2	123 1/2 123 1/2	123 123 1/2	*124 125	*119 121	*121 121	400	Do prof.	100	Jan 9	125	Aug 10	
44 1/2 44 1/2	44 1/2 45 1/4	44 1/2 45 1/4	43 1/2 45 1/4	43 1/2 45 1/4	43 1/2 45 1/4	26,300	Chic Rock Isl & Pac	30 1/2	Jan 11	50	Sept 14	
*100 100 1/2	99 1/2 100 1/2	100 100	99 1/2 100 1/2	99 1/2 100 1/2	99 1/2 100 1/2	1,200	7% preferred	83 1/2	Jan 10	105	Sept 14	
*91 1/4 91 1/4	91 1/4 91 1/4	91 1/2 92 1/2	90 1/2 91	90 1/2 91	90 1/2 91	1,900	6% preferred	70 1/4	Jan 9	95	Sept 14	
88 88	*86 87	*86 87	86 1/2 86 1/2	86 1/2 86 1/2	85 1/2 87	800	Chic St P Minn & On	51	Jan 10	90	Sept 15	
*76 78	78 78	80 80	80 80	*76 78	*76 78	600	Clev Cin Chic & St Louis	54	Jan 4	80 1/2	Sept 15	
95 1/2 98	100 100	100 100 1/2	100 100	99 1/2 100	99 1/2 100	100	Do prof.	73 1/2	Jan 10	100 1/2	Sept 17	
49 49	49 49 1/2	49 49 1/2	49 49 1/2	49 49 1/2	49 49 1/2	1,600	Colorado & Southern	38	Jan 10	63 1/2	Apr 24	
*62 1/2 63	62 1/2 62 1/2	62 62	*62 1/2 63	*62 1/2 63	*62 1/2 63	700	Do 1st pref.	55	Jan 16	66	Mar 23	
128 128	128 128 1/2	128 128 1/2	127 128 1/2	127 128 1/2	127 128 1/2	1,400	Delaware & Hudson	105 1/2	Jan 4	141 1/2	Sept 8	
141 1/2 141 1/2	140 1/2 141 1/2	140 1/2 141 1/2	139 141 1/2	138 141 1/2	138 141 1/2	12,500	Delaware Lack & Western	108	Feb 14	143	Oct 4	
*3 4	*3 3 1/2	*3 1/4 4	*3 1/4 4	*3 4	*3 4	300	Duluth S S & Atlantic	2 1/2	Jan 27	6	Apr 25	
5 1/2 6 1/4	*6 7	*5 6 1/2	*5 7	*5 7	*5 7	400	Do prof.	3 1/2	Jan 7	10 1/2	Apr 18	
15 1/2 16	16 16 1/4	16 16 1/4	16 16 1/4	15 1/2 16	15 1/2 16	8,200	Erie	7	Jan 9	18 1/2	May 23	
25 25 1/2	25 25 1/2	25 25 1/2	24 1/2 25 1/2	24 1/2 25 1/2	24 1/2 25 1/2	5,600	Do 1st pref.	11 1/2	Jan 9	28 1/2	Aug 21	
18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 19	18 1/2 19	18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	1,800	Chic St P Minn & On	7 1/2	Jan 10	20 1/2	Aug 23	
94 1/2 94 1/2	94 1/2 94 1/2	94 1/2 94 1/2	94 1/2 94 1/2	94 1/2 94 1/2	94 1/2 94 1/2	43,500	Great Northern pref.	70 1/2	Jan 10	95 1/2	Oct 18	
38 1/4 39	38 1/2 39	38 1/2 39	38 1/2 39	38 1/2 39	37 1/2 38 1/2	11,800	Iron Ore properties—No par	3 1/2	Jan 6	25 1/2	Apr 13	
*15 15 1/2	14 1/2 14 1/2	*14 1/2 16	15 16 1/2	15 1/2 15 1/2	15 1/2 16 1/2	2,600	Gulf Mob & Nor tr etts.	5	Jan 4	19	May 22	
43 1/2 43 1/2	45 45	45 45	46 46 1/4	47 47	46 1/2 46 1/2	800	Do prof.	16	Jan 5	47	Oct 19	
114 114 1/2	114 1/2 115	114 1/2 114 1/2	114 1/2 114 1/2	113 1/2 114	113 1/2 114	2,700	Illinois Central	97 1/2	Jan 3	115 1/2	Sept 15	
1 1/4 1 1/4	1 1/4 1 1/4	1 1/4 1 1/4	1 1/4 1 1/4	1 1/4 1 1/4	1 1/4 1 1/4	5,800	Intercontinental Const. Co. No par	1/4	Oct 10	5	Apr 8	
23 1/2 23 1/2	23 1/2 24	24 24 1/2	*23 1/2 24	*23 1/2 24	*23 1/2 24	2,800	Kansas City Southern	23 1/2	Jan 10	30 1/2	Apr 8	
57 57	57 57 1/2	58 58	57 1/2 57 1/2	56 57 1/2	56 57 1/2	700	Do prof.	52 1/2	Jan 5	59 1/2	Apr 26	
*4 6	*4 6	*4 6	*4 6	*4 6	*4 6	1,100	Kaokuk & Des Moines	5	Jan 17	9 1/2	June 6	
*35 35 1/2	35 35 1/2	35 35 1/2	*35 35 1/2	*35 35 1/2	*35 35 1/2	1,100	Lake Erie & Western	10	Feb 2	39 1/2	June 6	
*75 77	*75 77	75 1/2 75 1/2	*75 77	75 75 1/2	*75 76	400	Do prof.	26 1/2	Feb 8	77	Sept 27	
69 69 1/2	69 1/2 71	70 1/2 71	70 1/2 71	69 1/2 71	70 1/2 71	51,300	Lehigh Valley	56 1/2	Jan 3	72	Sept 9	
138 1/4 144	142 144	144 144 1/2	142 143 1/2	142 143 1/2	141 1/2 142	5,900	Louisville & Nashville	108	Jan 9	144 1/2	Oct 17	
55 55 1/2	55 1/2 55 1/2	55 55	55 55	55 55	55 55	1,700	Manhattan Ry	35	Jan 6	53	Aug 30	
*7 7 1/2	*7 7 1/2	*7 7 1/2	*7 7 1/2	*7 7 1/2	*7 7 1/2	400	Market Street Ry	3 1/2	Jan 28	11	Mar 14	
*32 32 1/2	30 30 1/2	30 30 1/2	*31 30 1/2	*31 30 1/2	*31 30 1/2	400	Do prof.	17	Jan 9	50 1/4	Apr 11	
67 1/2 68 1/2	68 1/2 69	68 1/2 69	68 1/2 69	68 1/2 69	68 1/2 69	2,700	Do prior pref.	35 1/2	Jan 7	70	Oct 17	
*18 22	*22 22 1/2	*22 22 1/2	*20 22	*18 22	*18 22	600	Do 2d pref.	5 1/2	Jan 9	7	Apr 10	
*83 9	*83 9	*83 9	*83 9	*83 9	*83 9	1,200	Minneapolis & St L (new)	5	Jan 6	14 1/2	Apr 29	
*71 1/2 72 1/2	71 1/2 73 1/2	*72 75 1/2	74 74 1/2	75 75 1/2	75 1/2 75 1/2	2,200	Missouri Pacific	55	June 29	75 1/2	Oct 19	
*12 13	*12 13	*12 13	*12 13	*12 13	*12 13	1,200	Missouri Kansas & Texas	5	Jan 16	14	May 23	
*17 1/2 17 1/2	17 1/2 17 1/2	17 1/2 17 1/2	17 1/2 17 1/2	17 1/2 17 1/2	17 1/2 17 1/2	12,200	Mo Kan & Texas (new)	7 1/2	Jan 11	19 1/2	Aug 25	
46 46	45 1/2 45 1/2	45 1/2 46	45 1/2 46	43 1/2 44 1/2	44 1/2 44 1/2	8,700	Do prof (new)	24 1/2	Jan 27	43 1/2	Aug 30	
21 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 22	21 1/2 22	21 1/2 22	21 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	5,700	Missouri Pacific trust etts.	16	Jan 10	25 1/4	Apr 18	
59 1/2 59 1/2	59 1/2 60	59 1/2 60	58 1/2 59 1/2	58 1/2 59 1/2	58 1/2 59 1/2	19,800	Do prof trust etts.	44	Jan 10	63 1/2	Sept 12	
*34 41	*34 41	*34 41	*34 41	*34 41	*34 41	1,800	Nat Rys of Mex 2d pref.	3	Jan 28	7 1/2	May 27	
81 1/2 81 1/2	81 1/2 82	81 1/2 82 1/4	*80 82	81 82 1/4	81 1/2 81 1/2	1,900	New Ori Tex & Mex v t e.	54 1/2	Jan 10	82 1/2	Sept 15	
98 1/2 99	99 100 1/2	99 101 1/2	98 100 1/2	99 100 1/2	99 100 1/2	94,400	New York Central	72 1/2	Jan 4	100 1/2	Oct 18	
89 100 1/2	90 1/2 91 1/2	90 1/2 91 1/2	90 1/2 91 1/2	89 1/2 91 1/2	89 1/2 91 1/2	3,200	N Y Chicago & St Louis	51 1/2	Jan 5	91 1/2	Oct 16	
*92 1/2 93	92 1/2 93	*92 93	*90 1/2 93	*90 1/2 92	*90 1/2 92	200	Do 2d pref.	61 1/2	Jan 5	93	Sept 15	
30 1/2 31	31 1/4 32 1/2	32 1/2 32 1/2	31 1/2 32 1/2	31 1/2 32 1/2	31 1/2 32 1/2	76,300	N Y N H & Hartford	102	Jan 5	35 1/2	May 20	
*24 1/2 25	25 1/2 26 1/2	25 1/2 25 1/2	25 25 1/2	25 25 1/2	25 1/2 25 1/2	1,700	N Y Ontario & Western	10 1/4	Jan 9	29 1/2	Apr 10	
*18 18 1/2	18 1/2 19	18 1/2 19	*18 18 1/2	*18 18 1/2	*18 18 1/2	300	Norfolk Southern	8 1/4				

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sales for the Week); STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscell. (Gen.) Par, Amer Brake Shoes & F., etc.); PER SHARE (Range since Jan. 1, 1922, On basis of 100-share lots, Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE (Range for previous year 1921, Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like American Locomotive, American Radiator, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices on sales on this day. # Dividend and rights. e Assessment paid. s Ex-rights. # Ex-dividend. \* Par value \$10 per share.



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## HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						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, Oct. 14.	Monday, Oct. 16.	Tuesday, Oct. 17.	Wednesday, Oct. 18.	Thursday, Oct. 19.	Friday, Oct. 20.	Shares for the Week.	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	
54 1/4	54 1/2	54 3/4	55 1/4	55 1/2	55 3/4	40,800	Electric Storage Battery No par	40 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	
19 1/2	19 3/4	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	800	EIK Horn Coal Corp.	14 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	
75 1/2	75 3/4	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	24,300	Emerson-Brantingham	2 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	
85 1/2	85 3/4	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	2,000	Do prof.	7 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	
115 1/2	115 3/4	115 1/2	115 1/2	115 1/2	115 1/2	100	Famous Players-Lasky No par	10 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	
98 1/2	98 3/4	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	11,000	Do preferred (8%)	9 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	
102 1/2	102 3/4	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	11,000	Federal Mining & Smelting	9 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	
12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	800	Do prof.	37 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	
136 1/2	136 3/4	136 1/2	136 1/2	136 1/2	136 1/2	10,200	Fisher Body Corp.	7 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	
112 1/2	112 3/4	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	1,900	Fisher Body Ohio, pref.	7 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	
13 1/2	13 3/4	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	134,900	Flak Rubber	11 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	
24 1/2	24 3/4	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	31,000	Forecast Texas Co.	12 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	
67 1/2	67 3/4	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	11,300	Gen Am Tank Car	4 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	
62 1/2	62 3/4	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	31,000	General Asphalt	5 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	
96 1/2	96 3/4	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	6,100	Do prof.	90 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	
70 1/2	70 3/4	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	100	General Chair, Inc.	6 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	
103 1/2	103 3/4	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	100	Debtenture pref.	10 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	
183 1/2	183 3/4	183 1/2	183 1/2	183 1/2	183 1/2	11,400	General Electric	13 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	
14 1/2	14 3/4	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	99,800	General Motors Corp.	8 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	
53 1/2	53 3/4	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	490	Do prof.	69 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	
83 1/2	83 3/4	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	1,100	Do Deb stock (5%)	65 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	
96 1/2	96 3/4	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	100	Do Deb stock (7%)	70 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	
13 1/2	13 3/4	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	190	Glidden Co.	13 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	
35 1/2	35 3/4	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	2,500	Go Irden Co (B F)	32 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	
84 1/2	84 3/4	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	300	Do prof.	82 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	
31 1/2	31 3/4	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	2,200	Granby Cons M. Sm & Pow	26 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	
11 1/2	11 3/4	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	2,400	Gray & Davis Inc.	10 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	
30 1/2	30 3/4	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	700	Greene Cananea Copper	25 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	
12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	16,000	Guantanamo Sugar	7 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	
91 1/2	91 3/4	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	1,700	Guar States Ice & Cold	4 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	
22 1/2	22 3/4	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	3,900	Hendee Manufacturing	15 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	
70 1/2	70 3/4	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	2,600	Honestake Mining	55 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	
86 1/2	86 3/4	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	10,600	Houston Oil of Texas	70 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	
22 1/2	22 3/4	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	3,300	Hupp Motor Car Corp.	10 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	
7 1/2	7 3/4	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	3,700	Hydraulic Steel	3 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	
4 1/2	4 3/4	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4,700	Indianahome Refining	3 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	
84 1/2	84 3/4	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	300	Indian Refining	5 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	
38 1/2	38 3/4	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	8,100	Inspiration Cons Copper	37 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	
83 1/2	83 3/4	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	400	Internat Aerial Corp.	7 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	
36 1/2	36 3/4	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	300	Do prof.	33 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	
32 1/2	32 3/4	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	2,800	International Cement	26 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	
27 1/2	27 3/4	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	4,100	Inter Combus Eng	21 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	
110 1/2	110 3/4	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	3,000	Internat Harvester (new)	7 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	
119 1/2	119 3/4	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2	1,000	Do prof (new)	10 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	
114 1/2	114 3/4	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2	1,000	Int Mercantile Marine	10 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	
62 1/2	62 3/4	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	25,800	Do prof.	13 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	
16 1/2	16 3/4	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	8,800	International Nickel (Tin)	11 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	
80 1/2	80 3/4	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	200	Preferred	60 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	
61 1/2	61 3/4	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	29,000	International Paper	13 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	
77 1/2	77 3/4	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	100	Do stamped pref.	50 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	
16 1/2	16 3/4	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	37,100	Invisible Oil Corp.	12 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	
50 1/2	50 3/4	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	18,700	Iron Products Corp	24 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	
20 1/2	20 3/4	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	5,320	Island Oil & Transp v t c	10 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	
63 1/2	63 3/4	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	1,000	Jewel Tea, Inc.	10 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	
49 1/2	49 3/4	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	11,600	Do prof.	38 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	
2 1/2	2 3/4	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	7,900	Jones & Laughlin	34 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	
45 1/2	45 3/4	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	13,300	Kansas & Gulf	10 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	
103 1/2	103 3/4	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	700	Kaysor (J) Co. (new)	3 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	
44 1/2	44 3/4	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	17,700	1st preferred (new)	3 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	
102 1/2	102 3/4	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	100	Kelly-Springfield Tire	3 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	
82 1/2	82 3/4	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	300	Temporary 8% pref.	90 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	
98 1/2	98 3/4	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	1,200	6% preferred	7 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	
34 1/2	34 3/4	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34,100	Kelsey Wheel, Inc.	61 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2	
8 1/2	8 3/4	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	12,900	Kennecott Copper	25 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	
182 1/2	182 3/4	182 1/2	182 1/2	182 1/2	182 1/2	1,700	Kayston Tire & Rubber	10 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	
83 1/2	83 3/4	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	3,800	Kerron (S S) Co.	60 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	
90 1/2	90 3/4	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	11,900	Lackawanna Steel	4 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	
27 1/2	27 3/4	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	600	Laclede Gas (St Louis)	43 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	
210 1/2	210 3/4	210 1/2	210 1/2	210 1/2	210 1/2	2,600	Lee Rubber & Tire	24 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	
120 1/2	120 3/4	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	990	Leggett & Myers Tobacco	15 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	
61 1/2	61 3/4	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	8,500	Do prof.	108 1/2	122 1/2	122 1/2	
20 1/2	20 3/4	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	114	Litho-Wattempetta No par	53 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	
12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	24,800	Preferred	93 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	
171 1/2	171 3/4	171 1/2	171 1/2	171 1/2	171 1/2	3,800	Loew's Incorporated	11 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	
110 1/2	110 3/4	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	5,600	Lorillard (P)	9 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	
98 1/2	98 3/4	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	700	Preferred	109 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	
68 1/2	68 3/4	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	200	Mackay Companies	72 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	
58 1/2	58 3/4	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	4,300	Do prof.	57 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	
92 1/2	92 3/4	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	400	Maak Trucks, Inc.	25 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	
87 1/2	87 3/4	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	1,300	Do 1st pref.	65 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	
34 1/2	34 3/4	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	21,300	Do 2d pref.	54 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	
44 1/2	44 3/4	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	42	Mallinckrodt (H R) & Co	15 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	
82 1/2	82 3/4	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	700	Manati Sugar	30 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	
50 1/2	50 3/4	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	700	Preferred	73 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	
43 1/2	43 3/4	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	39,200	Manhattan Supply No par	41 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	
38 1/2	38 3/4	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2							

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fourth page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Oct. 14 to Friday Oct. 20), STOKES NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (listing various stocks like Indus. & Miscell., Pan-Am, etc.), and PER SHARE (Range since Jan. 1 1922 and Range for previous year 1921).

\* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights, a Ex-dividend and rights, s Ex-dividend, \* Reduced to basis of \$25 par.



# New York Stock Exchange—Bond Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly 1825

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now—"and interest"—except for tacoms and defaulted bonds.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending Oct 20										BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending Oct 20									
Interest Period	Price Friday Oct 20		Week's Range of Last Sale		Holds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1		Interest Period	Price Friday Oct 20		Week's Range of Last Sale		Holds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1					
	Bid	Ask	Low	High		No.	Low		High	Bid	Ask	Low		High	No.	Low	High		
<b>U. S. Government.</b>																			
First Liberty Loan—																			
3 1/2% of 1932-1947	J D	101.00	100.50	103.02	9229	94.84	103.02	Buffalo R & P gen gold 5s	1937	M S	101	103 1/2	103	103 1/2	98 1/2				
Conv 4% of 1932-1947	J D	98.50	99.30	93.30	3	95.70	101.58	Consol 4 1/2s	1937	M N	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2				
Conv 4 1/2% of 1932-1947	J D	99.16	99.00	99.70	1151	96.04	101.73	Aller & West 1st g 4s g	1938	A O	84 1/2	84 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2				
2d conv 4 1/2% of 1932-1947	J D	101.00	101.00		4	96.82	102.00	Clearf & Mah 1st g 5s	1943	J O	97	97	90 1/2	90 1/2	92 1/2				
<b>Second Liberty Loan—</b>																			
4% of 1927-1942	M N	98.90	99.52	95.70	95	95.70	100.80	Roeb & Plitts Con 1st g 6s	1922	J D	100	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2				
Conv 4 1/2% of 1927-1942	M N	99.00	99.00	99.90	4925	95.32	101.50	Canada Sou cons gu 5s	1922	A O	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2				
4 1/2% of 1928	M S	99.27	98.94	99.96	9656	96.74	101.93	Canadian North deb s f 7s	1940	J D	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	108 1/2				
4 1/2% of 1933-1938	A O	99.22	99.02	99.94	10687	95.80	101.35	25-year s f deb 6 1/2s	1946	J J	110 1/2	112 1/2	112	112	107 1/2				
4 1/2% Notes of 1922-1923	J D	100.22	100.16	100.32	1817	99.02	101.30	Canadian Pac Ry deb 4s stock		J J	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	77 1/2				
3 1/2% Notes of 1922-1923	J D	99.93	99.93	99.93	103	99.93	100.30	Central of O & Ohio 1st 3-yr 5s	1938	J D	91	91 1/2	91	91	88 1/2				
4 1/2% 1947-1952	Q J	102.08	102.08	100.14	16384	99.92	102.10	Consol gold 5s	1945	F A	100 1/2	100 1/2	102	102	99 1/2				
2s consol registered	Q J	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	10-year temp secur June 1929	1929	M N	97 1/2	98 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	95 1/2				
3s consol coupon	Q J	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	Chat Div pur money g 4s	1951	J D	100 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99 1/2				
4s registered	Q F	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	Mat & Nor Div 1st g 5s	1946	J J	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	90 1/2				
4s coupon	Q F	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	Mid Ga & A Div 5s	1947	J J	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2				
Panama Canal 10-30-yr 2s	Q F	100	100	100	100	100	100	Cent RR & B of Ga coll g 5s	1937	M N	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	92 1/2				
Panama Canal 3s gold	Q M	100	100	100	100	100	100	Central of N J gen gold 5s	1937	J J	109	109 1/2	109	110	107 1/2				
Registered	Q M	101	101	101	101	101	101	Registered	1937	Q J	110	109	109	110	107 1/2				
<b>Foreign Government.</b>																			
Argentina (Govt) 7s	1927	F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	111	99	102 1/2	N Y & Long Br gen g 4s	1941	M S	90 1/2	91	91	91	89 1/2			
Argentina Internat 5s of 1909	1925	M S	81 1/2	82	14	77	87 1/4	Ches & Ohio long & lmp 5s	1929	J J	95 1/2	97 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	90 1/2				
Belgium 25-yr ext s f 7 1/2 g	1945	J D	103 1/2	103	103 1/2	159	101 1/2	100 1/2	1st consol gold 5s	1939	M N	100 1/2	100 1/2	101	101	99 1/2			
5-year 6% notes	1925	J J	98 1/2	98 1/2	99	111	94 1/2	104 1/2	Registered	1939	M N	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	98 1/2			
20-year s f 8s	1941	F A	102 1/2	102	103 1/2	118	101	108 1/2	General gold 4 1/2s	1939	M S	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	82 1/2			
Bergen (Norway) s f 8s	1945	M N	109	110	109	110	105	112	Registered	1939	M S	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	82 1/2			
Berne (City of) s f 8s	1945	M N	110	112	110	112 1/2	107	115	20-year convertible 4 1/2s	1930	F A	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	84 1/2			
Bolivia (Republic of) 8s	1947	M N	90 1/2	90	90 1/2	87	85	90 1/2	30-year conv secured 5s	1946	A O	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2			
Bordeaux (City of) 15-yr 6s	1943	M N	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	Big Sandy 1st 4s	1944	J D	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	83 1/2			
Brazil, U S external 8s	1941	J D	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	Coal River Ry 1st 4s	1945	J D	83 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	78 1/2			
7s	1952	J D	85 1/2	87 1/2	90	138	88 1/2	90 1/2	Craik Valley 1st g 5s	1940	J J	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	92 1/2			
7 1/2s	1952	A O	86	86 1/2	85 1/2	80 1/2	84 1/2	90	Potts Creek Branch 1st 4s	1946	J J	81	84	79	79 1/2	77 1/2			
Canada (Dominion of) g 5s	1926	A O	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	R & A Div 1st g 4s	1939	J J	82	84 1/2	83	83 1/2	81 1/2			
do do do 5s	1931	A O	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	Greenbrier 1st 4s	1939	J J	76 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	74 1/2			
10-year 5 1/2s	1929	F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	127	95 1/2	103 1/2	Warm Springs V 1st g 4s	1940	M N	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	78 1/2			
do do do 5s	1931	F A	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	Chic & Alton RR ref g 5s	1941	M S	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	92 1/2			
do do do 5s	1931	F A	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	Railway 1st lien 3 1/2s	1950	A O	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	91 1/2			
Chile (Republic) ext s f 8s	1941	F A	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	Chic Burl & C—III Div 3 1/2s	1949	J J	81 1/2	82 1/2	80 1/2	81 1/2	79 1/2			
External 5-year s f 8s	1926	A O	102	102	102	102	102	102	Illinois Division 4s	1949	J J	89 1/2	89 1/2	88 1/2	89 1/2	87 1/2			
25-year s f 8s	1946	M N	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	Nebraska Extension 4s	1927	M N	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2			
Chinese (Hukwang Ry) 5s of 1911	1911	J D	108	108 1/2	108 1/2	108	108 1/2	112 1/2	Registered	1927	M N	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	88 1/2			
Christiana (City) s f 8s	1944	J D	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	General 4s	1958	M S	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	86 1/2			
Copenhagen 25-yr 1944	J D	92	92 1/2	91 1/2	92 1/2	85	85 1/2	95 1/2	1st & ref 5s	1971	F A	100 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	98 1/2			
Cuba—External debt 5s of 1904	1904	F A	96 1/2	96 1/2	96	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	Chic & E II	1934	A O	107 1/2	108	107 1/2	107 1/2	105 1/2			
External debt of 5s 1914 Ser A	1914	F A	90 1/2	91	90 1/2	92	92 1/2	92 1/2	General consol 1st 5s	1937	M N	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	79 1/2			
External loan 4 1/2s	1949	F A	85	86	84	85	84	85	C & E III RR (New CO) gen 5s	1953	M N	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	79 1/2			
Czechoslovak (Repub of) 8s	1949	F A	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	Chicago Great West 1st 4s	1959	M N	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	79 1/2			
Danish Con Municipal 5s "A"	1946	F A	107 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2	109 1/2	114	114	Chic Ind & Louis—Ref 6s	1947	J J	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	106 1/2			
Series B	1946	F A	107 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2	109 1/2	114	114	Refunding gold 5s	1947	J J	96 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	97 1/2			
Denmark external s f 8s	1945	A O	100 1/2	101	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	Refunding 4s Series C	1946	J J	84	86	86	86 1/2	84 1/2			
20-year 6s	1942	J D	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	Ind & Louisville 1st gu 4s	1956	J J	79 1/2	78 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	75 1/2			
Dominican Rep Cons Adm s f 6s	1947	F A	95	96	95	96	97	97 1/2	Chic Ind & So 50-year 4s	1956	J J	85	85 1/2	85	85 1/2	83 1/2			
Dutch East Indies ext 6s	1947	F A	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	Chic L & East 1st 4 1/2s	1969	J D	89	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	87 1/2			
40-year 6s	1943	M S	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	Ch M & St P gen g 4s Ser A	1939	J J	74 1/2	75 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	72 1/2			
French Republic 25-yr ext 8s	1945	M S	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	General 4 1/2s Ser B	1939	J J	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	82 1/2			
20-year external loan 7 1/2s	1941	J D	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	Gen & ref Series A 3 1/2s	1924	A O	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	60 1/2			
Great Brit & Ireland (UK of)	1937	F A	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	Gen & ref Series C 3 1/2s	1924	A O	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	60 1/2			
20-year gold bond 5 1/2s	1937	F A	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	Convertible 4 1/2s	1952	D	84	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	82 1/2			
10-year conv 5 1/2s	1929	F A	109	108 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	111	111	Permanent 4s	1925	J D	84	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	82 1/2			
3-year conv 5 1/2s	1922	F A	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	25-year debenture 4s	1934	J J	63 1/2	64 1/2	63 1/2	64 1/2	62 1/2			
Italy (Kingdom of) Ser A 6 1/2s	1925	F A	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	Chic & Mo Ry Div 5s	1926	J J	98	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	96 1/2			
Christiana (City) s f 8s	1944	J D	92	92 1/2	91 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2												

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Delaware & Hudson—											
1st & ref 4s	1943	M N	87 1/2	89 1/2	100 1/2	101	102	102 1/2	100	100 1/2	102
30-year conv 5s	1935	A O	99	99 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	84	99	103 1/2
8 1/2s	1937	M N	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	13	107	113 1/2
10-year secured 7s	1930	J D	108 1/2	109 1/2	109	109	109	109	2	76 1/2	84
Alb & Susq conv 3 1/2s	1941	A O	81	82	82	82	82	82	7	73 1/2	82 1/2
Bennet & Saratoga 20-yr 6s	1941	M N	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	7	73 1/2	82 1/2
Consol gold 4 1/2s	1936	J J	81	82 1/2	82	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	9	70 1/2	84
Improvement gold 5s	1928	J D	85 1/2	84 1/2	83	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	25	74 1/2	85
1st & refunding 5s	1955	F A	49 1/2	50 1/2	49 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	191	42	52 1/2
Trust Co certifs of deposit			47	47	47	47	47	47	8	40 1/2	48
Rio Gr June 1st gold 5s	1929	J D	85	91	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	10	80 1/2	89
Rio Gr Sou 1st gold 4s	1940	J J	10 1/2	17 1/2	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	10	10 1/2	10 1/2
Guaranteed	1940	J J	14 1/2	15	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Rio Gr West 1st gold 4s	1939	J J	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7	7 1/2	7 1/2
Mtge & coll trust 4s A	1949	A O	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	41	62 1/2	71
Det & Mack—1st lien g 4s	1903	J D	75	75	75	75	75	75	67	67	67
Gold 4s	1905	J D	70 1/2	78	67	67	67	67	44	67	67
Det Riv Ter Tun 4 1/2s	1961	M N	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	44	67	67
Det Missab & Nor gen 5s	1941	J J	100	100	100	100	100	100	1	95 1/2	100
Dul & Iron Range 1st 5s	1937	A O	100	101 1/2	100 1/2	101	101	101	2	95 1/2	102
Registered	1937	A O	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	3	100 1/2	100 1/2
Dul Sou Shore & Atg 5s	1937	J J	80	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	71	95	100 1/2
Elgin Joliet & East 1st g 5s	1941	M N	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	71	95	100 1/2
Erle 1st consol gold 7s ext.	1930	M S	104 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	3	100 1/2	103
N Y & Erie 1st ext g 4s	1947	M N	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	1	90 1/2	99 1/2
2nd ext gold 4 1/2s	1943	M N	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	1	90 1/2	99 1/2
4th ext gold 5s	1930	A O	98 1/2	99 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	1	90 1/2	99 1/2
5th ext gold 4s	1935	A O	98 1/2	99 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	1	90 1/2	99 1/2
N Y L & W 1st 7s ext.	1930	M S	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	1	102 1/2	102 1/2
Erle 1st cons g 4s prior	1906	J J	64	65	64 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	56	54 1/2	71
Registered	1906	J J	67	67	67	67	67	67	57	57	57
1st consol gen lien g 4s	1906	J J	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	111	39 1/2	57
Registered	1906	J J	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51
Penn coll trust gold 4s	1951	F A	88	88	88	88	88	88	79	91	91
50-year conv 4s Ser A	1953	A O	51	51	51	51	51	51	55	34 1/2	55
do Series B	1953	A O	51	51	51	51	51	51	44	32	55
Gen conv 4s Series D	1953	A O	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	30	34 1/2	55
Chic & Erie 1st gold 5s	1932	M N	97	97	97	97	97	97	21	80	99
Cleve & Mahon Vall g 5s	1935	J J	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	17	90 1/2	99 1/2
Erle & Jersey 1st g 5s	1935	J J	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	17	90 1/2	99 1/2
Genesee River 1st g 5s	1937	J J	91 1/2	95	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	1	89 1/2	98 1/2
Long Dock consol g 5s	1925	A O	105 1/2	113 1/2	109	109	109	109	109	109	109
Doek & Impt 1st ext 5s	1943	J J	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	1	90 1/2	99 1/2
N Y & Green L & W g 5s	1946	M N	90 1/2	89	89	89	89	89	80	88	88
N Y Susq & W 1st ref 5s	1937	J J	66 1/2	68	65	67	67	67	6	54	72
2d gold 4 1/2s	1937	F A	53 1/2	56	56	56	56	56	15	35 1/2	60
General gold 5s	1940	F A	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	15	35 1/2	60
Terminal 1st gold 5s	1943	M N	94	94	94	94	94	94	93	94 1/2	94 1/2
Mid of N J 1st ext 5s	1940	A O	66	65 1/2	66	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	53	73	73
Wilb & East 1st g 5s	1942	J D	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88
Evan & T H 1st gen g 5s	1942	A O	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88
Mt Vernon 1st gold 5s	1923	A O	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Sul Co Branch 1st g 5s	1950	A O	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2
Florida E Coast 1st 4 1/2s	1950	J D	88 1/2	90	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	85	90 1/2	91 1/2
Fort St U D Co 1st g 4 1/2s	1941	J J	83 1/2	84	84	84	84	84	78	85	85
Ft Worth & Rio Gr 1st g 4s	1928	J J	84	84	84	84	84	84	83	89	89
Galv Hous & Hend 1st 5s	1933	A O	85	89 1/2	85	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	83	89	89
Grand Trunk of Can deb 7s	1940	A O	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	100	103 1/2	110
15-year 3 1/2s	1936	M S	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	32	100	104
Great Nor Gen 7s ser A	1936	J J	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	230	107 1/2	108
1st & ref 4 1/2 Series A	1961	J J	89	90	90	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	31	88	96
Registered	1961	J J	89	90	90	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	31	88	96
3 1/2s	1951	J J	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	132	96 1/2	106
St Paul M & Man 4s	1933	J J	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	90	94 1/2	94 1/2
1st consol g 5s	1933	J J	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	109 1/2	111	111
Registered	1933	J J	98	98 1/2	98	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	6	93 1/2	100 1/2
Reduced to gold 4 1/2s	1933	J J	97	97	97	97	97	97	95	97	97
Registered	1933	J J	97	97	97	97	97	97	95	97	97
Mont ext 1st gold 4s	1937	J D	91 1/2	94 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	13	88	92 1/2
Registered	1937	J D	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80
Pacific ext guar 4s	1940	J J	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83
E Minn Nor Div 1st w 4s	1948	A O	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	88	89 1/2	89 1/2
Mont C 1st g 6s	1937	J J	114	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2	10	109 1/2	114 1/2
Registered	1937	J J	101 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	99	103	103
1st guar gold 5s	1937	J J	101 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	99	103	103
Will & S F 1st gold 5s	1938	J D	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	103	103
Green Bay & W Deb 4 1/2s "A"	Feb		60	70	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	67 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
Debuture etcs "B"	Feb		13 1/2	12 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	5	6 1/2	7 1/2
Gulf & S I 1st ref & t g 5s	1952	J J	84	85	84	85	85	85	8	72	86
Hocking Val 1st cons g 4 1/2s	1939	J J	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	12	81 1/2	90
Registered	1939	J J	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	5	78	85 1/2
Col & H V 1st ext g 4s	1948	A O	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	1	78	85 1/2
Col & Tol 1st ext 4s	1935	F A	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	1	78 1/2	83
Houston Belt & Term 1st 5s	1937	J J	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	1	89 1/2	96
Hud & Manhat 5s ser A	1957	F A	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	20	75	88 1/2
Adjust income 5s	1957	A O	89 1/2	90	89 1/2	90	90	90	31 1/2	47 1/2	67 1/2
N Y & Jersey 1st 5s	1957	F A	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	1	92	96 1/2
Illinois Central 1st gold 4s	1951	J J	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	83 1/2	96	96
Registered	1951	J J	80	80 1/2	80	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	76 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2
1st gold 3 1/2s	1951	J J	80	80 1/2	80	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	3	80	80
Extended 1st gold 3 1/2s											



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		Bid	Ask	Low	High					Low	High	Bid	Ask			Low	High		
Brooklyn Rapid Transit (Con.)	1949 F A	77 7/8	78 1/2	78 1/2	Oct 22	64	80	Fish Rubber lat f 8s	1941 M S	105 1/2	106	105 1/2	106 1/2	16	99 1/2	108 1/2			
Kings County E 1st 4 1/2 1949 F A	77 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	Oct 22	64	80	Francisc Ind & Dev 20-yr 7 1/2 1941 M S	92 1/2	93 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	37	91 1/2	103					
Stamped guar 4 1/2 1949 F A	76 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	Oct 22	64	82	Francisco Sugar 7 1/2 1942 M S	103 1/2	104 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	41	99 1/2	103 1/2					
Nassau Elec guar gold 4 1/2 1951 J J	82	83	82	Oct 22	27	65	General Baking lat 25-yr 6 1/2 1936 J D	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	31	98 1/2	100 1/2					
Chicago Rys 1st 6s 1927 F A	60 1/2	60 3/4	60 1/2	Oct 22	15	67	Gen Electric deb g 3 1/2 1942 F A	79 1/2	81	79 1/2	80 1/2	21	70 1/2	81					
Conn Ry & L 1st & ref g 4 1/2 1951 J J	83	84	83	June 22	75	70 1/2	Debuture 5 1/2 1952 M S	102 1/2	103 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	21	95	103					
Stam'd guar 4 1/2 1951 J J	82 1/2	83 1/2	82 1/2	Apr 22	70	73	20-year deb 6s Feb 1940 F A	105 1/2	106 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2	245	102 1/2	109					
Det United 1st cons 4 1/2 1932 J J	85 1/2	86 1/2	85 1/2	Oct 22	43	83 1/2	Goodrich Co 6 1/2 1957 J J	101 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	148	97 1/2	104					
Ft Smith Lt & T 1st 6s 1936 M S	85 1/2	86 1/2	85 1/2	Jan 20	26	94 1/2	Goodyear Tire & Rub lat f 8s 1941 M N	116	116 1/2	116	116 1/2	169	110 1/2	117					
Interboro Metrop coll 4 1/2 1956 A O	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	Oct 22	16	26	10-year f deb g 8s 1931 F A	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	254	97 1/2	104					
Certificates of deposit 1990 A O	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	Oct 22	78	94 1/2	Holland-American Line 6s 1947 M N	89	89 1/2	89	89 1/2	53	88 1/2	94 1/2					
Interboro Rap Tran lat 5s 1966 J J	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	Oct 22	434	54 1/2	Int Arrie Corp lat 20-yr 5s 1932 M S	73 1/2	80	73 1/2	80 1/2	14	72 1/2	82					
10-year 6s 1932	79 1/2	80	79 1/2	Oct 22	98	104	Inter Mercan Martine f 6s 1931 F A	107	109	107 1/2	107 1/2	4	102 1/2	116 1/2					
Manhat Ry (N Y) cons g 4s 1990 A O	68 1/2	69 1/2	68 1/2	May 22	10	67 1/2	International Paper 6s 1947 J J	89	89 1/2	89	89 1/2	125	89	99 1/2					
Stamped tax exempt 1990 A O	67 1/2	68 1/2	67 1/2	May 22	10	67 1/2	1st & ref 5s B 1947 J J	89	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	4	88	90 1/2					
2d 4s 1990 A O	60 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	Oct 22	2	48 1/2	Jurgens Woods 6s 1947 J J	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	81	13	93 1/2					
Manila Elec lat f 6s 1953 M D	90	90 1/2	90	Oct 22	64	84	Kayser & Co 7s 1942 F A	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	9	102	109					
Market St Ry 1st cons 5s 1924 M S	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	Oct 22	64	81	Kelly-Springfield Tire 8s 1931 M N	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	62	101 1/2	110					
5-year 6 1/2 notes 1924 A O	94	94 1/2	94 1/2	Oct 22	53	90 1/2	Klincy Co 7 1/2 1936 J D	97	97	97	97	3	96 1/2	99 1/2					
Metropolitan Street Ry							Liggett & Myers Tobac 7s 1944 A O	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	13	112	120					
B'way & 7th Av 1st c g 6s 1943 J D	74	74 1/2	74 1/2	Oct 22	4	50	1951 F A	116 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2	8	112	109 1/2					
C'way & 9th Av 1st c g 6s 1942 J D	191 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	Sept 22	17 1/2	24	1951 F A	97	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	7	92 1/2	100					
Lex Av & P P 1st c g 6s 1943 M S	56	57 1/2	57 1/2	Oct 22	23	39	1951 F A	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	94	96 1/2	100 1/2					
Milw Elec Ry & Lt cons g 6s 1926 F A	97 1/2	99 1/2	98	Oct 22	29	97 1/2	1951 F A	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	12	97 1/2	91 1/2					
Refunding & exten 4 1/2 1931 J J	92	93 1/2	92 1/2	Oct 22	27	89 1/2	1951 F A	95	95	95	95	95	95	91 1/2					
Montreal Tram lat & ref 5s 1941 J J	85	85 1/2	85 1/2	Oct 22	27	83 1/2	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	7	97	102 1/2					
New Or Ry & Lt gen 4 1/2 1935 J J	73 1/2	74 1/2	73 1/2	Feb 21	41	25 1/2	1951 F A	80 1/2	81	80 1/2	81	7	76	82 1/2					
N Y Munic Ry 1st f 5s 1956 J J	35	37 1/2	35	Dec 21	119	24	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	38	98	108 1/2					
N Y Rys lat R & T 4s 1942 J J	35	37 1/2	35	Dec 21	119	24	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Certificates of deposit 1942 A O	35	37 1/2	35	Dec 21	119	24	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
30-year adj line 6s 1942 A O	35	37 1/2	35	Dec 21	119	24	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Certificates of deposit 1942 A O	35	37 1/2	35	Dec 21	119	24	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
N Y State Ry lat cons 4 1/2 1962 M N	70	70	69 1/2	Oct 22	35	44	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Nor Ohio Trac & Light 6s 1947 M S	94	94 1/2	94	Oct 22	11	95 1/2	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Portland Ry lat & ref 6s 1930 M N	90 1/2	91 1/2	90 1/2	Oct 22	11	95 1/2	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Portland Ry Lt & P 1st ref 6s 1942 F A	80	80 1/2	80	Oct 22	6	78 1/2	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
1st & refund 7 1/2 Ser A 1940 M N	107 1/2	108	107 1/2	Oct 22	102	103 1/2	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Portland Gen Elec lat 6s 1935 J J	94 1/2	95 1/2	94 1/2	June 22	88 1/2	88 1/2	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Pub Serv Corp of N J gen 5s 1959 A O	87	87 1/2	87 1/2	Oct 22	52	73	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Third Ave lat ref 4s 1960 J J	66	67	66	Oct 22	205	44 1/2	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Adj Income 5s 1960 A O	95 1/2	96 1/2	95 1/2	Oct 22	88	93 1/2	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Third Ave Ry lat f 6s 1937 J J	100 1/2	100 1/2	100	Oct 22	88	93 1/2	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Tri City Ry & Lt 1st f 6s 1923 A O	87 1/2	88 1/2	87 1/2	Jan 22	96	100 1/2	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Under of London 4 1/2 1933 J J	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	Sept 22	73	73	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Income 6s 1948 J J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	Sept 22	60	70 1/2	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
United Ry Inv 5s Pita issue 1928 M N	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	Sept 22	60	70 1/2	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
United Ry St L 1st g 4s 1934 J J	65	65 1/2	65	Oct 22	4	11 1/2	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
St Louis Transit gu 4s 1924 A O	60	65	65	May 22	58	58	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Va Ry Pow lat & ref 6s 1934 J J	87	87 1/2	86 1/2	Oct 22	11	72	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Gas and Electric Light																			
Am Wat Wks & Elec 5s 1934 A O	84 1/2	85	84 1/2	Oct 22	15	70	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Bklyn Edison Inc gen 5s A 1949 J J	97 1/2	98 1/2	97 1/2	Oct 22	88	102	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
General 7s series B 1930 J J	106 1/2	107 1/2	106 1/2	Oct 22	36	102	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
General 7s series C 1930 J J	106 1/2	107 1/2	106 1/2	Oct 22	36	102	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
General 7s series D 1930 J J	106 1/2	107 1/2	106 1/2	Oct 22	36	102	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Bklyn Un Gas 1st cons g 6s 1945 M N	97 1/2	98 1/2	97 1/2	Oct 22	16	87 1/2	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
7s 1932 M N	114	114 1/2	114	Oct 22	14	110	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Canada Gen Elec Co 6s 1942 F A	102	103	102 1/2	Oct 22	32	101	1951 F A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Cineca Gas & Elec lat & ref 5s 1956 A O	97	98	97 1/2	Oct 22	5	92	101	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Columbia G & E lat 5s 1927 J J	96	96 1/2	96 1/2	Oct 22	24	89 1/2	101	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Stamp'd 1927 J J	95 1/2	96 1/2	95 1/2	Oct 22	21	88	101	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Columbus lat gold 5s 1932 J J	90 1/2	91 1/2	90 1/2	Sept 22	129	90 1/2	101	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Commonwealth Pow 6s 1947 M N	90 1/2	91 1/2	90 1/2	Sept 22	129	90 1/2	101	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Consol Gas 5-yr conv f 5s 1925 J J	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	Oct 22	163	135	101	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Detroit City Gas 1st 6s 1923 J J	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	Oct 22	163	135	101	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					
Detroit Edison lat 5s 1933 J J	98 1/2	99 1/2	98 1/2	Oct 22	4	93	101	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	99	99	104					



# BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE—Stock Record

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week.	STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE		Range since Jan. 1.		Range for previous year 1921	
Saturday, Oct. 14.	Monday, Oct. 16.	Tuesday, Oct. 17.	Wednesday, Oct. 18.	Thursday, Oct. 19.	Friday, Oct. 20.		Shares	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	
148 148 1/2	148 148	146 1/2 147	147 148	147 148	147 148	130	Boston & Albany	130 1/4 Jan 4	152 May 22	119 Apr	133 Nov	
86 80	85 80	84 1/2 84 1/2	85 80	85 1/2 86	86 80	392	Boston Elevated	73 Feb 20	105 1/2 Sept 12	67 1/2 Jan	79 Nov	
101 101	101 101	102 102	101 1/2 102	101 1/2 102	101 1/2 102	97	Do pref.	94 1/4 Mar 1	101 Sept 13	71 1/2 Jan	100 Dec	
125 125	125 125	125 125	125 125	125 125	125 125	37	Do 1st pref.	116 June 22	126 Sept 27			
105 1/2 106	105 1/2 105 1/2	105 1/2 105 1/2	105 1/2 105 1/2	105 1/2 105 1/2	105 1/2 106	174	Do 2d pref.	102 June 10	109 Sept 13			
24 24	24 1/2 25 1/2	25 25	25 25	25 25	25 25	78	Boston & Maine	14 Jan 10	31 1/2 May 20	13 1/2 Dec	25 1/2 Feb	
*30 34	*30 34	*31 31	*30 34	*30 34	*30 34	202	Do pref.	100 Jan 9	37 Apr 8	16 1/2 Nov	30 Jan	
*32 35 1/2	*34 34	*34 35	*36 36 1/2	*36 36	*36 36	282	Do Series A 1st pref.	22 Jan 5	44 1/2 Apr 26	19 Aug	47 Jan	
*50 1/2 52	*51 52	*52 54	*56 56	*56 56	*56 56	259	Do Series B 1st pref.	36 Jan 17	62 May 20	27 Nov	47 Feb	
48 48	*50 50	*50 50	*52 54	*50 1/2 50 1/2	*50 1/2 50 1/2	40	Do Series C 1st pref.	30 Jan 9	54 May 25	34 Nov	40 Jan	
*65 65	*65 70	*67 67 1/2	*70 70	*70 72	*70 72	171	Do Series D 1st pref.	40 Jan 12	77 1/2 May 1	36 Nov	58 Jan	
*160 163	*160 163	160 160	160 160	*160 162	160 160	235	Boston & Providence	125 Jan 12	163 July 17	110 June	133 Jan	
*21 1/2 22 1/2	*21 1/2 22 1/2	20 22	20 21	20 21	20 1/2 20 1/2	15	East Mass Street Ry Co.	18 July 13	26 1/2 July 31			
*69 1/2 70 1/2	*70 70	*69 1/2 71	72 72	72 72	72 72	85	Do 1st pref.	66 Aug 14	77 July 14			
54 54	*53 54	*53 54	54 54	54 54	55 55	85	Do pref.	51 July 13	57 Aug 1			
*52 52	*52 52	*52 52	*52 52	*52 52	*52 52	87	Do adjustment	23 July 14	47 Aug 17			
*30 31	*31 32 1/2	*32 1/2 32 1/2	*32 1/2 32 1/2	*32 1/2 32 1/2	*32 1/2 32 1/2	1,554	Maine Central	27 Jan 30	34 Oct 20	30 Dec	43 1/2 Feb	
*82 82	*82 82	*82 85	85 85	85 85	85 85	12	N Y N H & Hartford	12 1/2 Jan 3	34 1/2 May 22	12 Dec	23 1/2 Jan	
*100 101	*100 100	100 100	100 100	100 100	100 100	12	Northern New Hampshire	69 Jan 10	95 July 19	60 Apr	75 Jan	
91 91	91 91	*89 91	*89 91	*89 91	90 90	25	Norwich & Worcester pref.	58 Jan 17	100 June 1	51 Nov	70 Jan	
*40 1/2 47	*40 1/2 47	*41 41	*41 41	*40 1/2 42	40 1/2 42	50	Old Colony	57 Jan 6	98 1/2 May 23	50 Oct	75 Jan	
*98 100	*98 98	*98 98	*98 1/2 99	*98 98	98 98	15	Rutland pref.	15 Jan 20	52 1/2 June 5	15 Apr	21 Jan	
						15	Vermont & Massachusetts	78 Jan 23	99 1/2 Aug 10	69 Nov	78 Dec	
						380	Amer Pneumatic Service	24 Feb 4	4 1/4 Jan 27	2 Jan	5 1/2 Dec	
*18 18 1/2	18 18	17 1/2 18	18 18	17 1/2 17 1/2	17 1/2 17 1/2	550	Do pref.	13 Feb 20	20 1/4 Aug 10	8 1/2 Jan	15 1/2 Nov	
123 1/2 124 1/2	124 124 1/2	123 1/2 124 1/2	123 1/2 124 1/2	123 1/2 123 1/2	123 1/2 123 1/2	3,813	Amer Telephone & Teleg.	114 1/2 Jan 3	128 1/2 Aug 31	96 1/2 Jan	119 1/2 Nov	
107 108	108 108	105 1/2 106 1/2	106 1/2 106 1/2	106 1/2 108	107 1/2 107 1/2	44,335	Rights (w D)	2 3/8 Aug 24	4 1/2 Oct 5	74 Jan	109 Dec	
*17 19	*17 19	*17 19	*17 19	*17 19	*17 19	490	Amosack Mfg	104 Jan 10	117 Jan 24	78 Feb	84 1/2 Dec	
						10	Do pref.	28 1/2 Jan 17	91 Aug 24	12 Jan	16 Sept	
*12 20	*12 20	*12 20	*12 20	*12 20	*12 20	10	Art Metal Construc Inc	14 Feb 20	20 1/2 May 19	12 1/2 Dec	20 Apr	
.05 .05	.12 .20	.12 .20	.12 .20	.12 .20	.12 .20	10	Atlas Tack Corp	13 Jan 7	22 May 4	15 Dec	4 Jan	
24 1/2 24 1/2	24 24 1/2	23 1/2 24 1/2	25 1/2 25 1/2	25 1/2 26	25 1/2 26	80	Boston Chocolate	10 Sept 14	50 May 1	15 July	95 Jan	
*34 4 1/2	*3 4 1/2	*3 4 1/2	*3 4 1/2	*3 3 3/4	*3 3 3/4	2,109	Boston Mex Fat Tenu	105 Jan 20	20 July 17	10 1/2 Jan	18 Aug	
*10 10 1/2	*10 10	*9 1/2 9 1/2	*9 1/2 9 1/2	*9 9 1/2	*9 9 1/2	471	Century Stock of Amer Inc	15 1/2 Jan 4	29 1/2 Sept 5	9 1/2 July	17 1/2 Dec	
83 1/2 84	84 84 1/2	84 84 1/2	84 1/2 85	84 1/2 84 1/2	83 1/2 84 1/2	155	Connor (John T)	3 Jan 4	6 A 21	3 Oct	4 1/2 Feb	
						2,039	East Boston Land	3 Jan 4	14 1/2 Feb 10	14 1/2 Oct	23 Jan	
						1,107	Eastern Manufacturing	7 1/2 July 28	8 1/2 Oct 6	16 Jan	42 Dec	
						1,107	Eastern SS Lines Inc	33 1/2 Jan 4	85 1/2 Oct 6	16 Jan	42 Dec	
						1,107	Do pref.	42 Jan 7	48 Sept 1	42 Nov	45 Dec	
						1,107	Edison Electric Illum	150 Mar 2	185 Sept 1	142 1/2 Oct	165 1/2 Jan	
						68	Elder Corporation	3 Mar 14	13 May 17	3 Nov	17 Jan	
						68	Galveston-Houston Elec	30 3/8 Oct 16	39 Aug 15			
						265	Gardner Motor	9 1/2 Aug 24	16 1/4 Apr 6	9 1/2 Sept	23 1/4 Apr	
						607	Greenfield Tap & Die	18 Aug 30	27 1/4 Feb 27	19 1/4 Dec	29 Nov	
						259	Hood Rubber	43 Mar 9	53 1/4 Mar 29			
						125	Internat Cement Corp	26 Jan 20	37 1/2 May 13	19 Dec	28 1/2 Dec	
						95	Internat Cotton Mills	24 Oct 11	32 Jan 27	32 July	41 1/2 Feb	
						95	Do pref.	60 Aug 5	82 Oct 18	74 Dec	80 Mar	
						1,422	Internat Products	2 Sept 9	6 1/2 Mar 25	2 Sept	13 Jan	
						9	Island Oil & Transp Corp	62 Apr 14	17 Apr 1	3 Nov	32 Jan	
						9	Libby, McNeill & Libby	1 1/2 Apr 24	11 1/2 June 3	5 1/2 Dec	4 1/2 Mar	
						104	Loew's Theatres	8 July 1	13 Jan 10	8 1/4 Dec	18 June	
						978	Massachusetts Gas Cos	63 Jan 3	80 Sept 18	53 1/2 Sept	85 Jan	
						120	Do pref.	62 Jan 3	74 Oct 19	58 1/2 Oct	64 May	
						228	Mergenthaler Linotype	130 Jan 3	181 Oct 13	117 Sept	186 Nov	
						103	Mexican Investment Inc	12 Sept 23	27 1/2 June 20	13 1/2 Sept	35 1/4 Apr	
						209	Mississippi River Power	13 Jan 6	34 Aug 31	11 Sept	14 1/2 Mar	
						1,422	Do pref.	7 1/2 Jan 9	85 1/2 Oct 6	60 June	84 Jan	
						200	National Leather pref.	1 1/2 July 17	11 1/2 Jan 21	3 1/2 Dec	9 1/4 Jan	
						109	New England Oil Corp	109 Jan 4	125 Sept 19	95 1/2 Aug	113 1/2 Dec	
						1,185	New England Telephone	109 Jan 4	135 Sept 19	95 1/2 Aug	113 1/2 Dec	
						1,185	Ohio Body & Blower	6 Sept 9	14 Mar 10	7 July	11 1/2 Dec	
						1	Orpheum Circuit Inc	13 Jan 10	28 Oct 5	14 1/2 Dec	30 1/4 Apr	
						1	Pacific Mills	15 1/4 Oct 4	17 1/2 Mar 11	14 1/2 Jan	17 1/2 Dec	
						85	Reese Button Hole	12 1/2 Apr 18	16 July 17	12 1/2 Apr	14 Jan	
						305	Stimms Magnet	3 Feb 25	7 1/2 Apr 5	3 Dec	9 1/4 May	
						833	Swift & Co	92 1/2 Jan 3	110 1/2 Sept 12	88 1/2 July	105 1/2 Jan	
						1,717	Torrington	639 July 3	81 1/2 June 5	47 June	61 Feb	
						2,418	Union Twist Drill	8 Mar 29	14 1/2 Feb 3	10 Dec	22 Jan	
						551	United Shoe Mach Corp	34 Mar 3	45 Mar 24	33 Sept	39 1/2 Jan	
						3,760	Do pref.	25 Jan 3	27 1/2 July 15	22 1/4 Apr	25 1/2 Dec	
						4,687	Ventura Consol Oil Fields	21 1/2 Jan 27	33 1/2 June 2	16 1/4 July	24 1/2 Dec	
						1,815	Waldorf System Inc	26 1/2 Jan 4	24 1/2 Sept 16	16 1/2 Jan	29 1/2 Dec	
						331	Waltham Watch	4 Oct 13	14 1/4 Apr 26	6 Dec	17 Jan	
						770	Warren Manufacturing	26 Oct 17	49 Apr 23	36 Sept	75 Jan	
						150	Do 1st pref.	17 1/2 Jan 3	35 1/2 Sept 23	11 Apr	22 1/2 Apr	
						150	Do 2d pref.	30 1/2 Jan 4	38 1/2 Oct 9	17 Aug	33 1/2 Dec	
						75	Hancock Consolidated	1 1/2 Aug 18	4 1/2 Mar 16	1 1/2 Sept	3 1/2 Jan	
						25	Helvetia	75 Oct 10	21 May 13	8 July	18 1/2 Jan	
						991	Island Creek Coal	81 1/2 Jan 10	116 1/2 June 21	48 Jan	88 1/2 Dec	
						25	Do pref.	1 1/2 Sept 14	97 Oct 19	75 Jan	90 1/2 Dec	
						25	Kerr Lake	21 1/2 Sept 18	26 1/2 May 31	16 1/4 Jan	24 1/2 Dec	
						128	Keweenaw Copper	3 Feb 6	4 1/2 Apr 17	2 1/2 Mar	4 Sept	
						25	Lake Copper Co	1 Feb 24	5 1/2 May 5	98 Sept	2 Dec	
						550	La Salle Copper	24 Feb 18	5 1/4 May 31	2 Jan	3 1/2 Dec	
						275	Mason Valley Mine	1 1/2 Feb 6	2 1/4 Apr 17	1 1/4 Jan	2 1/2 Feb	
						4	Mass Consolidated	2 Mar 24	4 1/2 May 19	1 1/4 Jan	2 Sept	
						3	Mayflower-Old Colony	2 Mar 24	4 1/2 Apr 13	55 Apr	3 1/2 Jan	
						2	Michigan	2 1/2 Jan 20	6 May 23	2 1/2 Aug	3 1/2 Jan	
						141	Mohawk	75 July 10	7 Apr 13	14 Aug	3 1/2 May	
						5	New Cornelia Copper	53 1/2 Jan 7	68 June 5	43 1/2 Jan	59 Dec	
						200	New Idria Quicksilver	5 17 Feb 21	20 1/2 June 2	12 1/2 Sept	18 1/2 Dec	
						100	New River Company	10 10 July 7	2 1/2 Mar 23	40 Nov	57 Dec	
						50	Do pref.	73 Jan 7	85 Oct 16	74 Dec	95 Mar	
						1,115	Nipissing Mines	5 5 July 8	7 Jan 4	4 July	8 1/2 Jan	
						158	North Butte	10 1/2 Oct 15	15 May 29	8 Mar	14 1/2 Dec	
						395	Oilfield Mining	14 Oct 16	4 1/2 Apr 15	1 Aug	2 1/2 Dec	
						10	Old Dominion Co	19 Oct 19	27 Jan 25	15 1/2 Jan	25 1/2 Nov	
						66	Oscoda	30 1/2 Jan 5	38 1/2 Aug 23	21 Aug	35 1/2 Dec	
						275						

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Oct. 14 to Oct. 20, both inclusive:

Table of Boston Bond Record with columns for Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range since Jan. 1.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record Oct. 14 to Oct. 20:

Table of Baltimore Stock Exchange with columns for Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range since Jan. 1.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions Oct. 14 to Oct. 20, both incl., compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Chicago Stock Exchange with columns for Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range since Jan. 1.

Table of Pittsburgh Stock Exchange with columns for Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range since Jan. 1.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record Oct. 14 to Oct. 20:

Table of Pittsburgh Stock Exchange with columns for Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range since Jan. 1.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—This week's record on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange will be found on page 1814.

New York Curb Market.—Official transactions in the New York Curb Market from Oct. 14 to Oct. 20, inclusive:

Table of New York Curb Market with columns for Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range since Jan. 1.



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	
Gillette Safety Razor	264	246	265	1,160	169	Jan 265	Kirby Petroleum	-----	5	5 1/2	500	4	Aug 26 1/2	
Glen Alden Coal	50	56	58	3,200	42	Jan 8 1/2	Lane Creek Royalties	1	3e	4e	21,000	3e	Aug 10e	
Goodyear T & R. com.	100	10 1/2	10 1/2	1,100	7 1/2	Aug 15 1/2	Livingston Oil Corp.	1	19e	24e	11,000	8e	Aug 27e	
Preferred	100	28	28	100	24	Jan 40	Livingston Petroleum	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	10,000	1	July 1 1/2	
Gt Western Sugar com.	100	255	255 1/2	15	255	Oct 260	Lyons Petroleum	65e	65e	74e	5,300	58e	Jan 1 1/2	
Common, new, w. l.	25	71	74	900	71	Oct 74	Magnolia Petroleum	100	22 1/2	24 1/2	1,125	17 1/2	Jan 28 1/2	
Preferred	100	107 1/2	108	400	105	Sept 108	Mammoth Oil Class A	40 1/2	40 1/2	42 1/2	118,800	40	Oct 43	
Havana Tobacco, pref.	100	1	1	100	20e	Jan 2	Marsden Oil Exptor	-----	18 1/2	20 1/2	1,700	15 1/2	Aug 27 1/2	
Hayes Wheel when issued	38 1/2	33 1/2	41	10,100	27 1/2	Aug 41	Marx Oil	-----	13 1/2	13 1/2	200	1	Mar 2 1/2	
Hayden Chemical	2 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	39,900	80e	Feb 3 1/2	Marine Oil, new	-----	6 1/2	6 1/2	300	5 1/2	Sept 6 1/2	
Hud & Manf. H.R. com.	100	10 1/2	12 1/2	1,300	3 1/2	Feb 15 1/2	Marland Oil	-----	4 1/2	4 1/2	100	1	Jan 10e	
Imp Tob of G B & Ire	21	15 1/2	15 1/2	600	10	Jan 15 1/2	Marland Refining	5	4 1/2	5	800	2	Jan 5	
International Rubb. EI	100	15 1/2	15 1/2	600	10	Jan 15 1/2	Merritt Oil Corp.	10	7 1/2	7 1/2	3,200	7 1/2	Oct 14 1/2	
International Carbon	5	5 1/2	6 1/2	14,500	3 1/2	Aug 11 1/2	Mexico Oil Corp.	10	1 1/2	1 1/2	11,400	1 1/2	Sept 4 1/2	
Kupf'amer (H) Co. com.	5	33	35	700	31	Oct 37 1/2	Midwest Texas Oil	1	30e	35e	89,900	8e	Jan 38e	
Preferred	100	100	100	400	100	Sept 101	Mountain Producers	10	16 1/2	17 1/2	20,900	9 1/2	Jan 19	
Lehigh Power Securities	18	17 1/2	18 1/2	1,000	15 1/2	Aug 20 1/2	Mutual Oil	-----	12 1/2	11 1/2	13 1/2	97,100	5 1/2	Jan 13 1/2
Lehigh Valley Coal Sales	50	70 1/2	79 1/2	35	66	Feb 82	New England Fuel Oil	-----	79 1/2	83	4,500	40	May 83	
Libby, McN & Lib, new	10	8 1/2	9 1/2	300	7 1/2	Aug 10	New York City Oil	-----	26e	30e	65,000	13 1/2	Mar 28 1/2	
Liggett Internat pref.	50	53	53	100	47 1/2	Apr 55 1/2	Noble Oil & Gas	1	26e	30e	100	30e	Mar 90e	
Lincobn Mfg. Class A	50	6	6	700	75e	Feb 8 1/2	Preferred	-----	80e	80e	200	30e	Mar 90e	
Lucey Mfg. Class A	50	6	6	700	75e	Feb 8 1/2	Noe Petroleum, com.	10	3	3	100	1 1/2	Sept 5	
Lupton (F M) Pub. Cl. A	50	22	22	300	21 1/2	May 22 1/2	North American Oil	5	2 1/2	2 1/2	6,200	1 1/2	Apr 3 1/2	
Macy (R) & Co. Inc. com.	100	60 1/2	64 1/2	6,800	53	Sept 64 1/2	Northwest Oil	1	15e	16e	3,000	15e	Jan 35e	
Preferred	100	112 1/2	112 1/2	600	105 1/2	Aug 112 1/2	Ohio Ranger	1	5e	7e	5,000	2e	July 12e	
Marconi Wire Tel of Can.	100	2 1/2	2 1/2	500	1 1/2	Jan 5 1/2	Omar Oil & Gas	16	1 1/2	1 1/2	93,100	67e	Mar 3	
Mercer Motors	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2,400	1 1/2	Apr 5 1/2	Pennock Oil	10	7 1/2	7 1/2	3,200	4 1/2	Jan 8 1/2	
Preferred	100	2 1/2	2 1/2	3,900	2	Feb 4 1/2	Red Bank Oil	10	19e	22e	61,000	11e	Jan 35e	
Mesabi Iron Co.	100	11 1/2	10 1/2	2,400	9 1/2	Sept 13 1/2	Ryan Consolidated	-----	11 1/2	12	4,400	4	Feb 8 1/2	
Mitchell Tractor Co.	100	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,000	2 1/2	Sept 2 1/2	Salt Creek Producers	10	18 1/2	20	4,200	12 1/2	Jan 21 1/2	
Morris Motors	100	18 1/2	20 1/2	150	2	Oct 7 1/2	Sapulpa Refining	10	38 1/2	40	3,500	25 1/2	Feb 5	
Morris (Phillip) Co. Ltd.	10	20 1/2	20 1/2	11,500	5 1/2	Jan 23 1/2	Seaboard Oil & Gas	5	2 1/2	2 1/2	5,800	80e	Mar 2 1/2	
Nat Biscuit, new, w. l.	34 1/2	31 1/2	36 1/2	161,900	30	Oct 30 1/2	Shell Union Oil, com, w. l.	5	12 1/2	11 1/2	2,400	11 1/2	Oct 14	
Nat Leather Union, w. l.	3	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,000	1 1/2	June 3	Shimms Petroleum	10	10 1/2	9 1/2	10,400	8 1/2	June 12 1/2	
Nex Mex & Arizona Land	1	3	3	1,500	1 1/2	Feb 3 1/2	South Petrol & Refining	10	17e	17e	25,000	6e	Aug 25	
N Y Air Brake new, w. l.	50	51 1/2	52 1/2	16,000	50 1/2	Oct 50	Southern States Oil	10	21	18	20,100	12 1/2	Jan 21	
N Y Tel & Tel. w. l.	100	110 1/2	111 1/2	1,350	106	July 111 1/2	Southwest Oil	10	1e	1e	5,000	1e	Feb 3e	
N Y Transportation	10	29 1/2	29 1/2	125	19	Mar 31 1/2	Spencer Petroleum Corp.	10	2	2 1/2	600	7e	July 7	
Nor Amer Pulp & Paper	100	1 1/2	1 1/2	100	1	Aug 3 1/2	Texas Oil & Land	1	42e	42e	68,000	40e	Jan 1	
Packard Motor Car, com.	100	17 1/2	17 1/2	5,600	5 1/2	Feb 19	Tidwell Oil	1	13	13 1/2	900	10	Jan 13 1/2	
Preferred	100	92	91	63 1/2	425	Mar 93 1/2	Tirman Oil	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	10,100	1	July 1 1/2	
Peerless Truck & Motor	50	56 1/2	57	200	33 1/2	Feb 60 1/2	Ventura Cons Oil Fields	5	1 1/2	1 1/2	10,100	23	Jan 34	
Perfection Tire & Rubber	100	1 1/2	1 1/2	304	1	Oct 4 1/2	Western States Oil & Gas	1	20e	20e	3,000	22e	Mar 50e	
Phillips' Inc. com.	40 1/2	40	42 1/2	600	38 1/2	Sept 44 1/2	Wilcox Oil & Gas	5	5 1/2	5 1/2	8,600	2 1/2	Jan 7	
Pyrene Radio Corp.	10	1 1/2	1 1/2	9,400	1 1/2	Sept 1 1/2	"X" Oil & Gas	1	11e	10e	16,000	7e	Aug 38e	
Pyrene Manufacturing	10	10 1/2	10 1/2	20,400	2 1/2	Jan 6 1/2	Alaska Brit-Col Metals	10	2 1/2	2 1/2	5,300	1 1/2	Jan 5 1/2	
Radio Corp of America	10	4 1/2	4 1/2	4,800	2	Jan 3 1/2	Amer Com M & M	50	5e	5e	100	3e	July 10e	
Preferred	5	3 1/2	3 1/2	4,800	2	Jan 3 1/2	American Exploration	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	100	1 1/2	Oct 3 1/2	
Reo Motor Car	10	13 1/2	13 1/2	900	12 1/2	Sept 29	Anglo Amer Corp of So Afr	24 1/2	24 1/2	25	200	11 1/2	Apr 25	
Republuc Rubber	45e	45e	45e	2,000	20e	Feb 1	Belcher Extension	10e	2e	2e	3,000	1e	Jan 3e	
St Lawrence Pulp	10	9 1/2	9 1/2	2,100	8 1/2	Aug 11	Big Ledge Copper Co.	5	10e	8e	48,300	8e	July 29e	
Suburban Retail Stores	47 1/2	45 1/2	45	4,100	33	Apr 45	Boston & Montana Corp.	25	84e	87e	23,400	71e	Sept 5	
Standard Gas & El. com.	100	107 1/2	107 1/2	25	105	Sept 107 1/2	Boston & Montana Dev.	5	13e	11e	24,000	8e	Oct 9 1/2	
Standard Gas & El. pref.	50	37e	41e	11,900	30e	July 2 1/2	Butte & N Y	1	20e	20e	6,000	20e	Oct 75e	
Standard Motor Contr.	10	40 1/2	40 1/2	300	44	Mar 50	Caledonia	1	8e	8e	1,000	4e	Feb 20e	
Stutz Motor Car	100	20	18 1/2	2,000	11	July 45	Calumet & Jerome Cop.	1	11e	8e	6,000	8e	Oct 30e	
Swift & Co.	100	107	110	60	95	Jan 111	Canada Copper Co.	5	2e	1e	20,000	1e	Sept 65e	
Swift International	15	21 1/2	22	700	17 1/2	Apr 24 1/2	Canario Copper	10	2 1/2	2 1/2	15,200	1 1/2	July 3 1/2	
Technical Pro Corp.	50	5 1/2	5 1/2	600	5	Aug 6 1/2	Candalaria Silver	1	40e	38e	29e	260,400	19e	Jan 71e
Technicolor, Inc. w. l.	26 1/2	25 1/2	26 1/2	8,500	25 1/2	Sept 26 1/2	Consolidated Silver	1	11e	10e	12e	13,000	4e	Feb 12e
Tenn Rice Pw. com, w. l.	15 1/2	15 1/2	17	900	10	June 17 1/2	Consolidated Silver	1	4 1/2	4 1/2	54,400	3 1/2	Sept 5 1/2	
Tenn Ry L & Pw.	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	400	1	Feb 3 1/2	Continental Mines	10	4 1/2	4 1/2	12,700	4 1/2	Apr 4 1/2	
Thimken-Det Axle com.	10	27	27	100	26 1/2	Aug 29 1/2	Copper Canyon	5	50e	55e	6,000	50e	Oct 1	
Todd Shipyards Corp.	6 1/2	6 1/2	7	2,500	3	Jan 10 1/2	Cork Province Mines	1	17e	16e	19e	15,000	15e	Sept 22e
United Profit Share, new	65 1/2	64	65 1/2	1,200	60	Sept 80 1/2	Cortez Silver	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	12,800	84e	Jan 1 1/2	
Un Retail Stores Candy	6 1/2	6 1/2	7 1/2	500	5	Mar 9	Cresson Con Gold M & M	1	2 1/2	2 1/2	8,000	2 1/2	June 3	
U S Light & Heat, com.	10	1 1/2	1 1/2	11,700	8 1/2	Jan 8 1/2	Crysal Copper	2	2 1/2	2 1/2	3,600	55e	Jan 2	
U S Wheel Corp.	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	21,500	75e	Jan 2 1/2	Dean Consolidated Corp.	1	59e	56e	60e	13,400	36e	Aug 60e
Utah-Idaho Sugar com.	100	124 1/2	124 1/2	25	107	Oct 124 1/2	Dolores Exploration	5	3 1/2	2 1/2	33 1/2	42e	Feb 3 1/2	
Van Raalte Co. Inc.	5	5 1/2	5 1/2	1,100	40	Jan 61	Dryden Gold Corp.	10	9 1/2	9 1/2	1,800	8 1/2	Sept 9 1/2	
Wayne Coal	5	2 1/2	2 1/2	3,400	85e	Mar 3 1/2	Ely Salvador Silver Mines	1	5e	3e	113,000	2e	Mar 22e	
West End Chemical	1	60e	60e	4,900	50e	July 87e	Ely Consolidated	1	3e	5e	36,000	3e	Mar 5e	
Western Knitting Mills	1	10 1/2	10 1/2	100	6	Apr 11	Emma Silver	1	3e	2e	26,000	1e	Mar 5e	
Wilby Corp, 1st pref.	100	13	12 1/2	400	6	Mar 31	Eureka Croesus	1	26e	25e	75,000	18e	Jan 41e	
Winther Motors, Cl. A	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	10,300	9	Oct 9 1/2	First Nat Copper	5	50e	50e	100	48e	Sept 81	
Wire Wheel Corp.	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	100	34 1/2	Oct 34 1/2	Florence Silver	1	59e	59e	1,000	15e	Feb 36e	
Young Sheet & T. com.	69	69 1/2	69 1/2	200	64	Aug 72	Fortuna Cons Copper	10e	8e	10e	25,000	5e	Oct 26e	
Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	Gadsden Copper	10e	85e	90e	200	59e	Mar 1 38e	
Anglo-American Oil	21	21 1/2	22 1/2	7,000	16 1/2	Jan 25	Goldfield Cons Mines	10	5e	6e	5,000	3e	Jan 12e	
Buckeye Pipe Line	50	95	94	430	84 1/2	Jan 100	Goldfield Deep	10	6e	6e	86,000	1e	Jan 9e	
Continental Oil	100	150	152 1/											

Mining (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range since Jan. 1.		
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	
United Zinc Smelt.	1	1	900	75c	June	1 1/2 May	
U S Cont Mines, new.	11c	11c	3,000	11c	Aug	55c Jan	
Unity Gold Mines.	4 3/4	4 3/4	5,500	2 3/4	Mar	5 1/4 Feb	
Unity Gold Mining, 100	2c	2c	2,000	2c	Sept	6 1/2 Sept	
West Dome Cons.	20c	20c	8,000	11c	June	21c Aug	
West End Consolidated.	1 1/4	1 1/4	31,500	70c	Feb	1 1/2 Mar	
West End Extension Ma.	6c	6c	55,000	5c	Sept	8c Oct	
White Caps Mining, 10c	14c	14c	5,000	3c	Feb	18c Aug	
Wilbert Mining.	1c	6c	1,000	1c	Jan	15c July	
Yukon Gold Co.	90c	90c	1,000	80c	June	1 1/2 June	
<b>Bonds</b>							
Allied Paek conv deb 6s '39	78	79	\$10,000	59	Jan	90 Apr	
Certificates of deposit.	59	59 1/2	2,000	50 1/2	Oct	67 Sept	
5s Ser B w 1939	80	80	35,000	76	Feb	97 May	
Aluminum Mfrs 7s 1925	104 1/2	104 1/2	3,000	100 3/4	Jan	105 Aug	
7s 1923	103 1/2	106 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	Feb	107 Aug	
Amer Cotton Oil 6s 1924	98 1/2	98 1/2	21,000	93	Feb	99 1/2 July	
Amer G&E deb B 6s 2014	100	100	55,000	100	Oct	100 Oct	
Amer Light & Trac 6s 1925	111 1/2	110 1/2	40,000	96	Jan	112 Oct	
Without warrants	100 1/2	100 1/2	47,000	100	May	101 1/2 Aug	
Am Republic Corp 6s w 1'37	101	101	92 1/2	84,000	91	Oct	93 1/2 Aug
Amer Tel & Tel 6s 1924	101	101	101 1/2	71,000	99 1/2	Jan	101 1/2 Apr
American Tobacco 7s 1923	101	101	102 1/2	53,000	101	Oct	103 May
Anaconda Cop Min 7s 1929	103 1/2	103 1/2	56,000	100 1/2	Jan	104 1/2 Aug	
6% notes Series A 1929	101 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	55,000	96 1/2	Jan	102 1/2 Aug
Anglo-Amer Oil 7 1/2s 1925	103 1/2	103 1/2	60,000	102 1/2	Jan	104 1/2 Aug	
Armour & Co 7% notes 1930	104 1/2	104 1/2	51,000	101 1/2	Jan	105 1/2 July	
Att Gulf & W 188 L 6s 1959	53	53 1/2	43,000	53	Oct	60 1/2 May	
Beaver Product 8s 1933	72 1/2	71 1/2	6,000	61	May	81 Sept	
Beaver Products 7 1/2s 1942	100	100	1,000	99	Sept	101 Sept	
Bethlehem Steel 7s 1923	106 1/2	106 1/2	97,000	100 1/2	Jan	106 1/2 Aug	
Equipment 7s 1935	102 1/2	102 1/2	48,000	100 1/2	Jan	108 Aug	
Bklyn Union Gas 7s w 1'47	104	105	22,000	104	June	106 1/2 Sept	
Canada SS Lines 7s w 1'47	97 1/2	97 1/2	100,000	94	July	98 Oct	
Canadian Nat Rys 7s 1935	110 1/2	110 1/2	34,000	104 1/2	Feb	112 Aug	
5s 1925	99 1/2	99 1/2	35,000	98 1/2	June	99 1/2 Aug	
Canadian Pacific 6s 1924	100 1/2	100 1/2	68,000	99 1/2	Jan	101 1/2 Jan	
Central Steel 8s 1941	107 1/2	107 1/2	23,000	98	Feb	108 Sept	
Charcoal Iron of Am 8s 1931	101	101	96	4,000	99 1/2	Mar	99 1/2 Apr
Cities Serv 7s Ser B 1966	131	131 1/2	7,000	100	Jan	150 June	
Debenture 7s Ser C 1966	96	96	14,000	87	Feb	98 Sept	
Colum Graphophone 8s 25	32 1/2	31	3,000	22 1/2	Jan	49 Mar	
Cons G & P Balt 7s '31	103	103	29,000	102 1/2	June	110 Sept	
6s Series A w 1 1949	104 1/2	105	26,000	99 1/2	Jan	107 1/2 Sept	
5 1/2s Series E 1952	100	99 1/2	33,000	100	Sept	101 1/2 Sept	
Conso Textile 8s 1941	99	98 1/2	12,000	94	Feb	100 June	
Copper Export Assn 8s 1924	102	102	24,000	102	Mar	103 1/2 Apr	
8% notes Feb 15 1925	103 1/2	103 1/2	46,000	103 1/2	Aug	105 Mar	
Cuban Tel 1st 7 1/2s 1941	107 1/2	107 1/2	1,000	102 1/2	Jan	107 1/2 June	
Cudahy Packing 7s 1931	101 1/2	101 1/2	3,000	100 1/2	Jan	102 July	
Deere & Co 7 1/2s 1941	102 1/2	103	7,000	95	Feb	103 Aug	
Detroit City Gas 6s 1941	101 1/2	101 1/2	133,000	101 1/2	Sept	103 Sept	
Gair (Robert) Co 7s 1937	99	99 1/2	25,000	95	Feb	100 May	
Galena-Signal Oil 7s 1930	105	105	11,000	100 1/2	Jan	107 Sept	
General Asphalt 8s 1930	106	106	4,000	102	Jan	107 Apr	
Grand Trunk Ry 6 1/2s 1936	107	105 1/2	96,000	102	Jan	103 1/2 Aug	
Gulf Oil Corp 7s 1933	103 1/2	104	47,000	102 1/2	Jan	104 1/2 May	
Hershey Chocolate 7 1/2s '30	98 1/2	98 1/2	142,000	98 1/2	Oct	98 1/2 Oct	
6s w 1 1942	101	100 1/2	24,000	95	Jan	102 Aug	
Hood Rubber 7 1/2s notes '36	92 1/2	91	28,000	91	Oct	92 1/2 Oct	
Hydraulic Steel 7s 1930	92 1/2	92 1/2	3,000	92	Oct	92 Oct	
Indiana Gen Ser 8s 1943	97	97 1/2	177,000	72	Jan	98 Oct	
Interv R T 5s J P M reests.	97	96 1/2	351,000	87 1/2	July	98 Oct	
Certificates of deposit.	101	101	1,000	78	Jan	105 Sept	
7% notes.	93	93	71,000	93 1/2	Sept	93 1/2 Sept	
Kansas City Pow & Lt 6s '52	101	101	4,000	99 1/2	Jan	101 1/2 June	
Kansas City Term 6s 1923	99	99	84,000	98	Oct	100 Oct	
Kansas Gas & El 6s 1925	104 1/2	104 1/2	84,000	101 1/2	Jan	102 1/2 Jan	
Kennecott Copper 7s 1930	100 1/2	100 1/2	8,000	96 1/2	Mar	101 1/2 Sept	
Kings County Light 6 1/2s w 1 1941	101 1/2	101	38,000	94 1/2	Feb	103 Aug	
Laclede Gas Light 7s	93 1/2	93 1/2	6,000	93	Sept	94 1/2 Oct	
Lehigh Pow Sec 6s 1927	102 1/2	102 1/2	18,000	98 1/2	Apr	102 1/2 Sept	
Libby-McNary & Libby 7s '31	103 1/2	103 1/2	21,000	98 1/2	Mar	104 1/2 Sept	
Liggett-Winchester 7s 1923	99 1/2	99 1/2	18,000	89	Jan	103 May	
Manitoba Power 7s 1941	100 1/2	100 1/2	29,000	99	Sept	100 1/2 May	
Merch & Mrs Erek 7s 1942	100	99 1/2	33,000	92 1/2	Oct	92 1/2 Oct	
Milw Elec Ry & Lt 6s 1961	106 1/2	106 1/2	17,000	102 1/2	Jan	107 May	
Morris & Co 7 1/2s 1930	96 1/2	96 1/2	8,000	92	Mar	100 Sept	
Nat Aeme Co 7 1/2s 1931	104 1/2	104 1/2	3,000	95	Jan	106 1/2 Sept	
Nat Cloak & Suit 8s 1930	101 1/2	101 1/2	34,000	95 1/2	Jan	101 1/2 Sept	
National Leather 8s 1925	84 1/2	84 1/2	77,300	77	Mar	92 1/2 May	
N Y N H & H 7s w 1 1925	69 1/2	69 1/2	610,000	64 1/2	Mar	78 May	
500 frame bonds.	98	96	5,000	93 1/2	Oct	98 Oct	
Nova Sco Steel 6% deb stk	99 1/2	99	4,000	92 1/2	Sept	100 Sept	
Paulista Ry ref 7s 1942	92 1/2	92 1/2	19,000	92 1/2	Oct	92 1/2 Sept	
Penn Pow & L 5s B 1932	101 1/2	101 1/2	5,000	99	June	103 Sept	
Phila Elec 6 1/2s w 1 1947	101 1/2	101 1/2	17,000	99	Apr	104 May	
Phillips Petrol 7 1/2s 1931	119	119	101	101	Feb	103 Sept	
Without warrants.	102	102	17,000	99	Apr	104 May	
Public Serv Corp 7s w 1941	103 1/2	103 1/2	62,000	96 1/2	Feb	105 1/2 Sept	
St Paul Un Depot 5 1/2s 1932	101	101	101	101	Oct	101 Oct	
Sears, Roebuck & Co 7s '23	101 1/2	101 1/2	27,000	97	Jan	102 Apr	
Shawanoce Mill 7s 1931	104 1/2	104 1/2	12,000	101	Jan	106 1/2 Sept	
Sheffield Farms Co 6 1/2s '42	100 1/2	100 1/2	153,000	100 1/2	Sept	101 1/2 Sept	
Stess-Sheffield Steel & I 6s.	98 1/2	98 1/2	4,000	93 1/2	Mar	99 1/2 Sept	
Solvay & Co 8s 1927	106 1/2	106 1/2	19,000	102 1/2	Jan	107 1/2 July	
Southern Bell Tel 7s 1925	102 1/2	102 1/2	30,000	100 1/2	Jan	104 1/2 Aug	
Stand Oil of N Y deb 6 1/2s '33	103	103	19,800	105 1/2	Mar	109 1/2 July	
7% serial gold deb. 1925	105	105 1/2	12,000	104	Jan	106 1/2 Aug	
7% serial gold deb. 1926	106 1/2	106 1/2	4,000	104 1/2	Feb	107 Sept	
7% serial gold deb. 1927	105	105	10,000	105	Feb	108 Sept	
7% serial gold deb. 1928	106 1/2	106 1/2	15,000	105	Mar	109 Aug	
7% serial gold deb. 1929	108 1/2	108 1/2	15,000	106	Apr	109 Oct	
7% serial gold deb. 1930	108 1/2	108 1/2	7,000	107 1/2	Mar	111 July	
7% serial gold deb. 1931	98 1/2	99	72,000	98	Oct	99 1/2 Sept	
Sugar Estates Oriente 7s '42	102 1/2	102 1/2	12,000	94 1/2	Feb	100 Sept	
Sun Co 7s 1931	102 1/2	102 1/2	167,000	101	Jan	103 1/2 Apr	
6s 1929	96 1/2	97	275,000	96 1/2	Sept	97 1/2 Sept	
Swift & Co 7s Aug 15 1931	102 1/2	102 1/2	10,000	99 1/2	Jan	106 Sept	
6s when issued.	101 1/2	101 1/2	72,000	100 1/2	June	102 1/2 Oct	
Tidal-Oange Oil 7s 1931	102 1/2	101 1/2	13,000	99 1/2	Feb	110 Apr	
Union Oil of Calif 6s 1942	102 1/2	101 1/2	13,000	99 1/2	Feb	110 Apr	
United Oil Prodne 8s 1931	104 1/2	105	4,000	100	Jan	108 Oct	
United Rys of Hav 7 1/2s '38	100	100	324,000	100	Oct	100 1/2 Oct	
U S Govt 4 1/2s 1952	107 1/2	107 1/2	27,000	106	Jan	109 1/2 Aug	
Vacuum Oil 7s 1936	101 1/2	101 1/2	3,000	98 1/2	July	101 1/2 Oct	
Valvoline Oil 6s ser A w 1'37	101 1/2	101 1/2	106,000	97	Jan	101 1/2 Aug	

Quotations for Sundry Securities

All bonds prices are "and Interest" except where marked "f."

Standard Oil Stocks Par	Std.	Ask	Joint Stk. Land Bk. Bonds	99 1/2	100 1/2
Anglo-American Oil new.	21	21 1/2	Chic & Stk Land Bk 6s 1939	102 1/2	103 1/2
Atlantic Refining	137 1/2	142 1/2	5s 1925 opt 1931	102 1/2	103 1/2
Preferred.	100	117	5s 1932 opt 1932	102 1/2	103 1/2
Borne Strymer Co.	100	148	5 1/2s 1961 opt 1931	105 1/2	106 1/2
Buckeye Pipe Line Co.	50	94 1/2			
Chesapeake Mfg new.	100	215			
Preferred new.	100	110			
Continental Oil	148	161			
Crescent Pipe Line Co.	50	85 1/2			
Cumberland Pipe Line.	100	150			
Eureka Pipe Line Co.	100	93			
Galena Signal Oil com.	100	50			
Preferred old.	100	111			
Preferred new.	100	105			
Illinois Pipe Line.	100	174			
Indiana Pipe Line Co.	50	295 1/2			
International Petrol (no par)	100	22 1/2			
National Transit Co. 12.50	50	25			
New York Transit Co.	100	174			
Northern Pipe Line Co.	100	108			
Ohio Oil Co.	25	323			
Penn Mex Fuel Co.	100	26			
Prairie Oil & Gas.	100	665			
Prairie Pipe Line.	100	294			
Solar Refining.	100	385			
Southern Pipe Line Co.	100	96			
South Penn Oil.	100	190			
Southwest Pa Pipe Lines.	100	60			
Standard Oil (California) 25	124 1/2	124 1/2			
Standard Oil (Indiana)	25	125 1/2			
Standard Oil (Kansas)	100	580			



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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.				
	Week or Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Week or Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Alabama & Vicksb.	August	\$ 217,574	\$ 207,164	\$ 1,985,276	\$ 2,151,522	August	\$ 118,341	\$ 94,033	\$ 965,203	\$ 693,862
Akron Canton & Y.	August	186,745	208,145	1,442,301	1,023,032	August	91,155	1,782	360,480	693,530
Atch Topcks & S Fe	2d wk Oct	98,342	112,859	3,776,010	3,787,057	August	2,651,021	3,257,200	19,940,689	22,097,621
Panhandle & S Fe	August	167,979	170,077	11,697,469	12,250,169	August	1,645,828	2,370,554	13,222,457	17,964,669
Gulf Colo & S Fe	August	683,249	1,106,343	4,796,377	6,075,828	August	4,450,166	6,035,298	34,135,788	41,966,412
Atlanta Birm & Atl.	August	2,356,848	3,359,901	14,294,396	20,109,891	August	8,785,588	10,591,860	65,073,700	71,952,075
Atlanta & West Pt.	August	329,435	215,593	1,854,320	2,000,124	2d wk Oct	376,981	390,120	13,522,911	14,205,118
Atlantic City	August	737,500	752,749	3,315,484	3,670,106	August	133,224	101,997	983,696	957,116
Atlantic Coast Line	August	4,608,073	4,170,305	46,198,073	45,340,463	August	251,293	363,275	2,118,461	2,557,671
Baltimore & Ohio	August	14,104,234	17,933,438	126,727,416	130,702,162	August	96,035	49,719	1,061,837	462,814
B & O Chic Term.	August	274,673	232,303	1,998,162	1,629,599	August	22,150	100,755	387,088	1,014,225
Bangor & Aroostook	August	377,037	404,116	5,271,998	4,551,464	1st wk Oct	2,099,588	1,807,919	14,808,088	13,752,230
Bellefonte Central	August	9,982	6,999	66,133	47,976	August	64,101	16,829	312,802	240,263
Belt Ry of Chicago	August	500,763	550,193	3,837,393	3,486,004	August	139,240	101,260	1,284,573	831,755
Bessemer & Gt Erie	August	1,575,265	1,696,766	7,663,772	9,108,219	August	208,870	233,339	1,404,999	1,711,631
Bingham & Garfield	August	23,317	12,658	126,102	128,707	August	175,415	212,581	1,677,334	1,729,535
Boston & Maine	August	6,975,594	7,029,588	51,402,682	50,800,695	August	150,985	184,057	1,341,931	1,482,635
Boston & Albany	August	142,398	110,528	1,061,733	87,422	August	537,150	590,272	3,518,341	4,011,798
Buffalo & Pittsb.	2d wk Oct	152,970	319,616	11,658,610	12,069,064	2d wk Oct	289,897	278,195	2,154,102	2,144,664
Buffalo & Susq.	August	81,779	51,175	865,320	1,312,902	August	875,405	768,304	6,305,071	5,834,548
Canadian Pac Rys.	2d wk Oct	3,478,811	2,018,594	89,114,548	95,409,056	August	7,023,377	6,713,198	57,776,358	47,544,257
Canadian Pacific	2d wk Oct	5,147,000	4,898,000	133,338,000	142,990,000	August	7,003,105	7,091,061	54,179,681	52,927,268
Caro Clinch & Ohio	August	583,582	607,280	5,081,429	4,833,955	August	228,887	402,246	1,782,793	2,480,913
Central of Georgia	August	1,947,283	1,729,685	14,630,928	11,913,640	August	2,139,567	1,694,006	15,892,734	15,475,913
Central RR of N J.	August	3,796,503	4,887,844	30,862,640	34,668,197	August	628,022	1,047,499	4,732,297	6,979,789
Cent New England	August	446,743	691,588	4,366,254	5,491,640	August	344,358	481,092	2,128,921	3,191,738
Central Vermont	August	604,638	680,049	4,556,861	4,587,259	August	3,399,713	3,217,273	25,356,821	23,624,501
Chicago & Ohio Lines	August	221,333	246,778	2,184,516	2,196,628	August	225,210	265,774	1,838,472	2,327,096
Chicago & North West	August	5,982,593	7,086,883	56,620,225	56,960,647	August	10,534,822	10,231,624	78,868,227	75,333,512
Chicago & Rock Island	August	1,891,713	3,091,248	17,885,405	20,189,008	August	1,258,471	1,578,680	8,011,184	9,714,477
Chicago & St Paul	August	14,502,539	16,494,579	101,747,129	108,921,172	August	298,429	373,847	2,607,297	2,879,238
Chicago & West	August	1,810,622	2,547,973	15,502,378	17,613,395	August	885,556	610,644	5,457,920	5,231,451
Chicago Great West	August	2,204,135	3,320,927	15,442,416	15,932,505	August	7,903,124	8,600,597	61,477,819	52,785,016
Chicago Ind & Louisv.	August	1,270,995	1,363,191	10,239,655	9,963,842	August	8,239,793	8,621,239	58,448,388	57,225,814
Chicago Junction	May	292,669	409,419	2,045,955	2,042,576	August	874,785	959,539	5,226,200	5,630,266
Chic Milw & St Paul	August	14,272,930	14,581,659	98,124,034	94,348,779	August	562,130,502	518,650,397	3,972,939	4,019,519
Chic & North West	August	128,088,888	148,756,567	93,202,625	94,697,431	August	197,848	214,800	1,072,611	1,133,072
Chic Peoria & St L	August	133,209	195,579	1,439,441	1,331,053	August	97,728	104,402	707,715	747,175
Chicago River & Ind	August	563,291	1,191,857	1,917,887	88,818,462	August	3,277,691	3,199,695	20,607,493	19,282,531
Chic R I & Gulf	August	108,912	1,269,658	76,903,458	85,818,462	August	146,465	158,741	749,207	846,935
Chic St P M & Om	August	528,638	872,953	3,783,184	5,144,123	August	818,575	477,556	5,166,843	4,150,120
Cinc Ind & Western	August	2,731,206	2,822,436	18,115,991	18,299,307	August	147,012	160,218	1,069,135	1,085,340
Colo & Southern	3d wk Sept	514,804	568,407	10,777,448	18,627,124	August	1,894,763	1,829,662	16,316,179	9,063,458
Ft W & Den City	August	898,752	1,063,607	6,630,607	7,291,328	August	631,338,868	581,765,539	4,388,230,009	4,405,515,995
Trin & Brazos Val	August	152,422	308,257	1,890,578	1,876,870	August	3,386,042	4,016,422	24,610,000	24,437,245
Wichita Valley	August	98,204	131,495	760,640	1,057,257	August	119,515	98,145	887,466	852,478
Cumb Val & Martin	August	83,053	100,925	589,680	974,506	August	5,490,608	7,122,009	48,909,066	66,251,958
Delaware & Hudson	August	2,399,758	4,137,445	23,487,150	30,513,775	August	117,941	96,798	678,881	828,933
Del Lack & Western	August	5,773,758	7,599,717	47,205,974	57,374,406	August	92,088	103,959	677,118	787,123
Denver & Rio Grande	August	3,133,441	3,114,321	20,492,224	20,093,104	August	192,000	226,305	1,797,490	1,865,901
Denver & Salt Lake	August	165,896	325,681	765,477	1,794,899	August	66,789	166,675	1,143,678	1,503,200
Detroit & Mackinac	August	201,827	199,793	1,197,940	1,300,598	August	5,957,567	5,373,972	42,846,815	44,169,890
Detroit & Iron	August	719,708	802,771	6,021,610	4,159,983	August	93,371	124,142	693,526	860,609
Det & Tol Shore L	August	267,884	291,832	2,239,361	2,133,838	August	895,213	705,140	7,348,111	6,920,849
Dul & Iron Range	August	1,232,614	791,428	4,773,220	3,700,772	August	519,718	574,270	3,742,771	3,853,240
Dul Missabe & Nor.	August	3,170,708	2,188,959	9,752,158	8,754,680	August	275,271	296,928	2,011,567	2,111,007
Dul Sou Shore & Atl	1st wk Oct	88,572	76,546	3,303,339	3,603,651	August	6,309,073	7,515,558	52,476,719	54,034,446
Duluth Win & Pac	August	170,152	141,870	1,309,134	1,638,226	August	122,339	167,896	828,271	1,137,039
East St Louis Conn.	August	180,124	130,294	1,351,742	1,062,144	August	1,872,569	2,139,292	13,983,419	16,802,292
East St Louis Lines	August	863,802	826,658	3,867,110	3,455,285	August	6,018,834	7,881,594	54,186,432	55,231,208
Elgin Joliet & East.	August	1,097,303	1,454,091	13,337,175	13,259,540	August	1,503,532	1,323,935	11,181,430	10,950,955
El Paso & Sou West	August	964,698	729,569	7,384,899	7,709,972	August	607,934	639,292	4,647,811	4,894,927
Erie Railroad	August	7,238,682	9,360,470	58,703,158	67,460,494	2d wk Oct	582,237	598,455	19,225,221	19,061,472
Chicago & Erie	August	963,317	990,889	7,220,610	7,031,203	August	60,972	90,436	488,806	744,712
N J & N Y RR	August	128,790	135,580	991,781	991,609	August	551,160	658,324	3,465,540	4,028,225
Florida East Coast	August	673,897	707,393	9,454,054	9,728,443	August	102,523	126,166	714,028	843,759
Fonda Johns & Glov	September	121,693	114,663	1,029,402	1,012,938	August	3,397,813	2,978,606	29,034,516	28,300,796
Ft Smith & Western	August	152,053	125,576	1,018,004	1,153,232	August	1,671,707	1,754,429	11,687,621	12,608,811
Galveston Wharf	August	136,410	338,727	929,825	1,089,103	August	977,042	910,391	7,496,861	6,869,807
Georgia Railroad	August	440,597	423,117	3,228,807	3,476,574	August	267,448	159,765	1,061,991	1,023,187
Georgia & Florida	August	99,424	105,311	870,447	925,194	August	1,872,569	2,139,292	13,983,419	16,802,292
Grand Trunk Syst	2d wk Oct	2,263,732	2,177,140	87,189,119	87,232,377	August	1,236,624	1,213,870	9,213,478	2,387,577
Atl & St Lawrence	August	248,568	187,667	1,797,338	1,906,887	August	308,215	278,554	2,003,695	1,890,330
Ch Det Can Gt Jct	August	172,070	166,725	1,498,558	1,255,896	August	322,948	492,343	2,790,674	2,008,835
Det G H & Milw	August	393,918	540,557	3,443,117	2,812,666	August	620,501	707,013	5,013,226	5,694,336
Grand Trk West	August	1,694,960	3,345,232	10,660,651	6,675,199	August	680,327	713,387	5,652,090	6,676,823
Great North System	August	9,884,359	9,605,153	61,629,935	59,652,907	2d wk Oct	3,685,094	3,523,185	12,433,593	13,071,419
Green Bay & West.	August	100,791	124,440	605,906	612,363	August	374,446	751,652	5,670,833	6,207,828
Gulf Mobile & Nor.	August	319,249	324,650	2,011,612	2,693,417	August	590,488	1,391,332	10,737,259	11,567,208
Gulf & Ship Island	August	258,616	238,428	1,948,829	1,861,853	August	315,620	372,768	3,041,910	2,989,646
Hoeking Valley	August	1,071,434	1,435,031	8,316,023	9,171,558					

**Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.**—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the second week of October. The table covers 13 roads and shows 7.69% increase in the aggregate from the same week last year.

Second Week of October.	1922.	1921.	Increase.	Decrease.
Ann Arbor	\$ 98,342	\$ 112,859		\$ 14,517
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh	515,970	319,616	196,354	
Canadian National Railways	3,478,811	2,918,594	560,217	
Canadian Pacific	5,147,000	4,898,000	249,000	
Grand Trunk of Canada				
Grand Trunk Western	2,263,732	2,177,140	86,592	
Detroit Grand Hav & Milw.				
Canada Atlantic				
Minneapolis & St. Louis	415,311	423,156		7,845
Iowa Central				
Mobile & Ohio	376,981	390,120		13,139
St. Louis Southwestern	562,227	598,455		36,228
Southern Railway	3,655,094	3,523,185	161,909	
Total (13 roads)	16,543,468	15,361,125	1,254,072	71,729
Net increase (7.69%)			1,182,343	

**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:

Companies.	Gross from Railway		Net from Railway		Net after Taxes	
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
Fona Johns & Gloversville						
September	121,331	114,665	51,839	48,022	46,064	43,347
From Jan 1.	1,029,402	1,012,938	419,021	355,775	367,046	305,600

**Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Net Earnings.**—The following table gives the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility gross and net earnings with charges and surplus reported this week:

Companies.	Gross Earnings		Net Earnings	
	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Sou Canada Pow Co Ltd Aug	71,368	65,486	35,325	32,909
Oct 1 '21 to Aug 31 '22	773,028	681,289	427,163	335,356
Southwest Pow & Lt. Aug	770,805	777,200	333,013	323,186
Sept 1 '21 to Aug 31 '22	9,658,265	10,220,419	4,655,926	3,968,273
	Gross Earnings.	Net after Taxes.	Fixed Charges.	Balance Surplus.
Adirondack Power Sept '22	509,788	120,518	84,768	35,750
& Light Corp '21	398,496	—24,853	80,199	—105,053
12 mos ending Sept 30 '22	5,431,879	1,705,202	1,025,924	679,378
'21	4,753,917	1,337,906	917,542	420,394
Cities Service Co Sept '22	1,006,673	968,016	204,537	763,479
'21	720,269	681,768	170,822	510,945
12 mos ending Sept 30 '22	14,417,560	13,985,010	2,180,466	11,804,544
'21	15,866,065	15,275,928	2,079,170	13,191,758
Citizens' Trac Co July '22	69,885	20,936	9,219	11,717
& subsidiaries '21	62,829	16,900	9,025	7,875
12 mos ending July 31 '22	768,922	316,638	109,538	207,100
'21	822,287	284,501	105,756	178,545
Colorado Power Co Aug '22	80,631	247,242		
'21	79,530	29,398		
12 mos end Aug 31 '22	1,079,087	2,507,564	324,349	183,215
'21	1,102,587	2,508,076	336,043	172,033
Columbia Gas & El Sept '22	1,334,597	795,130	469,748	325,382
'21	1,108,248	724,969	469,779	255,190
9 mos end Sept 30 '22	13,402,357	8,071,579	4,248,018	3,823,561
'21	10,773,780	7,188,812	4,006,084	3,182,728
Detroit Edison Co Sept '22	2,034,196	442,580	291,722	150,858
'21	1,750,782	423,417	299,559	123,857
9 mos ending Sept 30 '22	18,794,545	4,968,422	2,662,331	2,396,091
'21	16,778,576	4,217,902	2,524,447	1,693,455
Eastern Shore Gas July '22	45,527	8,489	8,191	298
& Elec & subs '21	39,145	9,045	8,150	895
12 mos ending July 31 '22	555,637	163,198	99,663	63,535
'21	520,630	120,597	88,369	32,228
Erie Lt Co & subs July '22	78,878	23,466	13,930	9,556
'21	61,842	19,443	15,937	3,506
12 mos ending July 31 '22	1,059,821	424,109	178,548	245,691
'21	1,152,802	387,261	182,806	204,356
Georgia Ry & Power Co Sept '22	1,197,858	404,768	249,137	155,631
'21	1,125,337	359,012	229,400	139,612
12 mos end Sept 30 '22	14,748,802	5,003,277	3,149,689	1,853,585
'21	14,253,802	4,872,263	2,774,326	2,097,937
Hudson & Man- Sept '22	888,188	397,168	340,975	56,193
hattan Company '21	851,395	351,306	337,086	14,220
9 mos ending Sept 30 '22	8,133,374	3,577,759	3,067,013	510,746
'21	7,739,425	3,179,177	3,068,842	110,335
Market St Ry Co Sept '22	804,041	187,936	62,790	125,146
'21	774,699	161,611	66,281	95,330
9 mos end Sept 30 '22	7,093,837	2,537,410	566,244	971,166
'21				
Municipal Service July '22	220,699	275,448	41,877	33,571
Co & subs '21	196,391	254,857	37,911	16,946
12 mos ending July 31 '22	2,660,418	1,942,551	470,572	471,979
'21	2,595,405	1,755,392	449,924	305,468
Newport News & July '22	195,692	269,586	38,713	48,573
Hamp Ry. G & E '21	255,680	282,897	28,781	54,116
7 mos end July 31 '22	1,192,955	1,309,755	192,028	207,727
'21	1,608,129	1,446,858	201,157	245,701
Newport News & Aug '22	194,671	271,327	20,990	50,337
Hamp Ry. G & E '21	227,436	277,925	28,881	49,044
8 mos end Aug 31 '22	1,387,627	1,471,083	213,019	258,064
'21	1,835,565	1,524,783	230,098	294,745
Penn Central Lt & July '22	189,938	61,742	30,232	31,510
Power & subs '21	182,188	62,427	30,113	32,314
12 mos ending July 31 '22	2,410,401	946,954	359,426	587,528
'21	2,411,412	832,433	343,707	488,726
Phila Rapid Tran Sept '22	3,340,688	2,874,730	824,736	49,994
'21	3,310,688	2,859,903	815,944	43,959
9 mos ending Sept 30 '22	31,238,143	28,749,172	7,384,044	1,365,128
'21	31,511,638	28,349,303	7,368,760	980,543
Phila & West Ry Sept '22	74,743	35,147	15,058	20,989
'21	71,379	31,464	15,191	18,273
9 mos end Sept 30 '22	608,241	269,697	136,045	133,652
'21	603,665	233,147	141,400	91,747

**FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

**American Smelting & Refining Co.**

(Semi-Annual Report for 6 Months ended June 30 1922.)

Pres. Simon Guggenheim Sept. 30 wrote in substance:

Results.—The net income from current operations, before providing for bond interest, depreciation, obsolescence and depletion, but after providing for all taxes, was \$5,443,934, an increase of \$3,524,018 over the corresponding 6 months of 1921.

After deducting all bond interest, depreciation, ore depletion and miscellaneous adjustments, there was a balance of income of \$1,825,923, as against a deficit for the corresponding six months of 1921 of \$1,101,831.

The Preferred dividends paid were fully earned. If we eliminate the miscellaneous adjustments (mainly due to the war) applicable to the business of prior years. Even after making these adjustments, all Preferred dividends were substantially earned.

Outlook.—In my last report to the stockholders (V. 114, p. 1429) on the situation as of Jan. 1 of this year, I said: "There are many signs of encouragement for the current year's business. . . . Earnings have improved and there is good reason to believe that a condition of progress toward normal will continue until the full pre-war earnings are again made."

It is gratifying to be able to repeat this statement at this time, with the added remark that, so far as it was a prediction when made, that prediction is being actually fulfilled. Unless some abnormal crisis seriously affects all business, we may reasonably anticipate, for the last half of the current year, a continued improvement in earnings.

Financial Status.—In closing, I cannot refrain from comparing the company's financial status at the time of this writing with that of but some 18 months ago. Then we owed banks \$12,000,000; now, we have no bank indebtedness, and have cash on hand of over \$5,000,000. The change has been brought about by liquidation of our metal stocks, improvement in earnings and elimination of undesirable business.

**CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT SIX MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30—INCLUDING AMERICAN SMELTING & REFINING CO. AND AMERICAN SMELTERS SECURITIES CO.**

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Net earns. Smelt. & Ref. plants and industries	\$5,216,128	\$2,494,893	\$6,678,412	\$5,285,668
Net from mining prop.	877,409	def77,132	2,070,773	428,081
Total net earnings	\$6,093,537	\$2,417,761	\$8,749,185	\$5,713,749
Int., rents, divs., com's, &c. (net)	167,316	30,805	941,902	307,905
Gross income	\$6,260,853	\$2,448,566	\$9,691,087	\$6,021,654
Gen'l & admin. exps.	\$504,201	\$461,681	\$665,347	\$481,995
Research & exam. exps.	26,496	64,094	49,681	40,695
Corp. taxes (incl. est. Federal taxes)	286,232	3,776	502,771	412,355
Int. on Am. Sm. & Ref. Co. 1st Mt. 6s	865,026	791,201	795,188	796,793
Int. on Rosta Coal & Coke Co. Coll. 6s	21,175	20,276	39,070	
Misc. profit & loss adj.	595,085	96,701	819,536	
Bal. for deprec. & divs.	\$4,051,748	\$1,001,338	\$6,819,494	\$4,289,846
Deprec. & depl. of ore res.	2,225,825	2,103,669	2,788,653	2,140,686
Am. Sm. & Ref. Co. pref. divs. (3 1/2%)	1,750,000	1,750,000	1,750,000	1,750,000
Am. Sm. Sec. Co. pref. "A" divs. (3%)	194,361	283,554	287,982	292,146
Am. Sm. Sec. Co. pref. "B" divs. (2 1/2%)	24,143	68,581	77,435	82,518
Am. Sm. & Ref. Co. Common dividends			(21,129,960)	(21,219,960)
Bal., sur. for 6 mos. def	\$142,589	def\$3,203,967	\$695,464	def\$1,195,464
Total profit & loss sur.	\$20,179,497	\$22,783,326	\$26,670,035	\$25,864,765

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET.**

(Includes Amer. Smelt. & Ref. Co. and Amer. Smelt. Securities Co.)

Assets—	Jan 30 '22.	Dec. 31 '21.	Liabilities—	Jan 30 '22.	Dec. 31 '21.
Property acct.	126,769,750	128,042,207	A. S. & Ref. Co. pref. stock	50,000,000	50,000,000
Investments	2,992,875	2,710,698	A. S. Sec. Co. pref. stk. "A"	6,341,300	7,279,500
Prepd. tax & ins.	739,794	629,981	Ref. stk. "B"	747,300	1,434,300
Deferred acc'task notes receiv.	96,103	268,427	A. S. & Ref. Co. common stock	60,998,000	60,998,000
Inter-pl't acc'ts in transit	99,353	53,101	Bds. outstanding:		
Cash	4,426,368	2,274,427	A. S. & R. Co. 1st Mt. "A"	34,919,500	34,183,200
Liberty bonds	266,350	1,489,350	Rosta Coal & C. Co. 6% coll. trust bds.	615,700	747,300
Bankers' & trade acceptances	137,187	67,246	Accounts, notes, drafts & wages payable	13,476,271	10,482,736
Loans acct'd by metal on h'd.	125,608	246,266	Int. on bonds:		
Acc'ts and notes receivable	8,914,148	4,934,440	Unclaimed	37,648	42,840
Materials & sup.	5,973,993	6,112,510	Acct. (not due)	442,722	434,763
Metal stocks	41,435,235	42,414,644	Dividends:		
Cash with trust. of sink. fds.			Unclaimed	70,964	84,011
Am. S. S. Co. 6% 15-year deb. bonds	290	950	Pay. aft. close of period	981,605	1,024,156
Rosta Coal & Coke Co. 6% coll. tr. bonds	1,102	63	Acct. taxes not due (Fed. taxes estimated)	1,205,099	817,732
Empl. pen. fd.	884,679	884,679	Empl. pen. res.	858,090	897,741
Empl. u. b. fd.	478,924	478,924	Empl. d. b. res.	651,740	641,971
			Fire ins. reserve	412,121	412,121
			Safety & wel. res.	12,719	12,719
			Miscellaneous	1,325,583	794,747
			Surplus	20,119,497	20,322,077
Total	193,281,859	190,609,913	Total	193,281,859	190,609,913

—V. 115, p. 1323, 1102.

**American Telephone & Telegraph Co.**

(Report for 9 Months ending Sept. 30 1922.)

President H. B. Thayer Oct. 16 says:

The demand for telephones grows faster than our population. It is an intensive growth; an increasing percentage of the population is seeking telephone service. It is a function of the company to study the future requirements for telephone facilities and to co-operate with the associated companies of the Bell System in provision for adequately handling the new business as promptly and economically as possible.

To take care of new telephone business, approximately \$175,000,000 worth of new telephone plant—consisting of land, buildings, switchboards, cables, toll lines, and telephone instruments—is built by the Bell System annually. These new telephone facilities mean additional revenues and increase the value of the service to all telephone subscribers by increasing the number of people with whom each subscriber can talk.

In view of the needs of the business, your company offered to its stockholders of record on Sept. 8 1922 additional stock in the proportion of one share of new stock to 5 shares of stock then outstanding. As stated in advising such stockholders of the details of this offer, this substantial issue makes any further issue of stock to stockholders improbable for a considerable period to come.

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EARNINGS, 9 MOS. END. SEPT. 30.**

	1922.	1921.	1920.
Earnings:			



**Julius Kayser & Co. (Glove Manufacturers), N. Y.**  
(Report for Fiscal Year ending Aug. 31 1922.)

**RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING AUG. 31.**

	1921-22	1920-21	1919-20	1918-19
Profits (after deprec'n)	\$1,685,058	\$1,269,047	\$1,112,354	\$2,055,833
<b>Deductions—</b>				
Loss on invent., less res.	x650,069			
Fed. inc. & exc. prof. tax	(See note 2)		105,000	600,000
Redemp. of Pref. stock		150,000	150,000	150,000
Miscellaneous		32,182	15,341	12,682
New Pref. stock divs.	220,383			
First Pref. divs. (7%)	99,008	120,183	126,897	133,006
Second Pref. divs.		(7%) 15,845	6,212	7,263
Common dividends	396,600	(8%) 528,920	(8%) 528,390	(8%) 527,300
Total deductions	\$716,081	\$1,487,199	\$931,840	\$1,430,150
Balance, surplus	\$968,977	def. 218,152	\$180,514	\$625,683

x Adjustment of inventories to market value, \$1,036,069; for market decline or unfilled purchase contracts, \$114,000; total, \$1,150,069; less reserve previously provided therefor, \$500,000; balance, \$650,069.

y The total profit and loss surplus Aug. 31 1921 was \$4,580,259; add profit for year 1921-22, \$968,977; adjustments of excess depreciation on capital assets; additional reserves for income and profits taxes, etc., net, \$195,944; adjustments due to recapitalization (net), \$340,123. Total surplus Aug. 31 1922, \$6,085,302.

z Profits in 1922 are after provision for bond interest, depreciation and Federal and other taxes on income, while the income account for the year ending Aug. 31 1921 does not show any deduction for Federal income and excess profits tax, but the balance sheet shows a provision for Federal taxes on income for 1920-21 (source of which is not stated).

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AUG. 31 (INCL. AFFIL. COS.)**

Assets—	1922.	1921.	Liabilities—	1922.	1921.
Land, bldgs., mach., equip. & tools	6,556,380	4,448,700	New Pref. stock	\$7,933,900	1,573,900
Patents, tr. mks. & goodwill	5,644,000	5,644,000	1st Pref. stock		83,500
Cash	714,032	749,866	Common stock	7,267,946	26,611,500
Dep. with mutual insurance cos.	85,028		Notes payable	1,300,000	2,850,000
Notes & acct's rec. (less reserve)	2,769,748	3,109,225	Trade acct. pay. for silk		2,039,225
Due from officers and employees	14,382	135,929	Acct's payable	198,428	71,271
Sundry debtors	67,873	113,739	Pref. divs. reserve	88,153	
Marketable securities	11,310	14,555	Accr. comp. to emp.	18,841	81,152
Sik. pur. for emp.	12,098	4,635	Sundry cred. & billsites accrued	68,174	62,470
Inventories	7,797,595	6,339,020	Due to off. & emp.	192,876	9,791
Deferred charges	49,362	69,077	Federal taxes	431,171	19,000
			Bonds & notes of affiliated cos.	113,900	163,200
			Reserves	116,750	314,000
			Surplus	2,101,059	66,659,675
Total	23,742,399	20,628,783	Total	23,742,399	20,628,783

x Land, bldgs., machinery and equipment valued as to principal properties on basis of recent appraisals, \$8,467,419; less reserve for depreciation, \$1,901,039, leaving as above stated, \$6,566,380.

y New Preferred stock authorized 70,000 shares of no par value; issued and outstanding, 66,115 shares.

z Common stock in 1922 authorized, 150,000 shares of no par value; issued and outstanding, 115,700 shares; and surplus, \$7,267,946. The authorized capital stock was changed March 8 1922; see recapitalization plan in V. 114, p. 858.

a Capital surplus arising from property appraisals.

b General surplus, \$1,580,259; appropriated surplus (a) for funds applied in redemption of 1st Pref. stock, \$1,550,000; (b) special surplus account, \$516,668; (c) for amortization of bonds, \$12,750.

(e) Federal and foreign taxes on income, due or accrued.—V. 115, p. 1436, 80.

**Punta Alegre Sugar Co.**

(7th Annual Report—Year ending May 31 1922.)

President Edwin F. Atkins Oct. 1 reports in substance:

Raw Sugar Output of Estate (bags)—	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.
Central Punta Alegre	327,773	324,867	284,566
Central Florida	303,199	253,896	258,462
Central Trinidad	107,740	84,946	80,592
Total	738,712	663,709	623,620

Of the total production, 700,000 bags of raw sugar were refined in the Pennsylvania Sugar Co.'s plant in Philadelphia and sold as refined sugar. The balance, amounting to 38,712 bags, has been sold as raw sugar in the open market or locally in Cuba.

The management has endeavored to have the sale of refined sugar distributed evenly throughout the 12 months of the year, thereby securing as nearly as possible an average price for that period.

**Estimate of Returns.**—A conservative estimate of the returns for the entire crop may be summarized as follows:

Direct and local sales, raw sugar	\$291,307
Sugars sold through refining contract, delivered or contracted for prior to Sept. 30	3,947,190
Raw sugar unsold Sept. 30: 154,200 bags inventoried at 3.08 cts. per pound f.o.b. Cuba	1,542,000

Total estimated proceeds from sale of sugar \$5,780,497

On the inventory value of 3.08 cts. per pound for the unsold sugars, the company will net an average price of 2.43 cts. per pound f.o.b. for the crop.

**Grinding Operations.**—The Punta Alegre factory at Punta San Juan started grinding Dec. 26 and continued until May 23, when the mill was compelled to stop owing to unusually heavy rains, leaving sufficient cane in the fields to exceed their estimated crop of 350,000 bags. Of the cane ground the company's plantations supplied 17%.

At Florida grinding continued from Dec. 2 to May 12, when the early rains forced a stoppage of operations. Of the cane ground the company plantations supplied 18%.

The Trinidad mill ground from Dec. 26 to May 13, with an output substantially in excess of last year. The company plantations supplied 48% of the cane ground.

**New Financing.**—The company has disposed of an issue of \$5,820,700 15-Year 7% Sinking Fund Convertible debentures, dated July 1 1922. Proceeds have enabled the company to pay off all outstanding debt and to provide for dead season expenses. [These bonds were offered and subscribed for in full by the stockholders; see V. 115, p. 82, 190; V. 114, p. 2725, 2587.]

The stockholders June 13 1922 increased the authorized capital to \$25,000,000, par \$50 each. Of the new stock, 104,773 shares are reserved for conversion of the debenture bonds.

Company has concluded an agreement whereby it has acquired all the capital stock of the Compania Azucarera Baragua, which took over, subject to a purchase mortgage of \$4,500,000, all the lands, plant, equipment and working assets of the Baragua Sugar Co. (see offering of bonds in V. 115, p. 311). The Punta Alegre Sugar Co. issued 85,250 shares of its stock in exchange for 85,250 shares of the Compania Azucarera Baragua, and also purchased for cash at par 25,000 shares to provide working capital for the Cuban corporation. This acquisition adds to the Punta group a large and successful sugar estate with an established capacity of over 400,000 bags per annum (see V. 115, p. 445).

Company has also acquired all the Common stock of the Compania Azucarera Canasi, in payment for which there was issued 12,000 shares of the Punta Alegre Sugar Co.'s Common stock. (Compare V. 115, p. 996.) The properties are subject to a closed first mortgage of \$1,600,000, of which not exceeding \$150,000 is now to be issued in payment for certain equipment, and the company has outstanding 3,300 shares of Pref. stock (par \$100). The new property will be used for the present to increase the cane supply for the Punta San Juan and Florida mills.

After completion of these transactions, the total capital stock of the Punta Alegre Sugar Co. outstanding was 330,073 shares and 104,773 shares were reserved in order to provide for the conversion of the Debenture bonds, leaving 65,154 shares in the treasury.

**CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT.**

	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.	1918-19.
Operating profit	\$1,267,897	loss \$1,359,035	\$8,708,394	\$2,955,011
Less—				
Depreciation on plant	838,059	680,913	750,393	522,692
Interest on loans	285,729	75,355	395,004	332,063
Interest on bonds			14,102	270,000
Miscellaneous	2,379	Cr. 26,436	Cr. 13,490	29,823
Net profit	\$141,729	loss \$206,887	\$7,481,485	\$1,800,433
Est. U. S. & Cuban inc. & excess profits taxes	6,000		853,019	226,913
Available profit	loss \$135,729	loss \$206,887	\$6,628,466	\$1,573,519
Deduct—				
Adjustments	309,497	774,423	Cr. 62,186	Cr. 30,598
Proportion of organ. exp. Res. for loans on plantings & doubtful accts.	Cr. 199,899		200,000	
Res. for shrinkage in val. of m'tls in warehouse		174,017		
Preferred dividends			38,611	1,462
Common divs.	(3%) 153,449	(7%) 179,149		
Balance, surplus	\$26,131	df. \$4,517,756	\$5,646,708	\$1,574,504
Previous surplus	4,589,260	9,136,016	2,416,523	842,019
Surplus pd. in on stk. iss.		1,000	1,072,785	
Surplus May 31	\$4,615,391	\$4,589,260	\$9,136,016	\$2,416,523

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT MAY 31.**

Assets—	May 31 '22.	May 31 '21.	Liabilities—	May 31 '22.	May 31 '21.
Fixed assets	\$13,799,867	14,279,130	Capital stock (232,824 shares)	11,641,150	11,641,150
Organic'n expenses	677,203	677,203	M'gns. payable	64,761	64,761
M'gns. receivable	5,000	1,000	Land purch., pay-able yearly to '27	258,298	308,298
Stk. in other cos.	306,341	296,341	Res. asst. adv. to planters, &c.	300,000	470,678
Live stock	406,822	416,577	*Notes & accept's outstanding	5,936,500	4,490,915
Suppl. in warehouse (at cost)	925,772	1,348,601	Other notes pay'le	170,000	142,167
Sugar in process (at cost)	4,038	3,780	Int. & rents acer.	37,159	28,979
Exp. on acct. of 1922-23 crop	6,078	17,426	U. S. & Cuban tax	6,900	578,019
Mat'l's in transit & deferred charges	60,730	20,241	N. Y. office un-reported credit.	150,002	65,556
Suppl. in stores (at cost)	189,625	305,822	Accts. payable	244,325	1,136,644
Sugar inventory	4,695,793	3,683,422	Surplus	4,615,392	4,589,260
Accts. rec. from planters & oth'rs	2,163,220	2,337,836			
N. Y. office, cash, &c.	83,039				
Cash	110,050	129,238			
Total	23,413,577	23,516,417	Total	23,413,577	23,516,417

Note.—Contingent liability for \$251,000 being notes given by planters to banks for advances made, repayment of which is guaranteed by the Compania Azucarera Florida.

At Sept. 30 1922, unsold balance of sugar was 154,200 bags, inventoried at 3.08 cents per pound f.o.b. Cuba.

x Mill buildings and machinery, \$7,816,789; increase over 1921, \$38,534; road and shipping equipment, \$4,583,470; increase, \$153,806; houses and buildings, &c., \$1,866,376; increase, \$148,115; steam plows, carts, tools, furniture, &c., \$329,784; total, \$14,506,419. Less reserve for deprec., \$3,169,590; plant under construction, \$4,250; lands, pastures, roads and wells, \$1,365,762; cane fields and other plantings, including ditches, \$1,003,017.—V. 115, p. 1739, 996.

**G. R. Kinney Co., Inc.**

(Semi-annual Report 6 Months ended June 30 1922.)

President E. H. Krom says in brief:

I would call attention to the quite satisfactory condition of the company's finances; the quick assets, over \$1,000,000 of which represent cash and bonds, are 9 times the current liabilities. We have increased our net worth over \$600,000 during this period. Our factories are in most cases operating at capacity and the whole organization is determined to increase its efficiency as well as net earnings.

Our sales are running at about even with 1921 in value, with an increase in number of pairs sold. I look forward to good results for the last six months of 1922 and believe that the net earnings will equal if not exceed those of the first half of this year.

**CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.**

	6 Mos. end. June 30 '22.	Year end. Jan. 31 '22.
Sales, less allowances, returns & discounts: Stores, \$5,645,283; factories, \$2,183,274	\$7,828,556	\$17,751,793
Less inter-company sales	1,479,810	
Net sales	\$6,348,747	\$17,751,793
Cost of sales	4,372,096	13,506,249
Gross profit	\$1,976,651	\$4,245,544
Selling, administrative and general expenses	1,340,641	3,317,516
Net operating profit	\$636,010	\$928,028
Plus other income (net)	44,384	214,275
Total net income	\$680,394	\$1,142,303
Interest	\$84,331	
Discount	12,600	
Interest on notes and accounts payable	15,438	163,526
Surplus	\$568,025	\$978,777

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET.**

Assets—	June 30 '22.	Jan. 31 '21.	Liabilities—	June 30 '22.	Jan. 31 '21.
Cash	659,283	933,726	8% cum. pref. stk.	5,395,000	5,267,800
Liberty bonds		309,750	Common stock	2,428,436	2,584,875
N. Y. City 4 1/2% bonds, '71 (cost)	429,950		Notes payable		3,807,900
Empl. notes rec'd	9,839		Acct's pay., trade	686,672	1,002,273
Accts. rec. (less res.)	137,054	273,476	Miscellaneous	2,417	
Life insur. policies (cash value)	43,324	36,176	Fed. & State taxes (estimated)		122,000
Merchandise, raw materials, &c.	5,285,754	8,067,636	Interest on o.m.s.		18,868
Other curr. assets		6,808	Bal. of consid. for vendor cos. pay. in pref. stock	95,315	198,786
15-Yr. 7 1/2% notes repur. & held in treasury	y350,000		Inv. deprec. res'v'e		304,210
Sundry investm'ts	300		15-yr. 7 1/2% gold notes	y2,500,000	
L'd. bldgs., mach., &c. (less deprec.)	1,237,186	1,098,124	Surplus		75,140
Unexp. ins. dis't on notes, &c.	504,261	188,452			
Good-will	2,480,050	2,480,050			
Total	11,157,002	13,391,198	Total	11,157,002	13,391,198

Contingent liabilities, notes discounted, \$790. x Common stock, 52,589 shares of no par value; net equity, \$2,428,435, as shown. y Of the \$350,000 15-Year 7 1/2% notes held in the treasury, \$133,000 have been purchased under provisions of the sinking fund and the others are held as a free asset of the company.—V. 115, p. 551.

**Hendee Manufacturing Co., Springfield, Mass.**

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Aug. 31 1922.)

President Henry H. Skinner, Springfield, Mass., Oct. 5, says in brief:

Sales.—The sales during the year were disappointing, notwithstanding the high regard in which the 1922 line was held by the trade. This is ex-

plained by the continued adverse rates of foreign exchange, which greatly handicapped export business during the first part of the year, and by lack of employment in this country among the classes which constitute the normal domestic outlet for our products.

**Inventories.**—Although a reserve, thought at the time to be ample, was set up a year ago to cover shrinkage of values and obsolescence, the year just passed has proved it to be insufficient. This is in part due to unforeseen reductions in prices of materials and parts, and also to the fact that the preference for the new model has hastened the obsolescence of old stock. In taking this inventory, due consideration was given to market values, and all parts of the older models in excess of probable requirements for service orders have been written off.

**Good-Will.**—The good-will has been increased from \$6,157,646—its value in last year's statement—to its original cost value in 1913 of \$8,300,000. Had this not been done, the balance sheet would have shown an apparent impairment of the original capital and, therefore, would have failed to reflect the true conditions of the company. As the good-will had been written off out of previous year's earnings, no such impairment actually existed. As a matter of fact, company, after weathering the acute industrial depression of the post-war period, after absorbing heavy losses due to shrinkage in the market value and obsolescence of inventories, and after making provisions for all other known or anticipated losses, begins the current year with an earned surplus of \$936,192.

**Investments.**—During the year the outstanding notes and accounts receivable due from the Harley Co. were exchanged for a first mortgage of \$725,000 on the real estate and machinery of that company, together with the absolute conveyance of certain other personal property. Subsequently the entire capital stock of the Harley Co. was sold for \$100,000 cash (compare V. 114, p. 527).

In the case of the company's holdings in the Wire Wheel Corp. of America, a reserve has been provided to equalize the difference between the cost and the present market value.

**Future Business.**—Prices on the 1923 line of Indian motorcycles have been further reduced, and this, together with the improvement of industrial conditions and in the rate of foreign exchange, gives an encouraging outlook for future business.

**CONDENSED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING AUG. 31.**

	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.
Sales, less returns and allowances.	\$3,097,481	\$4,139,444	\$9,055,357
Cost of goods sold.		3,526,075	7,720,274
Gross gain from operations.		\$613,369	\$1,335,083
Selling and administrative expenses.		452,981	580,964
Reserve for Federal taxes (est.)			60,000
Balance.	\$4,370,719		
Other inc (int. divs. & misc. inc.)		\$160,388	\$694,119
Other charges (int. & other non-trading expenses)		Cr. 62,654	Cr. 138,463
Net profit from operations.		def\$5,121	def\$72,667
Less—Reduction of inv. to mkt. and for obsolescence.		\$137,922	\$759,915
Net loss.	\$1,273,238	\$912,078	sur\$759,915

x Includes in 1921-22 cost of goods sold, including shrinkage and obsolescence of inventories, selling and administrative expenses, other income charges, net, and loss on sale of company's holdings in the Harley Company.

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT YEAR 1921-22.**

Balance, Sept. 1 1921.	\$436,007
Restoration of good-will amortized out of earnings.	2,142,354
Reserves transferred back to surplus.	67,443
Total.	\$2,645,804
Adjustment of London branch account for 1921.	81,592
Adjusted balance Sept. 1 1921.	\$2,564,212
Net loss for the year, \$1,273,238; shrinkage in market value of Wire Wheel stock, \$163,832; provision for additional loss on the Harley Co., \$100,000; provision for discounts and allowances on London branch accounts, \$20,950.	1,558,020
Dividends on Preferred stock (7%).	70,000
Balance, surplus, Aug. 31 1922.	\$936,192

**CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET AUG. 31.**

1922.		1921.		1922.		1921.	
Assets		Liabilities		Assets		Liabilities	
Land & buildings.	603,413	617,762	Common stock.	10,000,000	10,000,000		
Good-will (see text).	8,300,000	6,157,647	Preferred stock.	1,000,000	1,000,000		
Mach'y & equip.	875,197	942,523	Acc'ts payable.	378,913	110,102		
Harley Co. stock.		301,266	Notes payable.	121,835	161,538		
Harley Co. 1st M.	625,000		Wages pay., &c.	13,278	22,091		
Harley Co. notes.		591,777	Trade accept. pay.	38,208	44,717		
Notes receivable.	3,000		Accrued taxes, &c.	33,060	63,163		
Harley Co. ac'ts &c.		16,533	Advances, &c.	62,741	43,352		
Stock in other cos.	119,768	283,600	Contingent reserve		33,000		
Cash.	152,763	131,929	Surplus.	936,192	436,007		
Inventories.	1,431,690	2,095,477					
Acc'ts receivable.	302,500	348,355					
Can. Vic. bonds.		20,000					
Due from branches.	162,730	292,396					
Deferred charges.	8,250						
Total.	12,584,228	11,913,971	Total.	12,584,228	11,913,971		

Note.—On Aug. 31 1922 there were unmaturing under discount customers' notes, trade acceptances and foreign drafts amounting to \$315,959. By agreement dated April 1 1922 with the Continental Guaranty Corp. of New York, the company was also contingently liable on customers' notes discounted by Hende dealers aggregating \$50,035.—V. 115, p. 766, 314.

**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."

**Car Loadings.**—Loadings of all classes of revenue freight for the week ending Oct. 7 totaled 968,169 cars, a decrease of 20,312 cars from the preceding week, and 43,497 cars less than in the corresponding week of 1920, the peak year for railway traffic. As compared with 1921 the Oct. 7 figure was an increase of 68,488 cars.

Principal changes compared with week ended Sept. 30 were: Coal, 189,312 cars, decrease, 37; merchandise and miscellaneous freight, 573,782 cars, decrease, 15,316; grain and grain products, 50,553 cars, decrease, 1,576; live stock, 39,359 cars, decrease, 471; coke, 9,880 cars, increase, 424; forest products, 57,844 cars, decrease, 898; ore, 47,439 cars, decrease, 2,338.

**Car Shortage.**—The American Railway Association reported that the demand for freight cars in excess of the current supply amounted to 141,252 cars on Oct. 8, an increase of 10,927 cars over the total on Sept. 30. The shortage of box cars was 71,063, an increase in 8 days of 4,534, while for coal cars it amounted to 40,199, an increase within the same period of 1,545.

The report showed that unfilled requisitions for stock cars totaled 17,477, an increase of 5,377 over the total on Sept. 30. The shortage in refrigerator cars stood at 4,791, a decrease of 777 cars within the eight days.

**Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Oct. 14.**—(a) Railroad gross and net earnings for August, p. 1674-77. (b) Methods of settling wage and working conditions between railroads and unions have entered new era, says W. G. Lee, President of Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, p. 1688. (c) Counsel for shompen's union files answer to Government's injunction suit, p. 1688. (d) Chicago RR. Island & Pacific renews working agreement with engineers, p. 1688. (e) Further settlements in shompen's strike, p. 1688. (f) Pennsylvania RR. removes freight embargo, p. 1689.

(g) Secretary of Agriculture Wallace declares freight rates on farm products must be lowered, p. 1689. (h) Southern Ry. shareholders express confidence in corporate management of property and declare for freedom from Commission control, p. 1689.

**Alabama & Mississippi RR.—Part of Line Leased.**—See Mississippi & Alabama RR. below.—V. 115, p. 1319.

**Algonia Central Terminals, Ltd.—Bond Interest.**—It is officially announced that payment will be made to holders of 1st M. 5% 50-year bonds at the Bank of Montreal, in Montreal, London and New York, on Nov. 1 next, interest at the rate of 1 1/2% for six months from Feb. 1 last, upon presentation of coupon No. 6. This payment will be made in accordance with a plan of arrangement and agreement already entered into.—V. 114, p. 1764.

**Ashland (Wis.) Lt., Pr. & St. Ry.—New Control.**—See Middle West Utilities Co. in V. 115, p. 1737.—V. 109, p. 1079.

**Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—Equipment—Impts.**—The company has ordered 5,100 cars, as follows: 2,500 from the Pullman Co., 2,000 from the American Car & Foundry Co., and 500 from the Standard Steel Car Co.—"Railway Age."  
According to a statement credited to Pres. W. B. Storey, the company spent \$48,351,006 for improvements in 1922 up to Sept., and that the 1923 improvements program will cost about the same.—V. 115, p. 1729, 1530.

**Bangor & Aroostock RR.—Listing.**—The Boston Stock Exchange has placed on the list temporary certificates for 34,800 shares (par \$100) preferred stock.—V. 115, p. 1428.

**Berkshire (Mass.) Street Ry.—Wages Unchanged.**—The company and its employees, by arbitration, have agreed to extend the present wage scale. The company had sought a 20% reduction and the employees an increase of from 10 to 15%.—V. 114, p. 2716.

**Bridgeton & Millville Traction Co.—Acquired by New Co.**—The Cumberland Traction Co. has been formed with a capitalization of \$100,000 to take over the line between Millville and Bridgeton, N. J. Clayton McPherson, who recently obtained a short term lease to operate the line, has been elected President; William L. Martin as Vice-President, Gus C. Westcott as Secretary and George Maier as Treasurer.—V. 115, p. 182.

**Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.—Statement By Federal Judge Mayer On Receivership.—Reorganization Under Way.**—Federal Judge Mayer has issued the following statement in connection with winding up the B. R. T. receivership:

So many conflicting rumors have been current as to the reorganization or readjustment of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit system that it seems appropriate to state what is in progress. It is desirable, of course, that the receivership should be ended as soon as practicable; but before this result can be accomplished various legal and financial problems must be worked out. These problems are different in many respects from those presented by the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. The Brooklyn Rapid Transit system consists not only of subway and elevated roads, but also surface roads, and thus the group of security holders and creditors who must be consulted before any plan is finally presented are more numerous than in the case of the Interborough.

The questions involved have been under study for some time and outlines of plans for reorganization are now being prepared by different groups. These proposed plans, when drafted, will be the subject matter of conference, and, in due course, the situation will be taken up with the Transit Commission.

In view of what was said by the court and various counsel at the hearing at the beginning of the receivership, the court has no doubt that any plan ultimately submitted will make just provisions for claims of tort creditors, that is, deaths or personal injury claims.

While the court has fully appreciated the hardships suffered in many instances by tort creditors, the delay in disposing of these claims has been due to the legal complications necessarily incident to the receivership. It is hoped, however, that these creditors will not sell their claims to speculators. Not only are the interests of the tort creditors receiving the attention of the court, but from early in the receivership the tort creditors' committee has been untiring in its efforts to secure a just and fair disposition of these claims.

Fortunately, the increase in the net earnings of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit system has made possible the winding up of the receivership a practical question, and, while it is impossible when that result will be obtained, the time has come when efforts to that end have been seriously undertaken.

**Statement of Interest Coupons in Default at October 1 1922.**

Coupons Dated (see note)—

Brooklyn Rap. Tran. Co.—1st Mtge. 5s.	Apr. 1 1919 & subsequent thereto.
First Refunding Mtge. 4s.	July 1 1919 & subsequent thereto.
Three Year 7% Gold notes (due 1921).	Jan. 1 1919 to July 1 1921.
N. Y. Municipal Ry. Corp.—1st M. 5s.	Jan. 1 1919 & subsequent thereto.
Brooklyn Heights RR.—1st Mtge. 5s.	Oct. 1 1919 & subsequent thereto.
Nassau Electric RR.—1st Mtge. 5s.	Oct. 1 1919 & subsequent thereto.
First Consolidated Mtge. 4s.	Jan. 1 1920 & subsequent thereto.
Athletic Ave. Improvement Mtge. 5s.	Jan. 1 1920 & subsequent thereto.
Bklyn. B. & W. E. Gen. Mtge. 5s.	Oct. 1 1919 & subsequent thereto.
Bklyn. Queens Co. & Sub. RR. 1st M. 5s.	July 1 1919 & subsequent thereto.
First Consolidated Mtge. 5s.	Nov. 1 1919 & subsequent thereto.
Coney Isl. & Bklyn. RR. Consol. M. 4s.	July 1 1919 & subsequent thereto.

Note.—Interest on all issues listed above is payable semi-annually.—V. 115, p. 1729, 1531.

**Buffalo & Lake Erie Traction Co.—Abandonment.**—The New York P. S. Commission has notified City Attorney Nugent that it will grant the application of George R. Bullock, receiver of the company, to abandon the Point Gratiot Street Ry., Dunkirk, N. Y. The line operated only in the summer months ("Railway Journal").—V. 115, p. 1209.

**Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry.—Bonds Offered.**—Lee, Higginson & Co., New York, are offering at 96 1/4 and int. to yield over 4.72%, \$4,500,000 Consol. Mtge. 4 1/2% Gold bonds of 1907. Due May 1 1957. Non-callable. The bankers state:

**Company.**—Operates an important railway system of approximately 590 miles of road (1257 miles of track) extending from Pittsburgh and New Castle, Pa., through the bituminous coal fields to Buffalo and Rochester, N. Y. Of the mileage operated, 368 miles are owned in fee, 90 miles are operated under lease and upon 131 miles company has trackage rights. Through 50% ownership of the Ontario Car Ferry Co., Ltd., and connections with the New York Central RR., Erie RR., Philadelphia & Reading Ry., and Central RR. of New Jersey, company has direct connections with the important coal markets of eastern Canada, New England, New York City and Philadelphia.

**Capitalization Outstanding (Upon Completion of Present Financing).**

Preferred 6% stock.	\$6,000,000	Consol. Mtge. 4 1/2% (incl. this issue)	\$2,578,000
Common stock.	10,500,000	U. S. Gov. loan, 1926.	1,000,000
Underlying Divl. Mtge.		Equip. obligations, due serially 1927-1935.	6,277,800
bonds, due 1937 & 1939.	4,777,000		

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to retire at maturity on Dec. 1 1922, the remaining \$3,655,000 Rochester & Pittsburgh RR. 6% bonds outstanding, to provide additional working capital and to reimburse the company in part for the purchase of equipment paid for out of earnings.

**Earnings.**—From 1911 to 1917 inclusive, net income available for interest charges averaged \$2,985,971, or 2 1/2 times average interest charges of \$1,325,502 during the same period. From 1918 to 1920 inclusive, covering the period of Federal control, the Guaranty Period of six months from March 1 1920 and including 4 months of corporate control to Dec. 31 1920, the average net income available for interest was \$3,369,403, or over twice interest charges averaging \$1,594,340.

A substantial margin of earnings over fixed charges has been shown in every year during the last 25 years, with the exception of 1921, in which year a deficit occurred, due to depressed business conditions. Net earnings for 1922, since the settlement of the coal and railroad strikes, have



shown a large improvement and it is believed that with a return to normal business conditions income should approximate pre-war figures.

**Dividends.**—Since 1902 company has paid continuous dividends of 6% per annum on its Preferred stock and not less than 4% per annum on its Common stock.

**Listing.**—Bonds previously issued are listed on the New York Stock Exchange and application will be made to list the present issue.—V. 115, p. 1729.

**Central Pacific Ry.—Southern Pacific Seeks to Avoid Dissolution.**

See Southern Pacific Co. below.—V. 115, p. 1729.

**Chicago Aurora & DeKalb Electric Ry.—Sale.**

There being no bidders Oct. 17 the sale of the road has been postponed for 30 days.—V. 115, p. 1428.

**Chicago Aurora & Elgin Corp.—Definitives Ready.**

See Chicago Aurora & Elgin RR. below.—V. 114, p. 2716.

**Chicago Aurora & Elgin RR.—Definitives Ready.**

The Girard Trust Co., Philadelphia, depository, is now prepared to deliver to holders of its interim receipts the definitive Ref. & Improve. 7% bonds of Chicago Aurora & Elgin RR., and voting trust certificates for Common stock of Chicago Aurora & Elgin Corp. Delivery of the definitive debenture bonds of the Chicago Aurora & Elgin Corp. will be made on or after Nov. 1, 1922 to holders of interim receipts therefor. The interest due Oct. 1, 1922 on the Ref. & Improve. 7% bonds of the Chicago Aurora & Elgin RR. was paid at office of Girard Trust Co., Philadelphia, trustee.

The company has asked the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$470,000 equip. trust notes for the purchase of 20 passenger coaches and one electric locomotive.—V. 115, p. 1320.

**Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR.—Consolidation Plan.**

See Northern Pacific RR. below.—V. 115, p. 1729, 435.

**Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville Ry.—Earnings.**

President H. R. Kurrle says in substance: Gross earnings from Jan. 1 to Oct. 7 were 2.17% ahead of 1921. The only decrease was in passenger revenue, which was off 8.26%, or \$212,237. from 1921. We have thus far earned more than half the year's dividend requirement. In Aug. and Sept. we felt the effect of the strike and high coal prices. In Aug. we were obliged to buy coal in Kentucky. Monon earnings are now determined by power conditions and car supply.—V. 115, p. 1631.

**Chicago Junction Ry.—Equip. Notes.**

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the Chicago River & Indiana RR. Co. to assume obligation and liability in respect of the payment of \$414,700 equipment notes of the Chicago Junction Ry.

The Commission also granted authority to the New York Central RR. to assume obligation and liability in respect of the equipment notes by guaranteeing performance of the obligation to be assumed by the Chicago River & Indiana RR. in respect thereof.

These equipment notes were created by an agreement dated Jan. 15, 1920, between Walker D. Hines as Director-General of Railroads, the Junction Co. and the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, as trustee.—V. 115, p. 1099.

**Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek Dist. Ry.—Sale.**

This road, running from Colorado Springs to Cripple Creek, Colo., 71 miles, was sold by Special Master Ivor O. Wingren, Oct. 16, to W. D. Corley of Colorado Springs, for \$375,000.—V. 115, p. 1320.

**Columbus Newark & Zanesville Electric Ry.—Receivership Terminated.**

We are advised that the receivership has been terminated and the property is now being operated for the bondholders by Day & Zimmerman. As the receivership was only recently terminated, no reorganization plan has as yet been proposed or adopted. It is, however, anticipated that a plan for re-financing and operating of the company will be forthcoming shortly.—V. 115, p. 847.

**Columbus Railway Power & Light Co.—Tenders.**

The Harris Trust & Savings Bank, trustee, 115 W. Monroe St., Chicago, Ill., will, until Nov. 10, receive bids for the sale to it of Ref. Mtge. gold bonds 6% series due 1941, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$121,875.—V. 115, p. 988.

**Cumberland (Md.) Electric Ry.—Merger.**

The Maryland P. S. Commission has approved the merger of this company and the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Cumberland, Md. The consolidated company will be known as the Cumberland Edison Power Co. Townsend Scott & Sons, Baltimore, headed the syndicate which promoted the merger.—V. 114, p. 2115.

**Cumberland Traction Co., N. J.—Acquisition.**

See Bridgeton & Millville Traction Co. above.

**Denver & Rio Grande RR.—Subdepository.**

The committee of which Richard Sutro is chairman and Lewis L. Clarke, Pres. American Exchange National Bank and William Loeb Jr., members, which asks deposit of Denver & Rio Grande 1st & Ref. 5% has appointed Rotterdamse Bankvereeniging of Amsterdam as sub-depository for the Refunding 5s, of which a large amount are held in that country. See V. 115, p. 1529.

**Detroit Bay City & Western RR.—Receiver.**

Judge Tuttle has appointed H. L. Stanton, V.-Pres. of the Detroit Trust Co., receiver of this road and the Independent Sugar Co. Receivership proceedings were instituted through joint petition of the Milliken National Bank, Detroit, Ill., and the Valley Coal Co., of Ohio, the former alleging that it holds \$12,500 unpaid notes against the railroad company and the latter setting up claims against the sugar company amounting to \$41,683. The bank alleges that the railroad has liabilities amounting to \$715,000, while the Valley Coal Co. sets up that the sugar company's liabilities total \$725,000.—V. 114, p. 1062.

**Detroit United Ry.—Value of Properties.**

An appraisal of the company's property, presented to the Michigan P. U. Commission shows that the total reproduction value of the company's interurban and city property (exclusive of city lines sold to the city of Detroit) is valued at \$30,785,035. The actual cost of the property is given as \$25,211,842 and the reproduction cost, to replace the property under existing prices, now is placed at \$41,796,886. The reproduction cost of operating property less depreciation is figured at \$28,177,097. The present average condition of company's property is given as 74%. The appraisal was made to aid the Commission in determining accurately the earnings per mile of the company's interurban system, so that rate schedules under the 1921 law fixing sliding rates proportionate to earnings may be definitely determined.—V. 115, p. 1730, 1099.

**East St. Louis & Suburban Co.—From 95 to 98% of Stock Deposited under Offer of North American Co.—E. W. Clark & Co. in a letter to the stockholders who have not yet deposited their holdings under the offer for purchase of their stock for the North American Co. say:**

There has been deposited under the offer of purchase made by Dillon, Read & Co. 98% of the Preferred stock and 95% of the Common stock of the East St. Louis & Suburban Co. The time originally fixed for deposit of stock expired Oct. 16, 1922, but in order to give the few outstanding stockholders an opportunity to take advantage of the offer, a short extension has been arranged.

Your stock should immediately be forwarded for exchange to the Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, New York. If for any reason you prefer to sell your stock, we will pay the market prices of \$30 per share for the Preferred and \$9 per share for the Common stock. This offer is for immediate acceptance and may be withdrawn at any time. In case of either exchange or sale certificates should be endorsed in blank, witnessed, and guaranteed by a broker or bank official. See V. 115, p. 1320.

**Gallipolis (O.) & Northern Traction Co.—Receivership.**

B. H. Eagle, banker, has been appointed receiver.

**Grand Trunk Pacific Ry.—Interest.**

A dispatch from Ottawa Oct. 12 states: "Commencing Nov. 1 interest payments on the bonds of the branch lines of the Grand Trunk Pacific in the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, which were guaranteed by the provinces, will be met through the Canadian National Railways."

These branch roads will remain in the national system as feeders to the main line. Provision for this action was made in the railway estimates passed during the last session of Parliament when \$800,000 was voted for the purpose of reimbursing the two provinces for the interest paid by them since the Grand Trunk Pacific went into liquidation.

Refunds to Alberta and Saskatchewan will amount to approximately \$500,000. The bonds were guaranteed and when the road went into liquidation these provinces were forced to assume the interest payments and make good the irregularities.—V. 115, p. 543.

**Great Northern Ry.—Consolidation Plan.**

See Northern Pacific RR. below.—V. 115, p. 73.

**Indianapolis Street Ry.—Fare Application.**

The company has applied to the Indiana P. S. Commission for authority to increase the fare on "owl" cars from 5 to 10 cents.—V. 115, p. 303.

**Interstate Railway.—Stricken Off List.**

The Phila. Stock Exchange on Oct. 13 struck off the regular list \$105,000 Coll. Tr. Cfts. 4s, due 1943, reported as acquired by the company and surrendered to and canceled by the Real Estate Title Insurance & Trust Co., Phila.; trustee, leaving the amount of trust certificates listed \$105,000.—V. 115, p. 73.

**Ironwood & Bessemer Ry. & Lt. Co.—New Control.**

See Middle West Utilities Co. in V. 115, p. 1737.—V. 114, p. 2359.

**Kansas City Outer Belt & Elec. Ry.—Sale Confirmed.**

An order confirming the sale of the property for \$330,500 to Joseph J. Heim, of the Kansas City, Kaw Valley & Western Electric line, was made at Leavenworth Oct. 11 by Judge John C. Pollock in Federal Court.—V. 115, p. 308.

**Interborough Consolidated Corp.—Sale Confirmed.**

Judge Julius M. Mayer in the Federal District Court Oct. 13 confirmed the sale of 399,128 shares of Capital stock of the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. for \$1,750,000, made to D. Raymond Noyes, representing Grayson M. P. Murphy, Frank L. Fuld and Guy E. Tripp, voting trustees, under the reorganization plan of the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. See V. 115, p. 1730, 1321.

**Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Voting Trustees, &c.**

To carry out provisions of Interborough-Manhattan plan of readjustment, providing for election of directors to represent the public authorities on the interborough board, a voting trust has been established. Voting trustees are: Grayson M. P. Murphy, Guy E. Tripp and Frank L. Fuld. The voting trust is to continue in force until Oct. 1, 1927.

On declaring the plan operative, it is proposed to increase the number of directors from 15 to 18. Of this number 9 shall be persons designated by the committee representing the stockholders, 3 designated by the Transit Commission, 3 by the committee representing the First 5s and 3 by a committee representing Manhattan Railway stockholders.

The company has applied to the Transit Commission for authority to issue the securities required under the readjustment plan.

Complete Interborough service between Manhattan, Bronx, Queens and Brooklyn was established Oct. 16 with the inauguration of service on the Livonia Ave. "L" extension of the Eastern Parkway subway.—V. 115, p. 1730.

**International Ry., Buffalo.—Damage Claim Filed.**

Company has filed with Buffalo city law dept. a claim for damages aggregating \$3,805,250, which, it is alleged, was incurred during the strike which started July 1, through the failure of the city to furnish adequate protection to its property and employees. Of this amount, an item of \$4,250 is for actual property damage.—V. 115, p. 868, 759.

**Ithaca Traction Corp.—Protective Committee.**

Default having been made on the principal of (1) \$175,000 Ithaca Street Ry. 1st Mtge. 6% gold bonds due July 1, 1922; (2) \$75,000 Ithaca Street Ry. 2d Mtge. 6% gold bonds, due July 1, 1922; (3) \$25,000 Cayuga Lake Electric Ry. 1st Mtge. 6% gold bonds, due June 1, 1922, and the interest on the \$488,000 Ithaca Traction Corp. 1st Mtge. 5% gold bonds, due April 1, 1924, the protective committee named below has been formed to protect the interests of the bondholders:

The committee in a notice to the bondholders Sept. 26 says:

The company is not able to pay or provide for the payment of the bonds, and the holders, to safeguard their investment, have appointed a protective committee. It is hoped to obtain a reorganization of the finances and affairs of the company in such a way as to insure the bondholders full protection, if not payment. Holders are requested to deposit their bonds with the Ithaca (N. Y.) Trust Co. before Nov. 15.

**Committee.**—Mynderse Van Cleeef, Chairman (Chairman of Board, Ithaca Trust Co., Ithaca, N. Y.); Frederick J. Platt (Scranton (Pa.) Trust Co.); Charles D. Bostwick, Sec'y (Compt., Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.), with Hank Irvine, counsel, Ithaca, N. Y.—V. 115, p. 76.

**Lake Superior District Power Co.—New Control.**

See Middle West Utilities Co. in V. 115, p. 1737.—V. 114, p. 2020.

**Lehigh Power Securities Corp.—Earnings—Tenders.**

The corporation was incorporated July 19, 1917 in Delaware. It owns all the Common stock and all the non-cumulative shares of Preferred stock of the Pennsylvania Power & Light Co.; a substantial majority of both classes of stock of the Lehigh Valley Traction Co., and all the Common stock of Wilkes-Barre Co.

**Combined Statement of Income for the 12 Months ended June 30 1922.**

(1) Subsidiary Companies—1922.	(2) Lehigh Pow. Sec. Corp.—1922.
Gross earnings.....\$16,821,828	Proportion of above earnings.....
Operating expenses.....9,832,168	Less to Lehigh Pow. Sec. Corp. \$1,975,347
Net earnings.....\$5,489,670	Miscellaneous income.....254,024
Other income.....145,620	Total.....\$2,209,371
Total income.....\$5,635,290	Expenses, including taxes.....73,185
Interest to public and discount.....2,035,350	Balance.....\$2,136,186
Depreciation appropriation.....1,271,089	Int. on 10-Year 6% notes.....1,057,567
	Other int. and deductions.....259,205
Balance.....\$2,328,851	Combined undistrib. income \$819,414

Of the total \$50,000,000 10-Year 6% Secured gold notes authorized, \$18,404,800 have been issued, of which \$3,299,900 have been retired, leaving outstanding \$15,104,900.

The Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, 140 Broadway N. Y. City, will until Nov. 1, receive bids for the sale to it, of 10-year 6% secured gold notes, dated Aug. 1, 1917, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$1,176,607.—V. 114, p. 2469, 854.

**Louisiana & Arkansas Ry.—Bonds Authorized.**

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$470,000 1st Mtge. 5% gold bonds, to be pledged and repledged from time to time as collateral security for any note or notes which may be issued, without authorization of the Commission having been first obtained.—V. 112, p. 1617.

**Middletown & Unionville RR.—Interest.**

The company announces that the interest of 3% on its Adjustment Income Mtge. bonds for the six months ended April 30 last will be paid on Nov. 2 at the Bankers Trust Co.—V. 112, p. 1741.

**Minneapolis & St. Louis RR.—Equipment Issue.**

The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$1,500,000 6% Equip. Trust Notes to be secured on 20 new locomotives, 10 new passenger coaches and 1,000 rebuilt freight cars. The company proposes to sell the notes at 95% through Freeman & Co., New York, and Stroud & Co., Philadelphia.—V. 115, p. 1210, 869.

**Mississippi & Alabama RR.—Acquisition.**

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to lease 17 miles of railroad extending from Vinegar Bend, Ala., to Leakesville, Miss. The line in question is the northerly portion of the Alabama & Mississippi

R.R., which on Oct. 21 1921 was authorized to be abandoned by the Commission.

On Aug. 1 1922 the road was sold in receivership proceedings for \$142,365 (V. 115, p. 1319). The new company proposes to lease from the purchasers the 17 miles in question, at an annual rental of \$5,000. The company is to have a capitalization of \$6,000, but has not made application for authority to issue its stock.

**Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry.—Sale Postponed.**

The sale of the property, scheduled for Oct. 16, has again been postponed, pending the approval by the I.-S. C. Commission of the reorganization plan.—V. 115, p. 1632, 1429.

**Missouri Pacific R.R.—Bonds Sold.**—Kuhn, Loeb & Co., New York, have sold at par and int. \$5,500,000 1st & Refg. Mtge. 6% gold bonds, Series "D," due Feb. 1 1949 (see advertising pages).

**Data from Letter of President B. F. Bush, New York, October 19.**  
**Purpose.**—To reimburse company for capital expenditures and to provide funds for the purchase of new equipment.

**Security.**—Secured by a direct lien on all the railroad properties of the company, including about 6,694 miles directly owned, valuable terminal properties, depots, bridges and upon all the equipment owned, subject to \$127,103,500 prior liens, for the retirement of which at or before maturity 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds are reserved. The 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds are a first lien on 3,354 miles of railroad and a refunding lien on the remaining about 3,340 miles, subject to prior liens thereon as above stated.

The bonds of this issue outstanding, including the bonds now being issued, plus the amount of loans from the U. S. Government secured by such bonds, are at the rate of only \$17,595 per mile on the mileage on which the bonds are a first lien.

**Equity.**—Following the 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds, company has outstanding \$51,350,000 Gen. Mtge. 4% bonds, due Mar. 1 1975, \$71,800,100 Preferred stock and \$82,839,500 of Common stock, having a total present market value of approximately \$93,000,000.

**Earnings.**—The income applicable to interest on the outstanding 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds after deducting interest on prior liens, rentals, taxes (other than income taxes), etc., for the year ended Dec. 31 1921, amounted to approximately \$7,852,000 (incl. approximately \$1,500,000 overlap items account of Government control and Government guaranty periods), while the amount of int. on the 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds, after the issuance of the present bonds, amounts to \$2,754,225 per annum.

The earnings for the elapsed part of the year 1922 have been unsatisfactory, due to the coal and shop crafts strikes and the accompanying disturbance of business, but conditions are now rapidly becoming normal.

**Assets.**—General balance sheet as of Aug. 31 1922, compared with June 1 1917 (the date the company took over the operation of the property), shows an increase in total assets of \$65,051,533, against an increase in its liabilities of only \$33,217,193, of which latter \$19,479,960 represents equipment trust certificates and amounts funded by the U. S. Govt. for new equipment purchased, additions, betterments, &c.  
 On Aug. 31 1922 current assets, without including \$9,249,695 materials and supplies, exceeded current liabilities by \$10,432,859. There was no floating debt and the company held as part of its current assets cash, U. S. Govt. certificates and N. Y. City warrants aggregating \$14,861,723.

**Issuance.**—The issuance and sale of these bonds has been authorized by the I.-S. C. Commission and other necessary public authorities.

**Listing.**—Application will be made to list these bonds on the N. Y. Stock Exchange. For previous offering of \$18,000,000 1st & Ref. Series "D" bonds, see V. 114, p. 1287.—V. 115, p. 739, 645.

**Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry.—Equip. Trusts.**

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of \$1,800,000 4 1/2% Equip. Trust Certificates, Series "B," to be issued by United States Trust Co., New York, trustee, under an equipment trust agreement dated Oct. 1 1922, in connection with the procurement of the following equipment: Eight locomotives, costing \$378,079; 15 passenger-train cars, costing \$307,541, and 1,000 freight-train cars, costing \$1,111,117.

Arrangements have been made to sell the certificates to J. P. Morgan & Co., New York City, at not less than 94.89 and div.—V. 115, p. 1632, 1731

**National Rys. of Mexico.—Ratification of Agreement Providing for Adjustment of Mexican External Debt.**

See "Current Events" in "Chronicle" Oct. 14, p. 1630.—V. 115, p. 1731, 1210.

**New York State Rys.—Balance Sheet, Etc.**

July 31 '22. Dec. 31 '21.		July 31 '22. Dec. 31 '21.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities (Con.)	\$
Road & equipm't.	52,838,269	Accounts payable.	382,841
Investments	2,637,069	Matured int., divs.	710,667
Sinking funds	266,340	& rents unpaid.	67,253
Cash	1,662,735	Accrued int., divs.	385,360
Special deposits	123,408	& rents payable.	396,801
Receivables	84,450	Other current liab.	36,000
Materials and supplies (at cost)	865,340	Mat'd funded debt unpaid	175,000
Interest, dividends and rents received	326,582	Other liab. liabilities	814,720
Unadjusted debts	2,160,088	Tax liability	339,069
Resequred secur.	9,900	Reserve for deprec. (road & equip.)	3,392,773
Total	60,508,740	Reserve for abandoned property	812,500
		Oth. unadj. credits	93,928
		Res. for secur. repl. and deprec.	5,000,000
Liabilities—		Sink. fund reserves	188,259
Prof. 5% stock	3,862,500	Profit & loss (bal.)	3,070,608
Common stock	19,952,400		
Funded debt	26,933,000		
Loans & notes pay.	1,446,375		
		Total	60,508,740

President James F. Hamilton has applied to the Common Council of Rochester, N. Y., for permission to operate trackless trolleys or buse through certain streets of the city of Rochester.—V. 115, p. 1731, 1533.

**Northern Ohio Traction & Light Co.—Securities.**

The Ohio P. U. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$1,000,000 8% Gen. & Ref. Mortgage bonds and \$1,000,000 7% Preferred stock. The company is selling the stock through its employees. No bonds have been issued, the Commission only granting authority to do so when improvements are made to the property. None of the securities are placed with banking houses for disposition.—V. 115, p. 1429, 1100.

**Northern Pacific Ry.—Hearing on Consolidations.**

Officers of the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern and the Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR. held conferences this week on the matter of preparing testimony, relative to consolidation, to be presented at the hearing before the I.-S. C. Commission Nov. 17. Chairman Howard Elliott made the following statement Oct. 19:

"The I.-S. C. Commission has set Nov. 17 for hearing in Washington "in the matter of consolidation, with a limited number of systems, of the railway properties of the United States." They will take up first the subject of the group in the northwest part of the country.

"The conference to-day (Oct. 19) between representatives of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington are simply for the purpose of considering the subject and arranging for suitable testimony on Nov. 17, so as to give to the Commission all information available on the complicated subject of a proper grouping of the railroads of the United States in the interest of adequate service to the public and protection to the owners of the property, as called for by the Transportation Act."

It is stated that it is the desire of these companies to preserve the close relationship that has existed between them in the last 21 years, through joint control of the Burlington by Great Northern and Northern Pacific. The Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul, it is stated, is not being considered as a part of the proposed grouping.

Under the Commission's proposed consolidation plan (V. 113, p. 1429) the Great Northern and the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul would be grouped with other small roads into one system, while the C. B. & Q. and the Northern Pacific with other smaller roads would form another system.

Theodore F. Mersedes of Chicago has been elected a director to fill an existing vacancy.—V. 115, p. 1210, 437.

**Norwalk & Shelby Ry., North Fairfield, O.—New Co.**  
 800 Sandusky Norwalk & Mansfield Electric Ry. below.

**Oregon Trunk Ry.—Abandonment of Part of Line.**

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to abandon that portion of its line of railroad extending from South Jct., Wasco County, Ore., to Metolius, Jefferson County, Ore., a distance of 28.92 miles. This report of the Commission says in part:

The track proposed to be abandoned is a part of the applicant's main line, which extends from a connection with the Spokane Portland & Seattle Ry. at Fallbridge, Wash., up the canyon of the Deschutes River to Bend, Ore., a distance of approximately 157 miles. For the greater part of the distance the applicant's line is paralleled by the Central Oregon branch of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co., which branch extends from a connection with the main line of that company on the Columbia River to Bend. Between South Junction and Metolius the two lines diverge from each other a maximum distance of approximately 8 miles.

The railroad of the Oregon Company was built by the Harriman interests and the applicant's railroad was built by the Hill interests during a period of keen competition. It is stated that at the time these two roads were built, an agreement was made for partial joint construction and operation, so that but one line was built between North Junction, Ore., and South Junction, a distance of approximately 10 miles, and between Metolius and Bend, a distance of 41 miles. These single lines have since been used jointly by the two companies.

The companies have now agreed upon the joint use of the line of the Oregon Company between South Junction and Metolius, and the applicant desires to remove its tracks between those points. Thereafter it is proposed to operate jointly a single line from North Junction to Bend, a distance of approximately 81 miles. It is hoped ultimately to unify the two lines to the Columbia River, and it is stated that the applicant's negotiations with the Oregon Company include an option under which the latter company may use the applicant's line from North Junction to the Columbia River on the same terms as the applicant now proposes to use the line of the Oregon Company between South Junction and Metolius.—V. 89, p. 666.

**Pacific Electric Ry.—Fare Petition.**

The cities of Pasadena, South Pasadena, Glendale and Alhambra have filed a petition with the California Supreme Court for a review of the ruling of the C. lifornia RR. Commission increasing fares on the railway's lines on Jan. 1 1922.

The company on Sept. 23 filed with the City Council and the Board of Public Utilities of Los Angeles an application for an extension for 21 years of the existing franchise for operation of freight service on the municipally owned tracks of the city of Los Angeles on San Pedro St., which is a continuation of plans and negotiations that have been under consideration for more than a year by the Chamber of Commerce, the Pacific Electric RR. and the Los Angeles city department.—V. 115, p. 1533, 1321.

**Pennsylvania Co.—Tenders.**

The Girard Trust Co., trustee, Philadelphia, Pa., will until Oct. 31 receive bids for the sale to it of 40-Year Guaranteed gold trust certificates, series "E," due 1962, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$100,000, at a price not exceeding par and int.—V. 115, p. 1533.

**Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.—Earnings.**

	Income Account for Month and 9 Months ending Sept. 30.		
	1922—Sept.—1921.	1922—9 Mos.—1921.	1922—9 Mos.—1921.
No. of pass. carried	69,350,179	66,890,051	623,972,005
Passenger revenue	\$3,396,513	\$3,270,196	\$39,645,611
Operating revenue	\$3,448,084	\$3,340,688	\$31,238,143
Operation and taxes	2,623,078	2,528,147	22,850,103
Operating income	\$825,006	\$812,541	\$7,986,040
Non-operating income	49,724	47,363	401,133
Gross income	\$874,730	\$859,904	\$8,749,173
Fixed charges	\$24,739	\$15,944	7,384,044
Net income	\$49,994	\$43,950	\$1,365,129

**Portland Ore. Ry., Light & Power Co.—Preferred Stock Offered.**

Richardson & Clark, Providence, R. I., are offering, at 98 and divs., to yield 7.14%, \$1,000,000 7% Cumul. Prior Preference Stock, Series A.

Preferred as to assets and dividends. Redeemable at 105. Dividends payable Q.-J.

**Data from Letter of Pres. Franklin T. Griffith, Oct. 3 1922.**

**Purpose.**—Proceeds of this issue of prior preference stock together with about \$545,200 prior preference stock recently sold locally largely to customers and employees will be used for retirement of floating debt already incurred for construction purposes and to pay for a portion of the construction expenditures during this year. Total construction expenditures during 1922 will approximate \$2,500,000.

**New Construction.**—Company has commenced operations on a new hydro-electric development on the Clackamas River, which will have an ultimate capacity of 100,000 h. p. It is expected that the initial development of 35,000 h. p. will be completed July 1 1924 at a cost of approximately \$3,500,000.

Capitalizing After This Financing—	Authorized Outstanding.
Underlying bonds	Closed \$15,815,000
First and Refunding Mtge. 5% due 1942	\$75,000,000
First Lien & Ref. Mtge. 7 1/2% due 1946	\$5,121,500
First Lien & Ref. Mtge. 6% due 1947	Open 2,500,000
8% coupon gold notes, due 1926	Open 1,116,720
7% Cumulative Prior Preference stock	10,000,000
6% Cumulative First Preferred stock	7,500,000
6% Non-cumulative Second Preferred stock	5,000,000
Common stock	20,000,000

x Does not include treasury bonds or bonds held in sinking funds.

**Guaranty.**—Company guarantees principal and interest \$712,000 Willamette Valley Southern Ry. 6% bonds, due 1939.

**Earnings for Twelve Months Ended July 31 1922.**

Gross earnings	\$9,927,194
Operating expenses, bridge rentals and taxes	6,250,194
Interest and amortization charges	2,135,500

Balance for depreciation, reserves and dividends 1,541,500

Annual dividend on \$1,645,200 7% Prior Preference stock requires 115,164

Compare also offering of \$2,500,000 First Lien & Ref. Mtge. 6% Series "B," in V. 115, p. 1429.

**Public Service Corporation (N. J.).—Earnings.**

	—Month of September—		
	1922.	1921.	1922. to Sept. 30—1921.
Oper. rev. of sub. cos.	\$6,495,220	\$6,012,104	\$77,212,423
Oper. exp., fixed charges, taxes and amortization.	6,141,369	5,779,214	71,894,617
Bal. avail. for divs. & sur	\$353,851	\$232,890	\$5,317,808

—V. 115, p. 1321, 1211.

**Puget Sound Power & Light Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.**

Stone & Webster, Inc., Estabrook & Co. and Parkinson & Burr are offering at 105 and div., to yield about 6.65%, \$1,300,000 7% Cumul. Prior Preference stock (par \$100). Redeemable at 110. Preferred as to dividends and in case of liquidation. Dividends payable Q. J.

**Data from Letter of Chairman F. S. Pratt, Oct. 16.**

**Company.**—Does the greater part of the commercial electric light and power business in the Puget Sound district of Washington, and, principally through subsidiaries, does substantially all the electric street and interurban railway business in the same territory outside of the City of Seattle, serving an area of over 3,000 square miles and a population estimated to exceed 580,000.

**Property.**—The electric generating stations include 5 hydro-electric plants with installed generating capacity of 117,300 h. p. and 6 reservoir steam power plants of 46,850 h. p. capacity. Less than 2% of the power distributed is generated by steam. The undeveloped water power sites controlled have a possible capacity of over 100,000 h. p. The water power developments, which are among the largest investments of the company, have been con-



structed at pre-war costs, placing the company in position to furnish power cheaper than would be possible if constructed at the present time. The power generated is distributed over 664 miles of high-tension transmission lines and comprehensive distribution systems in the various cities and towns. The street and interurban electric railway systems comprise about 281 miles of track and 585 cars.

**Purpose.**—To provide funds for the retirement of floating debt incurred for construction purposes and to furnish additional capital for extensions and improvements.

Capitalization After This Financing	Authorized	Outstanding
Underlying bonds, all bearing 5% interest	Closed	x\$23,635,000
General & Refug. Mgtg. 7 1/8s, Series A, 1941	Open	13,734,000
8% Gold Coupon Notes, due 1925		2,000,000
8% Gold Coupon Notes, due 1926		1,600,000
7% Cumul. Prior Pref. stock (incl. this issue)		10,000,000
6% Cumul. Preferred stock		15,000,000
Common stock		25,000,000
		20,128,425

**Earnings 12 Months Ended Aug. 31 1922.**

Gross earnings	\$10,247,893
Net, after operating expenses and taxes	4,156,142
Income from City of Seattle Municipal St. Ry. bonds	729,175
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$5,185,317</b>
Interest and amortization charges	2,484,378
<b>Balance for reserves, replacements and dividends</b>	<b>\$2,700,939</b>
Dividends on \$5,500,000 7% Prior Pref. stock would require	385,000

**Management.**—Stone & Webster, Inc.—V. 115, p. 989.

**Sacramento Electric Gas & Railway Co.—Tenders.**—The Mercantile Trust Co., trustee, 464 California St., San Francisco, Calif., will, until Oct. 30, receive bids for the sale to it of 40 1st Mtge. 5% bonds, dated Nov. 1 1897.—V. 115, p. 1888.

**Sandusky (O.) Norwalk & Mansfield Electric Ry.**—The Norwalk-Shelby line was sold in March last for scrap and then resold in September to J. L. Baugh, who organized a new company, known as the *Norwalk & Shelby Ry.* The new company issued \$100,000 new 8% 1st Mtge. bonds (authorized \$150,000) and \$100,000 capital stock, the stock being given as a bonus with the bonds. Total authorized capital stock is \$125,000.

**Officers of the new company are:** J. L. Baugh, Indianapolis, Pres. & Gen. Mgr.; C. E. Heath, Plymouth, V.-Pres.; A. D. Sanders, Norwalk, Sec.; C. R. Irwin, North Fairfield, Treas. The company, it is stated, will operate the line with gasoline cars.—V. 115, p. 1321.

**San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Rys.—Plan Operative.**

—The reorganization committee, John S. Drum Chairman, in a notice to the security holders announces that the reorganization plan was declared operative Aug. 20 1922. The average number of bonds deposited exceeds 93% up to Oct. 6 1922.

The committee also further extended for a period of 60 days from Sept. 19 1922, the time within which security holders may deposit their securities and thereby avail themselves of the advantages of the plan.

**Statement of Income for Calendar Year 1921.**

Gross operating revenue	\$6,872,597
Operating expenses	4,853,032
<b>Net operating revenue</b>	<b>2,019,565</b>
Net revenue, auxiliary operations	121,876
<b>Total net revenue</b>	<b>\$2,141,441</b>
Taxes	387,838
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>\$1,753,604</b>
Non-operating income	21,743
<b>Gross income</b>	<b>\$1,775,346</b>
Sundry charges (including depreciation)	627,204
Interest deductions	1,098,845
<b>Final surplus</b>	<b>\$49,297</b>

**Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31**

1921.		1920.	
<b>Assets—</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Investments	54,977,352	53,535,601	
Current assets	816,407	930,819	
Deferred assets	322,31	130,101	
Unadjusted debits	384,799	357,697	
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,600,980</b>	<b>54,954,219</b>	
<b>Liabilities—</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Capital stock	28,175,000	28,175,000	
Long term debt	18,719,181	18,828,833	
Current liabilities	8,114,054	7,892,295	
Deferred liabilities	37,673	56,676	
Unadjusted credits	1,840,187	1,357,783	
Corporate deficit	1,285,120	1,334,418	
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,600,980</b>	<b>54,954,219</b>	

**Sao Paulo Tramway, Light & Power Co., Ltd.—Bonds.** Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd., and Osler & Hammond, Toronto, are offering a block of \$250,000 5% First Mtge. Gold Bonds at 89 and int. The company is a Canadian company and does the entire street railway, electric light and power business in the city of Sao Paulo, Brazil, serving a population of over 500,000. Entire capital stock owned by Brazilian Traction, Light & Power Co., Ltd.—V. 112, p. 746.

**Sioux City Service Co.—Bond Exchange Offer.**

The Sioux City Gas & Electric Co. is offering to the holders of Sioux City Service Co. 1st & Ref. Mgtg. 5s, due Jan. 1 1928, an opportunity to exchange their bonds for new Sioux City Gas & Electric Co. 1st Mtge. 6% gold bonds, Series A, maturing Sept. 1 1947, on a basis of exchange at par and int. for the Service Co. 1st & Ref. 5s and 99 1/2 and int. for the Gas & Electric Co. new 1st 6s.

The new bonds are dated Sept. 1 1922, due Sept. 1 1947 and are non-callable for ten years except for sinking fund. The Sioux City Gas & Electric Co. (incorp. in Iowa) heretofore has done all the gas business as well as a portion of the electric light and power business in the city of Sioux City, Ia. Company is now acquiring the electric generating plant and distribution system heretofore owned by the Sioux City Service Co., thus placing the entire light and power and gas business in the city of Sioux City under the ownership and management of the Sioux City Gas & Electric Co. The Sioux City Gas & Electric Co. will also own substantially all of the outstanding capital stock of the Sioux City Service Co., which latter company will continue to own and operate the street railway and heating business in Sioux City.—V. 113, p. 961.

**Southern Pacific Co.—Applies To I.-S. C. Comm. For Authority To Retain Control of Central Pacific.**—To avoid the effect of the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court, requiring dissolution of the Southern Pacific-Central Pacific merger, the company, Oct. 17, filed an application with the I.-S. C. Commission, under the provisions of the Transportation Act, seeking authority to acquire control of the Central Pacific Ry. by lease and stock ownership, pending final determination by the Commission of a plan for consolidation of the railroads into a limited number of systems.

The Supreme Court last week denied an application of the Southern Pacific for a rehearing in the dissolution case wherein it was held that the merger was in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. The application before the I.-S. C. Commission is filed on the theory that the Transportation Act authorizes the Commission to disregard the anti-trust laws in providing for voluntary consolidation of the railroads into a limited number of systems.

**Digest of Application Made To Commission.** The control applied for is temporary in character in that it is subject to be terminated by order of the Commission when and if found to be inconsistent with the plan of consolidation which Congress has directed the Commission to make. The application is based on provision of the Transportation Act 1920, which give the Commission power to authorize one carrier to acquire control of another by lease or stock ownership, whenever it finds that

such control is in the public interest, and which expressly exempt a control, so authorized, from the provisions of the Sherman Act.

Its object is to prevent, by resort to this later Act of Congress, immediate dismemberment of the Southern Pacific system, which would otherwise result from the recent decision of the Supreme Court, and to preserve the status quo pending an orderly determination and promulgation of the Commission of its final plan of consolidation.

The relief sought from the Commission is not antagonistic to the mandate of the Supreme Court or in conflict with anything decided by that Court. The ultimate object of the mandate is to create a situation in harmony with law. The only remedy the Sherman law, considered alone, provides is to tear the properties apart. But the Transportation Act empowers the I.-S. C. Commission to legalize the control of the Central Pacific by the Southern Pacific, if it finds that to be in the public interest, hence, the purpose of the petition to the Commission is to prevent a separation of the properties, with the harmful consequences which will result, until the Commission can determine whether it is in public interest for it to bring about a condition in harmony with the law by authorizing for the present a reacquisition by the Southern Pacific of control of the Central Pacific and afterwards by authorizing the consolidation of the two companies.

The application first calls attention to the recent decision of the U. S. Supreme Court based on the Sherman Act. It shows further that the act under the Sherman law was begun, tried, and the record closed before the passage of the Transportation Act, and that the latter law was not mentioned in the decision of the Supreme Court. It cites the provisions of the Transportation Act that empower the Commission to authorize a control by one carrier over another, or a consolidation of one carrier with another in cases where, without the Commission's authority, control or consolidation would fall within the condemnation of the Sherman law. It is shown that such provisions of the latter law manifest a radical change in the legislative policy of Congress in respect of the application of the Sherman law to the railroads of the country.

The application sets forth at length the reasons why it is in the public interest that the acquisition of the control applied for should be authorized and the consequences of an attempt forthwith to tear apart the interlaced and interdependent properties of the Central and the Southern Pacific avoided, pending the orderly determination and consummation of the Commission's plan of consolidation.

The physical consequences of a separation of the properties at the present time are thus set forth in the application:

Independent operation of these lines would result in the creation of approximately 20 new junction points between two independent carriers; the breaking up of train service, freight and passenger; the dislocation of division terminals, shops and other facilities; the duplication of facilities involving expenditures running into many millions of dollars; the disruption of an operating organization and a system, all parts of which are now working as an harmonious unit; and the substitution of two fragmentary railroad systems to perform the service which for more than 50 years has been efficiently performed by a single system. There would be created in place of the present unified system, each part designed to operate with every other part, two systems, neither of which was constructed as a separate system and neither of which could give the public the satisfactory and efficient service which is being rendered by the existing single system.

By reason of the foregoing, applicant alleges that the public service now rendered by these lines will be greatly impaired, and the cost thereof will be greatly enhanced unless the applicant is permitted to acquire lawful control of the lines of the carrier to the extent and by the means proposed herein.

It is alleged that the financial interrelations of the Central and Southern Pacific are no less extensive and involved than their physical interrelations. The financial complications and the difficult financial problems necessarily attendant upon the separation of the properties are set up as an additional reason why it is in the public interest that such separation should be postponed, by the exercise of the invoked powers of the Commission, until the issue in the pending consolidation proceedings determine whether the Central Pacific is to be grouped with the Southern Pacific or with some other system.

Referring again to the pending consolidation proceedings, it is stated in the Commission's tentative plan the line of the Central Pacific are grouped with Central Pacific lines, while in the alternative Ripley plan a part of the rational plan of consolidation it is likely that the operation of Central Pacific lines as a separate, independent unit will be provided for. If, however, the Commission does not grant the Southern Pacific authority to acquire lawful control of the Central Pacific of the provisional character prayed for, the necessary result will be the enforced tearing apart of lines operated for 50 years as interdependent and complementary parts of a single system, and the inauguration of a temporary independent separate operation of the Central Pacific lines pending the promulgation of the Commission's final plan of consolidation. There would thus be brought about the evil effects of a separation, described in the foregoing parts of the application, intensified independent operation. (For tentative consolidation plan of I.-S. C. Commission see V. 113, p. 1429.)

**Union Pacific to Oppose Southern-Central Combine.**

Fred G. Athearn, Counsel of the Union Pacific RR., says: "It is claimed that the carrying out of the Supreme Court decision which decrees the separation of the two roads will result in disruption of service and inconvenience to the traveling and shipping public. That such disruption should occur was specifically guarded against by the Court mandate which states that the separation shall take place, in such manner that each line will be able to freely compete with the other to serve the public efficiently. Inasmuch as the Southern Pacific now owns all of the stock of the Central Pacific, it is manifest that the application asked for would not be in furtherance of the plan for dividing the railroads of the country into groups, which shall be competitive with each other as commanded in the Transportation Act of 1920, wherein the duty imposed on the I.-S. C. Commission is set forth in these words, 'in the division of such railroads into such systems under such plans competition shall be preserved as fully as possible.'"

The U. S. Supreme Court has found and decided that the Southern Pacific Sunset Route is competitive with the Central Pacific. That such competition should exist and that such competition has been heretofore suppressed and throttled by the Southern Pacific, the Supreme Court has definitely decided, and I submit that this decision of the Supreme Court was made in the public interest.

The U. S. District Court of Utah which will proceed with separation of the Central and Southern Pacific lines under the mandate of the Supreme Court has very broad powers over the two roads and in the exercise of such powers must compel such joint and common use of rails and terminal facilities, will result in no disruption of service at all or inconvenience to the traveling or shipping public; to the contrary it will re-establish competition between the Central and Southern Pacific as intended by Congress which competition will insure a quicker and more efficient movement of the new strings to their bow in the matter of rail transportation. It will insure to the producers and shippers now in non-competitive territory the same advantages enjoyed by those in competitive territory as to the prompt supplying of cars and equipment for handling their products."

**New Freight Terminal.**

The construction of the first unit of the company's freight terminal at Los Angeles is now under way. This unit will consist of modern classification, receiving and storage yards and will cost approximately \$300,000. The entire terminal plan calls for the expenditure of several millions of dollars and includes extensive classification and receiving yards, car storage yards, power-houses, and many other improvements for the handling of large volumes of freight.

The new terminal yard will extend along the San Fernando Road and the Los Angeles River for a distance of more than two miles and will be one of the most extensive and comprehensive freight terminals in the country.—V. 115, p. 1733, 1101.

**South San Francisco Belt Ry.—Equip. Notes.**

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to issue two notes, each in the face amount of \$7,950, to the American Locomotive Co., in part payment for a locomotive.

**Spokane & Eastern Ry. & Power Co.—New Officers.**—M. H. McLean of Chicago, has been elected President to succeed the late George H. Taylor. Other new officers elected are: J. W. Esmond, Chicago, as Vice-President, and L. C. Ream, Spokane, as Secretary.—V. 115, p. 545.

**Springfield (O.) Railway.—Wage Scale Unchanged.**

An agreement was reached Oct. 10 between the company and the union, continuing the present wage scale of 42, 44 and 46 cents an hour for another year.—V. 111, p. 1754.

**Springfield (Mo.) Ry. & Light Co.—Sub. Co. Bonds.**—The Missouri P. S. Commission on Oct. 2 authorized the Springfield (Mo.) Traction Co. to issue \$294,300 of 2d Mtge. 6% bonds. The proceeds will be used to take up the \$294,300 8% demand notes held by the Springfield Ry. & Light Co.—V. 113, p. 2722.

**Texas & Pacific Railway.—Equipment Trust.**—The company has applied to the L.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$510,000 equipment trust certificates. The certificates will be sold through Kuhn, Loeb & Co., of New York City, at 97½, and the proceeds used in the purchase of 150 tank cars, 16 locomotives and one wrecking train.—V. 115, p. 1322, 69.

**United Properties Co., Calif.—Trustee in Bankruptcy.**—Louis H. Bien has been appointed trustee in bankruptcy. On Sept. 3 the company was adjudged bankrupt on the petition of F. G. Cartwright, M. J. Sullivan and Gus D. Abrams.

The trustee has announced that he proposes to attack the validity of the so-called unnumbered agreement entered into by the interests and properties making up the United Properties Co. on June 16 1914, and will make an effort to reassemble the assets of the company as originally formed.

This famous unnumbered agreement was entered into by James K. Moffatt, Vanderlyn Stow, William A. Bissell, Gavin McNab and W. I. Brobeck, all of whom were trustees, and the Realty Syndicate, Oakland Rys., United Properties Co., W. S. Tevis, R. G. Hanford, Hanford Investment Co., East Shore & Suburban Ry., San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Rys., Pacific Terminal Co., Sacramento Short Line, San Jose Short Line, Union Water Co., United Light & Power Co. of California, United Light & Power Co. of New Jersey, Bay Cities Water Co., Mercantile Trust Co., Santa Clara Land & Water Co. and United Properties Co.—V. 113, p. 418.

**U. S. Railroad Administration.—Final Settlements.**—The U. S. Railroad Administration reports the following final settlements, and has paid out to the several roads the following amounts: Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry., including the following subsidiaries: Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe Ry., Panhandle & Santa Fe Ry., Rio Grande El Paso & Santa Fe R.R., Kansas Southwestern Ry., Grand Rapids Ry., \$21,500,000; Ashland Coal & Iron Ry., \$65,000; St. Joseph Union Depot Co., \$7,300; Port St. Joe Dock & Terminal Ry., \$4,500. Harlem Transfer Co. paid Director-General \$20,000, and Middletown & Unionville R.R. paid Director-General \$45,000.—V. 115, p. 1633, 1322.

**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" Oct. 19 says in brief: "Prices and supplies of finished steel have been working toward easier conditions in the past week. Accumulations of rolled products at Pittsburgh and Youngstown mills are still large—probably upward of 300,000 tons. But the accumulations are not increasing and the week has brought eight more blast furnaces into action."

**Transportation.**—"Transportation difficulties promise to continue, but producers and consumers of steel are accepting a 70% output as close to the probable maximum for the remainder of the year. Meanwhile, in contrast with their action during the coal strike, consumers are doing little buying for prompt delivery. The effect of this changed policy has become more marked, making this week the quietest Pittsburgh has had in several months in the matter of new demand."

**Orders.**—"Fair-sized orders for plates, shapes and bars can now be placed more readily at 2c., Pittsburgh, and some mills will make early deliveries on that basis. Chicago reports that a number of users of steel now prefer to wait for regular deliveries of contract material, even though in so doing they are forced to curtail operations somewhat. This is the case with some car shops, in spite of railroad urging for delivery of new cars."

"There are indications that duplicate buying figured to an extent in producing the price peaks of the coal strike months. The amount of such buying will determine in part the course of prices in the next two months."

"Farm implement makers are still a small figure in the bar market and now look for a quieter manufacturing season than was indicated in the summer months. On the other hand, many automobile plants are holding their high rate of production and some are planning increased capacity."

**R.R. Orders.**—"Chicago district sales of steel rails for the first half of 1923 are now put at 650,000 tons, and track supplies at 200,000 tons."

"In light rails competition has been more marked of late, and as low as 2c., Pittsburgh, has been done in some cases. German light rails have been offered at \$36 per gross ton, New York, and at \$39, San Francisco."

"Sales of 62 locomotives were made in the week and inquiries came out for 41. Cars bought exceeded 2,300 and there are fresh inquiries for 1,150."

**Prices.**—"The trend of pig iron prices is still downward and the week has been one of limited sales. At Chicago, prices have receded \$1, while at Buffalo re-sale iron has been bought at \$29.50, or \$2.50 below recent quotations, and furnaces are selling at \$31. At Pittsburgh, basic has declined \$1. Recent high quotations on Southern iron, which were largely nominal, have disappeared, and little is being sold above \$27.50. Throughout the country, consumers of foundry iron are hesitating about placing further orders."

"The ability of merchant furnaces to compete with prices at which some steel companies have sold pig iron recently will depend on the extent to which contract coke comes down."

**Coal Production, Prices, &c.**—The United States Geological Survey Oct. 14 1922 reported in brief: "Complete returns on weekly coal production will show about 9,900,000 tons. During the five weeks just closed the output has been at an almost uniform rate, varying little from an average of about 9,780,000 tons." "The number of cars loaded on Monday, Oct. 9, as reported by the railroads, was 49,596, the largest reported this year; but on Tuesday loadings fell off to 29,239 cars, a figure exceeded on several Tuesdays since the close of the strike. The total cars loaded on the first four days of this week shows an increase of 3.9% as compared with the same days of the week before. Full returns on loadings for the week are expected to show an output of 9,800,000 to 10,000,000 tons. Since the first of September coal has been offered for shipment up to the ability of the carriers to handle it."

"Production of anthracite has increased slightly and may reach a total of 2,000,000 net tons for this week. According to present indications, the total of all coal raised is therefore about 11,900,000 tons, which is too low to meet current consumption, and the heavy movement up the Lakes, and at the same time to rebuild consumers' stocks."

*Estimated United States Production in Net Tons.*

	1922.		1921.	
	Week	Cal. Yr. to Date.	Week	Cal. Yr. to Date.
<b>Bituminous—</b>				
Sept. 23	9,747,000	261,194,000	8,327,000	256,550,000
Sept. 30	9,819,000	271,013,000	8,380,000	295,440,000
Oct. 7	9,706,000	280,719,000	9,134,000	304,574,000
<b>Anthracite—</b>				
Sept. 23	1,863,000	25,231,000	1,735,000	67,750,000
Sept. 30	1,947,000	27,178,000	1,802,000	69,302,000
Oct. 7	1,959,000	29,137,000	1,764,000	71,366,000
<b>Beeching Coke—</b>				
Sept. 23	137,000	4,627,000	70,000	4,034,000
Sept. 30	160,000	4,787,000	79,000	4,113,000
Oct. 7	171,000	4,958,000	86,000	4,199,000

The "Coal Trade Journal" Oct. 18 reviews market conditions as follows: "As for several weeks past, the general level of spot quotations is downward, although the movement is less rapid. Comparing spot quotations last week with those for the week ended Oct. 7, changes are shown in 50.2% of the figures. Of these changes, 76.3% represent reductions ranging from 25 to 75 cents and averaging 32.8 cents per ton. The advances ranged from 10 cents to \$1.25, and averaged 53.5 cents per ton. Because of the much larger number of reductions, however, the composite average minimum declined from \$5.95 to \$3.90 and the composite average maximum from \$4.67 to \$4.48 per ton."

"In the East, car shortages checked further declines, except at the Virginia piers and Baltimore, but buyers exercised greater discrimination in their choice of coals. As a result, while pools 1, 9, 71, 10 and 11 were fairly steady, lower rated coal suffered. Hampton Roads is feeling the reaction

from the forced movement to tidewater and pool 1 coal was offered there last week at a price equivalent to a \$3.50 mine base. Pittsburgh and Buffalo were slow. At Columbus, on the other hand, there were signs of a reaction from the buyers' strike. Control of prices within the State of Ohio also had some effect, since much of the tonnage was shipped outside, where higher prices prevailed, making, in turn, a broader market for West Virginia and Kentucky coals within Ohio. At Chicago, a cold snap quickened small-lot domestic buying and produced hurry-up retail orders, while the distress tonnage of steam sizes accumulated by the jobbers had largely disappeared."

"On the anthracite side, demand for domestic sizes far exceeds present capacity to produce or ship. Although a pronouncement was made from Washington that the bulk of the independent tonnage would be brought to a \$9.25 base, there was no change noticeable in the market and as high as \$13.50 was asked for reasonably prompt shipment in New England. Company producers in many cases found it difficult to move the backwaters promptly and independents shaded prices 25 cents under company quotations."

"Beehive coke registers modest gains week by week and prices are slightly easier. By-product output showed a marked increase last month, the estimated production being 2,244,000 tons, against 1,794,000 tons in Aug."

**Oil Production, Prices, &c.**

The American Petroleum Institute estimates daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Oct. 14, as follows:

	1922.		1921.	
	Oct. 14.	Oct. 7.	Sept. 30.	Oct. 15.
Oklahoma	410,550	407,100	400,700	311,750
Kansas	88,400	87,000	87,100	95,550
North Texas	57,000	57,100	56,550	63,500
Central Texas	140,050	140,350	140,000	95,050
North Louisiana and Arkansas	123,450	131,750	122,050	107,650
Gulf Coast	110,800	111,100	113,950	100,750
Eastern	116,500	116,000	115,000	123,000
Wyoming and Montana	88,390	83,600	77,500	48,900
California	420,000	410,000	395,000	*200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,555,050</b>	<b>1,544,000</b>	<b>1,599,050</b>	<b>1,166,150</b>

\* Daily average production off due to strike of oil field workers. **Gasoline Price Reced.**—Standard Oil Co. of New York reduced price of gasoline and varnish colors and painters' naphtha 1 cent a gallon, new quotation being 24c. and 23c. a gallon, respectively. "Financial America" Oct. 17, p. 2.

Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey reduced tank wagon price of gasoline in North and South Carolina and advanced price of kerosene 1 cent a gallon in those States and ½c. a gallon in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and New Jersey. "Post" Oct. 19, p. 13.

**Export Kerosene Price Advanced.**—Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey has advanced export kerosene ½ cent a gallon. Standard white is now 13 cents in barrels and 16½ cents in cases. Water white one cent higher in each case. "Wall Street Journal" Oct. 16, p. 9.

Standard Oil Co. of New York advanced kerosene 1c. a gallon to 15c. in Greater New York. "Boston News Bureau" Oct. 20, p. 10.

**Crude Oil Price Advanced.**—Pennsylvania crude advanced 35c. to \$3.35 a bbl. "Times" Oct. 17, p. 31, and later rose to \$3.50 a bbl. "Times" Oct. 19, p. 35.

**Prices, Wages and Other Trade Matters.**

**Commodity Prices.**—Wholesale cash prices in New York reached the following high points during the week ended Oct. 19: Wheat, Oct. 18, \$1.39¼; flour, Oct. 18, \$7.75; sugar, Oct. 18, 8.9c. 1-lb. Oct. 13 and Oct. 18, 11.80c.; lead, Oct. 18, 9.8c.; copper, Oct. 13, 13.87½c.; tin, Oct. 19, 34.87½c.; cotton, Oct. 18, 23.05c. printcloth, 7½c.

**Ford of Canada Cuts Prices.**—Ford Motor Co. of Canada announced the following cuts: Touring and roadsters, \$50 each; sedan and coupe, \$85 each. This is the second reduction within last 60 days. Boston "N. B." Oct. 20, p. 3.

**Price of Fords Reduced.**—All models reduced \$50. See under Ford Motor Co. below. "Times" Oct. 18, p. 21.

**Mexico Taxes Automobile Imports.**—By terms of Presidential decree all automobiles will be subject to 10% ad valorem import tax. Boston "Financial News" Oct. 16, p. 3.

**Crude Rubber Price Reaches New High.**—Spot crude rubber smoked sheets reach new high for year at 23½c. "Times" Oct. 19, p. 35.

**Platinum Price Declines.**—Further decline of \$4 brings price to \$168 soft, \$116 medium and \$124 hard. Composite prices at \$118, \$125 and \$135, respectively. Sept. 9. "Chronicle" page 1212.

**U. S. Worsted Co. Advances Spring Prices.**—Advances of 5c. to 17½c. per yard above prices of 2 weeks ago. Mark-ups are 3 to 4c. above American Woolen prices. "Financial America" Oct. 16, p. 2.

**Leather Products Advance.**—Advances of 10% in practically all grades of leather products have been announced. "Fin. America" Oct. 20, p. 1.

**Wood Alcohol Price Advances.**—Rise of 15c. a gallon announced. "Financial America" Oct. 20, p. 4.

**Copper Wage Increase.**—Wolverine Copper Co. and Mohawk Mining Co. (noted in "Chronicle" Oct. 14, p. 1734) increase wages about 15%, retroactive to Sept. 16, and continue bonus system for additional ground opened. "Wall Street Journal" Oct. 16.

**Sanitary Potters to Strike.**—About 3,500 sanitary pottery workers will strike Oct. 31 against proposed 20% wage cut. About 17,000 general ware potters have been on strike since Oct. 1 (see "Chronicle" Sept. 30, p. 1835).

**Boston Steamship Companies Refuse Longshoremen Wage Increase of 20%.**—"Financial America" Oct. 19, p. 8.

**Portland (Or.) Crippled by Longshoremen's Strike.**—About half of laborers are members of I. W. W. "Financial America" Oct. 17.

**Garment Workers Wage Board Fails to Reach Agreement.**—"Times" Oct. 14, p. 14, and "Post" Oct. 14, p. 1.

**Textile Strike Situation.**—(a) Strike is practically over except in individual localities where strikes are against 54-hour week (principally New Hampshire and Blackstone Valley section of R. I.) (b) State troops withdrawn from R. I. strike duty. Had been in field service since February. (c) Amoskeag mills in N. H. plan to open new departments to handle new applicants for work. Strike against 54-hour week is still on, although about 4,500 are working at present. (d) Old Colony Woolen Mill (N. H.) weavers strike for increase in wages and 48-hour week.

**Shoe Workers Strike.**—Cushman & Herbert, manufacturers of Haverhill, Mass., move to Stonington because of employees' walkout.

**Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Oct. 14.**—(a) Offering of \$1,000,000 5% First Joint State Land Bank of Minneapolis bonds, p. 1682. (b) Advances by War Finance Corporation for agricultural and live stock purposes, p. 182. (c) Repayments to War Finance Corporation since Jan. 1 total \$130,715,626, p. 1682. (d) Repayments by Foreign Finance Corporation of New York to War Finance Corporation, p. 1683. (e) Tentative approval by War Finance Corporation of advance to Arkansas Rice Growers' Association, p. 1683. (f) Repayments to War Finance Corporation of Loans to Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—Extension of Erie RR. Loan, p. 1683. (g) Tentative approval by War Finance Corporation of Advance to Rice Growers' Association of California, p. 1683.

(h) McQuade Bros., 30 Broad St., N. Y., suspended from New York Curb Exchange, p. 1683.

(i) Failures, Alexander & Co., 7 Wall St.; J. P. Atkins & Co., 42 Broadway; Sykes & Co., 25 Broad St.; Wm. Greenfield & Co., 25 Broadway (all of New York City), all p. 1683.

(j) Alabama Power Co. renews Muscle Shoals lease for one year, liable to cancellation on 30 days' notice, p. 1687.

(k) State Fuel Administration modifies order limiting consumers' supply of anthracite to two weeks—Thirty days' supply may now be ordered, p. 1687. (l) President Harding appoints Fact Finding Coal Commission, p. 1688.

(m) Buying power of farm products shows decrease since March, p. 1691.

(n) Farm population of U. S. in 1920 was 29% of total population, p. 1691.

**Allied Packers, Inc.—Status.**—Pres. J. A. Hawkinson

says:

I am more optimistic on the position of our company now than at any

time since its formation, for the reason that although the packing business

has during the past three years undergone the most drastic readjustment

of probably any industry in the country, our company has been able during

this period to make a showing comparing favorably with the oldest and

largest company in the country. Our products have all been standardized

and our sales are constantly increasing. We have consistently worked on a

definite plan throughout these trying years to build up and strengthen our

organization, and we have developed an experienced and loyal organization

which has the same pride in furthering the company's interest as though each

individual were the principal stockholder of the company.—V. 115, p. 76.



**Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co.—Earnings, &c.—**  
 Unfiled orders on hand as of June 30 1922 aggregated \$9,110,515, against \$8,011,464 March 31 1922 and \$9,472,772 June 30 1921.

Month of—	1922—Sales Billed—	1921—	Net Profits—1921
January	\$1,531,016	\$2,816,506	\$74,393
February	1,579,391	2,509,732	103,504
March	1,561,196	2,329,980	100,836
First quarter	\$4,671,603	\$7,656,218	\$278,733
April	1,497,495	\$2,330,427	\$85,547
May	1,565,844	2,336,134	87,757
June	1,715,525	2,347,812	126,492
Second quarter	\$4,778,863	\$7,014,373	\$299,796
Total six months	\$9,450,466	\$14,670,591	\$578,529

x Net profits are after provision for Federal taxes.—V. 115, p. 1323, 990.

**American Bosch Magneto Corp.—Sale Investigated.**—An investigation of the sale of the property of the Bosch Magneto Co. to Martin E. Kern, was begun at Washington Oct. 18, before the special "war frauds" grand jury which was inaugurated by the Department of Justice to undertake an inquiry into war speculations. The matter of the sale was taken up by a Federal Grand Jury in Boston early this year, but no action was taken.—V. 115, p. 1535.

**American Car & Foundry Co.—Orders.**—The company has received an order from the Fruit Growers' Express Co. for 1,000 steel underframes. See also Atchison Topoka & Santa Fe Ry. under "Railroads" above.—V. 115, p. 1734, 1635.

**American Chiclo Co.—Plan Operative.**—It was announced Oct. 20 that over 90% of the outstanding notes have been deposited under the plan for readjustment of the debt of the company, which has now been declared operative by the noteholders' committee. Funds will be available on Oct. 23 for the payment of the October int. upon the deposited notes and the 10% in cash on account of the principal of the deposited notes, as provided in the plan. See plan in V. 115, p. 1212, 1207.

**American Druggists' Syndicate.—New Director.**—John Slade of Simmons & Slade has been elected a director to succeed the late O. G. Hottinger of Chicago.—V. 115, p. 1098, 990.

**American Locomotive Co.—Locomotive Orders.**—The company has received orders for 62 locomotives from the following companies: Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry., 10 mountain type and 30 Mikado type; Lehigh Valley RR., 15 Mikado type; Minarets & Western RR., 5 Mikado type; Green Bay & Western RR., 2 consolidation type.—V. 115, p. 1431, 1102.

**American Machine & Foundry Co.—Stock Increase, &c.**—The stockholders voted Oct. 17 to increase the authorized capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000, par \$100. A 200% stock dividend has been declared, payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Oct. 19. This distribution will increase the outstanding capital stock to \$6,000,000.—V. 115, p. 1535.

**American Safety Razor Corp.—Earnings, &c.—**  
 The company reports for the 9 months ended Sept. 30 1922 net earnings of \$705,183 after all charges, including depreciation and deferred charges, but before Federal taxes. Total profit and loss surplus, Sept. 30 1922, amounted to about \$1,593,400.  
 President Joseph Kaufman says: "While the profits of our business during the last 9 months give an idea of our sound condition, the outlook is even better. Never in the history of our company have we had on hand such a large volume of unfilled orders. The dollar safety razor business is now enjoying a tremendously increased market. The amount of business done this year is considerably greater than last, and there is every prospect of even greater business during the forthcoming year."  
 Mayor Hall has been elected Chairman, succeeding G. L. Storm. William J. Shea and Nelson W. Greenhut have been elected directors. Mr. Greenhut and Samuel Mundheim become Vice-Presidents.—V. 115, p. 762.

**American-Slovak Coal & Coke Co.—Sale.**—A. L. Morrison, Receiver, will offer the property of this company for sale at Sutton, W. Va., on Nov. 14 by order of the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of W. Va.—V. 113, p. 1475.

**American Surety Co.—New Member of Board.**—John E. Bouden Jr., President of the Whitney-Central National Bank of New Orleans, La., has been elected a member of the board.—V. 115, p. 1431.

**American Tobacco Co.—Redemption of \$10,000,000 Notes.**—The company gives notice that it will redeem and pay on Nov. 22 1922, at the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, all of the \$10,000,000 7% Serial gold notes, Series E, dated Nov. 1 1918, maturing on Nov. 1 1923, at 101 and int. to Nov. 22.  
 The above notes are the last of an issue of \$25,000,000 7% Serial gold notes which were sold in Oct. 1918 (V. 107, p. 1670); of these notes \$5,000,000 Series "A," \$3,333,000 Series "B," \$3,333,000 Series "C" and \$3,334,000 Series "D," maturing respectively Nov. 1 1919, Nov. 1 1920, Nov. 1 1921 and Nov. 1 1922, have already been paid.  
 The company has entered a general denial of the Federal Trade Commission's charges of unfair competition in maintaining retail prices.—V. 115, p. 1636.

**American Wholesale Corp.—Sales.**

Month of—	Sept. 1922.	Aug. 1922.	Sept. 1921.
Sales	\$2,764,078	\$3,072,787	\$4,276,240

—V. 115, p. 1324, 433.

**American Window Glass Co.—Earnings.**

Years ending—	Aug. 29 '22.	Aug. 26 '21.	Aug. 27 '20.	Aug. 29 '19.
Boxes com. window glass:				
Single strength	Not shown	1,419,920	2,636,101	2,034,651
Double strength				
Net profits	\$2,588,173	\$1,955,414	\$7,338,323	\$6,500,156
Other income	309,120	649,658	2,041,187	63,271
Total income	\$2,897,293	\$2,605,072	\$9,379,510	\$6,563,427
Federal and State taxes	170,782	98,354	1,922,836	1,359,500
Royalties	1,578,454	1,353,660	2,453,817	2,071,581
Other deductions	101,529	376,382	464,900	121,366
Prof. dividends (7%)	279,650	279,650	279,650	279,650
Common dividends (1 1/4%)	162,491		(11)1429,923	
a Adjustments	24,490	146,080		
Balance, surplus	\$579,897	\$351,247	\$2,828,384	\$2,731,330

a Charges applicable to prior years' operations.—V. 115, p. 1535.

**Armour & Co.—Merger Rumors—Obituary, &c.**—Dispatches from Chicago state that some definite announcement regarding the much-discussed merger between the packing interests of Armour & Co. and Wilson & Co. is expected before long.  
 Rumors of mergers between various members of the so-called "Big Five" packers first began to fill the air last April. In August the rumors of merger cropped up again, but officials at the time denied that any discussions regarding the merger had taken place.  
 The entire block bounded by 10th and 11th Aves. and 14th and 15th Sts., N. Y. City, owned by the company, has been purchased by the National Biscuit Co. (See also V. 115, p. 444.)  
 Edward A. Valentine, Vice-President and director, died Oct. 15.—V. 115, p. 1324, 1213.

**Assets Realization Co.—May Be Reorganized.**—It is stated that interests which claim to have control of 33,000 out of the 100,000 shares of stock outstanding are seeking proxies for the adjourned annual meeting scheduled for Nov. 28. The interests seeking proxies for the opposition ticket, it is stated, are planning a reorganization if they are successful.—V. 112, p. 1744; V. 114, p. 1538.

**Atlantic Fruit Co.—Plan Will Shortly Be Declared Operative.**—The plan of reorganization (V. 114, p. 2582), it is understood, will shortly be declared operative.

All of the \$3,500,000 bank debt has been deposited as well as more than 82% of the outstanding \$10,000,000 7% 15-year convertible gold debentures and a majority of the 392,494 shares of no par value Capital stock.  
 Although only 20% of the \$5,937,809 5-year convertible 8% gold notes have been deposited, the holders of the entire issue have agreed to the plan.—V. 115, p. 648, 440.

**Atlas Steel Corporation.—Officers, &c.**—Louis J. Campbell, former President of Electric Alloy Steel Co., has been elected Chairman of the board, and Arthur H. Hunter, former Atlas Crucible Steel Co. President, as President.  
 The board of trustees consist of L. J. Campbell, James A. Campbell, H. G. Dalton, Cleveland, Vice-Pres. of the Sheet & Tube Co.; John L. O'Brien, Buffalo, and H. F. Van Der Voort, Dunkirk. The board of directors consists of 20 members, all of whom were formerly directors of the Electric Alloy Steel Co. and the Atlas Crucible Steel Co.—V. 115, p. 1636.

**Atlas Tack Corp. (of N. Y.).—To Build Plant.**—The corporation, it is announced, plans to build a plant, to cost approximately \$1,000,000, in St. Louis, Mo., on the Winkelman tract on Union Blvd. Negotiations for the purchase of this tract (approximately 4 1/2 acres) were completed Oct. 2, the total purchase price being \$75,000.—V. 114, p. 1067.

**Augusta Knitting Corp., Utica, N. Y.—Capital Inc.**—The stockholders recently authorized an increase in the Capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 and classified the stock as increased into \$750,000 Common and \$750,000 7% cumulative Preferred stock. President, Rodney Wilcox Jones.

**Autocor Co., Ardmore, Pa.—Pref. Stock Offered.**—Janney & Co., Philadelphia, are offering at 102, to yield 7.84%, \$1,000,000 8% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock.

**Capitalization Aug. 15 1922.**

Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st Mtge. 7% bonds, due 1937 (V. 114, p. 2245)	\$3,500,000
8% Cumulative Preferred stock	\$5,000,000
Common stock	10,000,000
	5,072,800

x \$62,000 since retired by action of the sinking fund.  
 y \$3,433,000 reserved for conversion of First Mortgage bonds.  
 Further details regarding the company, earnings, balance sheet, &c., are given in V. 115, p. 1324, 1213.

**Barnett Leather Co., Inc.—Earnings.**

Nine Months ending Sept. 30—	1922.	1921.	1920.
Net earnings	\$186,295	\$268,797	\$779,543
Preferred dividends & sinking fund	149,500	143,700	148,241
Common dividends			60,000

Balance, surplus.....\$36,795 \$125,097 \$571,302  
 \* After deducting charges for maintenance and repairs of plants, depreciation and estimated amount of Federal and State taxes, &c.  
 Note.—The result is subject to adjustment at the end of the year, when accounts are finally audited, and to change incident to income tax rulings.—V. 115, p. 440.

**Bathurst (N. B.) Co., Ltd.—Bonds Offered.**—Royal Securities Corp., New York and Montreal, is offering, at par and interest, \$1,500,000 6 1/2% First Mtge. Conv. Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Series "B." A circular shows:  
 Dated June 1 1921, due June 1 1941. Interest payable A. & O. at Bank of Montreal, Montreal, Toronto, St. John, N. B., and Halifax, in Canadian gold coin of present standard of weight and fineness; or, at Miners' Banks of Wilkes-Barre, trustee, in U. S. gold coin of present standard of weight and fineness, or its equivalent. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c). Redeemable, all or part, on 60 days' notice at 110 and interest.

**Capitalization.**

Authorized.	Issued.
First Mtge. Conv. Bonds, 6 1/2% "B"	\$3,000,000
First Mtge. Conv. 7 1/8% "A" (V. 112, p. 2752)	1,477,000
Common shares	15,009,000
	9,774,200

**Convertible.**—Series "A" and Series "B" bonds are convertible, at the option of the holder, into an equal par value of Common shares. In the event that company shall elect to redeem bonds, due notice of redemption shall be given to bondholders in order that they may have the opportunity of conversion.

**Company.**—Is a large manufacturer of spruce lumber, sulphate and sulphate pulp. Business has been in operation since 1907.  
**Sinking Fund.**—Annual sinking fund of \$50,000 per annum, commencing April 1 1923, will be used for the retirement of Series "B" bonds at not more than 110 and interest.

Company's and subsidiary's leasehold timber lands comprise 1,030 sq. miles in the Province of New Brunswick and 1,533 sq. miles in the Province of Quebec, which areas are held under leases direct from the Crown and are estimated to contain not less than 2,000,000,000 ft. board measure of spruce, pine and cedar logs, and 10,000,000 cords of pulpwood.

The annual output (with new construction completed by May 1 1923): Newsprint paper, 15,000 tons; sulphate (Kraft) pulp, 19,500 tons; sulphate pulp, 12,000 tons; lumber, 30,000,000 ft. b. m.; shingles 30,000,000 pieces.  
 Company's timber lands, properties, hydro-electric plant and other fixed assets have a conservative value of not less than \$9,250,000, equivalent to \$3,080 for each \$1,000 of First Mtge. bonds outstanding.

**Earnings.**—Net earnings after deducting operating expenses, maintenance, depreciation and bank interest, but before deducting depletion, profits taxes and bond interest, were as follows:  
 1917. \$484,023 98  
 1918. \$462,918 79  
 1919. \$474,833 67  
 1920. \$889,338 39  
 For 1921, after deducting operating expenses, maintenance, depreciation and bank interest, but before deducting depletion and bond interest, company made a loss of \$383,707.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used for the construction of newsprint mill, which should be in operation by May 1 1923, and for the further extension of its sulphate pulp mill and for the general purposes of the company. Compare also V. 112, p. 2752.

**Bay Sulphite Co., Ltd., Montreal.—Definitive Bonds.**—Dillon, Read & Co. announce that definitive First (closed) Mtge. 7 1/2% gold bonds due May 1 1937 will now be exchanged for outstanding interim receipts at the Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, N. Y. City. For offering of bonds see V. 114, p. 1894.

**Bayuk Bros., Inc., Philadelphia.—Earnings.**

Earnings for Three Months ending Sept. 30—	1922.	1921.
*Net earnings \$291,591; other inc., \$7,432; total net inc. \$299,023	\$121,066	\$121,066
Depreciation \$19,382; pref. divs. \$45,790; reserve for		
First Preferred stock, \$24,200; total	89,373	70,202

Surplus for three months.....\$210,151 \$50,864  
 \* Net earnings from operations after deducting charges for maintenance and repairs of plants and estimated amount of excess profit tax, &c.—V. 115, p. 548.

**Belgo Paper Co., Ltd.—Bonds Offered.**—Newman, Sweezy & Co., Ltd., Wood, Gundy & Co., and McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Montreal, are offering at par and int., \$1,500,000 6% 1st Mtge. bonds. A circular shows:  
 Dated Oct. 1 1922. Due Oct. 1 1947. Interest payable A. & O. at any office in Canada of the National Trust Co., Ltd., trustee. Denom. \$1,000 (c). Callable all or part on any interest date after 30 days' notice and 103 and interest.

**Capitalization after this Financing.**

Authorized.	Outstanding.
Common shares	\$20,000,000
6% 1st (Closed) Mtge. bonds	3,000,000
	1,500,000

**Company.**—Incorp. to acquire the undertaking of the Belgian Industrial Co., successor to the Belgo-Canadian Pulp & Paper Co. Owns and operates at Shawinigan Falls, Que., a thoroughly modern newsprint paper mill. Business originally established in 1900. Company is one of the foremost Canadian producers of newsprint. Timber areas consist of

1,728 square miles of leasehold timber limits and 15,000 acres of freehold lands, estimated to contain over 6,000,000 cords of pulpwood. Annual output, 65,000 tons newsprint paper, now being increased to 105,000 tons annually. In addition, company operates at Shawinigan Falls a sawmill with capacity of 10,000,000 feet b. m. lumber per annum.

**Sinking Fund.**—Annual cumulative sinking fund of 2% commencing in 1923 will, it is estimated, retire the entire issue before maturity.

**Earnings.**—Average annual net earnings, available for interest charges on this issue of bonds, for the 5 years ended Dec. 31, 1921, have been several times the amount required. Estimated net earnings for 1923 available for interest on this issue of bonds, over 10 times the amount required.—V. 115, p. 1735.

**Bishop Navigation Co., Ltd.—Board Reorganization.**—Certain outstanding 1st Mtge. 6% serial gold bonds, dated July 15 1919, have been called for redemption Jan. 15 1923 at 102½ and int., at the Bank of Nova Scotia, Toronto, Montreal, and New York.—V. 109, p. 479.

**(C.) Brewer & Co., Ltd., Honolulu.—Div. Increased.**—The directors have voted to double the dividend rate for the remainder of the year, paying 2% monthly on a capitalization of \$4,000,000.—V. 110, p. 2195.

**British Empire Steel Corp., Ltd.—No Present Financing.** President R. M. Wolvin says the current reports about the financing did not originate with the company. He added that he had been negotiating with certain financial houses to take an interest in the company, but that, as far, he had not been able to make a sufficiently attractive proposal. Mr. Wolvin further says: "The first half of this year's operations were unsatisfactory, due to conditions in the steel industry, but the general situation is now very much better. The company's labor difficulties have been cleaned up, and our coal miners are now working under an agreement which runs until Jan. 1 1924. We are producing coal to the maximum capacity of our mines, and will continue to do so until the close of the St. Lawrence navigation, and the prospects for winter coal production are better than usual."

"By the close of the shipping season we will have shipped over 700,000 tons of iron ore to Germany, and, I believe, have established our ore for future use with the large steel plants there. We are operating two blast furnaces out of the total of four at present operating in Canada, and, as soon as the St. Lawrence season closes, we will blow in a third furnace."

"There is a moderate amount of export steel business in addition to an improved domestic trade, and we have contracts for some rails to be rolled this winter, and there is additional rail business to be placed. An acute car shortage is developing, and the Canadian railways need freight cars, which should result in good business for our car-building plant."

"The entire situation is much better, and costs of production are getting back to normal. Although at the last general meeting of the company a larger scheme of financing was contemplated, it has been decided, as a result of the improved conditions, that the same necessity does not now exist."—V. 115, p. 1214, 312.

**California-Oregon Power Co.—Earnings.**—For the twelve months ended June 30 1922 company reports gross revenue of \$1,029,409, operating and maintenance expense, \$444,410, net earnings without deducting interest or depreciation, \$584,999. Total kilowatt hours generated for the 12 months amounted to 131,170,857.—V. 115, p. 1637, 1214.

**Callahan Zinc-Lead Co.—Stockholders' Rights.**—The stockholders of record Oct. 26 1922 will be given the right to subscribe to new stock at par (\$10) on a basis of one new share for each five shares held.

Subscriptions are payable in New York funds to the Title Guarantee and Trust Co., New York, at the time of making subscription, on or before Nov. 20 1922. No subscription for a fraction of a share will be received. Fractional warrants will be valid only when used in conjunction with other like warrants for making subscription to one or more whole shares. See V. 115, p. 548, 1536.

**Cambridge (Mass.) Gas Light Co.—Stockholders' Rights.** The stockholders Oct. 19 voted (under authority of an order of the Dept. of Public Utilities) to increase the capital stock by \$140,000 (par value \$100). Each stockholder of record Oct. 19 1922 is entitled to subscribe for one share of new stock for each 12 shares of the old stock held at \$170 dollars per share. Time within which subscriptions may be made expires Nov. 20 1922. Payment for the shares subscribed for is required to be made to the company at its office, 719 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge A-39, Mass., on or before Nov. 24 1922.—V. 115, p. 1637, 992.

**Canadian Cereal & Flour Mills, Ltd.—Liquidation.**—Montreal dispatches state that H. T. Jamieson, C.A., authorized trustee and receiver, has announced that out of the proceeds of the liquidation he is arranging to make a second payment to the Montreal Trust Co. of an amount sufficient for a further distribution of 30% on account of principal of bond issue (making 60% paid to date), and interest outstanding, being for the three months ended Sept. 30 1922. Further payments on account of principal and interest will be made from time to time as the liquidation of properties proceeds. See V. 115, p. 78.

**Central Power & Light Co.—Tenders.**—The Equitable Trust Co., trustees, 37 Wall St., N. Y. City, will until Oct. 30, receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & Prior Lien 6% 30-year gold bonds, dated Oct. 1 1916, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$30,033 at a price not exceeding 105 and int.—V. 115, p. 922, 312.

**Cereals Co.—Bonds Offered.**—The Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City, Mo., is offering at 100 and int. \$450,000 1st Mtge. Serial 6½% gold bonds.

Dated Sept. 1 1922. Due serially, Sept. 1 1925 to 1934. Interest payable M. & S. at Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City, Mo., trustee, without deduction for Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 and \$100 (e\*).

**Company.**—A subsidiary of the Kansas Flour Mills Co. Company has leased entire property to Kansas Flour Mills Co. at a rental sufficient to pay all interest and sinking fund requirements on the bond issue, together with all taxes, insurance and maintenance charges on the property under a term of 15 years.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds from this issue of bonds together with the proceeds from \$300,000 of stock are to be used for the purchase of land and the erection thereon of a 3,000-barrel flour mill together with necessary equipment, switch facilities and appurtenances thereto to be located in North Kansas City, Mo.

**Kansas Flour Mills Co.**—Established in January 1912. Company has consistently earned substantial profits since its inception and paid out to its stockholders as dividends beginning in March 1912 and including June 1922, the sum of \$2,827,577. In addition to this has earned a surplus of \$1,602,608.

Company owns and operates free from mortgage and bonded debt the following properties: Anthony (Kan.) mills, Buile & White Swanmills, Kansas City, Kan.; Goodlander mills, Fort Scott, Kan.; Hoffman mill, Enterprise, Kan.; Klamman (Kan.) mills; Moses Bros. mills, Great Bend, Kan.; Pratt (Kan.) mills; Alva Roller mills, Alva, Okla.; Cherokee (Okla.) mills; Listman mills, La Crosse, Wis.; Sleepy Eye (Minn.) mills; terminal elevator at Hutchinson, Kan.; also 112 country elevators. See also Kansas Flour Mills Co. below.

**Chicago Railway Equipment Co.—Meeting Postponed.**—The stockholders' meeting scheduled for Oct. 7, for the purpose of voting a change in the stock, has been adjourned to Nov. 25.—See V. 115, p. 873, 1325.

**Cities Service Co.—Monthly Dividends.**—The directors have declared regular cash dividends of ¼ of 1% on the Preferred and Preference B stock and ½ of 1% in cash scrip on the Common stock, in addition to 1¼% stock scrip on the Common stock, all payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 15.

**Earnings 12 Months ended Sept. 30—**

Gross earnings	1922	1921
Expenses	\$14,417,560	\$15,866,065
Interest on debentures	432,549	550,137
Dividend on Preferred stock	2,180,466	2,079,170
	4,906,742	4,832,721

Net to Common stock and reserves \$6,897,801 \$8,364,036  
Total surplus and reserves Sept. 30 1922, \$47,204,343.—V. 115, p. 1735, 1537.

**Coca-Cola Co.—Balance Sheet.**—The income account for the six months ended June 30 1922 was given in V. 115, p. 1735.

Assets—	June 30 '22	Dec. 31 '21	Liabilities—	June 30 '22	Dec. 31 '21
Plant, mach'y, &c.	\$5,657,180	5,767,091	Preferred stock	\$10,000,000	10,000,000
Formulas, trade-mark and goodwill	24,974,400	24,966,230	Common stock	\$15,010,000	15,010,000
Cash in bank	1,309,561	894,808	Deposits	194,725	—
Cash sales in transit	36,881	—	Notes payable	—	2,195,750
Govt. securities	19,550	19,669	Accounts payable	742,580	1,024,898
Bills receivable	—	10,001	Can. sales tax	16,481	—
Other curr. assets	427,222	—	Federal gallon tax	138,134	—
Acc'ts. receivable	1,784,923	1,704,224	Accrued accounts	37,916	2,752
Inventory	1,808,030	1,316,993	Divs. payable	850,000	—
Inv. in affil. and other co.'s stock	253,013	—	Real estate notes	191,300	81,500
Notes receivable	136,865	154,772	Item for Fed. taxes	693,404	427,000
Sundry notes and acc'ts. receivable	31,255	127,820	Bad debt reserve	—	4,752
Deferred charges	13,432	47,375	P. & I. surp. paid in	4,520,000	4,500,000
			P. & I. surp. carried	4,126,521	2,208,045
			Total (est. side)	36,502,313	35,509,945

a After deducting \$424,902 for allowance for depreciation. \* Par value of Pref. stock, \$100; Common stock, 500,000 shares, without par value, issued for \$15,010,000 cash.

**Southern Interests Reported to Organize Holding Company.**—According to reports from Atlanta, Ga., residents of Atlanta and Southerners who own a majority of the Common stock will organize a holding company to take over control and continue the company's headquarters in Atlanta. The factor leading to organization of a holding company is said to have been the efforts of certain Eastern interests to acquire control. Thomas K. Glenn, V.-Pres. of the Trust Co. of Georgia, and a large stockholder, is quoted as follows:

"When the Coca-Cola Co. of Delaware was originally organized by the Trust Co. of Georgia in 1919 a majority of the stock was subscribed for by Southern people and two out of three voting trustees were citizens of Atlanta."

"This voting trust expires in little more than 18 months at which time all of the stock of the company now held by voting trustees (W. C. Bradley, Columbus; E. W. Stetson, New York, and E. Woodruff of Atlanta) will be distributed to the holders of the voting trust certificates."

"For the past two years there have been persistent efforts on the part of certain Eastern interests to acquire a controlling interest in the company. Therefore, in order to perpetuate control of the company in the South and its headquarters in Atlanta, certain Southern interests representing more than 250,000 of the 500,000 Common shares outstanding have agreed to organize a holding company with not less than 250,000 shares of Capital stock and to accept the shares of the holding company, share and share alike in exchange for their voting trust certificates of the Common stock and have authorized a committee consisting of W. C. Bradley, Thomas K. Glenn, E. F. Hutton, J. H. Nunnally and Robert W. Woodruff with full powers to organize in their discretion a holding company at such time and with such powers as they deem to be for best interests of all concerned."—V. 115, p. 1735, 1103.

**Columbia Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.**

9 Mos. ending Sept. 30—	1922	1921	Increase
Gross earnings (incl. other income)	\$14,712,432	\$11,957,622	\$1,754,810
Operating expenses and taxes	6,640,853	5,768,810	872,043
Lease, rentals, &c.	3,726,411	3,471,727	245,684
Charges	521,606	525,356	Dec. 3,750
Surplus	\$3,823,561	\$3,182,728	\$640,833

—V. 114, p. 1539.

**Consolidated Water Power & Paper Co.—Bonds Called.** One hundred sixteen 1st Mtge. bonds dated May 2 1921 (aggregating \$74,200) have been called for payment Nov. 1 at 105 and interest at the First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill., or at the option of the holder, at the First National Bank, N. Y. City.—V. 115, p. 873.

**Continental C'n Co.—New Director.**—Charles V. Rich, formerly Vice-President of the National City Bank, has been elected a director to succeed the late Louis Follet of Pittsburgh.—V. 114, p. 732.

**Continental Gas & Electric Corp.—Report.**—The company for the 12 months ended July 31 1922 reports gross income of \$2,463,862; net earnings, \$674,631, and a surplus of \$217,489, after providing for all interest and dividends on the Pref. stock.—V. 114, p. 2246.

**Consumers Power Co. (Maine)—Bonds Offered.**—National City Co., Cassatt & Co. and Graham, Parsons & Co. are offering at 92½ and int., to yield over 5½%, \$14,000,000 1st Lien & Unifying Mtge. gold bonds, Series C, 5s, due 1952 (see advertising pages).

Dated Nov. 1 1922. Due Nov. 1 1952. Int. payable M. & N. in New York City, without deduction of the normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 (e\* & r\*). \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. Red., all or part, on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 105 on or before Nov. 1 1932; at 104 thereafter to and incl. Nov. 1 1937; at 103 thereafter to and incl. Nov. 1 1942; at 102 thereafter to and incl. Nov. 1 1947, and at 101 thereafter prior to maturity. National City Bank, New York, trustee, Penna. & Conn. 4-mills tax refundable and tax-exempt in Michigan.

**Issuance.**—Subject to authorization by the Michigan P. U. Commission.

**Data from Letter of Vice-President George E. Hardy, October 18, 1922.**—Incorp. April 12 1910 in Maine. Owns and operates in lower Michigan one of the most modern and well-maintained systems engaged in the generation, transmission and distribution of electric light and power in the entire United States, as well as modern and well-maintained plants and distributing systems for the production and supply of artificial gas, used principally as fuel for both domestic and industrial purposes. Over 66% of the electric energy generated in the past year was produced by the company's hydro-electric stations. Combined properties serve about 64% of the urban population of the lower peninsula, of Michigan, exclusive of Detroit. Population estimated at 775,000.

**Capitalization Outstanding (Upon Completion of Present Financing)**

Common stock, paying 8% dividends	\$16,175,900
Preferred stock, paying 6% cumulative dividends	12,903,300
Preferred stock, paying 7% cumulative dividends	3,215,000
First Lien & Unifying Mortgage Series C 5s	14,000,000
Unifying & Divisional Mortgage 5s	\$27,427,500

x Application will be made to the Michigan P. U. Commission for authority to issue \$15,000,000 of these bonds. Only \$14,000,000 will be offered at this time. y Include \$22,254,000 First Lien & Ref. bonds due Jan. 1 1936; \$2,200,000 Michigan Light Co. 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds due Mar. 1 1948; \$2,661,500 representing several issues of underlying (closed mortgage) divisional bonds outstanding in the hands of the public. In addition, there will be pledged under the First Lien & Unifying Mortgage \$5,327,000 1st Lien & Ref. bonds and \$2,512,500 Michigan Light Co. 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to retire \$11,545,000 funded debt bearing 7% int., to reimburse company for unfunded construction expenditures, to acquire through a subsidiary the property now owned by the Thornapple Gas & Electric Co., which operates in seven communities in southern Michigan, and to provide funds for the erection by such subsidiary of a large new steam generating station.

**Properties.**—Physical properties are well designed, substantially constructed and have been adequately maintained. At the present time rated installed capacity of the electric generating stations, including a new water power plant in process of construction, is 214,000 h. p., of which 111,200 is in water power plants. Also owns water power sites and flowage lands and rights aggregating 60,000 acres and representing the major part of land necessary to the development of a total hydro-electric generating capacity of 200,000 h. p. Present plans and the sites for future development are located principally on the Manistee and the Au Sable rivers.

Transmission lines aggregate 1,314 circuit miles, more than 90% of which is installed on private right-of-way. Electric contracts number 138,717. Installed daily capacity of 7 gas manufacturing plants aggregates 20,370,000 cu. ft., of which approximately 51% represents water gas sets and 49%



coal gas equipment. Gas distribution systems consist of 621 miles of mains and serve 61,837 consumers.

Earnings for Calendar Years (Incl. Michigan Light Co., Recently Merged). Table with columns: Year, Gross Earnings, Net After Taxes, Interest on Funded Debt, Earnings.

x Twelve months ended Sept. 30. During past 12 months more than 70% of gross earnings and over 84% of net earnings were derived from the electric business.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will require company to deposit each year with the trustee, in semi-annual payments commencing May 1 1923, an amount in cash equal to not less than 1% of all underlying bonds and First Lien & Unifying Mtge. bonds outstanding at the preceding April 30.

(William) Cramp & Sons Ship & Engine Building Co.

Upon surrender of voting trust certificates to Drexel & Co., on or after Oct. 20, the shares of stock of the company, represented by the voting trust certificates so surrendered, will be delivered.

Crowell Publishing Co., N. Y.—Stock Increased, Etc.—

The stockholders have voted to increase the authorized Common stock from 75,000 shares to 225,000 shares, no par value.

Cudahy Packing Co.—Listed.—

The Boston Stock Exchange has listed \$12,000,000 5% first mortgage gold bonds maturing Dec. 1 1946.—V. 115, p. 1735, 1434.

Dallas Power & Light Co.—Bonds Offered.—

Harris, Forbes & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co. and Coffin & Burr are offering at 94, to yield 5.40%, \$1,000,000 1st Mtge. 5% gold bonds, Series C. A circular shows:

Dated Oct. 2 1922. Due Oct. 1 1952. Int. payable A. & O. in Boston or New York without deduction of normal Federal income tax up to 2%.

Capitalization (Upon Completion of Present Financing).

Table showing capitalization details: 1st Mtge. gold bonds, Preferred stock, Common stock.

Company.—Does the entire electric light and power business in the city and suburbs of Dallas. Population estimated, 185,000.

Earnings Year ended Dec. 31.

Table with columns: Year, Gross earnings, Operating expenses and taxes, Net earnings.

Sinking Fund.—

Annual sinking and improvement fund beginning 1924 of 1 1/2% of the total amount of bonds issued.

Management.—

Electric Bond & Share Co.—V. 115, p. 992.

Detroit Edison Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Year, Gross revenue, Expenses and taxes, Renewal, replacement & conting't reserve, Total deductions, Net income, Interest charges, Surplus.

Distillers Securities Corp.—Proposed Reorganization Plan.—

Terms for Bondholders, Etc.— See U. S. Food Products Corp. below.—V. 114, p. 1539.

East Bay Water Co., Oakland, Calif.—To Issue Stock.—

The California RR. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$184,363 Class "A" 6% Cumul. Pref. stock, the proceeds to be used to reimburse the treasury for money used in making sinking fund payments on bond issues.—V. 115, p. 1538.

Edison Elec. Illuminating Co. of Boston.—Stock.—

The stockholders of 16 voted that application be made to the Mass. Dept. of Public Utilities for authority to issue not exceeding 51,067 shares of additional capital stock (par \$100).

Edison Electric Illuminating Co., Cumberland, Md.—

See Cumberland Electric Ry. above.—V. 114, p. 2122.

(Otto) Eisenlohr & Bros., Inc., Phila.—New Control.—

Ben R. Lichty, Vice-President, and G. Harry Eimerbrink, manufacturing manager, together with others closely allied with the present management, have acquired control of the company's stock.

Empire Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—

For the 12 months ending Sept. 30 1922 company had gross earnings of \$1,802,050, an increase of 8.34% over the preceding 12 months, while net earnings were \$742,613, an increase of 50.05%.

Empire Gas & Fuel Co.—Definitive Bonds Ready.—

The Equitable Trust Co., 37 Wall St., N. Y. City, is now prepared to exchange outstanding interim certificates for 1st & Ref. Conv. 15-Year 7 1/2% gold bonds, series "A" for definitive bonds.

Empire Transportation & Oil Corp.—Sale.—

Thomas B. Gay, Lewis G. Williams and Robert H. Talley, as special masters, will sell at public auction at Richmond, Va., on Oct. 30, the following shares of stock, &c.:

- (1) 59,495 shares of Common stock of National Petroleum Corp.
(2) 65,492 shares of stock of Southern Fuel & Refining Co.
(3) 163,460 shares of stock of Gulf Coast Corp.

- (4) 1,000 shares of Preferred stock and 4,940 shares of Common stock of Lagunito Oil Co.
(5) 10,000 shares stock of Holden Evans Steamship Co.
(6) 15,000 shares of stock of John M. Connolly Steamship Co., Inc.
(7) 496 shares of stock of Empire Pipe Line Co.

Endicott-Johnson Corp.—New Shoe Plant.—

A new shoe factory with suitable housing facilities for the workers, will be located in Binghamton, N. Y. The present factories are situated in Johnson City, Endicott and West Endicott, N. Y.

Exchange Buffet Corp.—Earnings—Balance Sheet.—

Millett, Roe & Hagen, New York, have issued a special circular giving the history, earnings, balance sheet, &c., of this company.

Capital Stock.—

Auth., 250,000 shares (no par value); outstanding, 245,731 shares. Listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Dividends.—

Quarterly dividends have been paid regularly on its shares without interruption from organization to date.

Table showing dividends for years 1914-1922.

x In 1922 paid the equivalent of \$8 a share on its original capitalization. It distributed three quarterly dividends at the regular rate of \$2 a share and, after payment of the 300% stock dividend in April 1922, one of 50 cents a share on the increased number of shares.

Operations for the Years Ending April 30.

Table with columns: Year, Net Earnings, Dep. Tax, & Bal. for Dis., Div. Paid.

Condensed Balance Sheet.

Table with columns: Assets, Liabilities, Avg. 31'22, Apr. 30'22.

x Equipment and fixtures of restaurants and cigar stands at cost, \$1-690,809; less reserve for depreciation, \$642,419; balance, \$1,048,391.

y 17-23 John St., real estate equity: Land at cost, \$631,283; building at cost, \$440,277; less reserve for depreciation, \$15,412; total, \$1,056,148; less mortgage thereon at 6% due Nov. 1 1924, not assumed by Exchange Buffet Corporation, \$450,000, leaving, as above shown, \$606,148.

x Capital stock authorized, 250,000 shares, of no par value and of a declared value of \$5 per share; issued, 230,554 shares, \$3,684,180; subscribed for (by employees) or unissued, 4,406 shares (per contra), \$103,942; total, 234,960 shares, of \$3,787,122.

a Called for payment Oct. 15 last at 102 1/2 and interest.

A comparative income account for the four months ended Aug. 31 1922, and year ending April 30 1922, was published in V. 115, p. 1736.

Famous Players-Lasky Corp.—Status.—

According to the statement of its financial condition as of Sept. 30 last, the corporation had \$2,400,000 cash in banks and its bank borrowings were but \$2,700,000.

While Sept. was the largest month in the history of the company in point of earnings, it is stated that October results thus far indicate a larger volume of business for the month than was recorded in Sept.

Federal Sugar Refining Co.—To Close Refinery.—

President Claus A. Spreckels on Oct. 13 announced that the Yonkers plant would be closed immediately. President Spreckels says in part: "Sugar must fall in price. Conditions in Cuba, received in reports by cable, assert that there is so much heavy cane growing that they expect to begin grinding the new crop about one month to six weeks earlier than usual, that is, they will begin about Dec. 1 instead of Jan. 1 to 15."

Fleischmann Co., Cincinnati, O.—To Change Par Value of Common Stock—To Retire Notes in December.—

The Common stock has been changed from \$3,000,000, par \$100, to 1,500,000 shares of no par value. All the Common stock is owned by the Fleischmann family. The exchange in stock is being made on the basis of 50 shares of no par value for each share of \$100 par each.

In Dec. next the company proposes to retire its outstanding \$2,800,000 of 8% notes, which mature Dec. 1 1930.—V. 114, p. 2019.

Ford Motor Co., Detroit.—Prices Cut, Etc.—

The company on Oct. 17 announced a reduction of \$50 in the price of all its passenger cars. No change is made in the price of the tractor. The new schedule of prices follows: Five-passenger touring car, \$298; roadster, \$299; chassis, \$235; coupe, \$530; sedan, \$595. The price of a self-starter remains unchanged at \$70.

President Edsel B. Ford Oct. 17 says in substance: "The revision in our prices is the result of an increased volume of business which our company has enjoyed during the present year. We own and operate many of our sources of raw material, which enables us to continue increasing the quality of our product, and at the same time keeps the price so low that Ford cars are in reach of everybody."

Our production for 1922 is already in excess of a million, which has been an important factor in bringing down costs. Our present daily output is a variety of better than 5,000 cars and trucks. It is in anticipation of this continued demand that price adjustments are again being made, in order to keep in effect the policy of selling Ford products at the lowest price consistent with quality.—V. 115, p. 1736, 1538.

General Asphalt Co.—Tenders.—

The Bankers Trust Co., trustees, 10 Wall St., N. Y. City, will, until Oct. 26, receive bids for the sale to it of 8% 10-Year Sinking Fund Gov. gold bonds, dated Dec. 1 1920, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$56,011 and at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 115, p. 874.

General Motors Corp.—Stocks Outstanding, Etc.—

The corporation on Oct. 9 1922 had outstanding in the hands of the public 21,405,435 shares of Preferred, Debenture and Common stocks, of which 18,941,866 shares stood in the names of investors and 2,463,569 in the names of brokers.

The amount in the hands of brokers was 1,853,496 shares on April 7 1922 and 1,828,238 shares on Oct. 3 1921. While there has been a slight decrease in the total number of stockholders from the high point of a few months ago there has been a large increase in the number of Common shareholders owning 50 shares or less.

Wm. M. Sweet, who for several years has been a director and Vice-President of the Klaxon Company, has been appointed General Manager of that Company, with headquarters at Bloomfield, N. J.—V. 115, p. 1736.

**Habirshaw Electric Cable Co.—Reorganization Com.**

At a meeting of the committees representing the debenture holders, note holders and general creditors of the Habirshaw Electric Cable Co. Affiliated, held Oct. 17, at which upwards of 80% of the respective interests were represented, reports of experts retained by the committee to advise on the business prospects of the companies upon reorganization and the amount of new capital required to effect a reorganization on a sound financial basis, was carefully considered. The underlying principles of a plan under which an equitable and effective reorganization could be accomplished were also discussed and approved.

To facilitate an early reorganization of the properties, the respective committees appointed a reorganization committee of five, in which full power was vested to proceed with the least possible delay. This committee consists of E. A. Potter Jr. (V-Pres. Guaranty Trust Co.), E. N. Potter (of Potter Bros. & Co.), F. J. Leary (V-Pres. Central Union Trust Co.), T. K. Stevenson (of the Western Electric Co.), and T. E. Quisenberry (of Howe, Quisenberry & Co., Chicago).

The committee on reorganization will devote its immediate attention to the final details of the plan of reorganization and the requisite financing. —V. 115, p. 550, 766.

**Hamilton Brown Shoe Co., St. Louis.—Extra Div.**

An extra dividend of 1% has been declared on the outstanding \$4,000,000 Capital stock, par \$100, payable Nov. 1. This makes a total of 8% paid since Jan. 1, 1922, an extra dividend having been paid July 1 last. —V. 114, p. 2830.

**Hershey Chocolate Co.—Bonds Sold.—National City Co., Guaranty Co., New York, Graham, Parsons & Co., Cassatt & Co., Phila., and Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh, have sold at 98½ and int., yielding over 6¼%, \$15,000,000 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund 6% gold bonds (see adv. pages).**

Dated Nov. 1 1922. Due Nov. 1 1942. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (e\*). Int. payable M. & N. without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2% at office of National City Bank, New York, trustee. Red. all of part on any int. date on 30 days' notice; at 104 if redeemed on or before Nov. 1 1932; at 103½ thereafter but on or before Nov. 1 1934; at 103 thereafter but on or before May 1 1937, and thereafter at face value plus a premium of ¼% for each year or portion thereof between the date of redemption and maturity. Free from Pennsylvania personal property tax.

**Sinking Fund.**—Sinking fund sufficient to redeem the entire issue at or before maturity.

**Listing.**—Application will be made to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.

**Data Furnished Bankers by W. F. R. Murrie, President of the Co.**

**Company.**—Is the largest manufacturer of milk chocolate in the world. Principal products are the well-known Hershey brands of milk chocolate, almond bars, and breakfast cocoa.

**Security.**—Secured by closed first mortgage on the real estate, plants and fixed assets of the company in Pennsylvania and by deposit of all the stocks (except directors' shares) of all constituent companies operating in the United States and Cuba. Upon completion of the present financing, neither the company nor any of its constituent companies will have outstanding any other funded obligations.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to retire the existing 1st Mtge. 6% bonds of the company, pledged under an outstanding issue of Hershey Chocolate Corp. 1st Lien 7½% 10-Year Sinking Fund gold bonds (V. 110, p. 2491), which will be called for redemption Dec. 1 1922; for additional working capital, and to fund floating debt of certain constituent companies.

**Assets.**—Applying the proceeds of this issue, together with estimated earnings of the company, it is expected that the consolidated balance sheet of the company on Dec. 1 1922 (after redemption of the existing First Mtge. bonds) will show net tangible assets, after deducting all liabilities other than this issue, of \$32,688,442, or more than twice the amount of these bonds.

**Income.**—Consolidated net income of the Hershey Chocolate Co. and its constituent companies for the 8 months ended Aug. 31 1922, after depreciation but before interest and Federal taxes, amounted to \$3,628,000, or over 5.88 times interest requirements on these bonds for such period. For the 7 years ended Dec. 31 1921 the average annual net income amounted to over \$3,400,000, or more than 3.77 times the annual interest requirements on these bonds.

For further description of Hershey Chocolate Co. properties, &c., see V. 109, p. 481, 682, and Hershey Chocolate Corp. in V. 110, p. 2491.

**Hydraulic Steel Co.—Earnings.**

The company reports an operating loss of \$856,274 for the year ended June 30 1922. There was an additional loss of \$3,000,000 on the sale of the company's plant at Canton. In 1921 operating loss was \$383,901 and an additional inventory loss of \$1,500,000 was shown. The profit and loss deficit June 30 1922 was \$1,212,624, against a surplus of \$3,780,541 the previous year. —V. 115, p. 1736.

**Independent Sugar Co.—Receivership.**

See Detroit Bay City & Western RR. above.

**International Elevating Co.—New Director.**

Walter E. Frew, President of the Corn Exchange Bank, has been elected a director to succeed the late Wm. A. Nash. —V. 114, p. 2476.

**International Salt Co.—Quarterly Report (Incl. Subs.).**

**Quarters Ending—** Sept. 30 '22, June 30 '22.  
Earnings after deduct. all exps. except Fed. taxes. \$518,569 \$400,772  
Fixed charges and sinking fund 99,430 99,430

Net earnings \$417,139 \$301,342  
—V. 115, p. 1539, 651, 306.

**Jones Bros. Tea Co., Inc.—New Sub. Co.**

Jones Bros. Tea Co., Inc. of Delaware, a subsidiary, was incorporated in Delaware, Sept. 1 1922, with an authorized capital stock of \$250,000, par \$100 of which \$10,000 is outstanding.

**Sales for Month and Nine Months Ending Sept. 30.**  
1922—Sept.—1921. Increase. 1922—9 Mos.—1921. Increase.  
\$1,429,043 \$1,399,966 \$29,077 \$12,845,773 \$12,777,652 \$68,121  
—V. 115, p. 1436, 875.

**Kansas Flour Mills Co.—Balance Sheet May 31 1922.**

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash	\$286,150	Notes payable	\$259,750
U. S. securities	75,000	Accounts payable	92,712
Notes & acc'ts receivable	356,232	Accrued insurance	18,111
Inventories	94,725	Accrued taxes (general)	63,988
Plant & equip., less deprec.	3,144,948	Dividend on pref. stock	46,391
Oil tank cars, less deprec.	27,000	Res. for inc. & taxes	143,478
Autos, wagons, &c., less deprec.	20,887	Other reserves	105,789
Office furniture & fixtures	27,967	Preferred stock	2,657,500
Investments	80,120	Common stock	3,247,000
Deferred charges	13,787	Surplus	1,602,608
Patents, trade marks, &c.	3,256,500	Total (each side)	\$8,237,328

Compare also Cereals Co. above.

**Keystone Tire & Rubber Co.—Rights.**

Holders of common stock of record Oct. 24 will be offered the right to subscribe at \$6 50 per share for common stock (no par value), to the extent of one share of new stock for each two shares of stock held. The right to subscribe expires on Nov. 8 1922.

The stockholders recently increased the authorized capital from 500,000 shares to 650,000 shares and changed the par value from \$10 to no par value shares. —V. 115, p. 1436, 1329.

**Kinloch-Bloomington Telephone Co.—Application.**

The company has applied to the Illinois Commerce Commission for authority to issue \$250,000 7% Preferred stock and \$250,000 bonds. This company was incorporated in Illinois in July 1905 and has an authorized capitalization of \$500,000.

**Lackawanna Steel Co.—Exchange of Securities.**

The company's securities will be exchanged for those of Bethlehem Steel Corp. at the office of Kean, Taylor & Co., New York, beginning Oct. 30. The total cash to be distributed in addition to \$12,500,000 new 7% Cumulative Preferred and \$22,068,500 of Class "B" Common

stock of Bethlehem Steel Corp., is \$473,509. Of this, \$164,829 represents dividends from Sept. 1 to Oct. 1 which would have accrued upon above stocks if they had then been issued. —V. 115, p. 1736.

**(A. E.) Little Co., Lynn, Mass.—Bonds Sold.—J. G. White & Co. and Spence Trask & Co., have sold at 100 and interest \$1,500,000 1st Mtge. 7% Sinking Fund Gold bonds. (See advertising pages.)**

Dated Oct. 1 1922. Due Oct. 1 1942. Interest payable A. & O. at Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, trustee, or Bankers Trust Co., New York, Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (e\*). Normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2% assumed by company. Penna. 4 mill tax refunded. Redeemable all or part on any interest date on 30 days' notice at 110 and interest.

**Data from Letter of Pres. Alex. E. Little, Lynn, Mass., Oct. 14.**

**Company.**—A Massachusetts corporation with factories in Lynn, Brockton and Newburyport, Mass. Manufactures shoes which it markets under the well-known trade name "Sorosiss." Is one of the leading manufacturers in this country of the better grades of women's shoes and this type of product forms about 80% of its business. Business was organized in 1898 and incorporated in 1917.

**Purpose.**—To provide funds for the extension of the company's business, principally in connection with the rapidly growing demand for a new type of shoes recently added to the company's list and now being marketed under the trade name "The A. E. Little Shoe."

**Consolidated Net Earnings (Incl. Subsidiaries, of which It Owns Substantially All the Capital Stock), After All Taxes, Except Federal Taxes.**

	Before Deprec.	After Deprec.	Before Deprec.	After Deprec.
a 1912	\$280,239	\$227,572	c 1917	\$228,615
a 1913	243,928	175,385	c 1918	310,053
a 1914	226,798	155,202	c 1919	628,775
a 1915	223,678	158,177	c 1920	318,111
b 1916	895,426	824,647	c 1921	236,498

a Fiscal year ending Oct. 31. b 14 months ending Dec. 31. c Calendar years.

Business for the first 9 months of 1922 is substantially in excess of that for the same period of 1921, and it is expected that this increase will be reflected in the net profits for the year.

**Sinking Fund.**—A sinking fund of \$45,000 per annum will be used to purchase bonds in the open market or to call bonds by lot at 110 and interest.

**Consolidated Balance Sheet (After Financing) June 30 1922.**

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash	\$519,950	Notes payable	\$516,367
Accounts receivable	228,772	Accounts payable	108,841
Merchandise inventories	2,212,186	Accrued accounts	10,364
Marketable securities	23,846	Deferred accts. payable	16,313
Life Ins., cash sur. value	12,150	7% 1st Mtge. bonds	1,500,000
Miscel. accounts rec. & sundry investments	95,177	Reserves	39,072
Factory, land, bldgs., &c.	2,639,622	Minority stockholders' int.	
Lasts, patterns & dies	160,425	In subsid. companies	20,861
Goodwill	1	Capital stock	2,275,100
Deferred charges	215,845	Surplus	1,623,057
Total	\$6,107,974	Total	\$6,107,974

**Loew's, Incorporated.—New Director.**

Charles M. Schwab, Chairman of the Bethlehem Steel Co., has been elected a director. —V. 115, p. 1106.

**Long-Bell Lumber Co.—Organizes Railway Co.**

This company has organized the Longview Portland & Northern Ry., with an authorized capitalization of \$500,000. The incorporators of the new company are R. A. Long, Chairman of the Long-Bell Lumber Co.; J. D. Tennant, S. M. Morris and Wesley Vandercook. —V. 115, p. 767, 652.

**(Walter M.) Lowney Co.—Incorporated.**

Incorporated under Massachusetts laws, as per reorganization plan. Authorized capital, 160,000 shares, no par value. Directors are Arthur H. Weed, Pres., Milton; Stafford Johnson, Treas., Newton; Oscar W. Hausermann, Cambridge, and Gerald S. Pratt, Boston. Compare plan in V. 115, p. 314, 653.

**McCrory Stores Corporation.—September Sales.**

1922—Sept.—1921	Increase	1922—9 Mos.—1921	Increase
\$1,385,886	\$1,068,990	\$316,896	\$11,135,035
			\$9,329,075

—V. 115, p. 1436.

**Madison Tire & Rubber Co., Inc., New York.**

The stockholders will vote Oct. 24 on authorizing the company to borrow \$750,000 through a serial bond issue, due from 10 to 15 years, secured by mortgage on the company's Buffalo real estate, equipment and machinery.

An official statement says: The company ever since its organization has promptly met its current liabilities on a discount basis. The company's present obligations consist of \$700,000 due to five banks, and in addition hereto a sum not in excess of \$50,000 for current accounts payable not yet due. Cash, accounts receivable and inventories amount to approximately \$1,500,000. The purpose of creating the bond and mortgage issue is to pay the whole or the greater part of the moneys due the banks.

Max Loewenthal is President. Executive offices, 20 W. 60th St., N. Y. City. —V. 109, p. 2361.

**Magma Copper Co.—New Smelter.**

The construction work in connection with doubling the company's capacity to handle from 300 to 600 tons of ore daily is progressing rapidly. It is expected that about December the 31-mile Magma Arizona R.R. will be in a condition to carry heavy materials for the construction of the new 600-ton smelter at Superior. All grades have been cut down to a maximum of 2% on the main line. Foundations for the smelter are expected to be finished about the first of next year and shipments of machinery and materials will then go forward. Work in the mine is at present confined to development in drifting and crosscutting though a fourth shaft is being sunk for better ventilation. The company has developed reasonably assured ore reserves of over 1,500,000 tons, sufficient to supply the proposed enlarged concentrator and smelter at capacity for 7 years. —"Official." —V. 115, p. 1329.

**Magnolia Petroleum Co.—Purchases Oil Acreage.**

It is reported that the company has purchased for \$2,500,000 from R. O. Harvey and L. H. Cullam, Wichita Falls, Tex., oil acreage with 2,000 barrels daily production in south Electra field and Burk Burnett and Desdemona pools. —V. 115, p. 1436.

**Mammoth Oil Co.—Explains Water in Teapot Dome.**

The Sinclair Oil Co. has issued a statement regarding the striking of water in the Teapot Dome territory of Wyoming. This statement holds that the happening is without importance since the drilling will be continued into the second sand, which in previous instances has shown a good flow of oil. The statement considers that the finding of water has been exaggerated in its relationship to development of the property and says that the discovery of water is in no sense similar to the in-urasion of water into the Mexican oil fields. The statement says in part:

"Dr. A. C. Ventea, chief geologist of the Sinclair organization, explained that there is no water in any of the Wyoming fields in the sense that Wall Street understands the incursion of water into Mexican oil fields. In nearby properties no water was found in the First Wall Creek sand. This sand in places has oil, in other places oil and gas, in other places a little water, and in still others it has neither oil, water nor gas. These irregularities are expected. To date the results of drilling in Teapot Dome have been even more satisfactory than anticipated." —V. 115, p. 1737.

**Martin Parry Corp.—Earnings.—Sales, &c.**

A published statement revised for the "Chronicle" states: "Earnings for the past six months have been averaging \$50,000 a month after all charges and Federal taxes, or at the annual rate of \$600,000, equal to \$6 a share on the 100,000 shares of no-par stock outstanding. It is estimated that for the full 12 months ending Dec. 31 next, net profits will approximate \$400,000, or \$4 a share. This would be twice the current dividend requirements of \$2 a share."

In both sales and profits the company will establish new records this year, substantially bettering the results of 1920, the best previous year.



Sales for the first 7 months of the current year exceeded \$2,450,000, compared with \$2,424,879 for the full year 1921. It is estimated that the sales for the full year of 1922 should approximate \$4,000,000.

The financial and physical condition is good. Inventories are in an unusually liquid condition, the demand for bottles being such as to make it impossible to build up a surplus stock.—V. 114, p. 1414.

Mexican Eagle Oil Co., Ltd.—Initial Dividend.—

An initial dividend of 5s. 9/16d. for each 10 shares has been declared on the 1st Pref. stock, payable in London Oct. 31. (See V. 114, p. 2247.)—V. 115, p. 1540.

Middle West Power Co.—New Electric Power Plant.—

The company, a subsidiary of the Middle West Utilities Co., announces that ground has been broken for its mammoth electric power plant on the east bank of the Mississippi River at Grand Tower, Jackson County, in the Southern Illinois coal fields. Engineers say this is the most important development ever planned for that section of the State.

The building plans call for a great electric station with generating capacity of 100,000 k.w., or nearly 135,000 h. p., representing an investment of \$12,000,000. It is not planned to stop at that, however, for, with plentiful coal and water available, it is expected to increase capacity just as fast as the demand for output grows. The first unit to be installed is of 25,000 k.w. capacity.

The new Grand Tower plant will furnish electric energy to another Middle West Utilities Co. subsidiary, the Central Illinois Public Service Co., which provides the electric service of 187 Central and Southern Illinois cities and towns. The latter company has a large power plant at Muddy, near Harrisburg, Ill. The two plants will be tied together by a 66,000-volt steel tower transmission line.

Midway Gas Co.—Bond Redemption.—

One hundred twenty (\$120,000) 1st & Ref. Mgt. 6% gold bonds dated Dec. 1 1914, have been called for payment Dec. 1 at par and interest at the Mercantile Trust Co., 464 California St., San Francisco, Calif.—V. 114, p. 1294.

Mohawk Mining Co.—Wages Increased.—

An increase in wages, from \$3 to \$3.50 per day, retroactive to Sept. 16, has been announced by this company and the Wolverine Copper Mining Co.—V. 115, p. 1541, 876.

Montana Power Co.—Earnings (Incl. Sub. Cos.)—

Table with columns for 1922-3 Mos., 1921-3 Mos., 1922-9 Mos., 1921-9 Mos. and rows for Gross earnings, Oper. expenses and taxes, Int. and bond discount, Balance, surplus.

—V. 115, p. 552.

Mount Royal Hotel Co., Ltd., Montreal.—Debenture Bonds Offered.—

Throckmorton & Co., New York, are offering at par and int. \$1,000,000 Conv. 8% Debenture bonds. Each \$1,000 bond carries three shares of Common stock (par \$100).

Dated Sept. 1 1921. Interest payable Q.-J. at the Royal Bank of Canada at Toronto and Montreal, or in U. S. currency at the agency of the Royal Bank, New York City, at holder's option. Denom. \$100, \$500, \$1,000 and \$5,000 (c). Convertible into the 8% Cumul. Pref. stock on July 1 1923 on the basis of 10 shares for each \$1,000 bond.

Property.—Mount Royal is a 10-story fireproof building with 1,010 guest rooms (each with private bath) and 64 stores and offices, located in Montreal. The hotel will be ready for business about Dec. 20 1922 and will be operated under a 33-year contract by the United Hotels Co. of America.

Security.—Subject to a 20-year sinking fund mortgage of \$4,000,000 these debentures will be secured by a lien on the entire property.

Estimated Earnings.—United Hotels Co. of America estimate that income from sub-rentals and concessions of 64 stores and offices, &c., will be sufficient to pay in full on the 1st M. bonds and these debentures.

Making liberal allowances for corporate and operating expenses, the profits from the sale of food, room rentals, &c., should net about \$1,200,000 on the Common stock, or 20%.

Table with columns for Authorized and Outstanding and rows for 1st Mgt. 7% bonds, 8% Convertible debentures, 8% Cumulative Preferred stock, Common stock.

National Biscuit Co.—Purchases Building.—

See Armour & Co. above.—V. 115, p. 1737, 876.

New Cornelia Mining Co.—To Build New Plant.—

The company, it is understood, will build a power house at Ajo, Ariz., and will install motors and other electrical equipment in connection with its new concentrating plant, to cost approximately \$4,000,000.—V. 115, p. 1639, 1330.

New England Oil & Refining Co.—Earnings, &c.—

Net earnings for the first 8 months of 1922 were \$1,432,632 before providing for depreciation. As of Aug. 31 the company had \$2,764,473 of current assets and \$1,635,538 of current liabilities, it is stated.—V. 115, p. 765, 444.

New York Air Brake Co.—Stock Sold.—

Edward B. Smith & Co. and Dominick & Dominick, New York, have sold at \$51 per share the unsubscribed balance of 100,000 shares of Class A Stock (of no par value). This stock was offered to stockholders at \$50 per share, the subscription rights expiring Oct. 15. About 78% of the stock was subscribed for, it is stated. (See advertising pages.)

Net income, after all charges including interest, for 24 years and 7 months ending Dec. 31 1921, averaged \$307,727, or 1.52 times Class A dividend; for ten years ending Dec. 31 1921, averaged \$1,164,495, or 2.92 times dividend; for nine months ending Sept. 30 1922 (last three months estimated) were \$859,507, or 2.20 times dividend. Had the proceeds of the present financing been available during these nine months, interest charges saved would have left net earnings equal to nearly three times the Class A dividend for that period. Further details regarding recapitalization, history, Class A stock provisions and balance sheet as of June 30 1922 are given in V. 115, p. 999, 1330, 1738.

New York Mutual Gas Light Co.—Stock From List.—

The company's capital stock has been stricken from the list of the New York Stock Exchange. Dividends in liquidation totaling \$328.89 a share have been paid to shareholders.—V. 115, p. 1541, 1216.

New York Telephone Co.—Rate Case—Telephones.—

At the request of the N. Y. State and city officials, the U. S. Supreme Court advanced the rate case for argument on Feb. 19, next.

Effective Oct. 14, the company put into operation new dial telephones in the Pennsylvania zone in New York City. About 1,700 lines were connected with the new apparatus.

President Howard F. Fairbank says in part: "In the nine-month period we have connected 261,000 new telephones, installed 6,570,000 miles of wire, enlarged 118 central office switch boards and have placed in service 11 new central office."

"Our building operations have been equally extensive. Since Jan. 1 we have begun construction on four new large buildings and additions to nine others. Before the war the average annual investment for new plant was \$15,000,000. This year our construction program calls for an expenditure of approximately \$61,000,000. The necessary new capital has come principally from the sale of the company's securities.

"The system is now being expanded more rapidly and on a larger scale than ever before, both to meet the demands of new subscribers and to make the existing service of the highest possible quality."—V. 115, p. 1639.

Niagara Falls Power Co.—Report.—

Table with columns for 1922-3 Mos., 1921-3 Mos., 1922-9 Mos., 1921-9 Mos. and rows for Operating revenue, Oper. exp., amort. & taxes, Net operating revenue, Non-operating revenue, Net income, Interest, &c., Surplus income.

Nipissing Mines Co., Ltd.—Production, &c.—

During September the company mined ore of an estimated value of \$194,240 and shipped 151,417 fine ounces of silver of an estimated value of \$235,201. The value of the month's silver production was 69 1/2 cents per ounce. Cobalt produced was 34,289 pounds.—V. 115, p. 1541, 1330.

Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Ltd.—Report.—

Table with columns for 1921-22, 1920-21, 1919-20, 1918-19. and rows for Trading profits, inc. inv., inc., after bond interest, Other profits, Total profits, Preferred dividend (7%), Common dividends b. (22%), Balance, surplus.

a After payment of bond interest and after making provision for war taxes. b Includes bonus of \$250,000.

Balance Sheet Aug. 31. Table with columns for 1922, 1921 and rows for Assets (Cash, Accts. & bills rec., Stocks on hand, Investments, Pen. fund invest's, Water powers, mill plants, &c., &c., Goodwill, trade marks, patent rights, &c.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, 1st mtge. bonds, Accounts payable, Interest and dividends accrued, Officer's pen. fund, Ret. account, Conting't account, Profit & loss, surp.).

—V. 115, p. 1738, 1437.

Ohio Oil Co.—300% Stock Dividend.—

The stockholders will vote Nov. 24 on increasing the capital stock from \$15,000,000 to \$60,000,000 (par \$25). If the increase is authorized, it is proposed to declare a stock dividend of 300%. President J. C. Donnell's letter to stockholders is as follows:

A special meeting of stockholders has been called, to be held Nov. 24, to consider increasing the capital stock from \$15,000,000 to \$60,000,000 (par \$25), and authorizing distribution of such increase as a stock dividend.

This course, in the judgment of the directors, is justified by the increase in the company's assets, now far in excess of its capital stock, resulting in a large measure from the reinvestment of earnings.

If the proposed increase is authorized by the stockholders, the directors contemplate declaration of a stock dividend of the full amount of the authorized increase of capital, to be paid Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 1.

Stockholders of record Oct. 24 will be entitled to vote at such meeting.—V. 115, p. 877, 315.

Otis Elevator Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1922, 1921, 1920 and rows for Earnings aft. all chgs., maint. & deprec., Reserve for Federal taxes, Reserve for pension reserve, Interest charges, Net income.

Otis Steel Co.—Balance Sheet.—

Table with columns for June 30 '22, Dec. 31 '21, June 30 '22, Dec. 31 '21 and rows for Assets (Land, construction and equipment, Inv. & adv. to sub. companies, Cash, U. S. Govt. secur., Cfs. of dep. & int., Acc'ts receivable, Notes receivable, Inventories, Other assets, Deferred charges) and Liabilities (Prof. 7% cum. stk., Common stock, 1st M. 20-year 8s., Due on contract, Smet-Solvay Co, Acc'ts pay. & accr., Deferred liab., Accrued taxes, Co. and State, Acer. int. 1st M. bonds, Reserves for depr. of property, Other reserves, Surplus incident to reorganization, Profit & loss surp.).

Total (ca. side) 30,374,139 25,166,570. \* Common stock (no par value) declared at \$5 per share; authorized, 500,000 shares; outstanding, 411,668 shares. The comparative income account for the six months ending June 30 1922 was published in V. 115, p. 1738.

Ottawa Light, Heat & Power Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1922, 1921 and rows for Eight Months Ending Aug. 31, Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Bond interest, Surplus.

Packard Motor Car Co.—Earnings—Cash Position.—

A dispatch from Detroit says: The company in Sept. last earned \$900,000, and has \$16,000,000 in cash and marketable securities. October shipments are likely to break all previous records.

An official is quoted as saying: "We have sufficient cash to retire our outstanding notes, and if conditions warrant on April 15 next it is likely they will be called at the callable price of 107 1/2, but any predictions about dividends at present are pure conjecture."—V. 115, p. 996, 316.

(J. C.) Penney Co.—September Sales.—

Table with columns for 1922-Sept-1921, Increase, 1922-9 Mos-1921, Decrease and rows for 1922-894, 1921-208, 1922-9 Mos-1921, 1921-603, 1922-516.

Philippine Refining Corp.—Bond Issue.—

The Central Union Trust Co. of N. Y. has been appointed trustee of an issue of \$2,000,000 15-Year Sinking Fund 8% Debenture bonds, due July 1 1937.

Pierce Arrow Motor Car Co.—Readjustment Possible.—

The directors are scheduled to meet on Oct. 31, at which time it is regarded as possible that a plan of readjustment of the company's outstanding bank loans amounting to \$7,900,000 may be discussed. It is recognized that ultimately some sort of an agreement will be necessary for the funding of the bank loans. Just how the matter will be arranged cannot be stated at the moment. ("Financial America.")—V. 115, p. 877, 655.

Pennsylvania Edison Co.—Earnings & Balance Sheet.—

Income and Profit & Loss Account (Pennsylvania Edison System)
6 Mos. end. June 30 '22 1921
Operating rev. 1,241,712 2,451,148
Operating exp. 784,181 1,602,796
Fed., State, local, &c., taxes. 35,478 91,235
Rentals. 14,724 29,449
Oper. income. 424,329 727,668
Other income. 15,801 13,941
Total income. 440,130 741,610
Deduct: Int. on fd. debt. 183,161 325,141
Int. on notes pay. 130 36,823
Int. on consumers' dep. 4,311 547
Other interest. 24,108 2,268
Amort. of debt disc. & exp. 11,632 28,931

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Assets— June 30 '22 Dec. 31 '21
Prop., pt., Equip. & franchise. 9,048,530 9,044,085
Leaseholds. 2,000 2,000
Const. for cur year. 589,292
Sunk & oth. funds. 308,514 232,546
Securities owned. 16,770 16,770
Treasury securs. 177,500 163,000
Cash. 212,498 112,123
Cash on deposit. 20,688 19,659
Notes receivable. 6,542 6,410
Accts. receivable. 212,886 207,313
Materials & suppl. 171,289 170,635
Ins. prems. (paid in advance). 3,565 1,638
Taxes paid in adv. 512 40
Wok. f. ds. in hands of employees. 2,535 2,179
Miscellaneous. 88 88
Deferred charges. 793,846 769,135
Total. 11,566,904 10,747,621

Liabilities— June 30 '22 Dec. 31 '21
Preferred stock. 1,363,670 743,700
Common stock. 2,691,031 2,691,188
Funded debt. 6,408,000 6,362,509
Notes payable. 2,500 14,000
Accounts payable. 206,375 147,647
Bond & note int. matured. 20,470 19,441
Cons. depts. & loans from consumers. 133,005 130,472
Compen. awards. 5,067
Divs. declared. 14,713
Federal taxes. 22,337 19,293
State, local and county taxes. 46,341 52,507
Int. on fd. debt. 74,527 73,927
Miscellaneous. 15,563 3,738
Gen. deprec. res. 271,682 128,438
Other reserves. 135,185 141,227
P. & l. surplus. 176,751 204,775
Total. 11,663,904 10,747,621

\* Preferred stock, 14,005 shares without par value. y Common stock, 5,264 1-7 shares without par value.—V. 115, p. 1738, 1640.

Pierce, Butler & Pierce Manufacturing Corporation.

—Bonds Offered.—A. C. Allyn & Co., New York and Chicago, are offering, at par and interest, \$2,500,000 First Mtge. 6 1/2% Sinking Fund 20-Year Gold Bonds (see advertising pages).

Dated Oct. 1 1922. Due Oct. 1 1942. Int. payable A. & O. at Equitable Trust Co., New York, trustee, or at Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Penn. and Conn. personal property tax not in excess of 4 mills, Mass. income tax not in excess of 6 1/4% on income derived from these bonds, and Maryland securities tax refundable. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (ce). Redeemable, all or part, at 107 1/2 and int. on any interest date to and incl. Oct. 1 1927, the premium decreasing 1/2 of 1% on each April 1 thereafter.

Data from Letter of President J. T. Duryea, New York, Oct. 4, 1914.

Company.—Organized in New York and began business Oct. 1 1914, succeeding Pierce, Butler & Pierce Mfg. Co., which in turn had its origin in S. F. Pierce & Sons Co., established in Syracuse, N. Y., in 1839. Business developed gradually from the jobbing of crockery to the jobbing of gas fixtures, hardware and stoves, extending eventually to the manufacture of heating and plumbing goods.

At organization in 1914 company had three jobbing houses and one manufacturing plant and was doing a business of about \$1,400,000 per annum. In 1916 the plants of Syracuse Faucet & Valve Co. and Azadian Gauge Co. were acquired by purchase. In 1919 purchased the properties and business of the Ames Iron Works at Oswego, N. Y. In 1920 acquired properties of Atlantic Radiator Corporation at Huntington, Pa. Manufactures cast iron boilers and radiators for steam and hot water heating, a full line of pressure gauges and thermometers, and a special high-grade packless steam valve, all of which are used in the heating business. The Corporation also manufactures Ames high speed engines, Sturmpf Unaflow high speed engines and Ames high pressure boilers. The jobbing houses of the corporation handle a full line of plumbing fixtures and materials. The cast iron boiler and radiator business constitutes about 40% of the corporation's business. The engines and high pressure boilers constitute about 30% of the business, and the plumbing jobbing business constitutes about 30%.

Corporation now owns and operates four manufacturing plants and ten jobbing houses, doing a business of over \$7,000,000 per annum.

Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31 (Including Ames Iron Works).

Year— 1917-1921
Net Sales. xNet Earn. yNet Earns
1917 \$3,813,460 \$673,299 \$623,189
1918 4,680,738 707,304 583,945
1919 6,165,507 852,675 644,136
1920 7,316,055 1,101,138 893,192
1921 6,018,942 282,749 150,587

x Available for interest, Federal taxes and depreciation. y Available for interest after depreciation and Federal taxes.

Purpose.—To be used in part to pay off various small mortgages and bond issues on portions of the properties and the balance will be used to reduce debt to banks.

Sinking Fund.—On Oct. 1 1925 a sinking fund payment of 1 1/4% of the total amount of this issue will be made, and thereafter semi-annual sinking fund payments will be made at the annual rate of either 2 1/4% of the total amount of this issue or 10% of the net earnings for the calendar year, whichever is greater.—V. 115, p. 1640.

Pittsburgh Steel Co.—Annual Report.—

Consolidated Income Account Years ending June 30 (Incl. Subsidiary Cos.).
1921-22 1920-21 1919-20 1918-19
Sales, less returns & allow. \$15,866,063
Less cash discount. 209,102
Net sales. \$15,656,961 \$22,978,789 \$27,483,107 \$31,265,012
Mfg., &c., cost (incl. replacements, &c.) 13,100,937 17,465,432 22,780,463 25,980,341
Selling exp., taxes, &c. 1,180,739 1,201,399 771,999 612,168,804
Net earnings. \$1,375,285 \$4,311,958 \$3,930,645 \$4,067,864
Depreciation & depletion 866,330 985,889 1,126,306 1,260,416
Extinct' of mine prop. 65,063 1,095,320 458,173 15,018
Inventory adjustment. 65,063 1,095,320 458,173 15,018
Idle plant expenses. 369,267 458,173 15,018
Doubtful accounts res' ve. 73,376 41,755
Net profit on operation. \$1,957 \$1,735,821 \$2,804,339 \$2,792,430
Miscellaneous revenue. \$804,864 \$117,967 \$69,665 \$60,824
Interest earned. 199,988 238,870 165,886 196,624
Net profits, all sources. \$1,006,809 \$2,092,658 \$3,039,890 \$3,049,878
Int. on unmat'd install't 675,625 103,125 x\$134,455 \$34,280
Loss on sale of property. 38,250 123,824 339,287 244,051
Loss on U. S. bonds, &c. y 143,181 604,690
Prov. for war profits tax. 31,051 735,000 735,000 735,000
Miscellaneous. 735,000 735,000 735,000 735,000
Prof. dividends (7%) 735,000 735,000 735,000 735,000
Common dividends. (1%) 560,000 (6) 850,000 (8) 560,000 (13) 910,000
Balance, surplus. def \$433,117 \$147,527 \$666,459 \$1,126,547
a Reduction in inventory prices, less adjustment of reserves. b Interest on unamort'd installments on purchase price of Alicia properties. c Also including ordinary taxes, insurance and interest. x Interest on deferred installments on purchase price of Alicia properties.—V. 115, p. 1738.

Pierce Oil Corp.—Hearing on Injunction.—

The Chancery Court at Richmond, Va., has declined to hear the motion of Alvin Untermeyer and others of New York, stockholders, for an injunction against the board of directors to restrain them from exercising their functions as directors until the litigation of the questions of the propriety of their election may be determined.

The petition, filed by Alvin Untermeyer, Irwin Untermeyer, John C. Moran, Therese S. Roseblatt and Addie L. Werthelmer, asked that the recent election of directors be declared void and that the Court order that the voting power of the Common stock has been forfeited and the entire voting power vested in the Preferred stockholders, and that an injunction be granted against the directors from exercising their functions until these questions should be decided.

Counsel for the directors opposed the granting of any injunction until the case could be heard on its merits and asked time to answer the petition. The case was set for hearing on its merits on Oct. 31. See V. 115, p. 1738, 1640.

Pittsburgh & Westmoreland Coal Co.—Redemption.—

Forty-six (\$46,000) 1st Mtge. 5% bonds, due Nov. 1 1925, have been called for redemption Nov. 1 at par and interest, at the Girard Trust Co., trustee, Philadelphia, Pa.—V. 111, p. 1667.

Pressed Steel Car Co.—Equipment Order.—

The company has received an order from the Interstate RR. for 1,000 box cars of 55 tons capacity.—V. 115, p. 877.

Pullman Co.—Equipment Orders.—

See Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. under "Railroads" above.—V. 115, p. 1739

(Robert) Reis & Co.—Sales.—

Quarter ending Sept. 30— 1922. 1921. Increase.
Gross sales. \$1,479,250 \$1,307,354 \$171,896
Sales for the first nine months of 1922 increased approximately 16% over 1921.—V. 115, p. 190.

Remington Typewriter Co. of N. Y.—Decision.—

The Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court on Oct. 20 set aside the election of directors held at Hion, N. Y., on April 19 and 20 1922, in the suit brought by James S. Carney, a stockholder, holding 1,400 shares of the capital stock of the corporation. The Court ordered a new election on thirty days' notice.—V. 115, p. 769, 655.

Republic Iron & Steel Co.—Quarterly Report.—

Results for Quarters and Nine Months ending Sept. 30.
—1922—3 Mos—1921— —1922—9 Mos—1921—
\*Net earnings. \$395,756 def \$1,060,747 \$681,745 def \$1,098,952
Other income. 23,004 23,004 23,004 23,132
Total income. \$395,756 def \$1,037,743 \$681,745 def \$969,820
Depreciation & renewals. 252,335 137,779 655,769 491,251
Exhaustion of minerals. 49,865 28,568 131,590 121,568
Bond and note interest. 232,229 194,319 658,763 602,832
Preferred dividend. (14) 437,500 (54) 131,250 (14) 450,000
Common dividend.
Balance, deficit. \$138,676 \$1,835,910 \$764,380 \$3,939,971

\* These are the net earnings from operations after charges for repair and maintenance of plants, amounting to \$705,769 for the three months ended Sept. 30 in 1921 against \$1,627,147 in 1920. Unfilled orders on hand Sept. 30 1922 of finished and semi-finished products totaled 199,431 tons, against 196,836 tons June 30 1922.—V. 115, p. 1641, 1542.

Republic Motor Truck Co.—Removed from List.—

The voting trust certificates for Common stock, no par value, have been removed from the New York Stock Exchange list. The company was recently placed in receivership, and it is stated, plans for reorganization will be promulgated in the near future.—V. 115, p. 1642, 877.

St. Lawrence Flour Mills Co.—Annual Report.—

Years ending Aug. 31— 1921-22. 1920-21. 1919-20. 1918-19.
Profits. \$169,365 \$147,801 \$215,077 \$245,594
Bond interest. 7,952 12,460 13,395 14,235
Preferred dividend. 40,250 40,250 40,250 40,250
Common dividends. (6%) 72,000 (6) 72,000 (10) 120,000 (10) 120,000
War tax. 14,308 14,641 25,433
Balance, surplus. \$34,855 \$8,450 \$12,990 \$71,109
Add'l general reserve. Cr. 182,566
Bonus div. on Common. (2%) 24,000 (10) 120,000

Balance. sur. \$34,853 def. \$15,550 sur. \$75,565 sur. \$71,109
Total profit & loss surplus. \$417,132 \$382,279 \$397,829 \$322,263
Balance sheet shows: Prof. stock, \$575,000; Common, \$1,200,000; bonds and int., \$97,465; accounts payable, &c., \$131,745; bank loans, \$326,373; Victory bonds, &c., \$362,100; cash, \$365.—V. 113, p. 1779.

St. Lawrence River Power Co.—South Sault Dam.—

The International Joint Commission at Washington will, on Dec. 5, hear the company's application for permission to construct a dam on the South Sault channel of the St. Lawrence.—V. 107, p. 1583.

Savage Arms Co.—Sharon Plant.—

The Hydraulic Steel Co. is reported to have arranged to take over all pressed steel business of the Sharon plant of the company, totaling \$1,000,000 a year, on which the company will realize beginning Jan. 1 1923. The Hydraulic company, it is stated, did not purchase the Savage plant, but took over contracts, plans and minor equipment. The Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co. is understood to have acquired the plant. See V. 115, p. 1641.

Seneca Copper Corp.—Status.—

Secretary E. J. McNamara states that the company has on hand \$450,000 and that the mine is developing in a satisfactory manner. Developments of both the Seneca and the Gratiot Mining Co., it is stated, will be continued for at least a year.—V. 115, p. 769.

Sevilla-Biltmore Hotel Corp.—Bonds Offered.—Halsey, Stuart & Co. and Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., New York, are offering at 100 and int. \$2,000,000 1st Mtge. 7 1/2% Sinking Fund gold bonds (see advertising pages).

Dated Nov. 1 1922. Due Nov. 1 1937. Int. payable M. & N. without deduction for any present or future Cuban taxes. Int. payable without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Penna. 4-mill tax. Connecticut personal property tax not exceeding 4 mills, and Massachusetts income tax on the int. not exceeding 6% p. a. refunded. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (ce). Callable all or part Apr. 60 days' notice on any int. date, but not callable except for sinking fund until Nov. 1 1927, and on int. incl. May 1 1928, at 110 and int., and on Nov. 1 1928 at 109 and int., the premium thereafter decreasing 1% annually to maturity. Bank of America, New York, trustee.

Sinking Fund.—Sinking fund for purchase or redemption of bonds, commencing May 1 1926, by semi-annual deposit of cash equivalent to 3% of greatest face amount of bonds at any one time outstanding.

Data from Letter of Charles F. Flynn, 1st V.-Pres., New York, Oct. 2.

Sevilla-Biltmore.—The Sevilla-Biltmore, formerly the Sevilla Hotel, which was purchased in 1919 by John McE. Bowman and his associates, is one of the leading hotels in Havana, Cuba. Upon completion of the new addition it will be the largest hotel in the West Indies from the standpoint of accommodations. In furnishings and equipment it will be equal to other hotels under the Bowman management. The new addition will be a 9-story modern fireproof hotel building and with the present hotel will have a total of about 352 guest rooms. It will likewise be equipped throughout with appointments and furnishings of the highest quality. The new addition will be located on the Prado, Havana's principal thoroughfare, which will be connected with the present hotel by an arcade through the addition. Space for shops will be rented in the arcade.

Management.—The Sevilla-Biltmore is one of the widely known and successful group of hotels under the Bowman management, which group includes the Biltmore, the Commodore, the Belmont and other prominent hotels.



Security.—A direct obligation of Sevilla-Biltmore Hotel Corp. and secured by a direct mortgage on the entire hotel property of the corp.

Purpose.—Proceeds of this issue (other than the amount to be used for discharging existing mortgage, payment of cost of real estate to be acquired, and other corporate purposes) will be deposited with the trustee, who will be authorized to deliver to the corporation upon the certificates of the construction engineers only such funds as are necessary from time to time for the construction and fixed equipment of the new addition. Corporation obliges itself to secure at least \$400,000 by sale of additional Pref. stock.

Earnings.—Net earnings of the present Sevilla-Biltmore Hotel for 1921 available for interest were in excess of the annual interest requirements of this issue. Based on operations for 1921, one of the most unfavorable years in the history of Cuba, it is estimated that future earnings applicable to taxes and interest charges on these bonds, after completion of new addition, will amount to \$274,304 per annum. In addition to the above, the corporation, from applications already received, estimates that it will realize approximately \$50,000 per annum from the rental of space in the new arcade, which indicates annual net earnings before interest and taxes of over \$320,000.

Shell Union Oil Corp.—Preferred Dividends.—

The directors have declared the regular annual dividend of 6% on the series "A" Pref. stock, payable in quarterly installments of 1 1/2%, the first distribution to be made on Nov. 15 to holders of record Oct. 30. An initial dividend of 1 1/2% was paid on the Pref. stock, Aug. 15 last.—V. 115, p. 1438.

Sibley Manufacturing Co. of Augusta, Ga.—Bonds Offered.—

Richmond (Va.) Trust Co. recently offered at par and interest \$500,000 1st Mtge. 7% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds. A circular shows:

Dated July 1 1922. Due July 1 1942. Interest payable J. & J. at the Chase National Bank, New York. Callable, all or part, at 105 and interest on 60 days' notice.

Company.—Incorp. in 1880. Is one of the oldest and most important of the cotton mills of the South. Mills were completed and operations begun in 1882. Property covers 70 acres of land, including an extensive mill village which provides homes for employees. Factory contains 42,500 spindles and 1,008 Draper looms. Plant has a rated capacity of about 17,885,000 yards. Company produces a great variety of cotton goods, including sheetings, drills, denim, serims, ducks.

Earnings.—For the six years ending Dec. 31 1921, gross profits amounted to \$1,140,586, and net profits available for interest, after all taxes, but before depreciation, amounted to over \$900,000, or an average of \$153,480 per annum, or more than 3 times the total present charges for both interest and sinking fund.

Purpose.—To reimburse treasury for \$50,000 bonds which fell due and were paid off July 1 1922, for the redemption of \$400,000 bonds due July 1 1923, and for additional capital. Company has already purchased and canceled \$300,000 of the \$400,000 of bonds due July 1 1923, and has deposited with the Richmond Trust Co., as trustee, a sum sufficient to retire at 100 and int. the remaining \$100,000 of bonds due July 1 1923, as they are presented for redemption.

Sinking Fund.—An annual sinking fund of \$15,000 will purchase annually bonds up to the callable price of 105.—V. 115, p. 1641.

(Robert) Simpson Co., Ltd., Toronto.—Pref. Stock.—

Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd., and Osler & Hammond, Toronto, recently offered \$250,000 6% Cumul. Pref. stock at 92 1/2, to yield 6 1/2%. Dividends payable May and Nov. in Toronto and New York.

The total assets of the company amount to \$1,057,000. Ahead of the above preferred stock there is outstanding \$1,965,000 1st mtge. bonds. Net earnings of the company for the past fiscal year, after taking care of interest on this first mortgage bond issue, amount to \$766,858, or over three times the preferred dividend requirement.—V. 112, p. 1151.

Sioux City Gas & Electric Co.—Offers Exchange of Bonds—

Acquisition of Sioux City Service Co. Electric Property. See Sioux City Service Co. under "Railroads" above.—V. 115, p. 1108.

(A. O.) Smith Corp.—Initial Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial dividend of 25c. per share on the Common stock and the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the Preferred, both payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 1.—V. 115, p. 1740.

Southern California Edison Co.—Bonds Offered.—

Harris, Forbes & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons and National City Co., New York, are offering, at 95 and interest, to yield about 5.40%, \$10,000,000 Gen. & Ref. Mtge. 5% Gold Bonds of 1917, due Feb. 1 1944. (See adv. pages.)

Interest payable F. & A. in New York, Chicago or Los Angeles, without deduction for any normal Federal income tax up to 4%. Under the present law, company pays the 2% tax deductible at the source. Exempt from personal property taxes in California. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c&ke). \$1,000 of multiples thereof. Redeemable on any interest date at 105 and interest during 1923, the premium thereafter decreasing 1/4% per annum, the bonds being redeemable in 1943 at 100 and interest. Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and Los Angeles Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles (now Pacific Southwest Trust & Savings Bank), trustees.

Issuance.—Authorized by California Railroad Commission.

Company.—Owns or controls and operates properties for the generation, transmission and distribution of electric light and power. System includes generating plants with a present total capacity of 376,700 h. p., of which 249,600 h. p. is hydro-electric and operates in ten counties in Southern California. The territory served, either directly or at wholesale, has an area of over 55,000 square miles and a population of about 1,500,000. Among the 312 cities and towns served are Los Angeles, Pasadena, Riverside, Long Beach, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, Redlands and Porterville.

Capitalization After This Financing.— Authorized. Outstanding. Original Preferred stock (paying 7%) \$4,000,000 \$4,000,000 Preferred stock (paying 7%) 36,000,000 4,229,100 Common stock (paying 8%) 60,000,000 42,251,172 General and Refunding Mortgage bonds 136,000,000 143,920,000 Underlying bonds outstanding with public 31,179,700 7% Gold Debenture Bonds 6,000,000 x of the outstanding bonds \$10,000,000 are the present issue of 5s and \$33,920,000 are as previously issued.

Earnings Year Ended August 31 1922.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Gross earnings (\$16,770,962), Operating expenses, incl. taxes, insurance and maintenance (6,880,431), Net earnings (\$9,890,531), Annual interest charge on \$75,099,700 mortgage bonds (4,134,055).

Balance available for int. on debts, amort., deprec. & divs.— \$5,756,476 —V. 115, p. 1218, 769.

Southern Cities Utilities Co.—Extra Div.—Earnings.—

The directors on Oct. 7 voted to pay on Jan. 10 1923 an extra common stock dividend amounting to 1/4 of 1%. A dividend of 3% was declared for the year 1923, payable quarterly in April, July, Oct. 1923, and Jan. 1924.

Earnings 12 Months Ended Aug. 31 1922.

(Southern Cities Utilities Co., Southern Cities Power Co., Harpeth Electric Light & Power Co., Mt. Pleasant Electric Co., West Virginia Utilities Co., Wheeling Public Service Co., City Railway Co., and Mills & Lupton Supply Co.)

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Total operating revenues (\$1,742,755), Operating expenses (\$1,138,973), Taxes (\$9,805), Operating income (\$513,977), Other income (\$149,928).

Total income \$663,905 Balance \$278,008 —V. 115, p. 878, 769.

Southern States Oil Corp.—Stock Dividend, &c.—

The directors on Oct. 18, authorized the regular 1% monthly cash dividend, payable Nov. 20, to holders of record Nov. 1 and "for the current quarter allowed an 8% stock allotment to all stockholders of record Dec. 31 1922, deliverable on Jan. 20 1923."

It is officially stated that "the above stock allotment for the current quarter is justified by the development alone of a 200-acre lease in Garvin County, Okla., where two weeks ago the first oil well was brought in producing 300 barrels daily. The company is now drilling two additional wells on this lease.

"A substantial credit balance to stockholders is also being carried over to the next quarterly period."—V. 115, p. 1740, 1331.

Southwestern Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Sold.—

H. T. Holtz & Co., Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, and Hambleton & Co., New York, have sold at 90, to yield 6 3/4%, \$2,500,000 Gen. Mtge. 6% Gold Bonds, Series of Nov. 1922 (see advertising pages).

Dated Nov. 1 1922, due Nov. 1 1957. Int. payable M. & N. without deduction of the normal Federal income tax up to 2% at Central Trust Co. of Illinois, trustees, Chicago, or Chase National Bank, New York. Red. all or part on 60 days' notice on any int. date at 105 and int. during the first 15 years, at 102 and int. during the next 19 years, and at 100 and int. during the last year. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c\*). Penna. 4-mill tax and present Maryland securities tax refunded.

Data from Letter of Pres. Henry M. Dawes, Chicago, Oct. 14.

Company.—Conducts the entire gas, electric light and power business in the city of Shreveport, La., and its suburbs, and the entire gas, electric light, power and street railway business in the city of Texarkana, Tex., and Arkansas, serving without competition in this and adjacent territory a population conservatively estimated at 100,000. Company is furnishing natural gas through its artificial gas distributing systems in Shreveport and Texarkana. These properties are owned and operated by the Dawes interests of Chicago.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Capitalization after this financing, Preferred, 7% Cumulative stock (\$2,500,000), Common stock (3,000,000), General Mortgage 6% bonds (3,000,000), First & Refunding 5s, 1932 (2,500,000), Texarkana Gas & Electric Co. 5s, 1930 (4,045,500).

a Authorized issue to be limited by the restrictions of the mortgage. b \$103,000 of these bonds carry extra 3% coupons.

Earnings Year Ended Sept. 30 1922.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Gross earnings (\$2,449,899), Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes (1,786,117).

Net earnings \$663,782 Annual interest on funded debt, including this issue 377,540

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Year, Gross, Net, Interest, Balance. Rows for years 1912 through 1921.

Purpose.—Proceeds of this issue and of \$830,000 Pref. stock will be used to reimburse the company for funds advanced Oct. 1 1922 for the retirement of \$339,500 Shreveport Gas & Electric Co. 1st Mtge. 5s, to retire \$1,095,000 6% Mtge. Debentures of the company, maturing Dec. 1 1922, and to pay certain floating debt incurred for capital expenditures.

Improvement & Sinking Fund.—Mortgage provides that company must each year, while any of the Gen. Mtge. bonds of this series are outstanding, beginning Nov. 1 1923, set aside as an improvement and sinking fund 1% of all Gen. Mtge. and underlying bonds outstanding, to be used either for retiring bonds issued under this mortgage or underlying bonds, or for permanent extensions, improvements, &c.—V. 115, p. 1641.

Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corp.—Larger Dividend.

A quarterly dividend of \$1 per share has been declared on the outstanding 474,730 shares of Capital stock, no par value, payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Oct. 31. Quarterly distributions of 75 cents per share were made in May and Aug. last.

Net profits after Federal taxes for the quarter ending Sept. 30 1922 are reported as \$1,557,554, compared with \$552,894 in the corresponding period of 1921. Profits for the 9 months ending Sept. 30 1922 were \$3,514,078, against \$755,967 in 1921.—V. 115, p. 1438, 1332.

(B. F.) Sturtevant Co., Boston, Mass.—Sub. Co. Stock.

The B. F. Sturtevant Co. of Canada, Ltd., a subsidiary, has increased its capital stock from \$50,000 to \$200,000, par \$100.—V. 115, p. 1740.

Sugar Export Corporation.—Sugar Contract—Sales.—

Chairman Earl D. Babst, Sept. 19, says in substance: "This corporation (organized in Delaware Oct. 15 1921), offered its services to all Cuban producers and to all United States refiners engaged in export business. Negotiations resulted in a contract dated Dec. 24 1921 with sellers of Cuban sugars for the refining and sale of 230,000 tons of raw sugar for export.

"The entire quantity was sold by May 1 1922. Shipment and liquidation of the accounts was completed early in September. The net results obtained for the producers correspond to that obtained by other sellers of Cuban sugars for the same period.

"The gross sales of refined amounted to over \$16,000,000 and the entire transaction was conducted free of loss from bad accounts. Sales were made in 57 foreign markets of 473,750,747 lbs. of sugar."—V. 114, p. 206.

Temtor Corn & Fruit Products Co.—Suit.—

An action has been filed in St. Louis by four New York City banks to hold the directors of the company personally liable for \$645,000, which the banks allege is due to them.—V. 115, p. 1438, 1218.

Turman Oil Co., Okla.—Earnings—New Director.—

The company for the year ended Aug. 31 last, reports gross income of \$1,508,540; net, \$1,193,564; dividend paid, \$459,242, and reserves, including Federal taxes, of \$25,000, leaving a balance, subject to depletion, of \$709,302.

The consolidated balance sheet Aug. 31 1922 shows: Capital assets and investments of \$3,024,745; cash, \$63,981; accounts receivable, \$316,714; and notes receivable, \$2,320; capital stock outstanding, \$4,629,284; \$27,501 accounts payable, surplus of \$3,750,975.

A. W. Norcross has been elected a director, succeeding L. B. Van Houten.—V. 115, p. 1740, 1332.

Union Buffalo Mills.—To Pay Accumulated Dividends.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 35% on the 2d Pref. stock on account of arrearages and the regular semi-annual dividend of 3 1/2% on the 1st Pref., both payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 8.—V. 106, p. 1036.

Union Collieries Co.—Bonds Offered.—

The Colonial Trust Co. and McLaughlin, MacAfee & Co., Pittsburgh, recently offered a block of \$250,000 1st Mtge. 6% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds of 1916. Due March 1 1936 at 99 and interest. The original offering was made in 1916 by the Colonial Trust Co. Authorized and issued, \$1,000,000; retired by sinking fund, \$102,000; outstanding, \$898,000.

The company is controlled by the Bessemer Coal & Coke Co., through ownership of 80% of its entire \$1,000,000 capital stock. See V. 105, p. 296.

Union Oil Associates, Los Angeles.—To Reduce Par.—

The stockholders will vote on Nov. 10 on changing the shares into which the capital stock is divided from 300,000 shares, par \$100 each, to 1,200,000 shares, par \$25. The Union Oil Associates was formed as a stockholding company by the California stockholders to keep control of the company from passing to Shell group.

U. S. Food Products Corp.—Reorganization Plan Proposed.—

A reorganization committee representing the Distillers Securities Corp. 1st Mtge. 5% bonds and the U. S. Food Products 7% notes has agreed upon a proposed plan of reorganization, which contemplates a settlement of the litigation now pending between the bondholders and the

noteholders and provides for the organization of a new corporation and the raising of new money by the issuance of a guaranteed note issue, secured by a first mortgage on certain properties.

The definite plan and agreement has not yet been completed, but it is expected that, so far as is practicable, it will contain appropriate provisions under which the stockholders of U. S. Food Products Corp., by subscribing to guaranteed notes to be issued under the plan, may acquire stock in the new corporation.

[George Rublee was appointed receiver for the U. S. Food Products Corp. on Feb. 8, 1922 (V. 114, p. 637). The Sugar Products Co., a subsidiary, was placed in receivership in Jan. 1922 (V. 114, p. 207) and the Kentucky Distilleries & Warehouse Co. went into receivership in April 1922 (V. 114, p. 1662).]

The bondholders' committee for the holders of Distillers Securities Corp. 1st Mtge. 25-Year 5% Convertible gold bonds, B. W. Jones, Chairman, in a circular Oct. 18 says in substance:

Our communication of April last dealt largely with the guaranty by the Kentucky Distilleries & Warehouse Co. of the \$5,000,000 U. S. Food Products Corp. debt to certain banks, and with the very great desirability of avoiding, if possible, the liquidation of the Kentucky company.

The stock of the Kentucky company is owned by the Distilling Co. of America, and practically all of the stock of the latter is pledged to secure your bonds. The stock of the Kentucky company is owned by the Distilling Co. of America, and practically all of the stock of the latter is pledged to secure your bonds. The stock of the Kentucky company represents much the greater part of the security back of your bonds.

On May 15 suit was instituted to contest the validity of the Kentucky company's guaranty. Members of this committee devoted a large part of their time in efforts to bring about, if possible, a settlement with reference to this guaranty and other matters, which would satisfactorily protect your interests. We are now able to report tentative results which, if the committee is given proper support by the bondholders, can be realized. The committee and the noteholders' committee have formulated a proposed plan of reorganization and settlement of the litigation.

The principal matter affecting the above bonds is that the plan contemplates that the \$5,000,000 guaranty of the Kentucky company is to be released.

A reorganization committee, composed of two members of the bondholders' committee and two members of the noteholders' committee (see below) is now engaged in the work of perfecting the proposed plan, with a view to making it effective.

Changes in the boards of directors have in some cases already been made, and in others will shortly be made, giving majority representation on the boards of the Distilling Co. of America and its subsidiaries, including the Kentucky company, to the bondholders' committee. We are advised that considerable improvement in the results of operations is now being shown.

The successful consummation of the proposed plan is dependent upon practically unanimous co-operation by the bondholders. More than a majority of the outstanding bonds have already been deposited, but it is necessary that practically all of the bonds should immediately be deposited with the depository, Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., New York. Deposits will be received until Nov. 15.

Application will be made to have certificates of deposit listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

The reorganization committee appointed by committees representing Distillers Securities Corp. 5% bondholders and U. S. Food Products Corp. 7% noteholders, in a letter Oct. 11 to the committees representing the bonds and notes, says in substance:

On Aug. 28 your respective committees each designated two members to serve on this reorganization committee. A general outline of a proposed plan of reorganization and settlement of the litigation pending between Bankers Trust Co., trustee under Distillers Securities Corp. 5% mortgage, and the holders of U. S. Food Products Corp. (N. J.) 7% secured notes, previously formulated by two sub-committees of the respective committees and formally approved by the respective committees, was submitted to us for our general guidance, outlined in substance as follows:

**Main Features of Proposed Reorganization Plan.**

**Settlement of Pending Litigation Respecting Guaranty, &c.**—A settlement of the pending litigation respecting the guaranty by the Kentucky Distilleries & Warehouse Co. of U. S. Food Products Corp. bank indebtedness is to be made as soon as a final detailed plan of reorganization is adopted by the reorganization committee and declared effective, on the basis that the Kentucky company will be released from all liability under such guaranty and will have returned to it all of its assets now held as security for such guaranty.

In consideration thereof, the receivers of the Kentucky company and the Kentucky company will release all of their interest in the Liberty Yeast Corp., including title to real estate in the city of Baltimore now used by the Liberty Yeast Corp., a note and mortgage on the Pekin, Ill., plant and a certain claim now held by the Kentucky company against U. S. Food Products Corp. (Ill.). [A dispatch from Peoria states that suit to foreclose a \$3,250,000 mortgage on the U. S. Food Products Corp. of Peoria has been entered in Circuit Court in Peoria by the Equitable Trust Co. of New York. This suit, it is said, is for the purpose of liquidating assets which would not be useful in connection with the reorganization of the U. S. Food Products Corp. (N. J.), the parent company. The Equitable Trust Co. is acting as trustee for certain creditors.]

**New Company to Be Organized.**—A new corporation is to be organized which shall buy in each of the various properties now held as security for the Distillers 5% bonds and the 7% notes as the reorganization committee may decide to be in the interest of the new corporation.

**New Money Through a Guaranteed Note Issue.**—New money for reorganization purposes is to be provided by the issuance by the new corporation of a guaranteed note issue, secured by a first mortgage on certain properties owned by the various companies benefited, and jointly guaranteed by the Kentucky company and the Yeast corporation. At the present time it is proposed that as between these two corporations, their liability on such guaranty shall be two-thirds as to the Kentucky company and one-third as to the Yeast corporation.

**New Corporation to Issue General Income Secured Bonds.**—These bonds are to be issued in two series:

(1) Series A to be issued in exchange par for par for Distillers bonds assenting to the plan of reorganization as finally adopted, and to be secured by the pledge of collateral now held under Distillers 5% mortgage.

(2) Series B to be issued in exchange par for par for the 7% secured notes assenting to the plan of reorganization as finally adopted, and to be secured by pledge of collateral now held as security to the 7% secured notes, together with additional properties received under the settlement agreement.

The indenture under which the General Income Secured bonds will be issued will provide that any equity in the collateral pledged as security for one series, after the payment in full of such series, shall secure, and be applied toward the liquidation of, any balance due on the other series.

Both Series A and B Income Secured bonds will be subject to the prior lien of the guaranteed notes, in respect of properties specifically mortgaged or pledged to secure such notes, as may be determined by the reorganization committee.

**Outlook.**—The reorganization committee has continued H. Hobart Porter, of Sanderson & Porter, as its supervising representative. Mr. Porter has advised that the results from operation of the yeast business, the alcohol business and the preserves business during the past several months indicate that it is advisable to continue their operations, that overhead expenses have been substantially reduced and that trade conditions have improved materially in recent months, with a consequent considerable improvement in earnings.

Prospects for the whiskey business have been much improved by the enactment of new legislation permitting the concentration of whiskey held in storage, which should result in a decrease in overhead expenses and permit bottling prior to payment of taxes, and consequently realize more immediate revenues from bottling operations. There are various other latent possibilities of future value.

**Reorganization Committee.**—A. W. Loasby, Chairman; B. W. Jones, Theo. H. Banks and E. R. Tinker, with C. O. Cornell, Sec., 16 Wall St., New York, and Bredel, Abbott & Morgan, Rushmore, Bisbee & Stern and Wollman & Wollman, counsel.

**Committee for Distillers Securities Corp. 5% Bonds.**—B. W. Jones, Chairman (V.-Pres. Bankers Trust Co.); Theodore H. Banks (V.-Pres. Amer.

Exch. Nat. Bank), F. W. Murray Jr. (Pres. Nat. Bank of Orange County, Goshen, N. Y.), Edwin K. Scheffel (member N. Y. Stock Exchange), George E. Warren (V.-Pres. Columbia Trust Co.), with R. G. Page, Sec., 16 Wall St., N. Y. City, and Wollman & Wollman, counsel.  
**U. S. Food Products Corp. Noteholders' Committee.**—A. W. Loasby, Chairman; E. R. Tinker, J. A. Bower, Theodore G. Smith, F. W. Haskell, with Douglas Parmentier, Sec., 100 Broadway, N. Y.—V. 115, p. 1219.

**U. S. Hoffman Machinery Corp.—Complaint Filed.**

The Federal Trade Commission has issued a formal complaint against company, which controls about 85% of the business done in the United States in the manufacture and sale of garment pressing machines. The complaint alleges that the company has its employees secure the names of competitors' customers and endeavors to induce them to breach their installment payment contracts with competing firms and install machines manufactured by the Hoffman corporation. The respondents are given 30 days in which to file their answer—V. 115, p. 1741, 1219.

**United States Rubber Co.—Note Redemption.**

All of the outstanding (\$6,000,000) 5-yr. 7% secured gold notes, dated Nov. 6, 1918, have been called for payment Dec. 1 at 102 and int., at the Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 115, p. 879, 864.

**United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co.—Sale.**

The company's mill and lease, two miles northwest of Tresee, Kan., has been purchased by the Black Eagle Mining Co., Picher, Okla., for a consideration, said to be about \$150,000.—V. 115, p. 1543, 83.

**Vacuum Oil Co.—To Increase Capital from \$15,000,000 to \$70,000,000 and Reduce Shares to \$25 Each—Stock Dividend of 300% Proposed.**

The stockholders will vote Dec. 2 (1) on increasing the Capital stock from \$15,000,000, par \$100, to \$70,000,000, par \$100; (2) on reducing the par value of the shares from \$100 to \$25 each. If the increase is authorized the directors propose to declare 300% stock dividend.

If the increase in the stock is authorized the stockholders will also vote on (a) consenting to the issue by May of bonus or special compensation, or pursuant to sale, of all or any part of \$10,000,000 of the stock to the employees or to trustees for the employees, upon such terms and under such conditions as may be approved by the directors, at a price established periodically by the directors, which price shall be based substantially on the market price of the stock at the time established, including in case of sale of the stock the aiding of such employees in paying therefor by contribution, compensation for services, or otherwise as the directors may determine; (b) consenting to the sale of any part of the aforesaid \$10,000,000 Capital stock to persons in the service of the company or to trustees for their benefit, upon payment therefor out of any bonus or special compensation paid to such persons or trustees for their benefit by the company, at the price established by the directors.

**President Edward Prizer, New York, Oct. 17, says:**

The assets of the company are greatly in excess of the par value of its present capital, therefore the directors deem it advisable to increase the capital of the company and furthermore recommend the reduction of the par value of its shares to facilitate wider distribution and ownership of the stock.

If the proposed increase in capital and reduction in par value of the shares are authorized by the stockholders at the meeting of Dec. 2, 1922, the directors of the company contemplate at an early meeting thereafter the declaration of a stock dividend of 300%, payable to stockholders of record at the close of business Dec. 15, 1922, thereby distributing to the stockholders \$45,000,000 of the authorized increase of capital, same to be accomplished by issuing 16 shares of the par value of \$25 each in exchange for and upon surrender of each share of the present capital of the par value of \$100. The remaining \$10,000,000 of the authorized increase in capital is to be held in the treasury for issue in whole or in part to employees of the company pursuant to the proposition embodied in the notice of meeting.

The Capital stock, formerly \$25,000, was increased in 1903 to \$2,500,000 and in 1912 to \$15,000,000. The dividends paid in recent years are as follows:

	1910-14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Regular	6% each	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Extra		2	2	2	1	2	2	2	0

—V. 115, p. 1742, 770.

**(William) Whitman Co., Inc.—Preferred Stock Sold.**

W. A. Harriman & Co. and Estabrook & Co. are offering at par and div., \$1,000,000 7% Pref. stock (see original offering in V. 110, p. 474). A circular shows:

Preferred stock authorized, \$20,000,000; issued June 30, 1922, \$7,500,000, of which \$1,114,000 held in treasury as of that date. The present offering of \$1,000,000 is part of this treasury stock.

**Company.**—Incorp. in 1913 to take over the business originally established as a partnership in 1887. The present company, the largest of its kind in this country, markets wool, cotton, and cotton and silk fabrics and yarns, and actively assists in the management of the following group of nine textile mills in which it owns a controlling or substantial interest, and for which it acts as exclusive selling agent:

(a) **Affiliated Companies (Majority Interest):** Acadia Mills, Lawrence, Mass.; Monomac Spinning Co., Lawrence, Mass.; Kalamazoo Mills, Lawrence, Mass.; and Mary Louise Mills, Gowanus, N. Y.

(b) **Associated Companies (Minority Interest):** Arlington Mills, Lawrence, Mass.; Manomet Mills, New Bedford, Mass.; Calhoun Mills, Calhoun Falls, S. C.; Nashawana Mills, New Bedford, Mass.; and Nonquitt Spinning Co., New Bedford, Mass.

Earnings Cal. Years—	Net Sales	Net Profits	Federal Taxes	Net After Taxes
1916	\$42,028,342	\$1,622,348	\$34,987	\$1,587,361
1917	77,046,820	4,653,516	1,754,376	2,899,141
1918	119,504,661	6,018,691	3,979,126	2,039,565
1919	103,390,759	7,063,996	2,542,634	4,521,362
1920	128,673,665	2,627,046	4,057,537	2,224,509
1921	47,204,546	2,347,187	277,432	2,069,755
1922 (6 months)	19,691,030	711,518	156,997	654,521

\* Net profits as shown include the proportionate interest in earnings of affiliated (stock controlled) companies, and only the dividends actually received on other shares.

**Consolidated Balance Sheet as at June 30, 1922.**

Assets	Liabilities
Plant and machinery	Preferred stock
Real estate & equip. (net)	Common stock
Cash	Minority int. of sub. cos.
Acc'ts & notes rec., less res'v	Sundry ord. for sub. purch.
Inventory	Monthly bal. of consignors
Stocks of associated companies (market value)	Notes payable
Misc. stocks and bonds, taken for debt—at cost	Income and profits taxes
Deferred charges	Acc. exp., State tax & pay-rol
	Divs. pay. min. int. of subs.
	Pref. stock sinking fund res'v
	Reserve for disc. & comm's'ns
	Capital surplus
	Profit and loss
Total (each side)	

Note.—Contingent liabilities on endorsements for Arlington Mill, \$6,135,000.

a As follows: Accounts receivable, \$4,151,184; notes receivable (for loans to mills, \$850,000; for merchandises, \$771,610; on collateral, \$236,032); \$1,857,642; total, \$6,008,826; less \$761,113 reserve for doubtful accounts and notes. b The book value is \$8,789,692 and the book value plus increase in value of buildings and machinery as used for insurance purposes is \$15,634,835. c Capital surplus and profit and loss apportioned on basis of stock holdings as follows: (1) Capital surplus—to stock of William Whitman Co., \$6,330,099; stock of subsidiaries in hands of the public, \$727,327; (2) Profit and loss—to stock of William Whitman Co., \$3,085,996; to stock of subsidiaries in hands of the public, \$37,116.—V. 112, p. 753.



**Virginia Iron, Coal & Coke Co.—Quarterly Earnings.—**

Quarter Ending—	Sept. 30 '22	June 30 '22	Mar. 31 '22	Total
Gross earnings	\$402,715	\$210,783	\$65,620	\$689,118
Interest, taxes, &c.	128,828	114,823	146,667	490,318
Net earnings	\$273,886	\$95,960	def\$81,047	\$288,799

—V. 115, p. 555.

**Warren Bros. (Paving) Co., Boston.—Status.—**  
 During the current year to Aug. 31 the company had laid and under contract 8,986,259 sq. yds., covering 187 cities and counties. The biggest year the company ever had was 1920, when 11,259,647 sq. yds. were laid. Indications now are that the current year will exceed 1920. In all of 1921 but 7,547,628 sq. yds. were laid, as compared with 7,467,331 in 1919. From Dec. 30 1900, to Aug. 31 1922, the company had laid and under contract 87,244,598 sq. yds., equivalent to 4,957 miles of roadway 30 feet wide between curbs.  
 During August the company awarded 1,141,608 sq. yds., scattered all over the country.—V. 115, p. 555.

**Western Union Telegraph Co.—Earnings.—**

Results for Nine Months Ended Sept. 30 (September 1922 Estimated).

	1922	1921	1920
Gross revenues (incl. divs. & int.)	\$78,656,553	\$79,080,923	\$91,544,687
Maint.: repairs & reserved for deprec.	\$12,791,677	\$13,253,659	\$12,671,277
Other oper. exp. (incl. rent of leased lines and taxes)	54,680,511	57,983,438	67,329,523
Interest on bonded debt	1,730,137	1,058,471	998,887
Net income	\$9,454,228	\$6,785,355	\$10,545,000

Expenses for 1922 include charges for accrued proportion of employees' income participation. No corresponding charges were incurred for the year 1921.—V. 115, p. 1544, 318.

**Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.—Bookings, &c.—**  
 The company in the quarter ended Sept. 30 1922 booked new orders totaling \$37,353,227, an increase of 49.6% over the corresponding quarter of 1921. It is stated that billings in the same period were practically \$3,500,000 ahead of 1921. New business taken on during the 3 months ended Sept. 30 1922 was over \$5,226,000 better than that of the previous quarter.—V. 115, p. 1642.

**(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—Preferred Stock Called.—**  
 All of the outstanding \$9,175,700 Pref. stock has been called for redemption Feb. 1 1923, at \$125 per share & divs., at the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., transfer agent, 22 William St., N. Y. City.—V. 115, p. 1742.

**CURRENT NOTICES.**

- Charles C. Porter, formerly Manager of the Bond Department of the Union Trust Co.; James Skitt, formerly Manager of the Bond Department of the National Bank of the Republic; Walter H. Damon and Chauncey G. Powell, Union Trust Bond Department, and Maurice L. Stedman, formerly with Haskins & Sells, have formed the firm of Porter, Skitt & Co., 29 So. La Salle St., to conduct a general business in investment bonds.
- The Corporation Trust Co. has issued a 30 page pamphlet entitled "Safeguarding Stock Transfers," describing the liability of corporations in transferring securities and treating various State requirements. Some of the subjects are "Liability for Inheritance Taxes," "When Stock Falls into Strange Hands" and other responsibilities of a corporation in this connection.
- Redmond & Co. are distributing gratuitously among investors a 52 page booklet containing the latest official lists published by the Banking Departments of New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut of U. S. Government, State, municipal, railroad, corporation and other bonds legal for savings banks and trustees in those States.
- Shonard & Co., members of New York Stock Exchange, 120 Broadway, New York City, have prepared a bulletin tabulating the dividend, approximate price and yield of 40 listed preferred stocks, including industrials, public utilities and rails. Copies will be mailed free on request.
- R. F. Devoe & Co., Inc., announce that William Roedel, formerly of Eastman, Dillon & Co., has become associated with them as Manager of their Trading Department. James S. Parks, formerly of Bond & Goodwin, is a member of their sales force.
- A co-partnership has been formed by John H. de Ridder Jr., Lowell Mason and Maurice M. Minton Jr., under the firm name of De Ridder, Mason & Minton, with offices at 27 William St., New York, to deal in investment securities.
- Walter H. Woodward has formed a firm under the name of W. H. Woodward & Co., with Edward M. Hill and A. Edward Brown as special partners, to conduct a general investment security business at 50 Broad St., New York.
- Munds & Winslow, 25 Broad St., New York, members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce the opening of a branch office in Washington, D. C., under the management of B. H. Stevenson.
- Faulks & Murfit, bond distributors, 16 Exchange Place, New York City, announce that John J. Geoghegan, formerly of A. E. Pitkin & Co. and I. D. Noll & Co., has joined their retail sales force.
- Fenner & Beane, New York and New Orleans, members of the New York Stock Exchange, have opened a branch office at Holly Springs, Miss., under the management of James M. Maury.
- Baker, Kellogg & Co., 120 Broadway, New York, announces that E. J. Regensburg, formerly with Pyncheon & Co., has become associated with their bond department in charge of trading.
- W. H. Quaw & Co., Inc., have moved their offices to larger quarters on the eighth floor of 27 Pine Street, New York City. Their telephone numbers have been changed to John 1467-8-9.
- Aaron Weil, formerly with McElroy & Co., has formed a new firm under the name of Weil & Co., to conduct a general investment bond business, at 25 Broad St., New York.
- E. R. Frost, Jr., and Thomas G. McClellan, Jr., have formed a co-partnership under the firm name of Frost & Co. at 7 Pine St., New York, to trade in unlisted bonds.
- Bristol & Bauer are now issuing a new detailed circular on the Babcock & Wilcox Co. showing balance sheets and comparison of earnings over a period of several years.
- Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent for the Voting Trust certificates of the Imports Advancement Corporation.
- The New York Trust Company has been appointed trustee under the mortgage securing Laredo Water 10-year 7% debenture gold bond, due 1932.
- Untermeyer, Richardson & Moss, Inc., 120 Broadway, announce that Arnold Feldman has been appointed head of their sales department.
- Harry Lawton, formerly with the Guaranty Trust Company, has joined the New York staff of the Hibernia Securities Company Inc.
- Russell C. W. Savin has become associated with the sales organization of Pitch, Crossman & Co., Widener Building, Philadelphia.
- Columbia Trust Co. has been appointed registrar of the Capital stock of the Acme Coal Mining Co.

**The Commercial Times.**

**COMMERCIAL EPITOME.**

Friday Night, Oct. 20 1922.

Trade continues to forge ahead favored by cooler weather. Jobbing and retail business feels the stimulus. Naturally, the clothing business shows more life and snap. Industries generally are busier. And unemployment is the exception. Even unskilled labor, or in other words, common labor, is scarce. Cotton is \$5 a bale higher than a week ago; and fully \$20 a bale above the price of a year ago, with a big demand from the mills, whose trade is active at rising prices. The South is in the best financial situation known for years past. Its buying power has been greatly increased, and banking funds there are abundant for commercial use. Speculative activity in cotton has increased, and also to some extent in grain, which likewise has advanced. Wheat in two weeks is up 5 to 6 cents per bushel and other grain has also advanced, partly, to be sure, because of car shortage. Yet there is also a certain foreign demand, and the exports of wheat for the week reached 10,200,000 bushels, making the total thus far this season 143,600,000 bushels. Corn is also going out, and the total thus far this season is some 37,500,000 bu., or about 3,000,000 behind the liberal total of a year ago. Textile trades are active, not only in cotton, but in woolen and silks, under the spur of rising prices for the raw materials, which in the case of cotton are now up nearly to the highest price of the year. Meanwhile pig iron and steel, as well as coal and coke, have declined. Copper is also somewhat lower. The lumber trade is quiet, but this is attributable in the Pacific Northwest, it seems, more to car shortage than to any real lack of demand. There is still a god demand for building materials. The output of cement this year is expected to break all records. So great has been the demand that the stocks of this material are the smallest for several years past. Building hardware also meets with a good demand. Furniture manufacturers and dealers are busy. So are shoe manufacturers, not only here in the East, but also at the West. It is a suggestive fact, too, that the jewelry trade continues to improve, and it is said that diamonds are in particularly good demand. In some parts of the country trade in glassware and crockery is increasing. The strike of pottery workers is said to have diverted buying to glassware to a considerable extent.

Retail business in general is better than it was last month, and is, on the whole, larger than a year ago. Wool is in sharp demand and tending upward, partly in response to higher prices at the auction sales in London, Melbourne and Sydney, Australia. The stock market has been irregular, but business men note with satisfaction that to-day it was active and higher. And although money at times has been up to 6%, it was down to 4½% to-day. Unfortunately, German marks are down to a new "low," but the business world has become hardened to new "lows" for German currencies and they have less effect than formerly, even if not wholly ignored. It is encouraging to notice that the U. S. Government bond issue has been subscribed twice over. The British have paid their interest on the loan to the United States. And at times sterling exchange has been up to a new high, the rise being held in check only, it seems, by an abundant supply of cotton bills. And that seems to augur well for the export trade in that commodity. It will not be unwelcome, as our exports of cotton thus far are considerably smaller than up to this time last season. The downfall of the Lloyd George Ministry has had only a passing effect. On Thursday it had some influence in Wall Street and also halted the rise in the cotton market, as Liverpool merchants were a little dubious about the result. But to-day, as already stated, stocks advanced and cotton moved up \$2 a bale, not only because of big spinners' buying, but also because Liverpool and London took a more cheerful view of the effects of Premier Lloyd George's resignation. London even declared itself relieved at the Coalition's fall and a return to party government. British opinion seems to be that with a new Ministry there may be some lessening of taxation.

In this country there are certain drawbacks, including deficient production and impaired buying power of the great grain farming population, which despite some recent advance in prices, is not very much above the lowest since the ending of the war, especially as a good deal of the crop had already been marketed before the recent advance broke the continuity of declining prices after three big crops in succession. Farm products that in 1913 would buy \$100 worth of merchandise, it is figured, would not buy much over \$65 worth now. Another drawback is the high cost of production. Still another is the growing scarcity of labor, with its high wages, and due partly to the efforts of labor to maintain the wartime scale. Still another is the burden of high taxes. The Western farming community feels it, together with the fact that manufactured goods have advanced, while farm products, only after a protracted decline, have latterly advanced moderately. In addition to the decreased buying power of the Western farming community, the growing scarcity of labor also attracts increasing attention. These two things militate against the revival of American business. But for these two things it would be much more rapid. The labor scarcity is traceable to the activity in the building trades.

the recent revival of business in iron, steel, textiles, etc., the return of foreign born workers to Europe and finally, the immigration laws. With increased emigration and decreased immigration a knotty problem confronts the manufacturing and other interests of the country.

Grain markets have been rising and in some cases are above last year's prices. It is worth while to remark that December wheat has latterly been 12 cents per bushel higher than a year ago and May wheat 24 cents higher than then. Corn for December delivery is 23 cents higher than a year ago and May about 9 cents; oats are 7 to 11 cents higher than then. So that the buying power of the great grain belt of the West, which has been at a disadvantage from low prices, has improved, though it is true that much grain had already been sold at low prices. The Southern cotton farmers are getting better prices and are in a better position, of course, to buy general merchandise. All of which must inure to the benefit of the manufacturing industry of this country, as it does to the benefit of the cotton grower. The great drawback in the United States and in Europe, however, is deficient production of consumption goods. This keeps up the cost of living and impairs consuming or buying capacity of great populations in two hemispheres.

New England mills in many cases are running at 100%. The cotton mills of Alabama and South Carolina are said to be using all the cotton raised in those States. Many Southern mills are running night and day. The Harmony Mills of Cohoes, N. Y., are running 24 hours a day in some departments, owing to increasing orders. Some Rhode Island mill owners, it is said, are considering the idea of locating their mills at the South, owing to unsatisfactory labor conditions in that State.

At Haverhill, Mass., on Oct. 18 the struggle between shoe workers' unions for control of the industry in that city was extended by a strike in a fifth plant, when employees of some stitching rooms went out. These and other followers of the Shoe Workers' Union paraded past the plants affected after a mass meeting. The Shoe Workers' Protective Union has decided to take an active part in the municipal election.

Henry Ford has cut motor prices to a new low mark by \$50 to \$65. The reductions are on all models of passenger cars. Tractor prices remain the same; also quotations for main accessories.

It has latterly been much cooler here for the last few days, the thermometer falling to 36 on the 19th inst., the coldest day this fall. To-day the lowest was 41 degrees. At Watertown, N. Y., on Oct. 18, the first snow storm of the season, lasting 30 minutes, occurred. The storm was general throughout the northern part of New York. In the Adirondacks the mercury fell to 18 degrees on Oct. 19, which was believed to be the lowest on record; a light snowfall occurred. Boston, which recently had 85 degrees as New York had 89 degrees, found the mercury on the 19th inst. down to 28 degrees, the lowest for that date on record. Heavy frosts occurred in New Jersey. In Oklahoma it was down to 29 degrees; in Arkansas to 30, and it was also at the freezing point in Mississippi.

LARD quiet; prime Western, 11.80@11.90c.; refined, to Continent, 12.90c.; South American, 13.15c.; Brazil, in kegs, 14.15c. Futures have been irregular with later months inclined, however, to be stronger in sympathy with higher foreign markets. Shorts have latterly been covering with cables up, grain and hogs higher, clearances large and stocks falling. Stocks at Chicago decreased 16,000,000 lbs. in the first half of October. They are under 21,000,000 lbs. The delivery of 500,000 lbs. of lard on contract caused a little selling for the moment. Chicago has 20,000,000 lbs. of lard, against 22,000,000 a year ago. Lard, it is argued, is relatively cheap. To-day futures declined somewhat. They end irregular for the week with October down 13 points and January up 25 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
October delivery.....cts.	10.92	10.75	10.75	10.95	10.90	10.82
January delivery.....	9.30	9.30	9.47	9.60	9.62	9.52
March delivery.....	9.45	9.45	9.62	9.80	9.80	9.72

PORK dull; mess \$29@29 50; family \$28@29; short clear \$22 50@28 50. Beef quiet; mess \$11 50@12 50; packet \$12@13; family \$14@15; extra India mess \$23@24; No. 1 canned roast beef \$2 25; No. 2 \$2 25 1/2; 6lbs. \$15. Cut meats firm; pickled hams 10 to 20 lbs. 16 3/4@17 1/2c.; pickled bellies 10 to 12 lbs. 19c. Butter, creamery extras 46@47c. Cheese, flats 19 1/2@26c. Eggs, fresh, firsts to extras 38@56c.

COFFEE on the spot firmer; No. 7 Rio, 10 1/2c.; No. 4 Santos, 15@15 1/2c.; fair to good Cucuta, 14 3/4@15 1/2c. Futures fluctuated within very narrow bounds, with December the best sustained. Brazilian cables have been rather irregular. The coffee market itself seems for the moment to be caught on a dead centre and awaits a decisive jog of some sort. Trading in coffee futures has certainly been small. But Brazilian cost and freight markets continue firm. Some contend that whatever trend there is for trading in coffee futures, leans to the bull side. Later Rio and Santos markets were a shade higher. To-day prices advanced with covering in December and other months. Santos advanced 25 to 200 reis each on Thursday and 125 to 325 reis more at the close on that day. To-day Santos was 125 lower to 150 reis higher, early. Rio closed 150 reis higher. Exchange on London dropped 1-32d. to 6 1-16d. in Rio and

1-16d. at Santos to 6 3-32d. The dollar is 70 reis higher in Rio and 210 reis higher in Santos. Both quote \$8770. To-day a fair spot business was reported here in Rio 7s at 10c. Closing future prices were 10 to 16 points higher for the week.

Spot (unofficial) 10 1/2c.	March.....	9.17@9.18	July.....	8.85@
December....	9.31@9.32	May.....	9.04@9.05	September... 8.64@

SUGAR.—Spot Cuban raws have been offered more freely at 3 3/4c. c. & f., with no great demand. Refiners are supposed to be fairly well supplied for the moment, at least. Meanwhile, however, arrivals are small. Some business has been done in sugar from warehouse at 5.53c. delivered. Futures have been firm, particularly December, which was heavily bought by strong sugar interests. March and May have also been in better demand. Some sold December at the increased premium of December over March. Later March and May sugar here was in better demand, with London the chief buyer. Sugar operators also bought March. Most of the selling of March and May was by the same people who are said to have been selling for several weeks past. Some are very friendly to December sugar.

The receipts of Cuban sugar for the week were 8,465 tons at the ports, against 7,840 last week, 8,880 last year and 6,114 in 1920; exports, 42,261, against 24,779 last week, 22,740 last year and 10,237 in 1920; stock, 282,674, against 316,472 last week, 1,169,628 last year and 309,388 in 1920. The Cuban crop is estimated at 3,996,387 tons, against 3,935,433 last year, 3,728,975 in 1919-1920. This is a new high record, being about 30,000 tons larger than the previous high record, which was 3,967,094 tons. The world's crop this year is estimated at anywhere from 300,000 to 600,000 tons larger than last year.

It is believed by some that the meltings during the last four months of the year will be larger than in the same time last year. In Sept. the increase over last year it is recalled was 29,000 tons and for six weeks ended Oct. 15 38,000 tons. There is said to have been a very small carryover of beet sugar and the beet crop is smaller this year and in some sections late. Stocks at New York fell off in the week ending Oct. 14th 45,747 bags against 75,196 bags in the previous week and 109,510 two weeks ago. To-day spot raws were quiet at 3 3/4c. for Cuba. Refined 6.80@6.90c. About 4,000 tons of Canadian refined are reported to have been resold for operators account for shipment to the United Kingdom at equal 4.28c. f. o. b. St. John, Canada. And it is added that in connection with this sale 5,000 tons of Nov. contracts were sold on the New York Exchange at 3.60c. delivery in warehouse, a lower price than actual sugar it seems can be bought in this position. Closing prices for futures here show a decline on Dec. for the week of 5 points and a rise in March of 2 points.

Spot (unofficial) 5.53c.	December....	3.52@3.53	May.....	3.26@3.27
	March.....	3.16@3.17	July.....	3.40@3.42

OILS.—Lipseed firm but quiet; spot, car loads, 89@90c.; Oct.-Nov., 90c.; tanks, 85c.; less than carloads, 92c.; less than 5 bbls., 95c. Leading crushers who early in the week were doing business at 88c. are now demanding 90c., and in some cases 91c. is asked. The feeling is a little better. On the whole, crushers are very bullish and higher prices are predicted. Coconut oil, Ceylon, bbls., 8 1/2c.; Cochin, bbls., 9 1/2@9 3/4c.; corn, crude, bbls., 8@8 1/2c.; olive, gals., \$1 15@1 17. Lard, strained winter, 12 3/4c.; extra, 12 1/2c. Cod, domestic, nom.; Newfoundland, 54@55c.; Menhaden, crude, prime A tanks plant, 38@40c. Spirits of turpentine, \$1 68. Rosin, \$7 35@8 25. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 19,600. Crude, S.E., 7.25@7.75. Prices closed as follows:

Spot.....	8.35@9.00	December....	8.60@8.64	March.....	8.82@8.84
October.....	8.25@8.65	January.....	8.66@8.67	April.....	8.85@8.92
November....	8.55@8.58	February....	8.68@8.70	May.....	8.96@8.98

PETROLEUM.—The features of the week have been cuts in the prices of gasoline by the Standard Oil Co. The New Jersey Standard Oil Co. on the 18th inst. announced a cut of 1c. a gallon in North and South Carolina. At the same time this company advanced the price of kerosene in the same States 1c. per gallon and 1/2c. in Maryland, Va., West Virginia, and New Jersey. The belief is widespread that there will be a general decline in gasoline prices very soon. Foreign business is small. Kerosene though rather quiet is firm. Cased kerosene in better demand. Gas oil and bunker oil have held up well of late. Light fuel oils quiet. On the 16th inst. Pennsylvania crude oil was advanced to \$3 35. An advance of one cent a gallon in cylinder stock was also announced. On the same day the Standard Oil Co. of New York reduced gasoline one cent throughout its territory, as did the Texas Co. The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey reduced the export price of gasoline 1c. in cargo lots while the price of kerosene was advanced 1c. in bulk. Gasoline, cargo lots, 30.25c.; U. S. Navy specifications, 17c.; naphtha, cargo lots, 19.50c.; 63 to 66 deg., 22.50c.; 66 to 68 deg., 23.50c.; kerosene cases, 16 1/2c.; refined petroleum, tank wagon to store, 14c.; motor gasoline to garages (steel barrels), 24c. Production of crude oil continues to increase. The daily average production in the United States for the week ended Oct. 14 was 1,555,050 bbls., against 1,544,000 bbls. in the preceding week, an increase of 11,050 bbls. Last year the total was 1,166,150 bbls. The daily average production east of the Rocky Mountains was 1,135,050 bbls., against 1,134,000 bbls., an increase of 1,050 bbls. California production was 420,000 bbls., as compared with 410,000 bbls., an increase of 10,000 bbls.



Pennsylvania.....	\$3 35	Lima.....	\$1 98	Coriscans, heavy..	\$0 68
Cornlag.....	1 75	Indiana.....	1 78	Electra.....	1 50
Cabell.....	1 86	Princeton.....	1 77	Strawn.....	1 50
Somerset.....	1 71	Illinois.....	1 77	Kemper.....	1 50
Somerset, light..	1 06	Kansas and Okla.	1 77	Moran.....	1 50
Flagland.....	1 00	hona.....	1 25	Headton.....	0 75
Wooster.....	1 90	Coriscana, light..	1 10	Mezia.....	1 25

**RUBBER** advanced in sympathy with London and heavy buying by tire companies and short covering. On the 17th inst. smoked ribbed sheets touched 23 3/4c., which is a new "high" for the year. This represents an advance of more than 10 cents from the year's "low" and compares with the year's previous high of about 20 cents in the first quarter. Later the market quieted down a bit, though prices remained firm. Smoked ribbed sheets and first latex crepe spot and Oct., 22 3/4c.; Nov., 22 5/8c.; Dec., 22 3/4c.; Jan.-Mar., 23c. London cabled Oct. 16 that the market was again active and higher. For standard plantations ribbed smoked sheets 10 3/4d. was paid. The stock of rubber in London on Oct. 14 as compared with that of the previous week showed a decrease of 467 tons, being 69,710 tons, against 70,177 for the previous week, 69,906 last year and 37,757 tons in 1920 at the corresponding time. In London on Oct. 17 rubber continued in strong demand. For standard plantation and ribbed smoked sheets 11 1/4d. was paid, against 10 3/4d. on the 16th inst. In London on Oct. 18 rubber continued excited, with home and American buying heavy. Standard plantation and ribbed smoked sheets advanced to 12d., reacting later to 11 3/4d.

**HIDES** were in smaller demand at one time. Supplies of frigorifico were said to be small. Here packer hides were quiet but sales of spready native steers have been made, it is said, at 25 1/2c. They are scarce and firm. Country hides quiet and somewhat lower as light native cows recently sold in Chicago at 18 3/4c. Common dry hides quiet and steady. Bogota 19@20c.; Orinoco 17@18c. Reports at one time from the River Plate section said that 1,800 Las Palmas and 1,000 La Blancas sold at \$45 50, or 18c. to 18 1/2c. c. & f. sight credit. Some 700 Swift Montevideos and 850 Artiga cows sold at \$45, or 17 1/4 to 17 13-16c. c. & f. Of common dry hides sales reported of 400 Central Americans at 18c. and 500 Antioquias at 19 1/2c. It was said that most local packers have sold their holdings of native bulls at 16@16 1/2c. Chicago advices say that the big packer hide market is quiet. Chicago city calf skins active at 22c. and packer kipskins at 21 1/2c. Later frigorifico hides advanced, it was stated. Some 10,000 steer hides sold, it is said, at \$60, equivalent to 23 3/4c. c. & f. They included 4,000 Armours, 4,000 Wilsons and 2,000 Swift Montevideo steers. Common dry hides were in some cases later in the week quoted on the basis of 20 1/2 to 21c. for interior Bogotas. Chicago advices reported butt branded steers at 21c., a rise of 1/2c. Packer calf skins active at 23c. Later in the week frigorificos were firm at \$60. In Boston on Oct. 18 advances in practically all grades of leather products were announced of 10%, owing largely to the firmness of hides and a good demand for leather.

**OCEAN FREIGHTS** have been easier on grain to the Baltic. Tonnage to Greece was 25c. to 25 1/2c. Full cargo business was quiet here. Congestion of grain at Buffalo and Montreal has hurt transatlantic business. Pacific coast demand increased however, and West Indies trade was also better. The Weather Bureau advises vessels bound for fourteen Gulf of Mexico ports west of longitude 88 to exercise caution owing to "dangerous, shifting gales."

Charters included grain from Montreal to Mediterranean, 22c. November; from Gulf to Antwerp-Hamburg range, 14c.; option of west coast of Italy at 20c. Oct. 25-Nov. 10; from Montreal to west coast of Italy, 22c.; coal from Sydney to Montreal, 70c. prompt; grain from Portland to Mediterranean, 16c.; nitrate from Chile to Galveston-Boston range, \$5 55; grain from Montreal to Adriatic, 6s. 1 3/4d. October-November; from Atlantic range to United Kingdom, 2s. 3d. prompt; from Montreal to Marseilles, 22c., Oct. 25-Nov. 15; from Atlantic range, including Boston or Portland to Bordeaux-Hamburg range, 2s. 10 1/2d. first half November; from Atlantic range to west coast of Italy, 17c. October; grain from Montreal to Avonmouth, 3s. 3d. October; lumber from Gulf to River Plate, 170s. November; six months' time charter in West Indies trade (1,952-ton steamer), 95c. prompt delivery; grain from Montreal to Greece, 24 1/2c. one port and 25 1/2c. two ports, Nov. 1-10. The British steamer Ramon de Larrinaga is reported fixed in London for a cargo of grain from the Gulf to Greece. 21,000 quarters 10% grain from northern Atlantic range to United Kingdom, 35c. option of Antwerp-Hamburg range, 2s. 10 1/2d. Oct. 25-31; grain from Gulf to Greece, 6s. 6d. November; grain from New York to Antwerp-Hamburg range, 2s. 6d., option of Atlantic range loading 3s., option of discharge at Stettin, 9d. extra prompt; coal from Sydney, C. B., to Montreal, 65c. prompt; from Gulf to Baltimore, \$2 50 prompt; grain from Montreal to Continent, 16c. October; from Atlantic range to United Kingdom, 3s. October; option of Continent at 12c. and option of Italy at 17 1/2c.; from Montreal to Genoa, 22c. November; from Atlantic range to United Kingdom, 2s. 10 1/2d. November; option of Continent, 12c.

**TOBACCO** has been in fair demand and steady. The tone of the market is considered rather more encouraging. General trade is gradually reviving. Why should not tobacco participate in the improvement? Especially as the buying power of the country has increased through very general employment? These questions answer themselves. It is true that the quantity of leaf tobacco held by manufacturers and dealers, according to the Bureau of Census of the Department of Commerce, was 1,174,807,983 lbs. of burley leaf held on Jan. 1 1922, against 1,061,696,401 lbs. on Jan. 1 1921, an increase of 75.2%. The total of cigar leaf tobacco held on Jan. 1 1922 was 313,315,823 lbs., against 297,471,322 lbs. on Jan. 1 1921, an increase of 20.1%. But it is considered as at least conceivable that manufacturers' supplies have since been allowed to decrease.

**COPPER** lower; electrolytic, 13 3/4c. Sales of Lake copper are increasing. France is taking practically 30% of the Lake output this month. And it is reported that this copper will be scarce on Lake docks at the close of the

navigation season, which is about 60 days off. London has been declining.

**TIN** advanced to 35c. on the 18th inst., which is a high record for the year, and for some months previous to the beginning. Another feature was the advance of 1/2c. on the same day which established a high record for fluctuations on any single day this year. Business is active. On the 18th inst. sales amounted to 1,400 tons, which is considerably more than the normal daily turnover. Lead firm. Prompt lead has been scarce, owing to the railroad embargoes. Spot New York, 6.50@6.60c.; East St. Louis, 6.30@6.35c. Zinc firm; spot New York, 7.10@7.15c.; E. St. Louis, 6.80@6.85c. There is said to be only two weeks' supplies on hand, and production is not increasing very much. Business is light, however.

**PIG IRON** has declined. At Chicago sales were reported at \$1. or more below \$32. Some look for a steady decline. Not only has Chicago dropped \$1. but at Buffalo iron is being resold at \$29 50 or \$2 50 below recent quotations. Furnaces there are said to be selling at \$31. At Pittsburgh a drop of \$1 has taken place in basic. Foreign iron is down \$1. a ton, and naturally pulls domestic with it. Scotch iron is quoted at \$28 50 @ \$29. c.i.f. New York duty paid Middlesbrough No. 3 iron phosphorus content of 1.50% is obtainable, it is stated, at \$26. Continental iron with phosphorus content of 1.70% is to be had it is said, at \$24. Some complain of the melting qualities of foreign brands, although there seems to be no general complaint. Pig iron deliveries are held up in Ala. Buying there is of the smallest.

**STEEL** has been weaker with growing supplies of finished product. Stocks are piling up at Pittsburgh and Youngstown. Also eight more furnaces have resumed operations. Meantime railroad traffic is still delayed. Output is stated at 70 to 75%. Under existing circumstances it may go no higher this year. Buyers are taking hold cautiously, even for prompt delivery, let alone distant shipments. Trade has therefore been distinctly quiet at Pittsburgh. Plates, shapes and bars can be easily bought, it seems, at 2c., and even get early delivery in some cases. At Chicago there is no pressure to buy for early delivery or, for that matter, for later delivery. Fuel is more plentiful and weaker. Furnace coke is now obtainable, it is stated, at \$9 for delivery over the rest of 1922. Farm implements makers are buying but scantily, and light rail manufacturers find competition sharper at 2c., Pittsburgh. Some business is said to have been done with German light rails offered at \$36 per gross ton New York and \$39 San Francisco. A few large orders for fabricated steel are in negotiation, but general business is lacking. On the other hand, the sales of cars and locomotives are liberal and automobile works are still operating at a high rate if not actually increasing.

**WOOL** has been firm with a spirited demand at the East and at least a fair trade here. Holders are much encouraged by the strong tone and higher prices at the London and Australian sales. The "Commercial Bulletin" of Boston tomorrow will say:

The demand for wool has been keen throughout the week and for all grades, with prices generally higher. Manufacturers have been having a healthy business, even at the advances, and have been covering their wants in raw material quickly. The Western situation is hardly changed, the trade awaiting the opening of the Texas pools.

In Bradford last week there was increased business in tops and yarns. America practically cleared the market of Botany noils. Forty-eights fleeces and matchings and 48s tops sold quickly. For piece goods demand was better. Woolens were more active. Flannels and blankets in good demand. In London on Oct. 13 offerings were 9,000 bales. Demand active. Prices stronger. Details: Victoria, 1,204 bales; scoured merino, 27d. to 42 1/2d.; greasy crossbred, 7d. to 25 1/2d. Westralia, 272 bales; greasy merino, 23 1/2d. to 26d. New Zealand, 6,967 bales; crossbreds, greasy, 7 1/4d. to 20 3/4d.; scoured quarterbred, 28d. to 47 1/2d.; pieces, 35 1/2d. to 40 1/2d.; clips, 8 1/2d. to 25d. At Adelaide, South Australia, at the opening of the second series of wool sales on Oct. 13 some 25,000 bales were offered and practically all sold. Compared with the closing on Sept. 22, good merinos advanced 5 to 10%, pieces and bellies 5 to 10%, and lambs' wool, good grades, 10 to 15%. Good demand for 60s quality at 10% advance. The highest prices were 27 3/4c. for Lybra and 27 1/2c. for Tapio. Attendance large. Demand sharp.

In Melbourne, Australia, on Oct. 16 5,700 bales were offered and practically all sold, mostly Riverina merinos with a finer staple than was seen last season. Yet aside from super-thin and tender crossbreds, the selection was poor. Attendance large. Demand good. Compared with the sale of Sept. 26, greasy merinos and fine crossbreds advanced 10%. comebacks 10 to 15%, medium crossbreds 7 1/2% and coarse crossbreds 5%. In London on Oct. 16 the joint offering was 11,000 bales. Demand brisk from England and the Continent. Prices firm. Selection mostly greasy crossbred grades. Details: Sydney, 886 bales, 8 1/2 to 22d. Victoria, 1,857 bales, 14 1/2 to 23 1/2d. Adelaide, 600 bales, 7 1/4 to 16d. Tasmania, 832 bales, 5 3/4 to 22d. New Zealand, 3,763 bales, 7 to 23d. Falklands, 1,522 bales, 7 1/2 to 16d., showing a rise of 5 to 10% compared with September. A few merinos were included. Victorian scoured sold at 54d. and Tasmanian greasy 31 1/2d. In London on Oct. 17 the offering was 10,330 bales. All quickly sold to Continental and

American buyers. Prices firm. Details: Sydney, 2,831 bales; greasy merino, 17½ to 35d.; crossbred, 7½ to 23d.; scoured merino, 24½ to 54d. Victoria, 986 bales; greasy merino, 26 to 34d.; crossbred, 11½ to 23d.; scoured merino, 36 to 54d. Adelaide, 334 bales; greasy merino, 16 to 32½d. New Zealand, 2,371 bales; greasy crossbred, the bulk to Yorkshire, 74 to 23½d. Putas, 2,948 bales; greasy crossbred, chiefly to Continent, 9¾ to 19½d. Practically all the best greasy merinos went to America.

In Melbourne, Australia, on Oct. 17, 9,400 bales were offered and 9,000 sold. Good selection of merinos and greasy comebacks. Crossbreds were of indifferent sort. British, Continental and American demand excellent. Super merinos were 10% and other descriptions 15% higher than the September sales. Boston on the 17th inst. wired that cables from Sydney, Australia, indicated that prices were up fully 5% over the closing days of last week with 64-70 combing quotable anywhere from \$1 05 to \$1 10 clean basis, landed Boston without duty. At Melbourne the market reported excited with 64-70 combing quoted at \$1 08 clean basis landed Boston. America has begun to buy a little more freely, but Yorkshire and the Continent are still the leading operators. Fine crossbreds advance more than merinos; medium to low crossbreds are also up 5 to 7%. In London on Oct. 18 the joint offering was 11,000 bales, chiefly crossbred. Demand active. Prices firm. Details: Sydney, 2,475 bales; greasy crossbred, 10½d. to 23½d.; comeback, 16d. to 23d.; scoured crossbred, 8d. to 19d. Victoria, 2,222 bales; greasy comeback, 25½d. to 29½d.; ditto lambs, 14d. to 24d.; greasy crossbred lambs, 6d. to 16d.; scoured crossbred, 8½d. to 39½d. New Zealand, 6,173 bales; greasy crossbred, 7½d. to 22d.; slipe, 7½d. to 23½d.; scoured, 21½d. to 40d.; scoured merino, 49½d. to 52½d.

In London on Oct. 19 offerings totaled 8,500 bales. Good demand from England, Continent, and America. America took best greasy merinos and fine crossbreds; they are 10 to 15% above those of September. Details: Sydney, 2,461 bales; greasy merino, 25d. to 36½d.; scoured, 44½d. to 48½d.; greasy crossbred, 6½d. to 19d. Queensland, 1,495 bales; greasy merino, 21d. to 30d.; pieces, 15d. to 27d.; necks, 24½d. to 29d. Victoria, 1,031 bales; greasy merino, 32½d. to 35d.; greasy crossbred, 6½d. to 15d.; scoured merino, 35d. to 50½d. New Zealand, 2,818 bales; greasy crossbred, 7d. to 25d. Boston on Oct. 19 had cables from the closing sale at Sydney, Australia, stating that the tone was very strong, with America buying more freely. Similar reports came from Melbourne. Prices cabled for warp 64s were \$1 10 clean landed free of duty, taking exchange at \$4 45. Durban, South Africa, cabled on the 19th inst., best warp fine wools free were on the basis of \$1 14, clean landed, free of duty.

COTTON.

Friday Night, Oct. 20 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 326,020 bales, against 250,881 bales last week and 275,188 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since August 1 1922, 1,773,383 bales, against 1,835,353 bales for the same period of 1921, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1922 of 61,970 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	24,681	15,250	46,163	22,666	17,714	20,671	147,145
Texas City	—	—	—	—	—	8,145	8,145
Houston	18,705	16,650	200	1,975	8,150	6,350	52,030
New Orleans	6,995	10,355	15,405	9,786	11,928	12,787	67,256
Mobile	218	116	1,576	1,051	1,049	718	4,728
Jacksonville	—	—	—	—	—	413	413
Savannah	2,410	2,033	4,413	1,492	2,676	2,570	15,594
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	—	1,031	1,031
Charleston	848	873	1,166	109	1,172	2,330	6,498
Wilmington	1,308	1,009	1,195	609	1,930	864	6,915
Norfolk	2,319	4,366	2,321	1,551	2,002	2,766	15,325
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	—	940	940
Totals this week	57,484	50,653	72,439	39,239	46,621	59,585	326,020

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1922 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to Oct. 20.	1922.		1921.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1922.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1921.	1922.	1921.
Galveston	147,145	945,561	116,304	861,643	428,256	376,539
Texas City	8,145	17,590	186	7,796	15,343	8,899
Houston	52,030	173,972	31,027	137,050	—	—
Port Arthur, &c.	—	2,000	—	755	—	—
New Orleans	67,256	277,113	56,031	302,195	197,151	418,526
Galport	—	—	—	1,295	—	—
Mobile	4,728	29,660	5,698	50,739	13,928	18,888
Pensacola	—	944	—	—	—	—
Jacksonville	413	6,390	191	1,217	6,618	1,882
Savannah	15,594	170,947	28,315	264,198	91,029	184,485
Brunswick	1,031	22,993	827	9,203	1,050	553
Charleston	6,498	23,823	2,697	28,738	47,101	196,291
Georgetown	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wilmington	6,915	33,537	6,327	30,664	23,768	36,174
Norfolk	15,325	60,465	16,972	95,863	65,881	105,687
N. port News, &c.	—	—	—	48	354	—
New York	—	1,410	—	4,450	62,378	137,684
Boston	—	3,791	—	5,580	4,879	5,714
Baltimore	940	2,803	907	10,658	2,032	2,647
Philadelphia	—	564	935	9,637	4,187	10,641
Totals	326,020	1,773,383	269,084	1,835,353	963,661	1,504,610

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	147,145	116,304	130,992	81,438	54,732	72,338
Texas City, &c.	8,145	32,568	11,425	5,840	389	2,218
New Orleans	67,256	56,031	41,207	39,500	39,798	70,290
Mobile	4,728	5,698	1,581	3,759	3,477	6,942
Savannah	15,594	28,315	32,885	54,885	35,937	31,910
Brunswick	1,031	827	1,300	4,000	4,000	5,000
Charleston	6,498	2,697	3,291	14,793	6,302	14,158
Wilmington	6,915	6,327	8,232	5,165	5,227	5,555
Norfolk	15,325	16,972	10,062	17,027	17,354	14,461
N. port N., &c.	—	48	42	68	141	178
All others	53,383	3,207	826	2,324	1,873	28,914
Total this wk.	326,020	269,084	241,843	229,399	169,230	251,904
Since Aug. 1—	1,773,383	1,835,353	1,248,097	1,188,147	1,356,983	1,798,288

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 174,158 bales, of which 40,459 were to Great Britain, 23,572 to France and 100,127 to other destinations. Exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1922.

Exports from—	Week ending Oct. 20 1922.				From Aug. 1 1922 to Oct. 20 1922.			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	14,041	15,428	43,863	73,332	115,353	106,622	259,024	480,999
Houston	8,150	12,265	31,075	52,030	55,090	35,502	57,873	148,465
Texas City	—	—	—	—	15,004	9,128	200	24,332
New Orleans	991	4,400	5,566	11,047	12,429	12,119	69,112	93,660
Mobile	—	—	200	200	5,876	372	5,726	11,974
Pensacola	—	—	—	—	944	—	—	944
Savannah	9,946	—	200	10,146	67,404	—	28,140	95,834
Brunswick	3,031	—	—	3,031	17,768	—	5,030	22,818
Charleston	—	—	1,649	1,649	2,967	1,094	4,264	8,325
Wilmington	—	—	6,000	6,000	3,000	—	16,000	19,000
Norfolk	2,760	—	1,600	4,360	16,604	—	2,617	19,221
New York	1,383	1,449	5,648	8,480	14,508	10,162	75,716	100,386
Boston	—	—	79	79	363	—	445	808
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	300	—	—	300
Philadelphia	—	—	—	—	—	—	291	291
Los Angeles	157	—	—	157	204	—	350	554
San Fran.	—	—	3,647	3,647	—	—	11,060	11,060
Total	40,459	33,672	100,127	174,158	327,904	174,999	535,868	1,038,771
Total 1921.	90,944	24,848	125,864	241,656	335,246	212,635	930,901	1,478,782
Total 1920.	34,436	14,495	63,051	111,982	324,462	139,124	339,659	803,246

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.

Oct. 20 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.	
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Cont't.	Const-wise.		
Galveston	39,126	14,000	7,000	33,037	9,000	102,163	326,091
New Orleans	3,159	169	7,668	10,301	825	22,122	175,029
Savannah	1,400	—	3,000	—	1,000	5,400	85,629
Charleston*	—	200	—	1,200	300	1,700	45,461
Mobile	2,038	1,000	—	1,127	200	4,365	6,563
Norfolk	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,881
Other ports*	4,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	400	9,400	110,855
Total 1922.	49,723	17,369	18,668	47,665	11,725	145,150	818,511
Total 1921.	56,215	18,180	21,408	52,073	10,627	158,503	1,346,107
Total 1920.	37,904	26,836	26,055	48,205	6,856	145,856	896,236

\* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been active at rising prices, largely because of heavy buying by the mills. They have been "calling" on a large scale, chiefly in December. Recently the rise has been 300 points or more. Spot markets have been active and advancing, and the other day there was a report here that a big Boston mill had just bought 20,000 bales of the actual cotton in Atlantic markets. The basis has been rising. Farmers who once were content to accept 20 cents are now getting 22 cents and more and are talking 25 cents and even 30 cents before the season is over. It is said that the sales of print cloths at Fall River thus far this week have been about 250,000 pieces. Worth Street has been active and strong, and there, as in Fall River, prices have been rising on print cloths, sheetings, drills, etc. The Southern mills are doing a large, and, it is said, a very profitable business. Some of them are running night and day. Moreover, Manchester is beginning to wake up, judging from some of the latest dispatches from Liverpool. Most of its foreign business, it is true, is with India, but with some other outlets its sales are increasing more or less, and it is said to be doing a fair home trade. There seems to be less talk, too, of curtailing production in the Manchester district. Not a few are hopeful of a gradual return to something like normal business conditions in Europe at an earlier day than was at one time expected. Recently business at the French mills has been reported better. English spinners meanwhile are carrying very small stocks of raw cotton. Continental mills are believed to be in pretty much the same case. That is supposed to mean that Europe will become later on a large buyer. At one time early in the week Galveston shipped rather freely to France and the rest of the Continent of Europe, and also to Japan. Of course, there is no blinking the fact that the total exports thus far this season are far below those for the corresponding time last season. But there is a growing hope that the gap will be closed later on.

But attention has been directed, not to Europe, but to the American mills. They have been in the forefront as buyers. They have largely directed the course of the market by their "calling" on a scale that has attracted wide attention. Wall Street and uptown interests, and at times the West, as well as the local element, have all been buying futures here. Liverpool has also bought from time to time. Liverpool's spot sales, by the way, have latterly been 10,000 to 12,000 bales a



day, or double what they were recently. Manchester and other trade interests have been buying more freely there, and both American and Egyptian cotton, not to mention other growths, has risen noticeably in price. In the past a change of Ministry in England has had a more or less depressing effect, for the moment at least, on British trade. But on Thursday the announcement of the resignation of Premier Lloyd George had only a passing influence. Liverpool dispatches stated that it was not expected to have any real effect on the cotton business. It is hard to see why it should. For the moment it affected the stock market here and also the cotton market. But on the whole it fell flat. It did have some effect for a moment, then other things engaged the attention of the trade.

On the other hand, however, after so marked a rise recently there were heavy sales to realize profits. That was no more than might have been expected. It began on Wednesday and has been continued since then, though, it may be added, with no pronounced effect on prices. Still, a rise since the close of September of over \$16 a bale is a big one and some think that the pace has been unduly rapid. Of late the South has been a large seller, and at times Wall Street has also sold freely. Traders on the "chart" have been selling on the idea that a reaction was due on general principles. At times New Orleans has felt the weight of hedge selling. There has also been considerable profit taking in New Orleans and Liverpool.

The American consumption in September was 495,344 bales, against 527,404 in August, 484,718 in September last year, 457,967 in September 1920, and 491,069 in 1919. The stocks in consuming establishments on October 1 were 1,065,000 bales, against 1,024,994 bales on September 1, 1,118,045 in 1921, 901,373 on September 1 1920, and 1,067,970 in 1919. Stocks in public storage on October 1 were 3,217,639 bales, against 1,549,789 on September 1, and 4,312,135 on October 1 1921. The number of active spindles on October 1 was 33,296,513, against 32,499,324 on September 1 and 33,874,620 on October 1 last year.

To-day prices advanced about 40 points on a big mill demand and covering of shorts. Also, Liverpool cables were more cheerful. They think here that the change in the British Ministry may mean reduced taxation. London talked cheerfully over the matter. It was said to be relieved at the Coalition's fall and the return to party government. Stocks were strong there and advanced here. American spot markets were firm, with a good demand. Wall Street shorts covered. Sold-out bulls took hold again. The weekly figures showed a further increase compared with recent weeks in spinners' takings. The quantity brought into sight was large, but this was taken as reflecting big buying by spinners, for it is the largest in years, even as compared with years when the crop was far larger than anybody believes that it is this year. Textiles are active and strong. Prices end about 100 points higher for the week on cotton futures. Spot cotton ended at 23.45c, for middling uplands, a rise of 120 points since last Friday.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Oct. 14 to Oct. 20—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling uplands	22.50	22.45	23.00	23.05	23.05	23.45

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Cont'l.	Total.
Saturday	Steady, 25 pts. adv.	Firm			
Monday	Quiet, 5 pts. dec.	Barely steady			
Tuesday	Steady, 5 pts. adv.	Strong			
Wednesday	Steady, 5 pts. adv.	Firm			
Thursday	Quiet, unchanged	Barely steady			
Friday	Steady, 40 pts. adv.	Steady			
Total					

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Oct. 14.	Monday, Oct. 16.	Tuesday, Oct. 17.	Wed. day, Oct. 18.	Thurs. day, Oct. 19.	Friday, Oct. 20.	Week.
October—							
Range	22.05-27	22.10-50	22.02-72	22.70-05	22.50-90	22.75-20	22.05-20
Closing	22.27	22.18-20	22.72	22.77-80	22.78-80	23.20	
November—							
Range				23.00-10			23.00-10
Closing	22.39	22.30	22.88	22.93	22.93	23.31	
December—							
Range	22.35-55	22.36-76	22.36-70	22.90-77	22.91-70	22.95-75	22.35-77
Closing	22.51-55	22.42-45	22.03-06	23.09-18	23.08-14	23.42-45	
January—							
Range	22.24-42	22.20-64	22.22-30	22.70-31	22.70-10	22.70-18	22.30-31
Closing	22.41-42	22.27-30	22.88-90	22.90-95	22.87-89	23.15-18	
February—							
Range				23.15-20			23.15-20
Closing	22.45	22.34	22.94	22.95	22.92	23.21	
March—							
Range	22.34-52	22.29-75	22.36-75	22.85-74	22.80-72	22.83-72	22.29-74
Closing	22.40-52	22.41-42	23.00-05	23.05-12	22.98-70	23.27-29	
April—							
Range				23.00	22.95	23.25	
Closing	22.48	22.37	22.99	23.00	22.95	23.25	
May—							
Range	22.27-50	22.25-73	22.31-70	22.85-70	22.75-77	22.82-74	22.25-70
Closing	22.47-50	22.33-40	22.98-70	22.95-72	22.92-93	23.23-24	
June—							
Range				22.80	22.77	26.10	
Closing	22.38	22.23	22.84	22.80	22.77	26.10	
July—							
Range	22.11-35	22.00-49	22.07-75	22.60-75	22.50-89	22.56-99	22.00-75
Closing	22.30-36	22.18	22.70-73	22.67-82	22.62-63	22.96	

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.

Oct. 20—	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Stock at Liverpool	618,000	790,000	817,000	685,000
Stock at London	4,000	1,000	12,000	12,000
Stock at Manchester	40,000	61,000	78,000	82,000
Total Great Britain	662,000	852,000	907,000	779,000
Stock at Hamburg	4,000	37,000		
Stock at Bremen	75,000	313,000	73,000	
Stock at Havre	83,000	169,000	109,000	152,000
Stock at Rotterdam	6,000	13,000	2,000	5,000
Stock at Barcelona	15,000	89,000	30,000	45,000
Stock at Genoa	18,000	4,000	23,000	47,000
Stock at Ghent	9,000	12,000	11,000	
Stock at Antwerp	1,000			
Total Continental stocks	243,000	637,000	248,000	249,000

Total European stocks	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
India cotton afloat for Europe	905,000	1,489,000	1,155,000	1,028,000
American cotton afloat for Europe	46,000	82,000	107,000	45,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Europe	442,000	538,000	422,905	252,022
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	77,000	74,000	37,000	38,000
Stock in Bombay, India	257,000	267,000	133,000	156,000
Stock in U. S. ports	596,000	944,000	1,003,000	605,000
Stock in U. S. interior towns	963,661	1,504,610	1,042,092	1,207,552
U. S. exports to-day	1,186,813	1,312,699	1,147,781	1,052,324
U. S. exports to-day	6,000	22,690	32,704	12,640
Total visible supply	4,479,474	6,233,999	5,080,482	4,392,538

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

American—	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Liverpool stock	298,000	440,000	450,000	470,000
Manchester stock	27,000	43,000	66,000	51,000
Continental stock	184,000	555,000	177,000	215,000
American afloat for Europe	442,000	538,000	422,905	252,022
U. S. port stocks	963,661	1,504,610	1,042,092	1,207,552
U. S. interior stocks	1,186,813	1,312,699	1,147,781	1,052,324
U. S. exports to-day	6,000	22,690	32,704	12,640

Total American	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
East Indian, Brazil, &c.	3,107,474	4,415,999	3,338,482	3,260,538
Liverpool stock	320,000	350,000	367,000	215,000
London stock	4,000	1,000	12,000	12,000
Manchester stock	13,000	18,000	12,000	31,000
Continental stock	59,000	82,000	71,000	34,000
India afloat for Europe	46,000	82,000	107,000	43,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat	77,000	74,000	37,000	38,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	257,000	267,000	133,000	156,000
Stock in Bombay, India	596,000	944,000	1,003,000	605,000

Total East India, &c.	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Total American	3,107,474	4,415,999	3,338,482	3,260,538

Total visible supply	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Middling uplands, Liverpool	13,503	12,544	15,730	22,682
Middling uplands, New York	23,45c	18,90c	21,00c	37,20c
Egypt, good saket, Liverpool	19,504	27,004	45,004	35,504
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool	14,594	15,594	27,004	29,594
Brosch fine, Liverpool	12,004	11,754	13,104	20,104
Finely, good, Liverpool	12,904	12,554	13,604	20,564

Continental imports for past week have been 61,000 bales.

The above figures for 1922 show an increase over last week of 119,263 bales, a loss of 1,751,525 bales from 1921, a decline of 601,008 bales from 1920 and an increase of 81,936 bales over 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 Oct. 20 1922.			Movement to Oct. 21 1921.				
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Receipts.		Shipments.		
	Week.	Season.		Week.	Season.			
Ala., Birmingham	3,814	17,211	2,403	8,103	2,307	14,759	1,235	10,580
Eufaula	3,39	2,690	600	2,313	400	2,781	290	4,643
Montgomery	3,529	35,526	2,814	20,667	2,655	30,824	1,838	28,456
Selma	3,358	18,981	1,000	11,203	2,488	25,134	2,343	14,599
Ark., Helena	3,000	3,000	7,299	16,033	3,371	14,071	1,441	13,710
Little Rock	13,850	79,030	7,299	57,029	8,208	60,964	8,806	48,010
Pine Bluff	9,818	25,215	2,123	40,428	16,309	38,718	4,723	44,397
Cal., Albany	219	4,975	259	2,799	242	4,618	206	4,241
Athens	3,620	9,822	615	17,332	4,050	34,098	2,850	37,588
Atlanta	23,895	75,494	7,970	39,168	9,766	72,751	7,343	42,993
Augusta	11,644	93,610	7,509	63,854	12,891	126,501	7,990	134,177
Columbus	5,949	41,330	4,929	13,219	1,966	20,376	185	26,274
Macon	2,188	19,961	1,145	14,156	1,347	15,545	1,237	13,455
Rome	5,133	15,420	2,367	6,960	1,710	11,931	1,138	5,944
La., Shreveport	10,190	30,899	5,000	24,306	3,991	24,707	17,122	35,869
Miss., Columbus	1,631	12,742	793	7,894	784	9,477	1,601	5,179
Clarksville	14,549	69,342	3,844	57,281	10,839	56,816	11,356	37,207
Greenswood	11,000	55,923	3,000	50,872	7,095	42,810	4,403	42,062
Meridian	3,277	21,018	2,544	11,116	1,652	18,075	1,747	17,091
Natchez	1,700	16,730	1,447	9,849	1,607	15,821	1,980	9,723
Vicksburg	2,991	9,288	1,150	8,478	1,795	9,444	1,900	11,388
Yazoo City	3,337	14,336	925	15,375	2,302	15,931	844	16,492
Mo., St. Louis	27,655	97,584	27,636	10,854	25,290	176,669	25,034	22,310
N. C., Greensboro	5,380	14,719	1,844	12,626	971	2,548	186	3,917
Raleigh	272	3,067	350	394	79	4,142	75	246
Okla., Altus	7,023	3,362		4,040	3,999	23,485	3,959	16,091
Chickasha	5,613	30,722	5,400	13,789	2,727	17,822	3,489	9,346
Oklahoma	5,613	21,767	3,576	16,353	6,869	14,636	1,819	10,306
S. C., Greenville	11,008	15,031	1,824	34,898	6,857	55,440	4,855	37,857
Greenswood	863	3,851	207	10,511	692	9,548	918	8,074
Tenn., Memphis	55,632	211,593	36,500	121,127	57,162	216,490	42,566	276,474
Nashville	226	226	125	399	42	42	82	704
Texas, Abilene	4,903	23,484	4,557	3,002	1,325	14,070	1,250	4,404
Brenham	829	14,039	704	4,208	644			

**NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.**

1922	23.45c.	1914	11.00c.	1898	5.50c.
1921	19.20c.	1913	14.30c.	1897	6.19c.
1920	20.50c.	1912	10.90c.	1904	10.15c.
1919	35.30c.	1911	9.45c.	1903	9.80c.
1918	32.85c.	1910	14.45c.	1902	8.70c.
1917	28.85c.	1909	13.90c.	1901	8.50c.
1916	18.40c.	1908	9.25c.	1900	9.75c.
1915	12.65c.	1907	11.75c.	1899	7.38c.

**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:

	1922—		1921—	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
<b>Shipped—</b>				
Via St. Louis	27,655	97,584	25,034	188,067
Via Mounds, &c.	6,600	37,528	16,740	75,832
Via Rock Island	90	90	1,361	1,361
Via Louisville	2,781	13,546	2,220	17,388
Via Virginia points	3,940	36,384	6,422	49,587
Via other routes, &c.	9,347	105,659	10,550	78,031
<b>Total gross overland</b>	<b>50,323</b>	<b>290,791</b>	<b>60,966</b>	<b>410,419</b>
<b>Deduct Shipments—</b>				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	940	8,378	3,106	30,334
Between interior towns	592	6,065	594	5,147
Inland, &c., from South	17,973	90,835	6,336	63,621
<b>Total to be deducted</b>	<b>19,505</b>	<b>105,278</b>	<b>10,036</b>	<b>99,105</b>
<b>Leaving total net overland*</b>	<b>30,818</b>	<b>185,513</b>	<b>50,930</b>	<b>311,314</b>

\* Including movement by rail to Canada.  
The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 30 8 8 bales, against 50,930 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits a decrease from a year ago of 125,801 bales.

**In Sight and Spinners' Takings.**

	1922—		1921—	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to Oct. 20	326,020	1,773,383	269,084	1,835,353
Net overland to Oct. 20	30,818	185,513	50,930	311,314
South'n consumption to Oct. 20 <sup>a</sup>	678,000	2,973,000	67,000	793,000
<b>Total marketed</b>	<b>434,838</b>	<b>2,931,896</b>	<b>387,014</b>	<b>2,939,667</b>
Interior stocks in excess	119,268	670,823	11,362	195,461
<b>Came into sight during week</b>	<b>554,106</b>		<b>398,376</b>	
<b>Total in sight Oct. 20</b>	<b>3,602,719</b>		<b>3,135,128</b>	
North. spinners' takings to Oct. 20	61,867	397,401	40,182	428,285

<sup>a</sup> These figures are takings; consumption not available.  
**Movement into sight in previous years:**

Week—	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1920—Oct. 22	420,027	1920—Oct. 22	2,453,437
1919—Oct. 24	400,766	1919—Oct. 24	2,438,390
1918—Oct. 25	357,310	1918—Oct. 25	3,007,501

**WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.**—Reports to us by telegraph from the South this evening denote that the weather has been fair in the central and western portions of the cotton belt, while in the more eastern sections it has been rainy and cloudy. Picking and ginning have made rapid progress and are, it is averred, unusually far advanced for the season. Very little cotton is left to be picked, it is said, in Georgia and picking is also declared to be practically completed in central and southern Mississippi and Alabama and well advanced in Oklahoma.

**Texas.**—Cotton picking has made excellent progress and is about completed except in the northwest.  
**Mobile.**—Picking is practically over. Fields are being cleared for small remnants.

	Rain.		Thermometer	
	Rainfall.		high	low
Galveston, Texas	2 days	0.64 in.	high 82	low 64
Ahlhene	dry		high 86	low 40
Brenham	dry		high 89	low 47
Brownsville	dry		high 86	low 56
Corpus Christi	dry		high 86	low 56
Dallas	3 days	1.06 in.	high 88	low 42
Henrietta	1 day	0.35 in.	high 89	low 37
Kerrville	dry		high 88	low 38
Lampasas	2 days	0.20 in.	high 86	low 48
Longview	2 days	0.50 in.	high 86	low 45
Luling	dry		high 88	low 50
Nacogdoches	dry		high 91	low 42
Palestine	2 days	2.08 in.	high 88	low 48
Paris	2 days	0.21 in.	high 88	low 41
San Antonio	dry		high 88	low 62
Taylor	dry		high 85	low 50
Weatherford	2 days	0.31 in.	high 85	low 42
Ardmore, Okla.	2 days	1.28 in.	high 86	low 37
Atins	dry		high 85	low 37
Muskogee	2 days	0.31 in.	high 85	low 29
Oklahoma City	1 day	0.17 in.	high 77	low 39
Brinkley, Ark.	1 day	0.06 in.	high 87	low 33
Eldorado	dry		high 87	low 37
Little Rock	2 days	0.55 in.	high 84	low 40
Pine Bluff	2 days	0.14 in.	high 88	low 35
Alexandria, La.	dry		high 85	low 42
Amite	dry		high 86	low 45
Shreveport	1 day	0.09 in.	high 87	low 34
Selma, Miss.	dry		high 86	low 39
Columbus	dry		high 85	low 32
Columbus	dry		high 84	low 34
Greenwood	dry		high 82	low 40
Vicksburg	dry		high 82	low 40
Mobile, Ala.	2 days	0.26 in.	high 80	low 53
Decatur	dry		high 76	low 41
Montgomery	3 days	2.25 in.	high 79	low 47
Selma	2 days	1.40 in.	high 73	low 44
Gainesville, Fla.	4 days	3.59 in.	high 89	low 57
Madison	5 days	1.63 in.	high 88	low 54
Savannah, Ga.	4 days	3.23 in.	high 87	low 57
Athens	3 days	0.80 in.	high 80	low 47
Augusta	4 days	3.70 in.	high 78	low 50
Columbus	2 days	0.18 in.	high 81	low 47
Charleston, S. C.	5 days	4.31 in.	high 85	low 53
Greenwood	5 days	2.31 in.	high 74	low 45
Columbia	4 days	4.28 in.	high 85	low 46
Conway	4 days	4.93 in.	high 86	low 46
Charlotte, N. C.	4 days	1.44 in.	high 77	low 44
Newbern	5 days	1.88 in.	high 85	low 47
Weldon	4 days	1.99 in.	high 78	low 42
Dyersburg, Tenn.	1 day	0.10 in.	high 77	low 34
Memphis	dry		high 79	low 34

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the date given:

Oct. 20 1922.

New Orleans	Above zero of gauge	4.6
Memphis	Above zero of gauge	2.6
Nashville	Above zero of gauge	6.9
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge	3.8
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge	5.0

**QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.**—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week ending Oct. 20.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed. day.	Thursday.	Friday.
Galveston	22.00	22.00	22.50	22.50	22.70	22.95
New Orleans	21.75	21.75	22.25	22.50	22.50	22.50
Mobile	21.37	21.37	21.75	22.13	22.13	22.38
Savannah	22.13	22.00	22.50	22.75	22.75	23.00
Norfolk	22.25	22.13	22.75	22.75	22.75	23.00
Baltimore	—	22.50	22.50	23.00	22.88	23.25
Augusta	22.13	22.13	22.63	22.75	22.75	23.00
Memphis	21.75	21.75	22.00	22.25	22.25	23.00
Houston	21.90	21.80	22.40	22.60	22.60	22.25
Little Rock	—	21.60	21.75	22.00	22.00	22.25
Dallas	21.80	21.39	21.85	22.15	22.15	22.50
Fort Worth	—	21.25	21.80	21.85	21.85	22.25

**NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.**—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton markets for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Oct. 14.	Monday, Oct. 16.	Tuesday, Oct. 17.	Wednesday, Oct. 18.	Thursday, Oct. 19.	Friday, Oct. 20.
October	21.93-21.95	21.82	22.38	22.40	22.41	bid
December	21.95-21.96	21.80-21.84	22.36-22.41	22.45-22.46	22.47-22.40	22.74-22.76
January	21.90-22.00	21.84-21.86	22.42-22.46	22.47-22.50	22.47-22.50	22.70-22.72
March	22.02-22.05	21.90-21.92	22.45-22.50	22.55-22.60	22.52-22.64	22.72-22.75
May	21.98-22.02	21.83-21.88	22.40-22.43	22.52-22.53	22.50	22.68-22.70
July	21.90	21.70-21.75	22.25-22.28	22.31-22.35	22.24-22.26	22.48

Spot—Steady  
Options—Steady

**RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.**—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Week ending	Receipts at Ports.			Stocks at Interior Towns.			Receipts from Plantations.		
	1922.	1921.	1920.	1922.	1921.	1920.	1922.	1921.	1920.
<b>Aug.</b>									
1	32,031	86,944	24,820	255,159	1,099,235	842,646	—	56,951	—
4	24,012	74,894	32,599	345,726	1,074,165	804,327	14,579	49,821	—
18	33,716	84,050	34,840	341,519	1,048,597	794,609	29,509	58,482	21,122
25	44,317	91,711	37,386	351,074	1,015,473	794,244	54,877	58,587	37,021
<b>Sept.</b>									
1	91,625	105,024	66,096	355,701	987,684	785,583	96,250	77,235	57,435
8	95,017	107,547	76,219	410,161	987,031	751,354	155,374	107,193	77,000
15	163,192	142,000	77,434	471,529	983,889	821,889	215,471	138,839	112,954
22	201,404	168,787	125,999	600,540	1,037,994	811,821	334,432	212,158	93,948
29	233,298	205,490	159,041	743,160	1,147,941	920,157	305,164	315,437	227,369
<b>Oct.</b>									
6	275,188	258,740	173,236	807,611	1,225,335	982,695	380,561	336,134	235,776
13	0 881	275,189	213,311	1,067,645	1,311,417	1,055,311	470,153	351,131	273,635
20	323,020	269,084	241,843	1,181,813	1,312,699	1,147,781	445,338	280,446	335,578

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1922 are 2,454,402 bales; in 1921 were 2,030,814 bales, and in 1920 were 1,535,937 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 3,602 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 445,288 bales, the balance going to increase stocks at interior towns. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 280,446 bales and for 1920 they were 335,578 bales.

**WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.**—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings, or amounts gone out of sight, for a like period.

Cotton Takings, Week and Season.	1922.		1921.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Oct. 13	4,180,393	—	6,151,307	—
Visible supply Aug. 1	—	3,760,450	—	6,111,250
American in sight to Oct. 20	554,106	3,602,719	398,376	3,135,128
Bombay receipts to Oct. 19	2,000	122,000	13,000	286,000
Other India ship's to Oct. 19	—	53,550	2,000	33,000
Alexandria receipts to Oct. 18	70,000	223,800	11,000	80,000
Other supply to Oct. 18	64,000	655,000	3,000	54,000
<b>Total supply</b>	<b>4,810,499</b>	<b>7,817,519</b>	<b>6,578,683</b>	<b>9,699,378</b>
<b>Deduct—</b>				
Visible supply Oct. 20	4,479,474	4,479,474	6,233,999	6,233,999
<b>Total takings to Oct. 20 a</b>	<b>331,025</b>	<b>3,338,045</b>	<b>344,684</b>	<b>3,465,379</b>
Of which American	251,025	2,455,495	298,684	2,802,379
Of which other	80,000	882,550	46,000	663,000

\* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c.  
<sup>a</sup> This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 973,000 bales in 1922 and 793,000 bales in 1921—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 2,365,045 bales in 1922 and 2,672,379 bales in 1921, of which 1,482,495 bales and 2,009,379 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:

Oct. 19. Receipts at—	1922.		1921.		1920.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.		



Exports.	For the Week.				Since Aug. 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1922		1,000	21,000	22,000	11,000	72,500	173,500	257,000
1921	2,000	14,000	19,000	35,000	4,000	112,000	354,000	470,000
1920	1,000	9,000	4,000	14,000	10,000	149,000	41,000	200,000
Other India								
1922					5,000	48,550		53,550
1921					1,000	20,000		21,000
1920	1,000	2,000		3,000	9,000	66,000	4,000	79,000
Total all—								
1922		1,000	21,000	22,000	15,000	121,050	173,500	310,550
1921	2,000	14,000	19,000	35,000	5,000	151,000	371,000	527,000
1920	2,000	11,000	40,000	53,000	19,000	215,000	45,000	279,000

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 38,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 13,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 216,450 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Alexandria, Egypt, Oct. 18.	1922.	1921.	1920.		
Receipts (cantars)—					
This week	350,000	360,000	175,000		
Since Aug. 1	1,168,062	1,154,683	654,926		
Exports (bales)—					
Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.		
To Liverpool	20,304	7,750	31,408	10,014	
To Manchester, &c.	7,030	28,959	5,750	28,975	7,373
To Continent and India	4,000	10,009	5,200	48,958	1,500
To America		18,905	5,000	35,401	2,654
Total exports	11,000	108,177	23,700	148,802	1,500

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Oct. 18 were 350,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 11,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market for both yarn and cloth is quiet. Merchants are buying very sparingly. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1922.				1921.			
	32s Cop	32s	34s	36s	32s Cop	32s	34s	36s
Aug. 18	18 1/4	@	19 1/4	15 2	13 25	16 1/4	@	18 1/4
25	19 1/4	@	21 1/4	15 4	12 60	16 1/4	@	18
Sept. 1	20	@	21 1/2	15	13 70	17 1/4	@	19
8	19 1/2	@	21 1/2	15 6	12 84	17 1/2	@	18 9
15	20	@	21 1/2	15 4	13 32	17 1/4	@	18 9
22	19 1/2	@	21 1/2	15 4	12 83	17 1/4	@	18 9
29	19 1/2	@	20 1/2	15 4	12 25	18 3	@	19 9
Oct. 6	19 0	@	20 1/2	15 4	12 37	18 9	@	19 9
13	19 1/4	@	20 1/2	15 4	13 15	18 9	@	19 9
20	20 0	@	21 1/2	15 0	13 50	18 9	@	19 9

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

Destination	Date	Ships	Bales.
NEW YORK—To Liverpool	Oct. 13—Adriatic	10	610
Ausania	600		
To Havre	Oct. 13—La Lorraine	1,250	1,449
Rochant-beau	199		300
To Antwerp	Oct. 13—Finland	300	
To Bremen	Oct. 11—Hanover	2,900	1,550
President Roosevelt	1,650		
To Gothenburg	Oct. 13—Stockholm	100	
Hamburg	Oct. 13—Orelta	200	
To Genoa	Oct. 16—Sinsinawa	398	
Lezhora	Oct. 16—Sinsinawa	100	
To Manchester	Oct. 17—Mc Jean	773	
GALVESTON—To Havre	Oct. 14—Elkhorn	15,428	15,428
To Antwerp	Oct. 14—Elkhorn	990	
To Ghent	Oct. 14—Elkhorn	1,527	
To Copenhagen	Oct. 13—J. van der	400	
To Bremen	Oct. 14—Brave Coeur	4,758	9,596
Sachsenwald	4,832		
To Rotterdam	Oct. 14—Brave Coeur	2,249	2,249
To Barcelona	Oct. 14—Janur	6,651	6,651
To Japan	Oct. 14—Steel Mariner	9,998	22,046
Rafalen Maru	12,048		
To China	Oct. 14—Steel Mariner	500	
To Liverpool	Oct. 17—Governor	14,041	14,041
NEW ORLEANS—To Liverpool	Oct. 14—Wildwood	991	991
To Havre	Oct. 13—Kentucky	2,331	4,490
Maguan	2,159		
To Naples	Oct. 13—Orsova	350	
To Port Barrios	Oct. 13—Surinamo	100	
To Bremen	Oct. 14—Cliffwood	4,473	4,473
To Rotterdam	Oct. 16—Sagunche	293	
To Japan	Oct. 17—Mexico Maru	100	
To Ghent	Oct. 18—Maguan	250	
HOUSTON—To Havre	Oct. 14—Schroon	12,250	12,250
To Ghent	Oct. 14—Schroon	2,700	2,700
To Antwerp	Oct. 14—Schroon	600	
To Genoa	Oct. 14—Mar Mediterraneo	3,200	5,175
Sori	1,975		
To Bremen	Oct. 14—Gaffney	9,200	16,100
Otto Hugo Stinnes	6,900		
To Rotterdam	Oct. 14—Gaffney	750	750
To Liverpool	Oct. 18—Layada	8,050	8,050
To Barcelona	Oct. 19—Edely	5,300	5,300
To Manchester	Oct. 18—Layada	100	
To Venice	Oct. 19—Edely	1,000	1,000
To Trieste	Oct. 19—Edely	50	
SAVANNAH—To Japan	Oct. 13—Independence	200	
To Liverpool	Oct. 14—West Harshaw	7,959	7,959
To Manchester	Oct. 14—West Harshaw	1,987	1,987
BOSTON—To Hamburg	Oct. 5—Calista	79	
BRUNSWICK—To Liverpool	Oct. 19—Bolivian	3,031	3,031
CHARLESTON—To Bremen	Oct. 15—Magmeric	39	
Hamburg	Oct. 16—Magmeric	1,610	1,610
MOBILE—To Genoa	Oct. 14—West Kedron	200	
NORFOLK—To Manchester	Oct. 14—Manchester Port	1,775	1,775
To Bremen	Oct. 17—O Illsta	1,600	1,600
To Liverpool	Oct. 18—Appamatux	985	985
SAN FRANCISCO—To Japan	Oct. 17—Tayo Maru	750	
Uoyo Maru	1,000		
To Liverpool	Oct. 16—President Cleveland	1,897	3,647
SAN PEDRO—To Liverpool	Oct. 16—Steel Navigator	157	157
WILMINGTON—To Bremen	Oct. 20—Magmeric	6,000	6,000
Total bales			174,158

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Sept. 29.	Oct. 6.	Oct. 13.	Oct. 20.
Sales of the week	30,000	33,000	39,000	48,000
Of which American	16,000	15,000	17,000	21,000
Actual export	2,000	3,000	2,000	3,000
Forwarded	18,000	53,000	53,000	55,000
Total stock	601,000	600,000	592,000	618,000
Of which American	276,000	268,000	273,000	298,000
Total imports	17,000	59,000	42,000	83,000
Of which American	8,000	30,000	41,000	62,000
Amount afloat	204,000	209,000	219,000	189,000
Of which American	134,000	154,000	142,000	116,000

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.		Good inquiry.	Good demand.	Good demand.	Good inquiry.	Quiet.
Mid. Up'ds		13.47	13.43	13.74	13.70	13.50
Sales		10,000	10,000	0,000	12,000	6,000
Futures Market opened		Steady 22@30 pts. advance.	Quiet but steady 10@13 pts. dec.	Steady 23@31 pts. advance.	Quiet but steady 3@7 pts. dec.	Quiet 10@17 pts. decline.
Market, 4 P. M.		Steady 27@35 pts. advance.	Quiet but steady 4@5 pts. dec.	Steady 19@29 pts. advance.	Steady unchanged to 4 pts. dec.	Steady 3@7 pts. advance.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Oct. 14 to Oct. 20.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	4:00 p. m.
October	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
November	13.07	13.06	13.03	13.04	13.33	13.30
December	12.93	13.00	12.88	12.89	13.20	13.17
January	12.86	12.93	12.80	12.81	13.10	13.10
February	12.79	12.87	12.74	12.74	13.03	13.03
March	12.73	12.80	12.67	12.68	12.96	12.96
April	12.67	12.74	12.61	12.62	12.90	12.90
May	12.60	12.67	12.55	12.55	12.82	12.76
June	12.53	12.62	12.49	12.49	12.76	12.70
July	12.44	12.53	12.40	12.40	12.67	12.68
August	12.35	12.44	12.32	12.32	12.59	12.53
September	12.19	12.28	12.15	12.17	12.41	12.41
October	12.04	12.09	11.99	12.01	12.12	12.15

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Oct. 20 1922.

Flour was firmer with wheat, though trade has been hampered by the deplorable traffic conditions. But Europe, it is pointed out, is evidently anxious to buy foodstuffs, grain and flour in this country. The difficulty in getting American supplies seems only to whet the European demand. Behind it, however, is real need abroad. Receipts have at best been only moderate. But a cheering factor was that Buffalo was sending cars eastward more freely early in the week. Still, shippers are cautious in offering flour to exporters. Some home buyers have been more inclined to buy for forward delivery, judging prices to be more stable if not actually bound for higher levels. Later in the week arrivals here were still small, and the spot market firm. Stocks are growing steadily smaller. Many are nervous over the railroad delays. Much flour is in transit. When will it arrive? Meantime, export business was good with Europe. Greece was inquiring for Canadian flour and buying on a fair scale. Exporters would also take the lower priced American flour if they could be had for prompt shipment. Durum flour was in demand from Levant ports. A rather large business has been done in Semolina. Canadian mills had a good sale of straight flour. In a single day Canada had cable orders for about 50,000 bbls. Canadian mills have recently done even better than this.

Wheat advanced on the restricted movement of the crop due to railroad congestion. December touched \$1 1/4 on the 16th inst. Car shortage, in other words, was a dominant factor. New high records for the season have been reached. One thing that spurred prices upward was a report from the West that some of the leading railroads had placed an embargo on the movement of grain and will use the cars for marketing the large potato crop in the Northwest. Shorts covered very freely and stop-loss orders were reached. Business in futures has been active. Liverpool on the 16th inst. rose 2 1/4 d. At one time wheat advanced on the demand from Europe whose crops are not turning out so well as had been expected. Besides, it finds it rather difficult to get American supplies, owing to the railroad congestion. Even high premiums do not bring out the grain in the quantities desired. Shippers are cautious and will be until the railroad situation clears up. At Buffalo there was some improvement in this respect. More cars were being sent eastward, and it is suggested that very soon receipts at Atlantic ports will increase considerably. Liverpool advanced at one time on big buying for London account. The American visible supply increased last week 827,000 bushels, against 942,000 bushels last year. The total is only 33,411,000 bushels, against 53,895,000 a year ago. Later came a reaction in prices at Chicago in an over-bought market. On the 18th inst. half a million bushels, it was stated, were sold for export, but part of this, it was surmised, may have been old business.

The world's crop is estimated by the Department of Agriculture (excluding Russia and Mexico) at 3,012,293,000 bushels, against a previous estimate this year of 3,093,870,000 bushels and the revised estimate for the same countries last year

of 3,049,074,000. This shows with stocks on hand as far as known, an available supply of 3,192,037,000 bushels, against 3,213,588,000 bushels last year. Production in Russia sufficient for domestic needs continues to be predicted. But the total yield for Europe is put at only 985,650,000 bushels, against the revised estimate of 1,215,084,000 bushels last year and 1,100,991,000 the previous estimate this year. The new estimate shows a considerable increase over last year in the United States, i. e. from 794,893,000 bushels to 810,123,000 but an even greater ratio of decrease in France and Germany. France's crop is stated at 235,380,000 bushels, against 323,467,000 in 1921 and Germany's at 69,670,000, compared with 107,798,000 last year.

The Department of Commerce now states the decreases in the foreign wheat crops, as compared with last year, as follows: France, 86,000,000; Spain, 33,000,000; Italy, 30,000,000; Germany, 22,000,000; England and Wales, 9,000,000; Hungary, 9,000,000; Czechoslovakia, 8,000,000; Bulgaria, 8,000,000; Belgium, 4,500,000; Sweden, 3,500,000; Holland, 3,500,000; Denmark, 2,000,000, and Switzerland, 1,750,000,000, with the only gain of consequence in Poland, amounting to 7,333,000. Excessive rains throughout September delayed the harvest and impaired the quality of the grain in England, Germany, Poland and Scandinavia.

To-day prices were irregular, ending 2½ to 3c. higher for the week.

Three Chicago Board of Trade memberships have just sold at \$5,000 each.

To-day prices were rather weaker for December, though May acted very well. There was a pressure to sell December. Prices end 2½c. higher, however, on December for the week and also for May.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.**

No. 2 red.....	Sat. 136¼	Mon. 140¼	Tues. 143	Wed. 142	Thurs. 140	Fri. 139¾
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**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

December delivery in elevator.....	Sat. 111¾	Mon. 112¾	Tues. 115¾	Wed. 113¾	Thurs. 112¾	Fri. 112¾
May delivery in elevator.....	112½	112½	113½	112½	112½	112¾
July delivery in elevator.....	104¾	104¾	105¾	104¾	104¾	105¾

Indian corn has risen with wheat, reaching a new "high" for the season. Corn's advance was due largely to fears of a decreased crop movement, owing to railroad delays. The transportation problem is still a thorn in the side of the trade. It has caused spirited buying. Distant months have at times been conspicuously firm. Exporters took 400,000 bushels altogether on the 16th and 17th insts. On the 18th Germany bought 500,000 bushels for November shipment. Scarcity of cars restricted country offerings. There were reports of a good export inquiry. Germany was said to have taken American corn at full premiums. Offerings, however, have been small of the actual corn, though profit-taking has now and then caused reactions in prices. The American visible supply last week actually decreased 1,226,000 bushels, owing to railroad congestion, in sharp contrast with an increase in the same week last year of 2,431,000 bushels, a difference, it will be seen, of 3,650,000 bushels. And the total is now only 9,736,000 bushels, against 17,317,000 a year ago. Small receipts have been the trump card of the bulls plus a rising export demand.

Chicago reports that feeders have made money in feeding corn in the past year. Those who have held on till the last 30 days secured the most profit. In some instances steers that cost \$5.50 to \$6.50 per 100 lbs. early in the season have been marketed at \$10 to \$12.50. Yet it is pointed out that it is possible that the feeding operations may be overdone, with feeders paying the same price and even more for feeding sheep than packers are paying for fat stock. It seems that the feeders have the most confidence in the future. Possibly, it is suggested, they have too much. This has occurred in previous years, but it is said now that there are fewer sheep back in the country than for a number of years, and that values should therefore be higher later in the season. To-day prices showed little net change. Profit taking has latterly been a feature. Prices end 2 to 3½c. higher for the week.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.**

No. 2 yellow.....	Sat. 89	Mon. 90	Tues. 93	Wed. 93	Thurs. 91¾	Fri. 92
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**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

December delivery in elevator.....	Sat. 65¾	Mon. 66	Tues. 68¾	Wed. 67¾	Thurs. 67¾	Fri. 67¾
May delivery in elevator.....	67¾	67¾	69½	68½	67¾	68¾
July delivery in elevator.....	67¾	67¾	69¾	68	67¾	68¾

Oats advanced, keeping step with other grain and with shorts covering freely from a fear of delayed receipts, buyers have become nervous. At times, it is true, there has been heavy profit taking, which has had a momentary effect, but the general trend has been upward. And note the fact that the increase in the American visible supply last week was only 946,000 bushels, against 2,635,000 in the same week last year. The total is still only 36,846,000 bushels, against 69,887,000 a year ago. Oats are now 7 to 11c. higher than a year ago. The price has been so low heretofore this season, however, that in many districts it is said oats could not be profitably moved, and it has looked as though they would have to be fed on the farms. Things are brightening now.

The poor quality and condition of the European coarse grain crops is encouraging foreign purchases, this refers especially to rye, corn and oats. To-day prices were steady, closing 1 to 1½c. higher for the week.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.**

No. 2 white.....	Sat. 58	Mon. 58	Tues. 58½	Wed. 58½	Thurs. 58	Fri. 58
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**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

December delivery in elevator.....	Sat. 42¾	Mon. 41¾	Tues. 43¾	Wed. 41¾	Thurs. 41¾	Fri. 41¾
May delivery in elevator.....	42¾	41¾	43¾	41¾	41¾	41¾
July delivery in elevator.....	39¾	39	40¾	39¾	39¾	39¾

Rye has advanced with other grain. Not but that it has had pretty good setbacks from time to time owing to profit taking. But there has been some export inquiry even if no actual sales have taken place. And there has also been a good cash demand for American consumption. It is said, too, that some business has been done in winter storage rye at Buffalo. Some are much more bullish on the general situation. They are counting on a short foreign crop. Certainly reports are to the effect that the European yield is small. But above and beyond all the firmness of other grain tends to dominate rye and the movement of its prices. Of late there has been a reaction on profit taking, but in the main the tone is considered firm.

This year's crop estimates in 19 of the principal producing countries indicate a decline from last year's output of 76,000,000 bushels, and of barley yield in 18 countries a decrease of 50,000,000. The potato crop, on the other hand, was expected to average about 10% more than last year. The outlook for increased fall grain sowing was not encouraging. To-day prices fell. But there is a rise compared with last Friday of 2½ to 3½c., the latter on December.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

December delivery in elevator.....	Sat. 78¾	Mon. 79¾	Tues. 81¼	Wed. 80¼	Thurs. 79¾	Fri. 79
May delivery in elevator.....	79	79¾	81¾	80¼	79¾	79¾

The following are closing quotations:

GRAIN		FLOUR	
Wheat—		Oats—	
No. 2 red.....	\$1 39¾	No. 2 white.....	58
No. 2 hard winter.....	1 40¾	No. 3 white.....	56
Barley—		Feeding.....	Nominal
No. 2 yellow.....	92	Malting.....	82@84
Eye—No. 2.....	95		
Spring patents.....	\$6 75@7 25	Barley goods—	
Winter straights, soft.....	5 40 ½ 5 75	No. 1.....	\$5 75
Hard winter straights.....	6 00@ 6 75	No. 2, 3 and 1 pmtl.....	6 00
First spring clears.....	5 50@ 6 00	No. 2-0 and 3-0.....	5 75@5 90
Rye flour.....	4 10@ 5 40	No. 4 0 and 5 0.....	6 00
Corn goods, 100 lbs.:		Oats goods—	
Yellow meal.....	2 00@ 2 05	Carload.....	2 92½@3 02½
Corn flour.....	1 90@ 1 95	Spot delivery.....	

**WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCT. 17.**

Weather conditions in their relation to the crops are summarized as follows by the Department of Agriculture in its weekly weather bulletin issued on Oct. 18.

**COTTON.**—The week was cloudy and rainy in much of the more eastern cotton growing States but fair weather was the rule throughout the central and western portions of the belt. There was some interruption to picking and ginning in the east and northeast but this week made rapid progress elsewhere and was unusually far advanced for the season. Very little cotton remained to be picked in Georgia while harvest was about completed in Texas except in the northwest portions. Harvest had been practically complete also in the central and southern portions of Mississippi and Alabama and was well advanced in Oklahoma. The season has been unusually favorable for picking cotton in Arizona.

**CORN.**—Weather conditions favored the corn harvest except in the extreme southeast where some delay was caused by heavy rains. Harvesting was in progress in all of the northern half of the country and cribbing was begun in nearly all sections of Kansas. Corn dried rapidly in Iowa under the influence of strong winds and an abatement of sunshine. Late corn continued very poor in Tennessee where the crop was greatly damaged by drought.

**WHEAT.**—Rainfall was sufficient during the last two weeks to put the soil in satisfactory condition for winter grains in most of all districts from eastern Kansas and Iowa eastward over the Ohio Valley to the Middle Atlantic and New England States. Late seeding made good progress generally in this area. Early seeded wheat was reported as coming up freely in Ohio, and considerable gains was up and looking fairly good in Indiana. It continued too dry in some parts of Kentucky, but germination was most satisfactory in that State, and while early sown fields were somewhat spotted in Illinois, they were generally showing a fair stand.

Much wheat was up to a good stand in Missouri, where seeding has been nearly complete. Seeding was practically finished also in the eastern half of Kansas, where much grain was up to a fine stand, and some was being pastured. It could not be too dry throughout most of the Great Plains States, however, where seeding was delayed and germination retarded. Seeding was uneven in Nebraska and a plan was made to sow slowly in western Kansas, where worms were doing much damage to upstart and seeds. Conditions were fair to good in eastern Oklahoma, but damaged and drought continued in the central and western portions. Rainfall was still needed in much of Texas, although beneficial showers were received in the northern portion of the State at the close of the week. Drought continued in the Rocky Mountain districts.

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.
	60 lb. bush.	60 lb. bush.	56 lb. bush.	32 lb. bush.	ASHS.	bush 50 lbs.
Chicago.....	322,000	8,211,000	8,499,000	4,111,000	255,000	69,000
Winnipeg.....	—	3,202,000	72,000	708,000	382,000	37,000
Duluth.....	—	2,904,000	141,000	51,000	182,000	1,398,000
Minneapolis.....	55,000	139,000	394,000	470,000	273,000	34,000
St. Paul.....	—	252,000	57,000	42,000	—	103,000
De. roll.....	—	32,000	25,000	34,000	—	—
Indianapolis.....	—	49,000	481,000	214,000	—	—
St. Louis.....	94,000	767,000	549,000	548,000	16,000	20,000
Peoria.....	45,000	70,000	604,000	434,000	2,000	1,000
Kansas City.....	—	1,302,000	125,000	230,000	—	—
Omaha.....	—	444,000	432,000	292,000	—	—
St. Joseph.....	—	355,000	134,000	34,000	—	—
Total wk. '22.....	507,000	10,543,000	7,510,000	5,165,000	1,078,000	1,994,000
Same wk. '21.....	445,000	9,631,000	9,670,000	4,885,000	679,000	472,000
Same wk. '20.....	295,000	8,714,000	3,691,000	4,429,000	788,000	573,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1922.....	5,892,000	144,216,000	72,320,000	57,230,000	11,274,000	2,346,000
1921.....	5,317,000	150,432,000	89,104,000	67,443,000	8,277,000	1,010,000
1920.....	3,490,000	137,000,000	48,000,000	47,000,000	5,000,000	1,000,000



Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Oct. 14 1922 follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	180,000	714,000	620,000	625,000	175,000	493,000
Philadelphia	46,000	1,346,000	265,000	62,500	—	21,000
Baltimore	28,000	142,000	329,000	86,000	86,000	351,000
Newport News	3,000	—	—	—	—	—
Mobile	16,000	—	33,000	7,000	—	—
New Orleans	82,000	520,000	714,000	55,000	—	—
Galveston	—	356,000	—	—	—	—
Montreal	130,000	3,213,000	1,042,000	224,000	238,000	562,000
Boston	28,000	73,000	1,000	33,000	1,000	—
Total wk. '22	513,000	6,364,000	3,004,000	1,092,000	500,000	1,459,000
Since Jan. 1 '22	19,420,000	198,864,000	123,184,000	55,808,000	13,970,000	34,899,000
Same wk. '21	576,000	7,120,000	2,809,000	316,000	403,000	741,000
Since Jan. 1 '21	20,250,000	222,313,000	79,953,000	38,551,000	14,501,000	20,797,000

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Oct. 14 1922, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Pets.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	127,585	218,771	105,168	499,555	278,336	76,578	—
Boston	79,000	—	—	150,000	—	—	—
Philadelphia	631,000	249,000	30,000	—	11,000	—	—
Baltimore	728,000	43,000	13,000	150,000	61,000	33,000	—
Newport News	—	—	3,000	—	—	—	—
Mobile	—	33,000	16,000	7,000	—	—	—
New Orleans	684,000	412,000	29,000	6,000	—	—	—
Galveston	404,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Montreal	4,124,000	852,000	118,000	108,000	1,847,000	242,000	—
Total week 1922	6,677,585	1,807,771	314,166	920,555	2,187,336	351,578	—
Same week 1921	3,468,930	2,670,362	290,912	35,000	874,204	307,255	—

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 Oct. 14	Since July 1	Week Oct. 14	Since July 1	Week Oct. 14	Since July 1
United Kingdom	120,849	1,475,812	1,896,961	28,292,425	715,532	12,334,234
Continent	143,832	1,447,244	4,745,624	74,511,463	1,042,913	21,322,658
So. & Cent. Amer.	10,000	150,822	34,000	57,000	3,000	32,000
West Indies	32,000	311,800	1,000	8,000	43,000	465,600
Brit. No. Am. Colonies	—	2,000	—	—	—	—
Other Countries	7,685	152,935	—	62,844	—	11,300
Total 1922	314,166	3,539,713	6,677,585	102,931,732	1,807,771	34,335,76
Total 1921	290,912	4,799,858	3,468,930	114,281,978	2,670,322	33,889,000

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange for the week ending Friday, Oct. 13, and since July 1 1922 and 1921, are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.			Corn.		
	1922.		1921.	1922.		1921.
	Week Oct. 13.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.	Week Oct. 13.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.
North Amer.	11,097,000	130,573,000	155,104,000	1,779,000	35,032,000	40,000,000
Russia & Dan.	128,000	2,536,000	1,578,000	—	3,477,000	7,719,000
Argentina	601,000	29,082,000	12,048,000	3,312,000	33,260,000	55,293,000
Australia	296,000	7,948,000	10,440,000	—	—	—
India	—	—	712,000	—	—	—
Oth. countries	—	—	—	16,000	3,195,000	4,695,000
Total	12,122,000	170,139,000	188,882,000	5,107,000	74,934,000	103,453,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Oct. 14, was as follows:

United States—	GRAIN STOCKS.					
	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.	
New York	612,000	111,000	1,218,000	184,000	91,000	
Boston	—	—	643,000	1,000	—	
Philadelphia	1,108,000	328,000	215,000	53,000	—	
Baltimore	1,477,000	396,000	650,000	330,000	118,000	
Newport News	—	—	4,000	—	—	
New Orleans	1,911,000	1,129,000	59,000	33,000	6,000	
Galveston	1,761,000	—	—	102,000	—	
Buffalo	3,688,000	954,000	3,074,000	2,645,000	523,000	
Sioux City	143,000	155,000	298,000	1,000	4,000	
Toledo	790,000	35,000	269,000	11,000	3,000	
Detroit	12,000	32,000	57,000	14,000	—	
Chicago	2,451,000	3,855,000	10,306,000	318,000	131,000	
Milwaukee	69,000	89,000	390,000	—	—	
Duluth	7,661,000	616,000	925,000	4,222,000	964,000	
St. Joseph	839,000	65,000	40,000	32,000	6,000	
Minneapolis	2,902,000	48,000	15,181,000	817,000	293,000	
St. Louis	1,302,000	95,000	54,000	13,000	—	
Kansas	3,720,000	823,000	757,000	101,000	—	
Peoria	50,000	399,000	542,000	—	—	
Indianapolis	529,000	74,000	196,000	17,000	—	
Omaha	1,439,000	517,000	1,918,000	108,000	11,000	
On Lakes	186,000	—	—	275,000	—	
On Canal and River	1,167,000	75,000	47,000	242,000	309,000	
Total Oct. 14 1922	33,411,000	9,736,000	36,846,000	9,555,000	2,625,000	
Total Oct. 7 1922	32,584,000	10,962,000	35,900,000	7,371,000	2,301,000	
Total Oct. 15 1921	55,895,000	17,317,000	69,887,000	5,919,000	3,884,000	

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 4,000 bushels; Boston, 59,000; Baltimore, 28,000; Duluth, 11,000; Toledo, 175,000; total, 277,000 bushels, against 10,000 in 1921; Barley, New York, 9,000 bushels; Buffalo, 71,000; Duluth, 85,000; total, 165,000 bushels, against 271,000 bushels in 1921; and wheat, New York, 58,000; Baltimore, 140,000; Buffalo, 6,309,000; Philadelphia, 454,000; Toledo, 482,000; on Lakes, 2,895,000; afloat, 167,000; total, 10,510,000 bushels in 1922, against 14,943,000 in 1921.

Canadian—	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Montreal	2,580,000	1,193,000	298,000	860,000	411,000
Ft. William and Pt. Arthur	19,451,000	—	1,774,000	—	2,446,000
Other Canadian	4,326,000	—	7,000	—	970,000
Total Oct. 14 1922	26,357,000	1,193,000	2,079,000	860,000	2,827,000
Total Oct. 7 1922	22,926,000	802,000	1,627,000	63,000	2,591,000
Total Oct. 15 1921	20,305,000	1,578,000	7,460,000	644,000	2,035,000
Summary—					
American	33,411,000	9,737,000	36,846,000	9,555,000	2,625,000
Canadian	26,357,000	1,193,000	2,079,000	860,000	2,827,000
Total Oct. 14 1922	59,768,000	10,930,000	38,925,000	10,415,000	5,452,000
Total Oct. 7 1922	55,510,000	11,764,000	37,527,000	7,434,000	4,805,000
Total Oct. 15 1921	76,200,000	18,896,000	77,347,000	6,583,000	5,889,000

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

New York, Friday Night, Oct. 20 1922.

An increasing demand and the upward trend of prices continue to be the dominant features in the markets for both finished and unfinished textiles. The cooler weather has stimulated buying during the week, and the breadth of the demand in a number of directions is surprising some primary market merchants, this being particularly true of cotton goods. While the rising prices are no doubt responsible for many orders, evidence is increasing that confidence in the worth of merchandise is becoming greater as a result of the increasing opportunities to sell at a profit. The amount of deferred buying has been unusually large, and buying orders continue to pour steadily in. Upward revisions in wool goods are constantly being made, yarns have developed greater strength, linens are displaying more activity and heavy cottons for manufacturing purposes are being purchased freely for delivery in 1923. Mills, however, both Eastern and Southern, are said to be refusing to accept contracts for forward deliveries except at advances over prices current for spot and nearby shipments, and furthermore are not over-disposed to sell very far ahead even at the higher levels. Mills generally are claimed to be in a strong position, many stocks have been cleaned up and sufficient sales have been made to take care of future production well up to the end of this year. The chances for profit also appear to be much brighter than they have been for some time past. Production is gaining, and while in some instances it is not up to capacity, it is so promising that producers generally are considerably more optimistic at the advent of winter than they were at the beginning of the spring.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS: Activity and firmness continued to characterize the markets for domestic cotton goods during the past week. Cooler weather and the rise in the raw cotton market appear to have been among the stimulating factors which have encouraged buying on a more liberal scale. Several of the larger retailers have been more willing to place spring orders which they would not consider a month ago. Higher prices have been named for many lines, and the hardening in values for gray goods has been so persistent that buyers look for still higher prices in staples in finished goods, such as bleached cottons, percales, etc. The call for gingham is still active, and available production of the finer qualities for spring delivery is understood to be well under order in most lines. Popular lines of sheetings and pillow cases are also sold well ahead. The largest producers of denims are said to have sold their product up to March 1 next and have withdrawn from the market, while other producers, who have been holding for higher prices, are well covered with business for the next ten weeks or so. Seasonable buying of flannelettes and domets for immediate consumption has been quickened by the cooler weather, and many of the mills are well supplied with business. Trade in narrow drills has been quite active, and sales have been made up to the end of the year, and in some instances into next year at advances of 1/4c. per yard over prices which prevailed a week ago. A feature during the latter part of the week was the heavy buying of print cloths at advancing prices. Buyers included some from the West and South, as well as some from Northwestern points, who had not been heard from for a long time. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 7 1/2c., and the 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 7 1/4c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's, are quoted at 10 1/2c., and the 39 inch, 80 x 80's, at 13 1/2c.

WOOLEN GOODS: Prices for woolsens are being firmly maintained, and demand continues quite active. Buying of woolen and worsted staples and fancies for men's wear and women's wear has been good under the stimulus of cool weather, while Spring lines have likewise displayed activity, with a number of mills well sold ahead. Many clothing manufacturers who have had opportunity to show their goods are sending repeat orders for fabrics. Woolsens in particular are requested, and it is predicted that repeat orders on worsteds will follow in due course. Additional lines of women's staple dress goods for next spring are scheduled to be opened within the near future, and higher price levels are generally expected in view of the recent upward revision on men's wear fabrics.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS: Linens have been in good demand during the week. Buyers no longer expect a continuation of low prices, and are providing for the requirements on a more liberal scale. Orders from retailers include the general line of household linens. While the orders are small in many instances, they are being received from such a wide territory that importers are finding themselves running low on certain lines. Price advances are becoming more numerous, but do not appear to check buyers, as it appears to be recognized that the upward revisions have not been more than the new tariff justifies. Burlaps have ruled generally easier during the week, owing to the absence of important demand, and pressure of scattered speculative holdings. Advances from Calcutta reported irregularly, the market having reached a point where buyers' bids were acceptable to sellers when quoted within reason. Light weights are quoted 6.40 to 6.50c., and heavies at 8.50 to 8.60c.

## State and City Department

### NEWS ITEMS.

**Creek County, Okla.**—*Officials Accused of Fraud in Bond Deal.*—The Oklahoma City "Oklahoman" in its issue of Oct. 8 published a special dispatch from Sapulpa in which it is stated that Lieutenant-Governor M. E. Trapp and Vance Likely, Aaron Drumwright and S. M. Smith, Commissioners of Creek County, were made defendants in a suit filed in the Superior Court at Sapulpa by J. F. Greason to recover funds alleged to be due from the sale of \$1,000,000 Creek County road bonds. The "Oklahoman" continues:

The plaintiff, J. F. Greason, charges in his petition that Trapp and the County Commissioners conspired and confederated together with each other for the purpose of defrauding Creek County.

The suit follows a petition presented to the County Commissioners at their regular meeting earlier in the week by 13 taxpayers and freeholders, in which the Commissioners were asked to bring suit for the recovery of the money alleged to be due the county. The petition presented the County Commissioners cited that failure, neglect or refusal with a reasonable time to institute such action would result in a suit being filed and prosecuted by one of the 13 petitioners. The Commissioners failed to act, and the suit was filed by J. F. Greason, representing the 13 petitioners. Greason's petition sets forth that many offers of par value were made the Commissioners for the \$1,000,000 worth of road bonds after they were voted and placed on sale, but that the Commissioners refused to sell the par value, conspiring with Trapp, and permitting the Lieutenant-Governor to purchase them at a price of \$850,000. The petition further states the plaintiff alleges that all of the defendants well knew that the sale of said bonds as aforesaid was unlawful and a fraud upon the county and that they were unlawfully, fraudulently and knowingly depriving, taking and cheating Creek County out of the difference between what the bonds could have been reasonably sold for and what they brought.

The petition cites the findings of the last grand jury's investigation into the affair, conducted here by Prince Freeling, Attorney-General, which disclosed that contractors had agreed to pay Trapp a refund of 12½% of all the money received by them under their contract with Creek County to build roads.

**Florida.**—*Constitutional Amendments on Ballot.*—Four joint resolutions of 1921 Legislature, proposing amendments to the constitution, are to be submitted to the voters for ratification or rejection on Nov. 7. A summary of each is given below:

(1) Joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 10 of Article XII of the constitution, relating to education.

(2) Joint resolution proposing an amendment to Article V of the constitution, relative to the Judiciary Department.

(3) Joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3 of Article XVI of the constitution, relating to the time of the payment of salaries of State officers.

The fourth proposes an amendment to Section 3 of Article VII, so that it will read as follows:

Section 3. The Legislature that shall meet A. D. 1923, and those that shall meet every ten years thereafter, shall apportion the representation in the Senate, the whole number of Senators not to exceed 38 members; and at the same time shall also apportion the representation in the House of Representatives. The counties having 100,000 or more population shall have four Representatives; the counties having 33,000 and not more than 100,000 population shall have three Representatives each; the counties having 10,500 and not more than 33,000 population shall have two Representatives each. All counties having less than 10,500 population shall have one Representative each. The basis of apportionment, as provided for in this amendment, shall be the Federal Census next preceding the apportionment made by the Legislature. Every county shall have at least one Representative. The Governor shall, by special message to each House at the appropriate session of the Legislature, direct the attention of each House to the provisions of this amendment, and if the Legislature that shall meet A. D. 1923, or any succeeding Legislature that shall meet every ten years thereafter, shall refuse or fail to apportion the representation in the Senate and in the House of Representatives as herein provided, it shall be the duty of the Governor to convene the Legislature in special session for the purpose of making such apportionment, and by public proclamation and by communication to each House to direct the attention of each House to the provisions of this amendment.

**Grand Rapids, Mich.**—*Charter Amendment Carries.*—The amendment to the charter raising the limit on special improvement bond issues from 2-5% of the assessed valuation of property in any one year to 1½%, and raising the limitation placed on the amount of such bonds that may be outstanding at any one time from 1% to 3%, was favorably voted upon at the primary election (V. 115, p. 1119), according to the "Michigan Investor."

**Louisiana.**—*Proposed Constitutional Amendments.*—Four constitutional amendments proposed by the 1922 Legislature, briefly summarized below, are to be voted on at the general election on Nov. 7:

An amendment to Section 4 of Article X, providing for the addition to the last paragraph of said section the words: "The Legislature shall pass no law postponing the payment of taxes except in case of overflow, general conflagration, general destruction of crops, or other public calamity; and may provide for the payment of such postponed taxes based on a re-assessment of the properties affected, for the particular year in which such calamity occurs, to be made before the postponed tax is due."

An amendment giving the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, in addition to all powers now conferred by the Constitution, the right to lease, for a term of not more than 99 years, for manufacturing and commercial business purposes lands acquired for the Navigation Canal connecting the Mississippi River and Lake Pontchartrain, in the city of New Orleans.

An amendment to Section 5 of Article XII, providing that the State Superintendent of Public Education be elected by the people.

An amendment to Section 7 of Article XVI, granting and releasing to the Board of Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District the title of the State to all lands within any levees, embankments, retaining walls and seawalls.

**Norway (Kingdom of).**—*Bonds Flouted in American Market.*—A syndicate of New York bankers, consisting of J. P. Morgan & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., the National City Co., the Guaranty Co. of New York, Dillon, Read & Co., and Halsey, Stuart & Co., early this week sold at par and interest \$18,000,000 6% 30-year sinking fund external gold bonds, issued by the Kingdom of Norway for the purpose of refunding \$5,000,000 6% bonds due Feb. 1 1923, for the construction and extension of government railway, telegraph and telephone facilities and for the development of hydro-electric power. The bonds are described as follows:

Dated Oct. 16 1922. Due Oct. 15 1952. Interest payable April 15 and Oct. 15. Coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000, negotiable as to principal only. Principal and interest payable in New York City in United States

gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness at the Nations City Bank of New York, the fiscal agent of the loan, without deduction for any present or future Norwegian taxes, in time of war as well as in time of peace, irrespective of the nationality of the holder.

In the advertisement of offering, which appears on a preceding page as a matter of record, the following provision for amortization by sinking fund is made:

Norway agrees to redeem the entire loan through a cumulative sinking fund, the first payment to be made on April 15 1933, and payments semi-annually thereafter, until the maturity date of the loan. It is also provided that except for sinking fund purposes, bonds are redeemable only as a whole, on Oct. 15 1932, or on any interest date thereafter at 100 and int.

Further details may be found in an item in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

**Ohio.**—*Injunction to Prevent Placing of Proposed Constitutional Amendments on Ballot Dissolved.*—The Cleveland "Plain Dealer" published in its issue of Oct. 19 a dispatch from its Columbus Bureau, reporting that the injunction granted to M. E. Thraikill preventing the Secretary of State from placing on the ballot for the general election the two proposed constitutional amendments, has been dissolved (see V. 115, p. 1350 and 1758). According to the account given in the "Plain Dealer," the suit was brought in the Franklin County Common Pleas Court, the charge being made that the petitions calling for the vote on the measures were signed, for a great part, with indelible pencil, and that the petitions were filed 89 days before the election, whereas the legal requirement is 90 days. In this court, it is stated, an injunction, supposedly temporary, restraining the Secretary of State from placing the amendments on the ballot, was issued. It is further stated that the question was then brought before the Appellate Court, which, in spite of statements by Judge Kinkead of the Common Pleas Court that the injunction was temporary and that, therefore, the case was still in his court, ruled the order a permanent one, and proceeded to hear the appeal, and ultimately reversed the decision of the lower court dissolving the injunction. The dispatch further states that the plaintiff then carried the case to the Supreme Court, maintaining that the suit was still in fact before Judge Kinkead because of the temporary nature of the injunction. The Supreme Court, following a preliminary hearing, held that the injunction was permanent and consented to hear the case on its merits, and finally upheld the action of the Court of Appeals in dissolving the injunction.

**Portland, Ore.**—*Proposed Amendments to Charter to Be Voted Upon.*—Seven charter amendments will be on the city ballot Nov. 7 for approval or rejection by the voters, states the Portland "Oregonian." The amendments, according to the "Oregonian," cover the following subjects: Provision for an additional municipal judge; simplifying the procedure for establishing street grades; ratification of the 3-mill special tax levy twice before authorized by the voters; giving to delinquent taxpayers until June 1 1923 to apply to the City Council for permission to pay one-half of their assessments plus accrued interest and then receive a five years' extension of time for payment of the remainder of the assessment; granting the Commission of Public Docks authority to lease waterfront property for a period of 30 years; and the 1927 expiration tax levy.

**Virginia.**—*To Vote on Constitutional Convention.*—In accordance with an Act of the 1922 Legislature there will be submitted to the voters on Nov. 7 the question of whether or not there shall be a convention to revise and amend the Constitution of the State.

### BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

this week have been as follows:

**ADAMS SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Markleville), Madison County, Ind.**—*BOND SALE NOT COMPLETED.*—The bonds sold on July 28 to the Fletcher-American Co., as reported in V. 115, p. 671, were not a new issue, but were the bonds originally awarded to the Bankers Trust Co. (V. 115, p. 101), the sale of which, however, was not completed.

**AKRON, Summit County, Ohio.**—*BOND ELECTION.*—According to the Cleveland "Plain Dealer" of Oct. 14 the question of issuing \$3,000,000 municipal sewer bonds will again be submitted to the voters at the regular election on Nov. 7. This issue was placed on the ballots at the primary election on Aug. 28 but failed by 39 votes to obtain the necessary two-thirds majority.—V. 115, p. 800.

**AKRON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Akron), Lancaster County, Pa.**—*BOND OFFERING.*—C. B. Zwally, Secretary of School Board, will receive bids until 12 m. Oct. 28 for \$14,000 4½% coupon school bonds, Octon, \$500. Date Oct. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Akron National Bank. Due \$4,000 on Oct. 1 in 1927 and 1932, and \$6,000 Oct. 1 1937. Certified check for 5% of amount of bonds bid, payable to the district, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. The district will assume and pay the Pennsylvania State tax of 4 mills.

**ALBANY, N. Y.**—*BOND SALE.*—On Oct. 19 the following 9 issues of 4½% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds, aggregating \$735,000 offered on that date—V. 115, p. 1653—were awarded to Barr Bros. & Co. and Remick, Hodges & Co. of New York, for \$744,628 50, (101.31) and interest, a basis of about 4.07%:

\$100,000	water supply bonds.	Due \$3,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1942, inclusive.
100,000	water supply bonds.	Due \$5,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1942, inclusive.
150,000	Central Ave. improvement bonds.	Due \$10,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1937, inclusive.
120,000	public school bonds.	Due \$12,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1932, inclusive.
45,000	Second Ave. improvement bonds.	Due \$3,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1937, inclusive.
40,000	public park land bonds.	Due \$2,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1942, inclusive.
40,000	Lincoln Park improvement bonds.	Due \$2,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1942, inclusive.
30,000	Clinton Ave. improvement bonds.	Due \$2,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1937, inclusive.
50,000	street improvement bonds.	Due \$5,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1932, inclusive.



The following 2 issues of 4 1/2% bonds at the same time were purchased by the City Comptroller for the sinking fund: \$26,700 street improvement bonds. Due \$5,340 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1927, inclusive.

20,000 public improvement bonds. Due \$4,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1927, inclusive. These bonds are described as follows: Date Oct. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the Bank of America, N. Y. City.

ALVARADO, Johnson County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—Breg, Garrett & Co. of Dallas have purchased \$19,000 street impt., \$30,000 water and \$9,000 school 5 1/2% bonds at 101.

AMES TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Amesville), Athens County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,000 6% coupon school bonds which were offered for sale on Sept. 19—V. 115, p. 1351—were sold on Sept. 30 to the Amesville National Bank at par and accrued interest. Due \$1,000 on Sept. 15 in each of the years 1923, 1924 and 1925. The Bank of Athens also offered par and accrued interest for the bonds. This sale was incorrectly reported in our issue of Oct. 7—V. 115, p. 1653—under the caption of "Adams Township Rural School District."

ANDALE, Sedgewick County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Sept. 8 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$15,000 5% electric light bonds.

ANGELINA COUNTY (P. O. Lufkin), Tex.—DESCRIPTION.—The \$500,000 road bonds awarded to P. H. Bowman of Austin, for the account of Stern Bros. & Co. of Kansas City, and the Liberty Central Trust Co. of St. Louis, as stated in V. 115, p. 1653, are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 10 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A-O 10), payable in New York City. Due on Oct. 10 from 1923 to 1952, inclusive.

ANN ARBOR SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ann Arbor), Washtenaw County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$165,000 4 1/2% 16 1/2-5-year (aver) school bonds which were offered for sale on Oct. 11, as we reported in our issue of Sept. 23—V. 115, p. 1449—under the caption of "Ann Arbor" have been sold to the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago at a premium of \$2,735 (191.83), a basis of about 4.34%. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$32,000 in 1927, \$31,000 in 1928, \$33,000 in 1929, \$38,000 in 1949 and \$25,000 in 1941. The following bids were also received:

Harris, Small & Lessor, Oct. \$2,400 60 Wm. R. Compton Co., Chi. \$2,096 00 Ann Arbor Sav. Bk., Ann A. 2,654 00 Richards, Parish & Lam- Harris Tr. & S. Co., Cin. 2,651 55 son, Cleveland, 2,029 50 Watling, Leitch & Co., Det. 2,626 00 Halser, Stuart & Co., Inc. 1,911 50 Wither, Witter & Co., Chi. 2,595 00 Chicago 1,081 50 Amies, Emelich & Co., Chi. 2,590 00 Matthew Finn, Detroit 1,902 45 Northern Trust Co., Chi. 2,557 50 H. W. Noble & Co., Det. 1,410 00 Security Trust Co., Det. 2,547 78 W. K. Terry & Co., Toledo 1,787 00 A. G. Becker & Co., Chi. 2,496 45 E. H. Rollins & Sons, Chi. 1,150 00 State Sav. Bk., Ann Arbor 2,459 80 Taylor, Ewart & Co., Chi. 968 60 Detroit Trust Co., Detroit 2,433 00 Prudden & Co., Toledo 577 00

ARCATA, Humboldt County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—Freeman, Smith & Camp Co. purchased \$35,000 5% sewer bonds on Sept. 8 for \$35,264 00, equal to 101.45. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & D. Due \$1,000 yearly.

ARMADA, Macomb County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—It is reported that the taxpayers of the village have voted a bond issue of \$3,500 for water works.

ASBURY PARK, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals are being received until 10 a. m. Oct. 24 by A. Graves King, City Clerk, for the purchase at not less than par of an issue of public improvement bonds, to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 4 1/2% in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, the award to be made to the bidder offering to take the least amount of bonds and pay therefor the highest premium. Denom. \$1,000. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1924 to 1943, inclusive, and \$2,000, 1944 to 1953, inclusive. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company, for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, required.

ATHENS, Athens County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 5 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$43,000, which were offered for sale on Oct. 7 (V. 115, p. 1653) have been sold to W. L. Slayton & Co., of Toledo, at a premium of \$1,915 80 (120.39): \$45,000 storm sewer bonds. Due \$4,500 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1932, inclusive.

35,000 street improvement bonds. Due in ten years from date. Date Sept. 1 1922. The following bids were also received:

Seasongood & Mayer, Olive \$1,851 00 Campbell & Kinsey, Tol. \$1,608 00 Citizens Tr. & S. Co., C. 1,843 45 N. S. Hill & Co., Cin. 1,440 00 C. D. Briggs & Co., Toledo 1,820 00 Stacy & Braun, Toledo 1,434 00 Tucker, Robinson & Co., Toledo 1,820 00 Wel. Roth & Co., C. 1,225 00 Toledo 1,728 00 W. K. Terry & Co., Toledo 1,080 00 A. T. Bell & Co., Toledo 1,696 00 First Nat'l Bank, Colum. 1,056 00

ATTICA, Seneca County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Sutton State Bank of Attica, was awarded on Oct. 2 \$5,000 5 1/2% street impt. bonds at par and accrued int. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. M. & C. Due yearly on Mar. 1 from 1923 to 1932, incl. These bonds were purchased together with \$8,000 5 1/2% bonds, the sale of which appeared in our issue of Oct. 7—V. 115, p. 1653.

AUBURN, De Kalb County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Glenn Potter City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 30 p. m. Nov. 2 for \$62,000 5% coupon water works improvement and equipment bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 20 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly on July 20 as follows: \$2,000 from 1923 to 1930, incl.; \$5,000 from 1931 to 1939, incl., and \$1,000 in 1940. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Certified check for 1% of the amount bid for is required. All bids must include accrued interest.

AUDUBON COUNTY (P. O. Audubon), Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Nov. 7 to vote on the question of issuing \$75,000 bonds for the purpose of erecting and equipping a site for a Liberty Memorial Building. Wm. J. Hamilton, County Auditor.

BAY CITY LEVEE DISTRICT (P. O. Bay City), Matagorda County, Texas.—BONDS DEFEATED.—By a vote of 149 to 113 an issue of \$128,000 bonds was defeated.

BAYLOR COUNTY (P. O. Seymour), Texas.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on Sept. 30—V. 115, p. 1351—the proposition to issue \$100,000 county hospital bonds was defeated.

BAYLOR COUNTY PRECINCT ROAD DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Seymour), Texas.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition to issue \$10,000 5 1/2% road bonds submitted to a vote of the people on Sept. 30—V. 115, p. 1351—was defeated.

BAMBERG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. Bamberg), So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—G. O. Simmons, Secretary of the School Board, will receive sealed bids until Oct. 30 for \$35,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 15 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest payable in New York City. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1923 to 1927, inclusive, and \$2,000, 1928 to 1942, inclusive.

BATTLE CREEK, Calhoun County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that at the regular election on Nov. 7 the voters will be called upon to determine whether the city should issue \$100,000 sewer bonds.

BAY ST. LOUIS, Hancock County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—At the offering on Oct. 7 (V. 115, p. 1651), the Hancock County Bank of Bay St. Louis was awarded \$58,000 5% water-works bonds at a premium of \$236 85, equal to 100.40. Date Jan. 2 1922. Int. J. & J.

BEACH HAVEN, Ocean County, N. J.—AMOUNT OF BONDS SOLD.—We are advised that the amount of bonds disposed of by the borough early in the year (V. 114, p. 432) was the \$34,000, entire lot being taken by local people at par.

BISMARCK, Burleigh County, No. Dak.—WARRANT SALE.—The "Commercial West" of recent date says: "An issue of \$36,000 sewer warrants has been awarded to the contractor at par."

BLUE EARTH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (P. O. Eagle Lake), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The Northwestern Trust Co. of St. Paul has been awarded the \$3,000 5 1/2% school bldg. bonds offered on Oct. 10 (V. 115, p. 1574) as 5% at par. Date Aug. 1 1922. Due Aug. 1 1942.

BOONE COUNTY (P. O. Lebanon), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. E. Bruce, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 25 for \$5,000 5% coupon Chester Blubaugh et al., highway bonds. Denom. \$250. Date Oct. 3 1922. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$250 each six months

from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive. All bids must include accrued interest.

BOULDER, Boulder County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—Our western representative advises us that Antones & Co. of Denver have purchased \$23,000 Paying District No. 19 and \$6,000 Paying District No. 21 bonds, through the contractor. He also states that these amounts are approximate.

BRECKSVILLE, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 5 1/2% 8 1/2-12 year (aver.) electric light and power bonds, which were offered for sale on Aug. 12—V. 115, p. 1457—have been sold to Sidney Spitzer & Co. of Toledo for \$51,055 (102.11), a basis of about 5.19%. Date Aug. 1 1922. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1923 to 1932 inclusive, and \$4,000 from 1933 to 1937 inclusive.

BREVARD, Transylvania County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 public improvement bonds offered on Oct. 16—V. 115, p. 1758—were awarded to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville, as 5 1/4% at a premium of \$87, equal to 100.17, a basis of about 5.48%. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1924 to 1928, inclusive; \$2,000 1929 to 1938, inclusive, and \$2,500 1939 to 1948, inclusive.

BROCKTON, Plymouth County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The following three issues of coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds offered on Oct. 16 (V. 115, p. 1759) were awarded to B. J. Van Ineen & Co. of Boston, who bid 100.565 and int. for 4 1/4%, a basis of about 4.10%: \$10,000 sewerage bonds, maturing \$1,000 on Oct. 1 in each of the years 1923-1932, inclusive.

15,000 water bonds, maturing \$2,000 on Oct. 1 in each of the years 1923-1935, inclusive, and \$1,000 on Oct. 1 in each of the years 1928-1935, inclusive.

25,000 macadam pavement bonds, maturing \$5,000 on Oct. 1 in each of the years 1923-1927, inclusive. Date Oct. 1 1922.

BROOKLINE, Norfolk County, Mass.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$39,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered tax-free bonds awarded on Oct. 13 to Kidder, Peabody & Co. of Boston at 100.739, a basis of about 3.50%, are described as follows:

\$297,000 for a new high school building. Payable \$16,500 annually Jan. 1 1924 to Jan. 1 1941. 22,500 for a Service Building for the Park Department. Payable \$2,500 annually, Jan. 1 1924 to Jan. 1 1932. 22,500 for the extension of water mains. Payable \$2,500 annually Jan. 1 1924 to Jan. 1 1932. 27,000 for the paving of Washington Street. Payable \$3,000 annually Jan. 1 1924 to Jan. 1 1932.

Interest J. & J. Tax following is a complete list of the bids received:

Kidder, Peabody & Co., Bos. 100.739 Blake Bros. & Co., Boston 100.261 Estbrook & Co., Boston 100.61 Old Colony Trust Co., Bos. 101.229 Eldridge & Co., Boston 100.33 Ferris, Forbes & Co., Bos. 100.15 National City Co., Boston 100.35 Merrill, Oldham & Co., Bos. 100.09

BROWNSTOWN, Jackson County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,000 5% 1 1/2-year (aver.) bond purchase bonds which were offered for sale on Oct. 13 (V. 115, p. 1653) have been sold to the Brownstown Loan & Trust Co. of Brownstown at a premium of \$12 (100.40) and interest, a basis of about 1.95%. Date Oct. 13 1922. Due \$300 yearly on July 15 from 1923 to 1932 incl.

BRUNSWICK, Frederick County, Md.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 5% 15-30 year (opt.) water and street improvement bonds offered on Oct. 17—V. 115, p. 1750—were awarded to the Bank of Brunswick for \$31,055 25, equal to 103.517, which is on a basis of about 4.78% if bonds were allowed to run 30 years, and about 4.67% if redeemed in 15 years. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Due Oct. 1 1922; redeemable at city's option Oct. 1 1937.

BUTLER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Butler), Morris County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Butler on Sept. 8 purchased at par and interest the \$98,000 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds offered unsuccessfully on Aug. 31 (V. 115, p. 1233). Date Sept. 1 1922. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$4,000 1923 and 1924 and \$5,000 1925 to 1942 incl.

PITTE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 260, Calif.—BOND SALE.—Aranson & Co. of Los Angeles have purchased \$99,800 6% tax-free bonds. Date March 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$ 000, 1934; \$7,200, 1935; \$8,400, 1936; \$9 600, 1937; \$10,800, 1938; \$12 000, 1939; \$13,200, 1940; \$15,600, 1941, and \$17,000, 1942. Bonded debt (this issue), \$99,800; assessed value of district, \$162,200; appraised value of district, \$425,000.

CALCASIEU PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 (P. O. Lake Charles), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. Nov. 7 by F. K. White, Secretary of the School Board, for \$10,000 4% school bonds. A cert. check for \$400 payable to the above Secretary, required. Due in 1 to 10 years. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable in New York. Legality will be approved by Wood & Oakley, Chicago.

CAMBRIA COUNTY (P. O. Ebensburg), Pa.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 18 the \$500,000 4 1/2% coupon road and bldg bonds offered on that date—V. 115, p. 1653—were awarded to Leach & Snyder of Philadelphia for \$515,325 (103.065) and interest, a basis of about 4.21%. Date Nov. 1 1922. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1923; \$16,000, 1924; \$15,000, 1925 to 1927 incl.; \$16,000, 1928; \$17,000, 1929 and 1930; \$18,000, 1931; \$19,000, 1932; \$20,000, 1933; \$21,000, 1934; \$22,000, 1935; \$23,000, 1936; \$25,000, 1937 and 1938; \$28,000, 1939; \$28,000, 1940; \$29,000, 1941; \$30,000, 1942; \$31,000, 1943; \$33,000, 1944 and \$29,000, 1945.

CAMBRIDGE, Guernsey County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. E. Eaton, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 27 for \$6,387 5 1/2% city's share street immt. bonds. Denom. 5 for \$1,000 each, and 1 for \$1,357. Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. (J. & J.) Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1925 to 1929, incl., and \$1,357 on July 1 1930. Auth. Sec. 3939, Gen. Code and Ordinance No. 1629. Cert. check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required. All bids must include accrued interest.

CANEY, Montgomery County, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas, registered \$7,000 5 1/2% additional water works bonds on Sept. 16.

CASCADE COUNTY (P. O. Great Falls), Mont.—BOND SALE.—Our Western representative advises us that the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis has purchased an issue of 5% refunding bonds amounting to from \$150,000 to \$160,000 at a premium of \$165.

CASS COUNTY (P. O. Logansport), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—J. J. McCormick, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Nov. 18 for \$12,000 5% Oscar Allen Road, Boone Township, bonds. Denom. \$900. Date Oct. 15 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due \$60 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive. An issue of \$12,000 6% Oscar Allen Road bonds bearing the same description as the above issue, is scheduled to be sold on Nov. 3, as we reported in our issue of Oct. 14—V. 115, p. 1579.

CASSOPOLIS, Cass County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—On Oct. 23, it is stated, the taxpayers will vote on a bond issue of \$10,000 for water works. Denom. \$100. Date Nov. 1 1922. Int. rate not to exceed 6%. Due \$1,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1923 to 1932 inclusive.

CEDAR RAPIDS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cedar Rapids), Linn County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—J. A. Motyl, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 26 for \$153,000 school bldg. and \$88,000 refunding 4 1/2% bonds. Due in 20 years.

CHELAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—The County Treasurer (P. O. Wenatchee) will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. to-day (Oct. 21) for \$10,000 school bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Sept. 7 the State Auditor of Kansas, registered \$15,000 5% school bonds.

CHERRYVALE, Montgomery County, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Sept. 30 the State Auditor of Kansas, registered \$45,167 74 5% street improvement bonds.

CHOWCHILLA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Madera County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 2 p. m. Nov. 6 the County

Clerk (P. O. Madera) will receive sealed bids for \$30,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 yearly from 1924 to 1938, inclusive. Certified check for 10% required.

CLEVELAND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cleveland), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—The Cleveland "Commercial" of Oct. 17 states that the submission of a \$5,000,000 school construction bond issue at the November election was authorized on Oct. 16 by a 6 to 1 vote of the Board of Education. The bonds, it also stated, if approved by the voters, will be used principally to finance the construction of the John Hay Cosmopolitan High School in University Circle.

COLCME, Tripp County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 6% coupon water works bonds offered on Oct. 16—V. 115, p. 1554—have been purchased by the Drake-Ballard Co. of Minneapolis at a premium of \$700, equal to 102.33, a basis of about 5.65%. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1923 to 1935 incl.; \$2,000, 1936 to 1939 incl.; and \$3,000, 1940 to 1942 incl. The following bids were also received: Spitzer, Rorck & Co., Tol. \$476 50; Bolzer, Mosser & Willaman, Stacy & Braun, Minn. 692 00; Chicago 677 00; Drake-Ballard Co., Minn. 700 00.

McNear, Heeter & Co. of Minneapolis submitted a bid, but it was not accepted as it came too late to be considered.

COLUMBUS COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Balton), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—F. L. Finkenstaedt, Chairman. Board of Drainage Commrs. will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 20 for \$60,000 6% drainage bonds. Due \$6,000 1923 to 1932, incl. Prin. and int. payable at such place as may be agreed upon between the Board of Commissioners and purchaser. A cert. check for \$500, required.

COOK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 201 (P. O. Cicero), Ill.—BOND SALE.—On May 8 of this year Bolger, Mosser & Willaman of Chicago were awarded \$250,000 5% 10-15-year (aver.) high school building bonds at 104.44, a basis of about 4.45%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1922. Int. E. & A. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$12,000 in 1924 and \$14,000 from 1925 to 1941 incl.

CROOK COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Prineville), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Until day (Oct. 21) Denton G. Burdick, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive bids for \$45,000 6% bonds. It is stated. Denom. \$500. Certified check for 10% required.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Oct. 28 for the following 4 1/2% coupon bonds: \$11,727 20 special assessment Brookpark Road No. 4 bonds. Denom. 1 for \$727 20 and 11 for \$1,000 each. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$727 20 in 1923, \$1,000 in each of the years 1924, 1925, 1926, 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1931, and \$2,000 in each of the years 1927 and 1932.

36,764 77 (county's portion) Brookpark Road No. 4 bonds. Denom. 34 for \$1,000 each and 1 for \$764 77. Due \$4,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1931, inclusive, and \$4,764 77 on Oct. 1 1932.

21,571 00 special assessment Short, Crossview and Chestnut Road bonds. Denom. 1 for \$571 and 21 for \$1,000 each. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,571 in 1923, \$2,000 in each of the years 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1929, 1930 and 1931, and \$3,000 in each of the years 1928 and 1932, inclusive.

67,625 08 (county's portion) Short, Crossview and Chestnut Road bonds. Denom. 1 for \$625 08 and 67 for \$1,000 each. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,625 08 in 1924, \$7,000 in each of the years 1925, 1928 and 1929, and \$8,000 in each of the years 1926, 1927, 1930, 1931 and 1932.

Date Oct. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the County Treasurer's office. Auth. Sec. 6929, Gen. Code. Each bidder must state separately the amount bid for the special assessment bonds and the amount bid for the county portion bonds. Certified check on a bank other than the one making the bid, for 1% of the amount bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, is required. All bids must include accrued int.

DEER PARK (TOWN) UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Port Jervis), Orange County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 16 the \$400,000 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds offered on that date—V. 115, p. 1654—were awarded to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of New York at 114.03 and interest, a basis of about 4.25%. Date Nov. 1 1922. Due \$10,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1930 to 1969 inclusive. Other bidders were:

Table with 2 columns: Names of Other Bidders, Price. Includes D. T. Moore & Co., O'Brien, Potter & Co., Clark, Williams & Co., Union National Corp., Harris, Forbes & Co., Sherwood & Merrifield, Farson, Son & Co., Morrill Lynch & Co., H. L. Allen & Co., First Nat. Bk., Pt. Jerv.

DE KALB COUNTY (P. O. Auburn), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—C. H. Barber, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 31 for \$16,000 5% Lancaster Morrill et al, Concord Township, highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$400. Date Oct. 15 1922. Interest semi-annual. Delivery to be made at the County Treasurer's office.

DE PERE, Brown County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The State Bank of DePere has been awarded an issue of \$15,000 street improvement bonds.

DESCHUTES COUNTY MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, Ore.—BOND SALE.—C. W. Skaggs & Co., Geo. E. Miller & Co. and J. R. Mason & Co. have purchased and are now offering to investors at prices to yield 6.25% \$50,000 6% tax-free gold bonds. Coupon bonds in denom. of \$1,000 and \$500. Date Jan. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the fiscal agency of the State of Oregon in N. Y. City, or at the office of the County Treasurer. Due yearly on Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1942, incl., callable in whole or in part in numerical order on any interest date on four weeks' notice at 103 and accrued int. Total amount of bonds authorized and issued, \$550,000. Appraised value of the security, \$1,750,000.

DES MOINES, Polk County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Nov. 1 by Emmett C. Powers, City Treasurer, for \$252,000 4 1/2% funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Legality approved by Chapman, Cutler & Parker, of Chicago. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$12,000, 1927; \$15,000, 1928 to 1940, inclusive; \$20,000, 1941, and \$25,000, 1942. A certified check for \$10,000 required.

DES MOINES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Des Moines), Polk County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. L. Garton, Secretary Board of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Oct. 26 for \$540,000 4 1/2% or 4 3/4% school bonds. Date, day of issue, Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the District Treasurer's office. A certified check for 1% of the bonds offered, required. Bidders may bid for less than the total amount of bonds, provided that the amount bid for is not less than \$100,000.

EAST CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. A. Carrau, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 28 for \$143,000 5% coupon special assessment street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the Guardian Savings & Trust Co. of Cleveland. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$15,000 from 1923 to 1927, incl.; \$14,000 in each of the years 1928, 1930 and 1932, and \$13,000 in each of the years 1929 and 1931. Auth. Ordinance No. 1629. Certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the above official is required. All bids must include accrued interest.

Financial Statement table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Assessed valuation 1921, Assessed valuation 1922 (estimated), Total general bonded debt, Water debt (included above), Cash in general sinking fund, Special assessment debt (including this \$143,000 issue), Cash in special assessment sinking fund, Total tax rate (p. r. \$1,000) 1921, Population 1921.

EASTWOOD, Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Oct. 25 by Elmer M. Keon, Village Clerk, for \$20,000 coupon or registered sewerage disposal plant bonds, to bear interest at no more than 6%. Denom. \$2,000. Date Nov. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the First Trust & Deposit Co. of Syracuse. Due \$2,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1926 to 1935, incl. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York.

EGG HARBOR CITY, Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of 5% water bonds offered on Oct. 18—V. 115, p. 1654—was awarded to the Egg Harbor Commercial Bank on a bid of \$70,430 for \$68,500 bonds, equal to 102.963, a basis of about 4.74%. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1937, incl.; \$3,000, 1938 to 1950, incl., and \$1,500, 1951.

ELLIS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$3,500 5% school bonds on Sept. 7.

EL MONTE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BIDS.—The following is a complete list of the bids received for \$65,000 5% tax-free school bonds: Bank of Italy, \$1,346 40; Bond, Goodwin & Tucker, California Co., 1,560 00; Inc. \$692 00; E. H. Rollins & Sons, et al., 797 25; Security Tr. & Sav., et al., 1,795 00; Citizens National Bank, 1,410 60; Harris Trust & Savings Bk., 1,153 00. \* Notice that this bid had been accepted was given in V. 115, p. 1760.

ELWOOD DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Brigham), Box Elder County, Utah.—BOND ELECTION.—An election is to be held on Nov. 6 to vote on the question of issuing \$70,000 drainage bonds.

ENGLEWOOD, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Oct. 9 \$55,000 city hall, \$22,500 street improvement, \$37,500 water extension and \$157,000 water equipment bonds were carried.

ERIE, Erie County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION.—As authorized by an ordinance passed on Sept. 30 the voters on Nov. 7 will be given an opportunity to vote on the question of issuing \$668,000 bonds for the construction of intercepting sewers and sewage disposal works.

ERIE, Weld County, Colo.—DESCRIPTION.—The \$32,000 6% 10-15-year (opt.) water bonds awarded as stated in V. 115, p. 1555—are described as follows: Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due Oct. 1 1937, optional Oct. 1 1932.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals for the purchase of \$40,000 4 1/2% bridge bonds will be received until 12 m. Oct. 27 by the County Treasurer. It is reported. Date Nov. 1 1922. Due \$2,000 yearly from 1923 to 1942 inclusive.

FAIRVIEW, Guernsey County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—At the regular election on Nov. 7 the qualified electors of the village will vote on the question of issuing \$70,000 water main bonds.

FALL RIVER, Bristol County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$50,000 4% registered highway bonds, maturing \$10,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1927, incl., was sold on Oct. 19 to local parties at 100.02, a basis of about 3.99%. Date Oct. 1 1922. Int. A. & O.

FAYETTEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fayetteville), Washington County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—R. G. Heibron of Little Rock has purchased \$45,000 5% school bonds at par.

FINNEY COUNTY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Sept. 13 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$20,000 5% school bonds.

FLAGSTAFF Coconino County, Ariz.—BONDS VOTED.—Our Western representative advises us \$60,000 park bonds have been voted.

FLOYD COUNTY (P. O. New Albany), Ind.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that the \$63,500 5% Elizabeth and New Albany Ridge Road Impt. bonds, which were offered for sale on Oct. 14 (V. 115, p. 1451) have been sold to the Fletcher-American Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$1,818 (102.07). Date Oct. 14 1922. Int. M. & N. 15.

FORT LEE, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—C. S. Lebright, Borough Clerk, will receive bids until 9 p. m. Nov. 1 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of an issue of 5% public impmt. bonds not to exceed \$153,741, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$163,741. Denom. \$1,000 and \$741. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1924 to 1928, incl.; \$6,000, 1929 to 1951, incl., and \$5,741, 1952. Certified check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Borough Collector, required. Legality approved by John C. Thomson of N. Y.

FORT MORGAN, Morgan County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—A special telegraphic dispatch from our Western correspondent advises us that James M. Causy & Co. of Denver, have purchased \$115,000 4 1/2% 15-year water bonds.

FORT SCOTT, Bourbon County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$32,800 5% sewer bonds on Sept. 12.

FOUNTAIN COUNTY (P. O. Covington), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—H. I. Starnes, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Nov. 4 for \$15,200 4 1/2% coupon Joseph Newkirk Road bonds. Denom. \$760. Date Oct. 15 1922. Int. May 15 and Nov. 15. Due \$760 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

FRANKFORT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Frankfort), Spink County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 5 1/2% coupon school addition bonds offered on Oct. 5—V. 115, p. 1555—were awarded to the Northwestern Trust Co. of St. Paul at a premium of \$380, equal to 103.80, a basis of about 5.20%. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due Oct. 1 1942. The official name of the school district which sold these bonds is "Frankfort Independent School District No. 22."

GALVA, Henry County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—A. H. Johnson, City Clerk, informs us that the White-Phillips Co. was awarded on Oct. 3 \$11,000 5% fire equipment bonds and \$4,000 5% water works bonds at a premium of \$51 25 (100.34) and int. Denom.: Fire equipment bonds, \$1,000; water works bonds, \$500. Date Oct. 1 1922.

GASTONIA, Gaston County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—Stacy & Braun, of Toledo, and the Northern Trust Co., of Chicago, jointly purchased the \$400,000 street-improvement bonds offered on Oct. 17 (V. 115, p. 1760) as follows at 100.58. Date Aug. 1 1922.

GASTONIA GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gastonia), Gaston County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. Oct. 30 by R. C. Patrick, Secretary Board of School Commissioners, for \$150,000 registerable as to principal school building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.), payable in gold in New York City. Due on March 1 as follows: \$3,000 1925 to 1928, incl.; \$4,000 1929 to 1932, incl.; \$5,000 1933 to 1938, incl.; \$6,000 1939 to 1944, incl., and \$7,000 1945 to 1952, incl. Legality approved by Chester B. Massick, N. Y. City. A certified check for \$3,000 required. Delivery about Nov. 27.

GATESVILLE, Coryell County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—Our Western representative advises us that Hall & Hall of Temple have purchased \$42,000 1-28-year serial water bonds for the account of Prudden & Co. of Toledo. The price paid was par plus a premium of \$1,760, equal to 104.17.

GEM COUNTY (P. O. Emmett), Ida.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 road and bridge bonds offered on Oct. 14 (V. 115, p. 1555) were awarded as follows to Bosworth, Chanute & Co. of Denver at par. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date day of issue. Int. J. & J.

GLENROCK, Converse County, Wyo.—BOND SALE.—Geo. W. Vallery & Co. of Denver, have purchased the \$32,000 6% 15-30-year (opt.) water extension bonds offered on Oct. 10—V. 115, p. 1555—at 95.31, a basis of about 6.35% if allowed to run 30 years and 6.50% if called Oct. 1 1937. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due Oct. 1 1953, optional Oct. 1 1937.

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY (P. O. Beach), No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 20-year court-house bonds offered on Oct. 3 (V. 115, p. 1344) were awarded as follows to the State Land Department.

GOWRIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gowrie), Webster County, Iowa.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—At a recent election an issue of \$155,000 school bonds was authorized.

GRANT COUNTY (P. O. Marion), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5% 5-13 year (aver.) bonds, aggregating \$31,000, which were offered for sale on Oct. 13—V. 115, p. 1655—have been sold to the Merchants National Bank of Muncie, as follows: \$14,000 Wm. R. Harvey free stone road, Liberty Township, bonds at a premium of \$170 80 (101.22) and interest, a basis of about 4.73%; \$17,000 Henry M. Doherty free stone road, Liberty Township, bonds at a premium of \$207 40 (101.22) and interest, a basis of about 4.73%. Date Aug. 8 1922. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl.



GRAND RIVER DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1, Grundy County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The Mercantile Trust Co. and Lewis N. Thomson & Co., both of St. Louis, jointly purchased \$210,000 5 1/4% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1, 1922. Int. F. & A. Due \$14,000 yearly from 1927 to 1941 inclusive.

GREELY, Anderson County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Sept. 30 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$5,000 5% electric light bonds.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Bloomfield), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Herschel Corbin, County Auditor, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 28 for \$38,521 20 6/8 coupon Nathan G. Dixon et al. ditch bonds. Payable from assessments on real estate benefited. Denom. 70 for \$500 each and 10 for \$35 1/2 each. Date Oct. 16 1922. Int. semi-ann. first payment to be made on Nov. 16 1923. Due \$3,852 12 yearly on Nov. 16 from 1923 to 1932 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the County Treasurer's office.

GREENFIELD TOWNHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The Detroit Trust Co. has been awarded \$7,000 5% temporary school bonds for \$7,107 (101.52), a basis of about 4.81%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Due Oct. 1 1932.

GUAYANILLA (Municipality of), Porto Rico.—BOND SALE.—Stacy & Braun, of Toledo, have purchased the \$111,000 coupon improvement bonds offered on Oct. 13 (V. 115, p. 1451) as 5/4s at 105.75. Dated July 1 1922. Due on July 1 from 1925 to 1947. Such of said bonds as mature after July 1 1943 will be subject to redemption at the option of the Municipality of Guayanilla at their par value on said date or any interest payment date thereafter.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Findlay), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—The County Commissioners will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Oct. 25 for \$10,000 5 1/4% road impt bonds. Denom. \$625. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$1,250 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1931, incl. Certified check on a solvent bank for \$500 is required. All bids must include accrued interest.

HARRISON, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Benj. J. Taylor, Town Supervisor, will receive bids until 10 a. m. to-day (Oct. 21) for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$75,000 registered fire house bonds, to bear interest at a rate not in excess of 5%, in multiples of 1/4%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due \$3,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1923 to 1947, incl. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 1% required. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon, of N. Y.

HARRISON, Kootenai County, Ida.—BOND SALE.—The Morris Bros. Corp. of Portland has purchased \$20,000 electric light and \$25,000 water-extension 6% bonds at 95, a basis of about 6.77%. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1921. Int. J. & J. Due July 1 1931.

HAYNESVILLE, Claiborne Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 6% sewerage district No. 1 bonds offered on Oct. 13 (V. 115, p. 1556) were awarded to A. H. Southern and the Planters' Bank at par plus a premium of \$750, equal to 101. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due serially from 1923 to 1942 incl.

HECLA, Brown County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—At the offering on Oct. 9 (V. 115, p. 1655), \$5,000 6% electric light bonds were awarded to the Fairbanks Mores Co. at par. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due as follows: \$1,000, 1934 and 1935; \$2,000, 1936, and \$1,000, 1937.

HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Freeport), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 4:30 p. m. Nov. 6 by Leonard S. Mabee, Clerk of Board of Education, for \$600,000 bonds to bear interest at the rate named in success-ful bid. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Citizens' National Bank of Freeport. Due \$20,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1924 to 1933 incl. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the Citizens' National Bank of Freeport. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon, N. Y.

HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21 (P. O. Rockville Centre), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 8 p. m. Nov. 6 by Michael J. Madigan, Clerk of Board of Education, for the purchase at not less than par and accrued int. of \$500,000 5% coupon registered school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Nassau County National Bank of Rockville Centre, where payment for and delivery of bonds are to be made on Dec. 1. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1926 and 1927; \$10,000, 1928, 1929 and 1930; \$20,000, 1931, 1932 and 1933; \$25,000, 1934 and 1935; \$30,000, 1936 to 1946 incl., and \$20,000, 1947. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bid, payable to Harry W. Reeve, Treasurer of the Board of Education, required.

HENNEPIN COUNTY (P. O. Minneapolis), Minn.—BIDS.—The following is an official list of the bids received for the \$80,817 20 4 1/2% bonds on Oct. 2:  
Stacy & Braun.....\$1,721 79 Merrill, Oldham & Co.....\$1,268 83  
Kalmun, Wood & Co.....1,550 00 Minneapolis Trust Co.....1,494 00  
A. B. Leach & Co.....1,698 00 Minnesota Loan & Tr. Co.....1,525 00  
Laine, Piper & Juffray.....1,422 00 Wells-Dickey & Co.....1,738 00  
\* Successful bid; for previous reference to same see V. 115, p. 1761.  
The Minneapolis Trust Co. and Stacy & Braun offered to furnish bonds free of charge.

HIGHLANDS GLADE DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Palm Beach County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$196,000 drainage bonds offered on Oct. 16—V. 115, p. 1351—were purchased by J. L. Arlitt of Austin, at 95.

HILL CITY, Graham County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$6,600 5 1/4% funding bonds on Sept. 14.

HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hillsboro), Traill County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The Drake-Ballard Co. of Minneapolis has purchased the \$27,000 5% coupon funding bonds offered on Oct. 17—V. 115, p. 1761—at par less \$750, equal to 97.22, a basis of about 5.37%. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due Oct. 1 1932.

HOCKING COUNTY (P. O. Logan), Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—BOND OFFERING.—On Aug. 8 an issue of \$250,000 5% new court house bonds were passed by a vote of 2,262 to 2,117. The bonds are to be offered for sale on Nov. 1. They mature serially on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1947, incl. This corrects the report given in our issue of Aug. 26—V. 115, p. 1010. The report was based on a newspaper statement which asserted that a \$25,000 bond issue for a new court house carried by a scant margin.

HODGEMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Sept. 12 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$9,500 5% school bonds.

HOOD RIVER COUNTY (P. O. Hood River), Ore.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 14 the \$100,000 road bonds offered on Oct. 14 (V. 115, p. 1556) were sold to the Lumbermen's Trust Co. of Portland, at 101 1/5 for 4 1/2s, a basis of about 4.66%. Date Nov. 1 1921. Int. M. & N. Due Nov. 1 1941.

HOULTON, Arnoosook County, Me.—BOND OFFERING.—The Town Treasurer will receive proposals until 12 m. Oct. 21 for the purchase of \$72,000 4 1/4% coupon refunding bonds. Date Nov. 1 1922. Due Nov. 1 1937.

HUDSON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Hudson), Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 5 1/4% 6 1/2-year (aver) coupon road impt. bonds, which were offered for sale on Oct. 18 (V. 115, p. 1761) have been sold to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati for \$15,227 50 (101.51) and int., a basis of about 5.21%. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1923 to 1927 incl. and \$2,000 from 1928 to 1932 incl.

HUNTINGTON PARK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$125,000 5% school bonds, sold on Oct. 2 to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, for \$132,163 (105.73) and interest, a basis of about 4.56% (V. 115, p. 1655), answer to the following description: Tax free, coupon bonds in denom. of \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000 1923 to 1927, inclusive, and \$5,000 1928 to 1962, inclusive.

Assessed valuation for taxation.....\$8,961,095  
Total debt (this issue included).....359,000  
Population, estimated.....16,000

HURLEY, Turner County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Oct. 28 by the City Auditor for \$30,000 5% electric light system improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.), payable at the Northwestern Trust Co., St. Paul. Due Sept. 1 1937. A deposit of 15% of bid required. These bonds carried at an election held on Sept. 11 by a vote of 98 to 3.

INDIANAPOLIS PARK DISTRICT (P. O. Indianapolis), Marion County, Ind.—LOAN OFFERED.—Joseph L. Hogue, City Comptroller, offered for sale on Oct. 20 a temporary loan of \$50,000 for the use of the Department of Parks and payable from the revenues of the department, to be derived from taxes. Denom. \$5,000. Payable on or before Dec. 31 1922. Bids were invited on an interest basis.

ISABELLA COUNTY (P. O. Mt. Pleasant), Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that at the November election a bond issue of \$40,000 for a new county infirmary will be submitted to the voters.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Madison), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—S. G. Bovard, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 24 for the following 4 1/2% highway impt. bonds:  
\$9,400 Samuel Danner et al., Madison Township, bonds. Denom. \$470.  
7,100 Chas. E. Dean et al., Saluda Township, bonds. Denom. \$355.  
9,000 Edwin C. Reed et al., Hanover Township, bonds. Denom. \$450.  
13,600 Fred D. Spann et al., Smyrna Township, bonds. Denom. \$680.  
9,700 Geo. Silver et al., Madison Township, bonds. Denom. \$485.  
9,300 Chas. W. Taylor et al., Saluda Township, bonds. Denom. \$465.  
10,400 Wm. Frank Phillips et al., Lancaster Township, bonds. Denom. \$520.  
10,640 John B. Corya et al., Lancaster Township, bonds. Denom. \$532.  
Date Oct. 3 1922. Int. M. & N. 15. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl.

JEFFERSON PARISH (P. O. Gretna), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Nov. 18 by J. C. Ellis, Secretary Board of School Directors, for \$400,000 5% public improvement school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Interest semi-annual. A certified check for \$5,000 required.

JOURDANTOWN, Atascosa County, Texas.—WARRANT SALE.—The Security Trust Company of Austin has purchased \$30,000 6% tick funding warrants at 93.80. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Due serially 1 to 10 years.

KITTANNING SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kittanning), Armstrong County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 4 p. m. Oct. 24 by H. E. Himes, President of School Board, for \$65,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. M. & S. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1923 to 1949 incl.; \$4,000, 1950 and 1951, and \$3,000, 1952. Certified check for \$500 required.

LA GRANGE COUNTY (P. O. La Grange), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that John S. Moore, County Auditor, will receive bids until 1 p. m. Oct. 24 for \$10,000 5% free gravel road fund bonds.

LAKE COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The Bank of Groveland has purchased the following two issues of 6% school bonds at a premium of \$1,400, equal to 106.08:  
\$16,000 District No. 36 bonds.  
7,000 District No. 52 bonds.  
Due in 30 years.

LAMOILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Marshall County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—On Sept. 29 a proposition to issue \$30,000 school bonds carried. The bonds will be offered for sale shortly.

LAPORTE COUNTY (P. O. Laporte), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—John Line, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 11 a. m. Nov. 1 for \$3,880 5% coupon Stephenson Road bonds. Denom. \$194. Date Oct. 16 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N. 15) payable at the State Bank of A. P. Andrew, Jr., & Son, Laporte. Due \$194 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive. Certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

LAWRENCE, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals are being received by James Lauchheim, Village Clerk, until 8:30 p. m. Oct. 26 for \$28,000 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal and interest or principal only) street paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the Bank of Lawrence. Due \$1,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1923 to 1950, incl. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village of Lawrence, required. Bonds will not be sold at less than par and int. Bonds will be issued under supervision of U. S. Mfg. & Trust Co., N. Y.; legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, New York.

LIBERAL, Seward County, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Sept. 14 the State Auditor of Kansas, registered \$42,505 40 5 1/4% street improvement bonds.

LIBERTY COUNTY (P. O. Chester), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10:30 a. m. Nov. 6 by Geo. H. Cross, County Clerk, for \$14,000 7% Series "B" special relief funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due June 1 1928. A cert. check for 5% of the amount of bonds sold, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

BOND OFFERING.—The above official will also receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Nov. 6 for \$8,000 6% Series "B" funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-ann. Date Nov. 1 1922. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1933 and \$2,000, 1934. A cert. check for 5% of amount of bid, required.

LIMA, Allen County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Evan O. Sellers, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 2 for the following 5 1/2% special assessment bonds:  
\$12,900 Market St. paving bonds. Denom. 1 for \$400 and 25 for \$500 each. Due \$900 on April 1 1924 and \$1,500 yearly on April 1 from 1925 to 1932, incl.  
4,459 Hazel Ave. No. 4 bonds. Denom. 1 for 459 and 8 for \$500 each. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$500 in 1928; \$959 in 1929, and \$1,000 from 1930 to 1932, incl.  
5,000 Colloge Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yearly on April 1 from 1928 to 1932, incl.  
7,000 Wayne St. paving bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$1,000 yearly on April 1 from 1927 to 1930, incl. and \$1,500 on April 1 in 1931 and 1932.  
9,152 Spring St. paving bonds. Denom. 1 for \$152 and 18 for \$500 each. Due \$1,500 on April 1 from 1927 to 1931, incl., and \$1,652 on April 1 in 1932.  
3,000 Vine St. No. 3 paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on April 1 in each of the years 1930, 1931 and 1932.  
10,248 Lakewood Ave. No. 2 bonds. Denom. 1 for \$248 and 10 for \$1,000 each. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1924 to 1930, incl.; \$1,248 in 1931, and \$2,000 in 1932.  
17,378 High St. paving bonds. Denom. 1 for \$378 and 17 for \$1,000 each. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$1,378 in 1924, and \$2,000 from 1925 to 1932, incl.  
16,678 Elizabeth St. paving bonds. Denom. 1 for \$678, and 16 for \$1,000 each. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1926 to 1929, incl.; \$2,678 in 1930, and \$3,000 in 1931 and 1932.  
9,973 Wendall Ave. paving bonds. Denom. 1 for \$973 and 9 for \$1,000 each. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1924 to 1931, incl.; \$1,973 in 1932.  
Date Oct. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the depository office of the Sinking Fund Trustees. Auth., Sections 3914 and 3914 1/2, Gen. Code and Ordinances 1419, 1430, 1420, 1422, 1424, 1425, 1426, 1427, 1428 and 1429, respectively. Cert. check on a solvent bank or trust company, for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required. All bids must include accrued interest.

BOND SALE.—The \$128,100 5% 14-year (aver.) (city's portion) Districts No. 9 and 11 sewer bonds, which were offered on Oct. 16—V. 115, p. 1556—have been sold to Stacy & Braun of Toledo at a premium of \$5,812 (104.33) and interest, a basis of about 4.56%. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1924 to 1939 incl.; \$6,000 from 1940 to 1946 incl., and \$6,100 in 1947.

The following bids were also received:  
E. H. Rollins & Sons, Chi., \$5,500 82 Seasongood & Mayer, Cin., \$4,525 00  
Well, Rotn & Co., Cin., 5,252 00 A. T. Fell & Co., Toledo, 4,268 00  
Hayden, Miller & Co., Cin., 5,235 00 Second Ward Sec. Co., Tol., 4,112 50  
Title Guaranty & Trust, 4,775 65 Richards, Parish & Lam-  
son, Cleveland, 4,063 00  
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Assessed valuation for taxation.....\$8,961,095  
Total debt (this issue included).....359,000  
Population, estimated.....16,000

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Population, estimated.....16,000

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Total debt (this issue included).....359,000  
Population, estimated.....16,000

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Total debt (this issue included).....359,000  
Population, estimated.....16,000

**LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 58, Wash.—CORRECTION.**—Using newspaper reports, we stated in V. 115, p. 786, that \$42,000 school bonds had been sold to Ferris & Hardgrove, of Spokane, as 5 1/2%. This report, it appears, was incorrect, according to advices received by us from the County Treasurer, who says that the bonds were sold to the State of Washington at par for 4 3/4%. The official reports are the following description of the bonds: Denom. \$1,000.—Date Sept. 15 1922. Interest annually (September).

**LINCOLN PARK (P. O. Wyandotte R. F. D. No. 1), Wayne County, Mich.—BONDS OFFERED.**—Floyd W. Harrison, Village Clerk, offered for sale on Oct. 18 \$40,000 general obligation sewer bonds and \$30,000 general obligation water bonds.

**LINCOLNTON, Lincoln County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—Dr. J. R. Gamble, Mayor, will receive sealed proposals until 8 p. m. Oct. 25 for the following coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only) bonds:  
 \$10,000 electric light bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1925 to 1931 inclusive.  
 38,000 funding bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1925 to 1935 incl.; \$2,000, 1936 to 1941 incl., and \$3,000, 1942 to 1946 inclusive.  
 70,000 water and sewerage bonds (a consolidation of \$30,000 water and \$40,000 sewerage bonds). Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1925 to 1940 incl.; \$2,000, 1941 to 1952 incl., and \$3,000, 1953 to 1962 inclusive.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1922. Bidder to name of rate of interest, prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable in New York or such other place as may be agreed upon by the purchaser and the Board of Aldermen. A certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company (or cash) for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to J. O. Allen, Town Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest from date of bonds to date of delivery and also to pay the cost of lithographing and printing of bonds, furnish legal opinion and his attorney's expenses. Bids for less than par will not be considered. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser, at such place as the purchaser may designate, at purchaser's expense, including New York exchange, and must then be paid for in New York funds.

**LINGLE, Goshen County, Wyo.—BOND SALE.**—The \$30,000 6% coupon bonds offered on Oct. 14—V. 115, p. 1656—were awarded to Benwell, Phillips & Co. of Denver. Due in 30 years; optional after 15 years.

**BONDS AWARDED IN PART.**—Of the \$20,000 6% coupon bonds offered at the same time, \$15,000 were awarded to Benwell, Phillips & Co. of Denver. Due in 20 years; optional after 10 years.

**LITTLE ROCK, Pulaski County, Ark.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.**—Potter, Kaufman & Co. of St. Louis are offering to investors \$32,500 5% street improvement district No. 315 bonds. Denom. \$577. Date Aug. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the St. Louis Union Trust Co. of St. Louis. Due serially on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1932 incl. These bonds are part of a total issue of \$65,000.

Financial Statement.

Estimated value of property	\$1,200,000
Assessed value of property as equalized for taxation	292,439
Assessment for taxes	229,718
Total debt, including this issue	65,000

**LOGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—On Sept. 22 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$12,000 5% school bonds.

**LOS ANGELES, Calif.—BONDS HELD IN CITY TREASURY FOR EIGHT YEARS SOLD.**—We are advised by a special telegram from our Western correspondent that on Oct. 13 \$1,149,000 4 1/2% municipal electric power bonds of 1914, which have been lying, according to newspaper reports, in the City Treasury for nearly eight years, were sold to Eldredge & Co. of New York on their bid of \$1,162,156, equal to 101.14. The proceeds, it is stated, will be used by the Bureau of Power and Light for extending the city's hydro-electric distributing system.

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATER WORKS DISTRICT NO. 5, Calif.—BOND SALE.**—The \$54,750 6% bonds offered on Sept. 18—V. 115, p. 1287—have been sold to Banks, Hurdley & Co. of Los Angeles for \$55,378, or at 101.05. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due yearly on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1959 inclusive.

**MCCRERY COUNTY (P. O. Whitley City), Ky.—BOND SALE.**—The \$200,000 road and bridge bonds recently voted—V. 115, p. 1557—have been sold.

**MACLEAY-LINDSAY IRRIGATION DISTRICT, Clallam County, Wash.—BOND SALE.**—John E. Price & Co., of Seattle, have purchased and are now offering to investors, to yield 6.25%, \$75,000 6% gold coupon serial bonds. Due serially from 1934 to 1942, inclusive. The official announcement says: "This district has an irrigable acreage of over 7,000 acres, with a value estimated at \$900,000 after irrigation. It has pledged itself not to issue total bonds over \$200,000, the present issue being for \$75,000."

**MALDEN, Middlesex County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.**—On Oct. 18 \$250,000 notes, dated Oct. 20 1922 and maturing April 21 1923, were awarded to the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co. on a 3.83% discount basis.

**MAMARONECK, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Edgar L. Howe, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 8:30 p. m. Nov. 1 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$79,000 registered highway bonds, to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 4 1/2%, to be named in bid. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1923, and \$3,000, 1924 to 1948 incl. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for required. Locality approved by Clay & DeLoe, N. Y.

**MARION COUNTY (P. O. Jefferson), Texas.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.**—A syndicate composed of Stix & Co., Kaufman-Smith-Emert & Co., Inc., and Wm. R. Compton Co., all of St. Louis, is offering to investors the \$600,000 5 1/2% road bonds awarded as stated in V. 114, p. 2271. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 10 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Continental & Commercial National Bank, Chicago. Due on April 10 as follows: \$16,000, 1923; \$17,000, 1924; \$16,000, 1925; \$17,000, 1926; \$16,000, 1927; \$17,000, 1928 to 1932 incl.; \$16,000, 1933; \$17,000, 1934; \$16,000, 1935; \$17,000, 1936; \$16,000, 1937; \$17,000, 1938 to 1942 incl.; \$16,000, 1943; \$17,000, 1944; \$16,000, 1945; \$17,000, 1946; \$16,000, 1947; \$17,000, 1948; \$16,000, 1949, and \$17,000, 1950, 1951 and 1952.

**MERCED, Merced County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.**—Until 8 p. m. Oct. 23 W. W. Cornblin, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids for the purchase of the following coupon bonds:  
 \$17,000.00 7% improvement bonds. Denoms. 10 for \$1,633.55 and 1 for \$1,633.55. Date Sept. 22 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. 2 and July 2) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due on July 2 as follows: \$1,633.55 from 1923 to 1932, inclusive, and \$1,633.55, 1933. A deposit or certified check for 10% of the amount of bid, payable to the city of Merced, required. These bonds, it is said, are being issued under the "Improvement Bond Act of 1915" and are exempt from all taxation in the State of California. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

70,000.00 5% bonds, being issued for the purpose of the construction and completion of sewers and the acquisition of additional land for city sewer uses. Denoms. 120 for \$500.00 for \$100 and 3 for \$133.33-1/3. Date Nov. 1 1922. Interest semi-annually. Due one-thirtieth yearly beginning Nov. 1 1923. Certified check for not less than 5% of the bid, payable to the President Board of Trustees, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Merced), Merced County, Calif.—BOND SALE.**—On Oct. 10 the \$1,800,000 5 1/2% tax-free coupon bonds, to be used to extend the canals to all the lands in the district and to provide adequate drainage, offered on that date—V. 115, p. 1557—were sold to the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merced for \$1,852,588 (102.92) and interest, a basis of about 5.28%. Date Jan. 1 1922. Due \$800,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1951 to 1953 inclusive.

**MERIDIAN, Bosque County, Texas.—BOND SALE.**—The \$20,000 6% water-work bonds offered on Oct. 10 (V. 115, p. 1656) were awarded to Breg, Garrett & Co., of Dallas, at a premium of \$301, equal to 101.50. Date Aug. 1 1922. Due \$1,000 from 1923 to 1942, inclusive.

**MIAMI BEACH, Dade County, Fla.—BOND SALE.**—The Miami Beach First National Bank has purchased the following three issues of 4% gold bonds offered on Oct. 18—V. 115, p. 1656—at a premium of \$3,822.50, equal to 101.75, a basis of about 5.73%:  
 \$53,000 improvement bonds, Series "E." Due on July 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1924 to 1926, inclusive; \$9,000, 1927 to 1928; \$10,000, 1929 to 1931 inclusive; \$11,000, 1932, and \$10,000, 1933.  
 70,000 sewerage disposal plant bonds. Due \$5,000 yearly on July 1 from 1924 to 1937, inclusive.  
 55,000 sanitary sewer bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1937 inclusive; \$7,000, 1938 to 1940 inclusive, and \$6,000, 1941. Date July 1 1922.

**MIAMISBURG, Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Lawrence Richards, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. to-day (Oct. 21) for \$17,000 5% waterworks extension bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1939 incl. Auth. Secs. 3939 and 3949, Gen. Code. Certified check for 10% of the amount bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required. All bids must include accrued interest.

**MICHIGAN (State of)—BOND SALE.**—H. A. Miles, Assessment District Engineer, informs us that the twelve issues of bonds, aggregating \$429,500, which were offered for sale on Oct. 10—V. 115, p. 1656—have been awarded as follows:

\$33,500 Road Assessment District No. 316 bonds to Keane, Higbie & Co. of Detroit and Sidney Spitzer & Co. of Toledo at their bid of 109.12 for 5 1/2%. Due serially from 2 to 5 years. Obligation of Odessa Township in Ionia County and Woodland and Carlton Townships, in Barry County and an assessment district. The "Michigan Investor" of Oct. 14 states, on the other hand, that these bonds were sold to Prudden & Co., A. T. Bell & Co. and Watling, Lerchen & Co. at 100.61 for 5 1/2%.

38,000 Road Assessment District No. 1052 (also known as Federal Aid Road No. 51C) bonds to Prudden & Co., A. T. Bell & Co. and Watling, Lerchen & Co. at their bid of 109.28 for 5 1/2%. Due from 2 to 3 years. Obligation of Venice and Caledonia Townships in Shiawassee County, and an assessment district.

12,000 Road Assessment District No. 1059 (also known as Federal Aid Road No. 51A) bonds to Prudden & Co., A. T. Bell & Co. and Watling, Lerchen & Co., at their bid of 109.28 for 5 1/2%. Due from 2 to 3 years. Obligation of Caledonia Township in Shiawassee County, and an assessment district.

48,000 Road Assessment District No. 73 bonds to Keane, Higbie & Co. and Sidney Spitzer & Co., at their bid of 109.12 for 5 1/2%. Due serially from 2 to 10 years. Obligation of Blua Township, in Lenawee County, Whitford Township in Monroe County, Lenawee and Monroe Counties, and an assessment district.

18,000 Road Assessment District No. 1319 (also known as State Trunk Line Road No. 33-1) bonds to Keane, Higbie & Co. and Sidney Spitzer & Co., at their bid of 107.31 for 5 1/2%. Due from 2 to 3 years. Obligation of Oxford Township in Oakland County, Oakland County and an assessment district.

39,000 Road Assessment District No. 1024 bonds to Keane, Higbie & Co. and Sidney Spitzer & Co. at their bid of 109.31 for 5 1/2%. Due from 2 to 3 years. Obligation of Bedford and Ida Townships in Monroe County, Monroe County and an assessment district.

24,000 Road Assessment District No. 1069 (also known as Federal Aid Road No. 77) bonds to Burlo, Hotchkiss & Co. at their bid of 109.41 for 5 1/2%. Due from 2 to 3 years. Obligation of Saginaw and Thomastown Townships in Saginaw County, Saginaw County and an assessment district.

35,000 Road Assessment District No. 1061 (also known as Federal Aid Road No. 78) bonds to Keane, Higbie & Co. and Sidney Spitzer & Co. at their bid of 100.33 for 5 1/2%. Due from 2 to 3 years. Obligation of Beidrepoint and Buena Vista Townships in Saginaw County, Saginaw County and an assessment district.

108,000 Road Assessment District No. 299 bonds to the Northern Title & Trust Co. at its bid of 100.227 for 5 1/2%. Due from 2 to 5 years. Obligation of Merritt Township in Bay County, Bluefield Township in Saginaw County, Guilford and Denmark Townships in Tuscola County, the Counties of Bay, Saginaw and Tuscola, and an assessment district.

40,000 Road Assessment District No. 235 bonds to Prudden & Co., A. T. Bell & Co. and Watling, Lerchen & Co. at their bid of 100.446 for 5 1/2%. Due from 2 to 5 years. Obligation of Merritt Township in Saginaw County, Bay and Saginaw Counties, and an assessment district (in Bay and Saginaw Counties). The "Michigan Investor" of Oct. 14 states, on the other hand, that these bonds were sold to Keane, Higbie & Co. and Sidney Spitzer & Co. at their bid of 100.21 for 5 1/2%.

21,000 Road Assessment District No. 1070 (also known as State Trunk Line Road No. 19-13) bonds to Keane, Higbie & Co. and Sidney Spitzer & Co. at their bid of 109.33 for 5 1/2%. Due from 2 to 3 years. Obligation of Chesterfield, McComb, Harrison and Clinton Townships in Macomb County, Macomb County and an assessment district.

13,000 Road Assessment District No. 1020 (also known as Federal Aid Road No. 81) bonds to W. K. Terry & Co. at their bid of 100.04 for 5 1/2%. Due from 2 to 4 years. Obligation of Stirling and Shelby Townships in Macomb County, and an assessment district.

Date Nov. 1 1922. Interest semi-annual (M. & N.). Bidder to name interest rate (not exceeding 6%) and premium he will pay for each thousand dollars. Issued under provisions of Act 59, Public Acts of 1915, as amended, known as the Covert Act. Certified check for 2% of the amount bid on, payable to the above official, is required.

The "Michigan Investor" of Oct. 14 states that the following bonds were also sold:

\$10,000 Road Assessment District No. 1010 bonds to Prudden & Co., A. T. Bell & Co. and Watling, Lerchen & Co. at their bid of 100.28 for 5 1/2%. Obligation of Delaware and Minden Townships in Sanilac County, Sanilac County, and an assessment district.

8,000 Road Assessment District No. 1071 bonds to Prudden & Co., A. T. Bell & Co. and Watling, Lerchen & Co. at their bid of 100.28 for 5 1/2%. Obligation of Moore Township in Sanilac County, Sanilac County and an assessment district.

17,000 Road Assessment District No. 1027 bonds to Prudden & Co., A. T. Bell & Co. and Watling, Lerchen & Co. at their bid of 100.28 for 5 1/2%. Obligation of Elk Township in Sanilac County, Sanilac County, and an assessment district.

9,000 Road Assessment District No. 1028 bonds to Prudden & Co., A. T. Bell & Co. and Watling, Lerchen & Co. at their bid of 100.28 for 5 1/2%. Obligation of Speaker Township in Sanilac County, Sanilac County, and an assessment district.

19,000 Road Assessment District No. 1039 bonds to Prudden & Co., A. T. Bell & Co. and Watling, Lerchen & Co. at their bid of 100.28 for 5 1/2%. Obligation of Whitland and Marion Townships in Sanilac County, in Sanilac County, and an assessment district.

Int. M. & N. Due from 2 to 3 years. Auth. Public Acts of 1915, as amended, known as the Covert Act.

The following bonds were also sold, according to the "Michigan Investor":

\$25,000 Road Assessment District No. 1037 (Sanilac County) bonds to Prudden & Co., A. T. Bell & Co. and Watling, Lerchen & Co. at their bid of 100.28 for 5 1/2%.

8,000 Road Assessment District No. 1059 (Grafton County) bonds to Keane, Higbie & Co. and Sidney Spitzer & Co. at their bid of 109.31 for 5 1/2%.

57,000 Road Assessment District No. 207 (Huron and Tuscola Counties) bonds to Keane, Higbie & Co. and Sidney Spitzer & Co. at their bid of 100.12 for 5 1/2%.

11,000 Road Assessment District No. 1043 (Lapeer County) bonds to Prudden & Co., A. T. Bell & Co. and Watling, Lerchen & Co. at their bid of 100.28 for 5 1/2%.

8,000 Road Assessment District No. 1036 (Sanilac County) bonds to Prudden & Co., A. T. Bell & Co. and Watling, Lerchen & Co. at their bid of 100.23 for 5 1/2%.

9,000 Road Assessment District No. 1051 (Lapeer County) bonds to Keane, Higbie & Co. and Sidney Spitzer & Co. at their bid of 107.31 for 5 1/2%.

20,000 Road Assessment District No. 1057 (Saginaw County) bonds to Keane, Higbie & Co. and Sidney Spitzer & Co. at their bid of 100.31 for 5 1/2%.

8,000 Road Assessment District No. 1076 (Saginaw County) bonds to Keane, Higbie & Co. and Sidney Spitzer & Co., at their bid of 109.5 for 5 1/2%.

An issue of \$8,000 Road Assessment District No. 1022 (Tuscola and Lapeer Counties) bonds were also offered but no word has been received regarding the sale.



MIDDLEBURG, Schoharie County, N. Y.—BONDS VOTED—OFFERED—A bond issue of \$12,000 for bridges, to bear 5%, was voted by 37 to 12 at an election held Sept. 12. The bonds are to be offered for sale on Nov. 9. The issue matures \$1,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1924 to 1935, inclusive.

MISSISSIPPI (State of)—NOTE SALE.—The \$1,000,000 State notes offered on Oct. 17—V. 115, p. 1557—were awarded as 4 1/2% to Harris, Forbes & Co. and the Hibbard Securities Co., Inc., both of New York, at a premium of \$1.50, equal to 100.155, a basis of about 4.65%. Date Nov. 1 1922. Due May 1 1924.

MOBILE, Mobile County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by R. V. Taylor, Mayor, until 12 m. Oct. 23 for \$22,000 5% coupon public improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the American Exchange National Bank, N. Y. City. Due in 10 years. A certified bank check, payable to the City of Mobile, for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, required.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Crawfordsville), Ind.—BOND SALE NOT COMPLETED.—The sale of the \$3,500 4 1/2% Gen. W. Bonds Serial, Walnut Township, for highway improvement bonds to the First National Bank of Crawfordsville, which we reported in our issue of July 1—V. 115, p. 106—was not completed.

NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the \$3,500 4 1/2% Gen. W. Bonds of at highway improvement bonds which were offered on Oct. 16 (V. 115, p. 1739).

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—The County Commissioners will receive sealed bids at not less than par and accrued interest, until 10 a. m. to-day (Oct. 21) for \$8,200 5 1/2% coupon Okewah Holbert Sanitary Sewer District No. 3 bonds. Denom. 7 for \$1,000 each and 1 for \$1,200. Date Oct. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1930 incl. and \$1,200 on Oct. 1 1931. Auth., Secs. 6692-1 and 6902-4, Gen. Code. The approving opinion of D. W. & A. S. Iddles of Dayton and Shafer & Williams of Cincinnati will be furnished the successful bidder. Certified check on a solvent bank or trust company in Montgomery County, for \$500, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

MONTGOMERY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Maybrook), Orange County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$28,000 5 1/2% bonds offered on Oct. 18 (V. 115, p. 1759) were awarded to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., of New York, at 100.52 and interest, a basis of about 5.44%. Date May 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1923 to 1940, inclusive, and \$10,000 Nov. 1 1941.

MONTPELIER, Bear Lake County, Ida.—BOND ELECTION.—On Nov. 14 an election will be held to vote on the question of issuing water bonds to the amount of \$15,000.

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Santa Clara County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 16 the \$197,000 5 1/2% 23 1/2-year (aver.) coupon school bonds, offered on that date—V. 115, p. 1657—were sold to the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Mountain View for \$211,677, equal to 107.45. Basis of about 4.49%. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1923 to 1928 incl.; \$2,000, 1929 to 1933 incl.; \$4,000, 1934 to 1938 incl.; \$6,000, 1939 to 1943 incl.; \$8,000, 1944 to 1948 incl.; \$11,000, 1949 to 1953 incl.; \$13,000, 1954 and 1955, and \$10,000, 1956.

MOWER COUNTY (P. O. Azatin), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Oct. 23 by O. J. Simmons, County Auditor, for \$87,780 4 1/2% public drainage ditch bonds. Date Nov. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-annual interest, payable at any place in Minnesota as the successful bidder shall designate. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bid, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Gresham), Ore.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 28 the Ladd & Tilton Bank and the Western Bond & Mortgage Co., both of Portland, bidding jointly, were successful in acquiring the \$35,000 5 1/2% funding bonds offered on that date (V. 115, p. 1557) on their bid of \$36,021.80, equal to 102.91. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. M. & S. Due Sept. 1 1942, optional Sept. 1 1937. Other bidders were: Robertson & Ewing, \$35,914.49; Bivitt, Wilder & Co., \$35,916.50. This item was incorrectly given under the caption of "Multnomah County School District No. 2" in last week's issue on page 1762.

MUSKOGON, Muskogon County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported in the Muscogon "Chronicle" of Nov. 14 that the City Clerk will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 23 for \$50,000 4 1/2% general improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1923 to 1931, inclusive, and \$23,000 on Nov. 1 1932. Certified check for 3% of the total amount is required with each bid.

BOND ELECTION.—The Muskogon "Chronicle" of Oct. 10 states that the City Commission voted on Oct. 9 to submit to the voters at the November election the question of issuing \$275,000 bonds for trunk line storm sewers.

NANTICOKE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Nanticoke), Luzerne County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 16 the \$80,000 4 1/2% tax free bonds, offered on that date—V. 115, p. 1453—were sold to Lewis & Snyder of Philadelphia on their bid of \$82,584, equal to 103.23, a basis of about 1.25%. Due \$15,000 Oct. 1 in each of the years 1923, 1937, 1942 and 1947, and \$20,000 Oct. 1 1952.

NARBERTH, Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered playground improvement bonds offered on Oct. 2 (V. 115, p. 1355) were awarded to A. B. Leach & Co., of Philadelphia, at 103.67 and interest, a basis of about 4.20%. Date Aug. 1 1927. Int. F. & A. Due \$5,000 on Aug. 1 in each of the years 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947 and 1952.

NASSAU COUNTY (P. O. Mineola), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Earl J. Bennett, County Comptroller, is receiving bids until 12 m. Nov. 3 for \$27,000 5 1/2% certificates of indebtedness, issued for improving the Round Swamp. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable in U. S. gold coin or its equivalent at the County Treasurer's office. Due Nov. 1 1923. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

NEOLA, Pottawattamie County, Iowa.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At a recent election a proposition to issue \$35,000 electric light bonds was defeated.

NEOSHO FALLS TOWNSHIP, Woodson County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$17,000 5% memorial hall bonds on Sept. 30.

NEW BERN, Craven County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 8 p. m. Oct. 31 by F. T. Patterson, City Clerk, for the following (with privilege of registration) bonds: \$100,000 water bonds. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1925 to 1934, inclusive; \$3,000, 1935 to 1954, inclusive, and \$4,000, 1955 to 1959, inclusive.

30,000 school bonds. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1925 to 1950, inclusive, and \$2,000, 1951 and 1952.

305,000 public improvement bonds. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1925 to 1934, inclusive; \$12,000, 1937 to 1946, inclusive, and \$13,000, 1947 to 1951, inclusive. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N.) payable in gold at the National City Bank, New York City, and interest on registered bonds will, at option of holder, be paid in New York exchange. Bidder to name rate of interest. A certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City of New Bern, required. Successful bidders will be furnished with the opinion of Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt, New York City, that the bonds are binding obligations of the City of New Bern. Purchaser to pay accrued interest from date of bonds to date of delivery.

NEWCOMERTOWN SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Newcomertown), Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,000 5 1/2% 1 to 10-year serial West School Building repair bonds which were offered for sale on Oct. 16 (V. 115, p. 1762) have been sold to L. R. Ballinger & Co., of Cincinnati for \$9,090.90 (101.01) and interest, a basis of about 4.29%. Denom. \$900. Date Oct. 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Due \$900 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1932 incl.

NEWTON, Sussex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—J. R. Cornell, Town Clerk, will receive bids until 7:30 p. m. Oct. 30 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of an issue of 5% High Street Improvement

bonds, not to exceed \$20,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$20,000. Denoms. 25 for \$100, 15 for \$500 and 10 for \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (F. & A.) payable at the Sussex National Bank, of Newton. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924; \$1,500, 1925; \$1,000, 1926 to 1939, inclusive; \$1,500, 1940; and \$1,000, 1941 and 1942. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company, for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Town Treasurer, required.

NIAGARA FALLS, Niagara County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Edwin J. Fort, City Manager, is receiving proposals until 10 a. m. to-day (Oct. 21) for the following three issues of coupon bonds to bear either 4% or 4 1/2% interest:

\$825 municipal hospital bond. This bond is dated Nov. 1 1922 and matures on Nov. 1 1936.

16,885 corporation yard bonds. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1922 and mature on Nov. 1 1934. Denom. 16 of \$1,000 each, 1 of \$865.

285,000 public park bonds. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1922 and mature as follows: \$15,000 Nov. 1 1933; \$33,000 Nov. 1 1935; \$10,000 Nov. 1 1937; \$70,000 Nov. 1 1937; \$40,000 Nov. 1 1938; and \$23,000 on Nov. 1 in each of the years 1939, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944 and 1945. Denom. \$1,000 each.

Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York. Certified check on a solvent bank or trust company, for \$7,000, payable to the City Clerk, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for by Nov. 10 at the City Treasurer's office. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon, New York.

NORFOLK, Va.—PRICE—OTHER MEMBERS OF SYNDICATE.—The price paid for the following four issues of bonds, awarded, as stated in V. 115, p. 1762, was 103.41, equal to a basis of about 4.55%. We are informed that Dillon, Read & Co., of New York and the Commercial Trust Co. of Norfolk were also members of the successful syndicate. \$1,172,000 4 1/2% general improvement bonds. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due Oct. 1 1947.

1,000,000 5% dock bonds. Date May 1 1922. Due May 1 1952.

1,000,000 5% water bonds. Date May 1 1922. Due May 1 1952.

650,000 4 1/2% dock bonds. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due Sept. 1 1972.

The successful syndicate is now offering these bonds to investors at prices to yield from 4.50% to 4.40% (according to maturities) in an advertisement appearing on a previous page of this issue.

NORTH CAROLINA (State of)—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.

—A syndicate composed of B. J. Van Ingen & Co., the First National Bank of New York, the Bankers Trust Co., Kissel, Klankout & Co., Raymond & Co., Chas. & Co. and Hornblower & Weeks, all of New York, is offering to investors, on a previous page of this issue, \$2,300,000 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only, or both principal and interest) school bonds, at prices to yield from 4.30% to 4.25% (according to maturities). Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable in Raleigh or at the National Park Bank, New York City. Due \$115,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1927 to 1946, inclusive. Notices of the sale of these bonds to B. J. Van Ingen & Co., of New York, for the account of a syndicate of New York bankers was given in V. 115, p. 1124.

NORTH HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Port Washington), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.

Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Oct. 21 by Mollie G. Mitchell, District Clerk, for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$371,000 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of full registration) bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.), payable at the Bank of North Hempstead, Port Washington. Due \$10,000 yearly on Oct. 31 from 1943 to 1977, inclusive. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, required. Bonds will be placed under supervision of U. S. Mize & Trust Co., N. Y.; legality approved by Hawkins, DeLafield & Longfellow, New York.

NORMAN, Cleveland County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—Joe Hair, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until Oct. 24 for the following 6 1/2% bonds:

\$18,750 sanitary sewer extn. bonds. \$27,500 water extension bonds.

18,000 water works plant equip. bds. 14,250 fire equipment bonds.

6,500 street improvement bonds. 15,000 storm sewer extn. bonds.

Bonds will be sold subject to the approval of the Attorney-General of Oklahoma. Bids will be received for bonds maturing in 1947 or for bonds maturing \$80,000, 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942 or 1947.

OLATHE, Johnson County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$10,408.34 5% internal improvement bonds on Sept. 26.

OSAGE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$19,000 5% school bonds on Sept. 22.

OTTAWA, Franklin County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$6,307.95 5% sewer and \$13,601.35 imp. bonds on Sept. 25.

OTTAWA COUNTY (P. O. Minneapolis), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Sept. 12 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$15,000 5% road improvement bonds.

PACHECO SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Benito County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 2 p. m. Nov. 6 Elmer Dowdy, Clerk Board of County Supervisors (P. O. Hollister), will receive bids for \$20,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$2,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1931 to 1934 incl. Cert. check for 10% of the amount of bid required.

PAINESVILLE, Lake County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 5% 6 2-5-year (aver.) water works bonds which were offered for sale on Sept. 25 (V. 115, p. 1454) were sold on Oct. 2 to Richards, Parrish & Lamson of Cleveland at a premium of \$1,878 (103.75) and tot. a basis of about 4.31%. Date April 1 1922. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1924 to 1945 incl. and \$3,000 in 1946 and 1947.

PAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Painesville), Lake County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$23,000 5% 12 1/2-year (aver.) coupon bonds which were offered on Oct. 16 (V. 115, p. 1454) have been sold to Stacy & Braun of Toledo at a premium of \$623 (102.70) and tot. a basis of about 4.71%. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1924 to 1946 incl. The following bids were also received: W. L. Slayton & Co., \$579.60; Weil, Roth & Co., \$504.00; Detroit Trust Co., 526.00.

PALM CITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Palm Beach County, Fla.—BONDS NOT YET SOLD.—The \$100,000 drainage bonds offered on Oct. 16 (V. 115, p. 1357) have not as yet been sold.

PARKROSE WATER DISTRICT, Multnomah County, Ore.—ADDITIONAL DATA.—We are advised that at the election held on Sept. 31, at which the question of whether this district should issue \$50,000 water works bonds was carried (V. 115, p. 1763), the official vote polled was 256 "for" to 197 "against." These bonds had been sold subject to being sanctioned at said election. We are also advised that the purchaser of the bonds was Starkey, Hubbs & Co. of Portland, who paid \$97,256 per \$100. The bonds bear 5 1/2% int. and mature one-tenth yearly beginning 1933.

PASADENA, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 11 the following 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$377,000, offered on that date (V. 115, p. 1783) were sold to Birch, Wither & Co., Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., and R. H. Moulton & Co., jointly:

\$10,000 sewage disposal works bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1.

\$17,000 fire dept. bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1923 to 1941, incl., and \$3,000, 1942.

\$60,000 sewage disposal bonds. Due \$20,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1933, inclusive.

\$80,000 Arroyo Park Imp. bonds. Due \$10,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1939, inclusive.

Date Oct. 1 1922.

PERRY COUNTY (P. O. Cannifton), Ind.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that the \$23,600 5% 6 1-3-year (aver.) Henry Parks et al. highway imp. bonds which were offered for sale on Oct. 10 (V. 115, p. 1557) have

been sold to the Fletcher-Savins & Trust Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$192 16 (100.81), a basis of about 4.83%. Date Sept. 15 1922. Due \$1,180 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 incl.

**PERTH AMBOY, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—The two issues of coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds offered on Oct. 16—V. 115, p. 1657—were awarded as follows: \$60,000 (\$61,000 offered) 4 1/2% park bonds to the First National Bank of Perth Amboy for \$91,283 (102,145) and interest, a basis of about 4.57%. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due \$4,000 yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1924 to 1945, incl., and \$1,000 1946 to 1961, inclusive. 20,000 5% general improvement bonds to the Perth Amboy Trust Co. for \$20,119 60 (100.598) and interest, a basis of about 4.83%. Date July 1 1922. Due \$4,000 yearly on July 1 from 1924 to 1928, inclusive.

**PITTSFIELD, Berkshire County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.**—It is reported that the City Treasurer is receiving proposals until 11 a. m. Oct. 24 for \$148,000 4 1/2% bonds dated Oct. 15 1922 and maturing from 1923 to 1947.

**PORT AUSTIN, Huron County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—J. S. Pittwood, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. for \$10,500 5% electric light bonds. Int. semi-ann., payable at the Village Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$500 from 1924 to 1942 incl. and \$1,000 in 1943. Cert. check for 2% of entire issue is required.

**PORTLAND, Cumberland County, Me.—BOND OFFERING.**—John R. Gilmartin, City Treasurer, will receive bids until 12 m. Oct. 25 for \$700,000 4 1/2% coupon bearing High School bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N.) payable at the First National Bank of Boston, or at the City Treasurer's office. Due serially on Nov. 1 from 1927 to 1946, inclusive. These bonds are free from taxation in Maine and are not subject to the Federal income tax, are engraved under the supervision of the First National Bank of Boston; their legality will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins. All legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with said bank, where they may be inspected at any time. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser on or about Nov. 1 at the First National Bank of Boston.

**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pottstown), Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until 7 p. m. Oct. 27 by C. H. Kehm, Secretary of Board of School Directors, for \$450,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds. Denoms. \$100 & \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due \$75,000 on Dec. 1 in each of the years 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947 and 1951. Certified check for 2%, payable to the district, required.

**PRATT, Pratt County, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—On Sept. 1 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$27,800 5% refunding bonds.

**RAHWAY, Union County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Oct. 30 by Fred M. Williams, City Clerk, for the purchase at not less than par and interest of the following two issues of 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal and interest or principal only) bonds, no more bonds of either issue to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of the issue offered: \$150,000 refunding bonds. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$12,000, 1923, 1924 and 1925; \$15,000, 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929; and \$18,000, 1930, 1931 and 1932.

44,000 water bonds. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1923 to 1936, inclusive, and \$2,000, 1937. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest payable in U. S. gold coin at the Rahway National Bank. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the Rahway National Bank on Nov. 9, unless a later date is agreed upon. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon, New York. Bids are desired on forms which may be obtained from the city.

**RAPID CITY, Pennington County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.**—A special telegraphic dispatch from our Western correspondent advises us that \$175,000 5% 20-year water bonds have been purchased by the Wells-Dickey Co., of Minneapolis. Notice that this city was about to offer bonds was given in V. 115, p. 1657.

**REPUBLICAN SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Kent), Jefferson County, Ind.—BOND SALE.**—It is reported that the \$4,500 5% 5 1/2-year (average) land purchase and school-building bonds which were offered on Oct. 2 (V. 115, p. 1357) have been sold to the Madison Safe Deposit & Trust Co., of Madison, at a premium of \$64 80 (101.44), a basis of about 4.70%. Date Nov. 15 1922. Due \$450 yearly on Nov. 15 from 1923 to 1932, inclusive.

**RICHLAND (P. O. Pulaaki), Oswego County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$54,000 4 1/2% coupon bridge bonds offered on Oct. 16 (V. 115, p. 1763) were awarded to O'Brian, Foster & Co., of Buffalo, for \$54,542 70, equal to 101.005, a basis of about 4.33%. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1923 to 1932, inclusive; \$2,000, 1933 to 1950, inclusive; and \$4,000, 1951 and 1952.

**ROCHESTER, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.**—The three blocks of 8-months notes, aggregating \$650,000, offered on Oct. 13—V. 115, p. 1763—were awarded to the Traders National Bank of Rochester, on a 3.90% interest basis, plus \$4 00 premium. Other bidders were:

	Interest.	Premium.
Salamon Bros. & Hutzler, New York	4.10%	
S. N. Bond & Co., New York	4.20%	\$25 00

**ROOT TOWNSHIP, Adams County, Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The \$3,500 5% coupon school bonds, which were offered for sale on Oct. 12—V. 115, p. 1658—have been sold to the Old Adams County Bank of Decatur, at par and accrued interest. Date Oct. 2 1922. Due \$500 each six months from June 15 1923 to June 15 1926, inclusive.

**RYE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—William H. Selzer, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 8:15 p. m. Nov. 1 for the purchase at not less than par and int. of \$52,200 4 1/2% registered sewer maintenance bonds. Denoms. 10 for \$230 each and 50 for \$1,000 each. Date Nov. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.), payable at the Village Treasurer's office. Due \$5,220 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1923 to 1933, incl. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company, for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village of Rye, required. Bonds will be prepared under supervision of U. S. Mire & Trust Co., N. Y.; legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, N. Y.

**SABINE PARISH (P. O. Many), La.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Nov. 6 by J. M. Abbotton, Secretary of the Police Jury, for \$400,000 6% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1922. Int. (M. & N.) payable at the Parish Treasurer's office or at some bank in New York City, at option of purchaser. Due yearly on Nov. 1 from 1923 to 1942, inclusive. A certified check for \$5,000, payable to the Parish Treasurer, required.

**SACRAMENTO AND SAN JOAQUIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.**—Malville Dezier, Jr., General Manager, advises us that at an election held on Sept. 23 \$5,028,147 75 6% 10-20-year bonds were voted. He also advises us that the bonds will probably be offered early in 1923.

**SAGINAW, Saginaw County, Mich.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.**—A local newspaper states that the Board of Estimate has authorized the City Council to issue \$800,000 bonds to pay for the construction of a water works pumping station.

**SALINA, Saline County, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$7,102 65 and \$1,658 5% sewer bonds on Sept. 2.

**SANDOVAL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 32 (P. O. Bernalillo), N. Mex.—BOND SALE.**—The U. S. Bond Co. of Denver, has purchased the \$1,000 6% 10-30-year (opt.) school bonds offered on Oct. 7—V. 115, p. 1559.

**SANILAC COUNTY (P. O. Sandusky), Mich.—BOND ELECTION.**—It is reported that on Nov. 7 the taxpayers will vote on a bond issue of \$50,000 for a new county infirmary.

**SARGENT, Custer County, Nebr.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until Oct. 25 for \$6,000 6% coupon transmission line bonds by Geo. E. Steinhoff, Village Clerk. Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1922. Int. annually (Nov. 1). Due Nov. 1 1927.

**SAUGUS, Essex County, Mass.—NO BIDS.**—The \$50,000 4% coupon school house bonds offered on Oct. 16 (V. 115, p. 1763) were not sold, as no bids were received.

**SAYREVILLE, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—The \$150,000 water and sewer system bonds offered on Oct. 18—V. 115, p. 1763—were awarded to the First National Bank of South River at par for 5 1/2%. Due Dec. 15 1923.

**SEDGWICK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 81, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$3,500 5% school bonds on Sept. 1.

**SEDGWICK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 99, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$4,000 5% school bonds on Sept. 14.

**SEDGWICK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 136, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—On Sept. 15 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$10,000 5% school bonds.

**SHAWNEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$5,000 5% school bonds on Sept. 2.

**SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Shelbyville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Geo. R. Carlisle, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 24 for the following 5% highway improvement bonds: \$9,860 Albert Kuhn et al, Liberty Township, bonds. Denom. \$493. \$2,400 P. A. Graham et al, Moral Township, bonds. Denom. \$414. Date Oct. 15 1922. Int. M. & N. 15. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 incl. Although the denominations and maturity of the latter issue seem to be in error, these figures have been taken from official sources.

**SOUTH EUCLID, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$22,620 5 1/2% 5 1/2-year (aver) coupon special assessment street impt. bonds which were offered for sale on Oct. 17 (V. 115, p. 1763) have been sold to Sidney Spitzer & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$310 (101 3/7) and int., a basis of about 5.18%. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,120 in 1923; \$2,500 from 1924 to 1930, and \$3,000 in 1931. The following bids were also received: Seaton & Mayer, \$22,850 00 Prudden & Co. \$22,696 00 Milliken & York Co. \$22,847 00 W. L. Slayton & Co. \$22,658 45

**SOUTH PASADENA, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.**—At a recent election \$40,000 5 1/2% bonds for the purpose of the acquisition, construction and completion of a certain municipal improvement and utility, were voted at the same election, \$100,000 5 1/2% tax-free coupon bonds to be used to acquire land for public park purposes, were voted (V. 115, p. 1239). The two issues will be offered soon.

**SOUTH SIDE IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Buckeye), Maricopa County, Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.**—Our Western representative advises us in a special telegraphic dispatch that bids will be received until Nov. 2 for \$130,000 7% bonds.

**SPOKANE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 185, Waah.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$3,000 school bonds offered on Oct. 9 (V. 115, p. 1658) were not sold, inasmuch as they would increase the indebtedness to more than the legal 5% limit.

**SPRINGFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Oct. 25 by E. T. Tift, City Treasurer, for the following 4% gold bonds:

- \$500,000 coupon or registered (convertible) bridge approach bonds. Due \$25,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1942 incl.
- 200,000 coupon or registered (convertible) bonds. Due \$20,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1932 incl.
- 150,000 registered sewer bonds. Due \$5,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1952 incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable, on coupon bonds, at the First National Bank of Boston; on registered bonds, at the City Treasurer's office, payment to be made in U. S. gold coin; interest on registered bonds will be transmitted by mail. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the "City of Springfield," required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. The official circular states that these bonds are exempt from all Federal income taxes and taxation in Massachusetts, and are legal investments for banks in New York State and the New England States; that no bonds issued by the city have ever been contested; that the interest on the debt has always been promptly paid at maturity; that the legality of these bond issues will be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston, and that the coupon bonds will be certified as to their genuineness by the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston.

The official announcement of these bond offerings will be found among the municipal advertisements of this week's issue.

**STAFFORD, Stafford County, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—On Sept. 25 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$64,000 4 1/2% water-works bonds.

**STANLEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Stanley), Buchanan County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.**—Our western representative advises us that an issue of \$100,000 school building bonds has been voted.

**STEBEN COUNTY (P. O. Angola), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Frank O. Watkins, County Auditor, will receive bids until 1 p. m. Nov. 4 for \$5,636 29 6% Jay S. Misner et al. drainage bonds. Denom. 1 for \$1,636 29 and 4 for \$1,000 each. Date June 6 1923. Int. semi-ann. (J. & D. 6). Due yearly on June 6 as follows: \$1,636 29 in 1923 and \$1,000 from 1924 to 1927 incl.

**STORMS LAKE DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Windsor), Wild County, Colo.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Nov. 6 by G. H. Teller, Secretary Board of Directors, for \$7,000 6% drainage bonds. The proceedings for the issuance of these bonds have been approved by Thos. C. Smith, attorney. The official announcement states: "No conditional bids will be received, and as the bonds will be ready for delivery on the day of sale, all bidders must previously satisfy themselves as to the legality of said issue and be prepared on the day and hour of sale to take up and pay in full for said bonds by a certified check drawn on a national bank and payable to the District Treasurer."

**SUMMIT COUNTY (P. O. Akron), Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.**—The Cleveland "Plain Dealer" of Oct. 14 states that the Board of County Commissioners will ask the voters at the November election to authorize a \$300,000 bond issue to enlarge the tuberculosis sanitarium.

**SUMTER, Sumter County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—The Hibernia Securities Co. of Atlanta has purchased the \$100,000 5% paving bonds offered on Oct. 17—V. 115, p. 1653—at a premium of \$225, equal to 100.225, a basis of about 4.97%. Date Nov. 1 1922. Due \$5,000 on Jan. 15 from 1924 to 1943 inclusive.

**SUPERIOR, Douglas County, Wisc.—BOND SALE.**—The Second Ward Securities Co., of Milwaukee, has purchased \$250,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due \$25,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1933 to 1942, inclusive.

**TENSAS BAYOU DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Lake Providence), La.—BOND OFFERING.**—Until 12 m. Nov. 15 sealed bids will be received by J. Martain Hamley, Secretary Board of Drainage Commissioners, for \$200,000 5% bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. M. & S. A certified check for \$500 required. Due \$5,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1947, inclusive.

**THOMAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 78, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—On Sept. 22 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$3,000 6% school bonds.

**TOLEDO, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The following four issues of bonds, aggregating \$730,000, which were offered for sale on Oct. 17—V. 115, p. 1454, 1559 and 1764—have been sold to Eldredge & Co. of New York, at a premium of \$51,175 (104.37):



**\$150,000 5%** (city's portion) East Broadway grade elimination bonds. Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. M. & S. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1924 to 1947 inclusive, and \$6,000 from 1948 to 1952 inclusive.

**315,000 4 1/2%** Miami and Erie Canal purchase bonds. Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. M. & S. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$11,000 from 1924 to 1951 inclusive, and \$7,000 in 1952.

**200,000 hospital bonds.** Date Nov. 1 1922. Int. M. & N. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$8,000 from 1924 to 1940 inclusive; \$9,000 from 1941 to 1946 inclusive, and \$10,000 in 1947.

**65,000 bridge bonds.** Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. M. & S. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1924 to 1940 inclusive, and \$2,000 from 1941 to 1947 inclusive.

Prin. and int. payable at the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y. City.

**TORRINGTON, Coshen County, Wyo.—BOND SALE.**—Boastbar, Porter & Co., of Denver, have purchased \$20,000 water and \$10,000 sewer 5 1/2% 10-20-year serial bonds.

**UINTA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Mountain View), Wyo.—BOND SALE.**—Geo. W. Vallery & Co., of Denver, have purchased the \$20,000 6% school-building bonds offered on Oct. 14 (V. 115, p. 1456) at 101 and expenses. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due serially for 16 years.

**UNION COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41, N. Mex.—BOND SALE.**—Jos. H. Grigsby & Co. of Pueblo have purchased \$5,000 6% school building bonds at 97 3/25.

**UNION SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Benton County, Ind.—WARRANT SALE.**—The \$4,900 5% imp't. warrants which were offered for sale on Oct. 16 (V. 115, p. 1456) were sold at par as follows:  
 \$1,500 to Matthew Moran of Goodland, Ind. Due Jan. 1 1924.  
 1,500 to James and Jerry Cullman, of Goodland, Ind. Due Jan. 1 1925.  
 1,900 to Philip Hardiman of Fowler, Ind. Due Jan. 1 1926.  
 Date Sept. 12 1922.

**UPPER ARLINGTON VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Upper Arlington), Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$165,000 5 1/2% 13 1/2-year (average) school bonds which were offered for sale on Oct. 11 (V. 115, p. 1559) have been sold to Richards, Parrish & Lamson, of Cleveland, at a premium of \$8,118 (104.92) and interest, a basis of about 4.98%. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$7,000 from 1924 to 1942, inclusive, and \$8,000 from 1943 to 1946, inclusive. The following bids were also received:

W. L. Slayton & Co. ....	\$7,020 75	C. D. Briggs & Co. ....	\$6,100 00
Blanchett, Thornburgh & Vandersall. ....	6,633 00	W. K. Terry & Co. ....	5,150 00
Seasongood & Mayer. ....	6,272 00	Otis & Co. ....	5,040 00
		Citizens' Trust & Sav. Bk. ....	3,878 50

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY (P. O. Crawfordsville), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The \$69,800 4 1/2% highway improvement bonds which were offered for sale on Oct. 16—V. 115, p. 1764—were sold to Sheldon Hayes (contractor) at par and accrued interest.

**VERSAILLES, Darke County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The Farmers' National Bank of Greenville was awarded \$4,500 6% 8 1/2-year (aver.) (village's portion) West St. imp't. bonds at a premium of \$100 (100.22) and int., a basis of about 4.97%. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$500 in 1928 and \$1,000 from 1929 to 1932 incl. These bonds were offered for sale on Aug. 4 together with an issue of \$1,000 6% fire department bonds (V. 115, p. 572).

**VICKSBURG, Warren County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed proposals will be received until 4 p. m. Nov. 6 by S. S. Patterson, City Clerk, for \$665,000 5% public improvement bonds. Date Dec. 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.) payable at the National Park Bank, New York City. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1923 to 1927, inclusive; \$30,000, 1928 to 1937, inclusive; and \$29,000, 1938 to 1947, inclusive. A certified check for \$10,000, payable to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, required. All proposals must contain a bid for the bonds to be furnished by the city and a bid wherein the bonds shall be furnished by the purchaser.

**VIGO COUNTY (P. O. Terra Haute), Ind.—BONDS OFFERED.**—Geo. A. Schaaf, County Treasurer, offered for sale on Oct. 16 the following 5% bonds:

\$3,600 M. J. Hilbird et al. Prairie Creek Township, highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$180.
3,800 John R. Robinson et al. Prairieion Township, highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$190.

Date Oct. 15 1922. Int. M. & N. 15. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, inclusive.

**VOLGA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Volga), Clayton County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.**—At the election held on Sept. 21—V. 115, p. 1240—the \$40,000 school site and building bonds carried by a large majority.

**WABASH COUNTY (P. O. Wabash), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The \$7,000 5% D. F. Barton gravel road, Lagro Township bonds which were offered for sale on Oct. 14—V. 115, p. 1658—have been sold to A. P. Harper of La Fontaine, at a premium of \$39 (100.55) and int. Date Sept. 15 1922. Due semi-ann for 10 years.

**WABASSO, Redwood County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. Oct. 26 by Geo. A. Goblirsch, Village Recorder, for \$20,000 permanent improvement revolving fund bonds and \$5,000 water works bonds not to exceed 6% interest. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bid required.

**WALLINGFORD, New Haven County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until 3 p. m. Oct. 31 by William J. Lum, Town Treasurer, for \$50,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due \$10,000 on Jan. 1 in each of the years 1928, 1933, 1938, 1943 and 1948, at the First National Bank of Wallingford, or at the National Park Bank, of New York, at holder's option. Bonds will not be sold at less than par and interest.

The official announcement of this bond offering will be found among the municipal advertisements of this week's issue.

**WAPAKONETA, Auglaize County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—F. W. Nestor, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 1 for the following 5 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$41,900:

\$14,400 special assessment North Wood St. bonds. Denom. \$1,600. Due \$1,600 yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1932 incl. Auth., Ordinance No. 1124.	\$1,600
9,000 special assessment South Willipe St. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1932 incl. Auth., Ordinance No. 1126.	1,000
*10,800 (city's portion) South William St. imp't. bonds. Denom. \$1,200. Due \$1,200 yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1932 incl. Auth., Ordinance No. 1127.	1,200
*7,700 (city's portion) North Wood St. imp't. bonds. Denom. \$ for \$900 each, and 1 for \$500. Due \$900 yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1931 incl., and \$500 on April 1 1932. Auth., Ordinance No. 1125.	7,700

Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Certified check for 10% of the amount bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required. All bids must include accrued interest.

\* Notice of the offering of these two issues has already been given in our issue of Oct. 14—V. 115, p. 1764.

**WARREN, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$60,000 5 1/2% 11 1/2-yr. (aver.) coup. water works bonds which were offered for sale on Oct. 17—V. 115, p. 1359—have been sold to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, at a premium of \$4,707 (107.84), a basis of about 4.61%. Date Oct. 20 1922. Due \$3,000 yearly on Oct. 2 from 1924 to 1943 inclusive.

The following bids were also received:

Hayden, Miller & Co., Cle. \$3,690 00	N. S. Hill & Co., Cin. ....	\$3,416 00
Prudden & Co., Toledo. ....	3,333 00	
Warren. ....	3,311 00	
Stacy & Braun, Toledo. ....	3,311 00	
Richardson, Parrish & Lamson, Cleveland. ....	3,228 00	
Sidney Spitzer & Co. ....	3,228 00	
Hanchett Bond Co., Chicago. ....	2,917 00	
Seasongood & Mayer, Cin. ....	3,624 00	
Citizens' Trust & Savings Bank, Columbus. ....	2,525 00	
L. R. Ballinger Co., Cin. ....	3,498 00	

**WASCO COUNTY (P. O. The Dalles), Ore.—DELIVERY OF BONDS SOLD ON AUG. 5, JUST NOW MADE.**—The \$50,000 block of the \$500,000 bond issue of Wasco County to finance The Dalles-Columbia highway, which was sold Aug. 5 (V. 115, p. 899), has been delivered, said a special dispatch from The Dalles under date of Oct. 9 to the "Oregonian," to the Palmer Bond & Mortgage Co. of Salt Lake City. The dispatch also said: "The delivery was delayed by litigation over the validity of the serial bonds. Oregon bond houses questioned the constitutionality of Section 4641, which authorizes the sale of serial bonds. The Oregon bond houses planned to test the law before the Supreme Court at the expense of Wasco County. The Palmer Co. accepted the opinion of John Thomson, bond attorney, of New York City, upon the validity of the issue."

**WASHINGTON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Bristol), Elkhart County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Albert I. Virgil, Township Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. Nov. 8 for \$24,000 5% school bonds, Denom. \$3 for \$500 each and \$3 for \$300 each. Date Nov. 8 1922. Int. J. & D. Due \$800 semi-annually on June 1 and Dec. 1. The Township Trustee will furnish the bonds. Certified check for \$500, payable to the Township Trustee, is required. All bids must include accrued interest.

**WEST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lancaster County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—The \$75,000 4 1/2% school bids, bonds recently authorized by the voters—V. 115, p. 899—on Sept. 23 were sold to Jay N. Schroeder & Co. of Lancaster, and J. B. Holmes & Co. of Pittsburgh, for \$78,354, equal to 104.445, a basis of about 4.19%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Due serially on Oct. 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1932; \$25,000, 1942; and \$35,000, 1952.

**WHITE COUNTY (P. O. Monticello), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The three issues of 5% 5 1/2-year average highway improvement bonds aggregating \$87,500, which were offered for sale on Oct. 10—V. 115, p. 1658—have been sold to the Farmers State Bank of Monticello as follows: \$21,500 August 8, Boardner et al., Prairie Township bonds at a premium of \$180 (100.83) and interest, a basis of about 4.82%. Denom. \$1,075.

15,500 Emory Gosma et al., Prairie Township bonds at a premium of \$135 (100.87) and interest, a basis of about 4.81%. Denom. \$775.

20,500 Jacob Vogel et al., Honey Creek and Princeton Township bonds at a premium of \$195 (100.91) and interest, a basis of about 4.78%. Denom. \$1,025.

Date Aug. 8 1922. Int. M. & N. Due 1 bond of each issue each 6 months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, inclusive.

**WHITE PLAINS, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$50,000 4 1/2% registered school bonds offered on Oct. 15—V. 115, p. 1764—were awarded to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of N. Y., for \$52,105 (104.21) and int., a basis of about 4.25%. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due \$2,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1932 to 1956 incl.

**WICHITA COUNTY (P. O. Wichita Falls), Texas.—BOND ELECTION.**—An election will be held on Nov. 25 to vote on the question of issuing \$150,000 county hospital bonds. A like amount of bonds was defeated at an election held on Aug. 22—V. 115, p. 1240.

**WILKIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 84 (P. O. Barnesville), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Frank Stillmuck, Clerk of the School Board, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 31 for \$4,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-ann. A cert. check for 10% of amount bid payable to the Clerk, required.

**WILMERDING BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wilmerding), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—The \$30,000 coupon school bonds offered on Oct. 17 (V. 115, p. 1560) were awarded to the Mellon National Bank, of Pittsburgh, on a bid of \$30,637.60 (101.792) and interest, for 4 1/2%, a basis of about 4.34%. Date Oct. 10 1922. Due on Oct. 10 as follows: \$4,000, 1927; \$5,000, 1932; \$6,000, 1937; \$8,000, 1942; and \$7,000, 1946.

**WILMINGTON, Del.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received by Samuel J. White, City Treasurer, until 12 m. Oct. 26 for the following 2 issues of 4 1/2% bonds:

\$700,000 harbor bonds. Due serially as follows: \$109,950, April 1 1951; \$168,000, Oct. 1 1951; \$171,350, April 1 1952; \$174,800, Oct. 1 1952; and \$75,900, April 1 1953.
200,000 public library bonds. Due \$94,950, April 1 1955, and \$105,050, Oct. 1 1955.

Denom. \$50 and multiples. Date Nov. 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Mayor and Council of Wilmington, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the City Treasurer's office by Nov. 15. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

The genuineness of the signatures of the officials signing said bonds and of the seal impressed thereon will be certified to by the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. of New York City, and the opinion of Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt of New York City, that the bonds are legal and binding obligations of the City of Wilmington, will be furnished to the successful bidder.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation for real estate, fiscal year ending June 30 1922. ....	\$114,501,250 00
Value of real estate and equipment owned by City. ....	6,246,126 38
Present total bonded debt (including this issue). ....	9,820,650 00
Amount of water debt. ....	\$1,505,000 00
Sinking fund. ....	187,171 97
Net bonded debt. ....	8,128,478 03
Floating debt. ....	None
Present population, 110,000.	

**WILMINGTON, New Hanover County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—The following two issues of bonds offered on Oct. 10—V. 115, p. 1560—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Fifth-Third National Bank of Cincinnati, A. B. Leach & Co., N. Y. City, and the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, as 4 1/2% at a premium of \$4,570, equal to 101.01, a basis of about 4.66%:

\$200,000 street improvement bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1923 to 1927, inclusive; \$11,000, 1928 to 1930, inclusive; \$14,000, 1931 to 1933, inclusive; and \$17,000, 1934 to 1935, inclusive.

250,000 water bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1923 to 1932, inclusive; \$5,000, 1933 to 1942, inclusive; \$7,000, 1943 to 1952, inclusive, and \$9,000, 1953 to 1962, inclusive.

Date Oct. 1 1922.

**WILMINGTON, Clinton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—Of the three issues of 5 1/2% bonds which were offered for sale on Sept. 30 (V. 115, p. 1359) the following two issues aggregating \$30,000, were sold to Tucker, Robison & Co., of Toledo, at a premium of \$792 (102.64):

\$11,000 special assessment North South St. improvement bonds. Auth., Sec. 3939, Gen. Code. Date July 1 1922. Interest semi-annual. Due serially for 9 years.

19,000 special assessment Xenon Ave. improvement bonds. Auth., Sec. 3939, Gen. Code. Date July 1 1919. Interest semi-annual. Due serially for 9 years.

**WYANDOTTE COUNTY (P. O. Kansas City), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Auditor of Kansas City registered \$21,000 5% supplemental road improvement bonds on Sept. 12.

**WYANDOTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wyandotte), Wayne County, Mich.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.**—Whittlesey, McLean & Co., of Detroit, are offering to investors, in an advertisement on a preceding page of this issue, \$100,000 4 1/2% public school bonds at prices to yield about 4.30%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due Oct. 1 1952. Locality approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Perry, of Detroit. These bonds are said to be free from Federal income taxes, to be tax-exempt in Michigan, and to be legal investments for Michigan savings banks. The notice of the sale of the above bonds appeared in our issue of Oct. 14 (V. 115, p. 1765).

**YAZOO CITY, Yazoo County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by E. G. Olden, City Clerk, until Nov. 13 for \$150,000 coupon water-works, electric light and sewerage bonds at not to exceed 6% interest. Purchaser to furnish blank bonds. A certified check for \$1,500 required.

**YAKIMA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10, Wash.—BOND SALE.**—On Aug. 5 the State of Washington was awarded \$6,000 school-building-addition bonds on its bid of par for 5 1/4%. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 15 1922. Interest annually (September).

**XENIA, Greene County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$31,000 5 1/2% 6 1/2-year (aver.) special assessment street improvement bonds which were offered for sale on Sept. 18—V. 115, p. 1127—have been sold to Stacy & Bruum of Toledo for \$31,052 (103.51) and interest, a basis of about 4.88%. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,000 in each of the years 1925, 1928 and 1931, and \$3,500 in each of the other years from 1924 to 1932 inclusive.

**YOUNGSTOWN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Youngstown), Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—Stacy & Bruum, of Toledo, have purchased \$630,000 of the \$660,000 5% coupon school-improvement bonds which were offered on Oct. 16 (V. 115, p. 1659) at a premium of \$28,557 (101.53) and interest, a basis of about 4.45%. Date Oct. 1 1922. The bonds purchased have an average life of 10 1/2 years, and mature \$30,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1944 inclusive. The following bids were also received for the full amount:

Premium		Premium	
Eldredge & Co., N. Y.	\$29,331.40	Otis & Co., Cleveland	\$23,604.00
A. B. Leach & Co., Ohio	26,558.00	Tiltonson, Wolcott Co.	
Harris, Forbes & Co., Clev.	25,291.20	Cleveland	22,704.00
Wm. R. Compton, C. Inc.	24,948.00	D. P. Moore & Co., N. Y.	17,581.42

The Northern Trust Co. of Chicago offered a premium of \$26,082 for \$630,000 bonds.

**YPSILANTI, Washtenaw County, Mich.—BOND SALE.**—The City Clerk informs us that \$13,000 paving bonds have been sold locally.

**YUBA CITY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Yuba City), Sutter County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.**—On Nov. 6 \$250,000 school bonds will be voted upon, it is stated.

**CANADA, Its Provinces and Municipalities.**

**CALEBCN, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.**—On Oct. 9 according to newspaper reports, the ratepayers voted favorably on a by-law to issue \$30,000 debentures for the purchase of the Consolidated Telephone Co. and extension of the system.

**FERINE, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.**—The voters on Sept. 27, it is reported, approved a by-law to issue \$32,000 school debentures.

**FORT WILLIAM, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.**—A by-law for the issuance of \$40,000 park debentures has been passed by the Council it is reported.

**GALT, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.**—The City Council, it is reported, has passed two by-laws providing for the issuance of \$37,214 water works debentures.

**GRANTHAM TOWNSHIP, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.**—By-laws calling for debenture issues to the amount of \$74,000 for school purposes have been passed by Council, it is stated.

**HANNA, Alta.—DESCRIPTION OF DEBENTURES.**—The \$50,000 20-year electric light plant debentures purchased by the W. Ross Alger Corp., of Edmonton, bear 7% interest, payable semi-annually on Feb. 15 and Aug. 15, are dated Aug. 15 1922, and mature serially over 20 years. Denom. \$500.

**HULL, Que.—DESCRIPTION OF DEBENTURES.**—The \$331,500 5 1/2% debentures awarded to the Provincial Bank of Canada at 97.71, as stated in V. 115, p. 1765, bore date of Oct. 2 1922 and mature serially on May 1 as follows: \$34,000, 1937; \$35,000, 1942; \$33,000, 1947; \$39,000, 1952; and \$100,500, 1962. Interest payable M. & N.

**LEDUC, Alta.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—The W. Ross Alger Corp., of Edmonton, has purchased \$5,000 7% electric light plant extension debentures of this town. Denom. \$500. Due in ten equal annual installments of principal and interest.

**LINDSAY, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.**—It is reported that the Council has passed a by-law to issue \$65,000 school debentures.

**MARYFIELD, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—A block of \$2,500 8% 15-year debentures awarded to local during September, it is reported.

**MINNEDOSA, Man.—DEBENTURES VOTED—OFFERED.**—On Oct. 3 an issue of \$6,000 6 1/2% fire apparatus bonds was voted by 51 to 18. The bonds are being offered for sale on Nov. 1 by J. A. Lamont, Clerk and Treasurer. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due yearly on Dec. 1 for 10 years. Bonded debt (incl. this issue) \$57,000. Floating debt, \$26,000. Sinking fund, \$10,000. Assessed valuation, \$1,156,000.

**MONTREAL ISLAND METROPOLITAN COMMISSION (P. O. Montreal), Que.—BOND SALE.**—On Oct. 18 the Guaranty Co. of New York, and Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto, bidding jointly, were awarded the \$3,100,000 5% 20-year debentures—V. 115, p. 1659—at 93 7/32. Due Nov. 1 1922. These bonds were re-offered in the United States at 96.33 and interest, to yield about 5.30%.

**NEPEAN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Weathers), Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—On Aug. 17 a block of \$91,000 5 1/2% school house debentures was sold to Bell, Gunkle & Co. of Toronto for 99.25 and int. Date Sept. 1 1922. Interest annually on Sept. 1. Due in 31 annual installments.

**POINTE CLAIRE, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—The \$100,000 6 1/2% 25-year installment debentures offered on Oct. 10—V. 115, p. 1457—were awarded, it is reported, to A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto, at 99.788, a basis of about 6.05%. Date July 2 1922. Principal payable in annual installments on Oct. 2 from 1923 to 1947, inclusive.

**RED DEER, Alta.—SALE OF TREASURY BILLS.**—The W. Ross Alger Corp. of Edmonton on Aug. 1 purchased \$17,031.6% treasury bills issued for local improvements. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Due Oct. 1 1932.

**RET LAW, Alta.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—On Aug. 31 the W. Ross Alger Corp. of Edmonton purchased \$8,000 6% fire equipment debentures. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1922. Interest annually on Sept. 1. Due Sept. 1 1932.

**SANDWICH, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.**—On Oct. 2 a by-law to issue \$110,000 improvement debentures was passed by the Council, reports the "Financial Post" of Toronto.

**SURREY, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.**—It is reported that on Sept. 23 the ratepayers approved a by-law to issue \$3,000 dam repair debentures.

**TIMMINS ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMISSION (P. O. Timmins), Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—The "Monetary Times" reports the sale of \$25,000 6 1/2% 15-year school debentures to Wood, Gundy & Co.

**VANCOUVER, B. C.—CORRECTION.**—The price paid by Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo for the \$250,000 5 1/2% water works debentures awarded them on Oct. 9, was 100.26 (New York delivery), not 100.13, as stated in V. 115, p. 1766. Other bidders, all asking for Vancouver delivery, were:

Name	N. Y. & Can.	Can.
British-American Bond Corp., Ltd.	99.38	98.57
A. E. Ames & Co.	99.38	98.17
Miller & Co. and Brandon, Gordon & Waddell	98.199	
Canada Bond Corp., Ltd.	98.51	
Halsey, Stuart & Co. and R. C. Matthews & Co.	98.25	98.25
J. E. Price & Co. and Rutter & Co.	98.92	
Pemberton & Son and Wood, Gundy & Co.	98.14	97.05
Can. Financiers Trust Co.	97.63	
Laid & Tilton Bank, Lumbermen's Trust Co., Freeman, Smith & Camp Co. and Ralph Schneidloch Co.	97.12	

**VANCOUVER & DISTRICTS JOINT SEWERAGE & DRAINAGE BOARD, B. C.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.**—James Stables, Chairman of the Board, will receive tenders at his office, 850 Hastings St. West, Vancouver, until 11:30 a. m. Oct. 26 for \$300,000 5% 40-year gold coupon debentures, guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Province of British Columbia. This is a part of the \$600,000 issue, of which \$300,000 were sold on Aug. 1—V. 115, p. 680. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in Victoria, Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal, or in Victoria, Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal and New York. Tenders are also asked for a like amount of 5 1/2% debentures, carrying like guarantee and conditions, and also alternative bids for \$300,000, or any portion thereof, of 3-year 5% and 3-year 5 1/2% debentures, carrying same guarantee and conditions. Certified checks for \$10,000 required.

**WENTWORTH COUNTY, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—Debentures in the amount of \$188,339, bearing 5 1/2% interest, and repayable in 20 installments, have been awarded, according to the Montreal "Gazette," to Kerr, Fleming & Co. of Toronto at 109.427.

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

October, 1922.

Assessed Value of Real Estate, 1922	\$211,317,060
Assessed Value of Personal Property, 1922	33,147,517
Total Valuation, 1922	\$244,464,577
Increase in Valuation over 1917 (five years' growth)	49,318,795
The Assessed Valuation is based on a fair Cash Valuation.	
Tax Rate, 1922, for all purposes, \$28.20 per \$1,000	
<b>BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY</b>	
Net Water Debt	\$1,423,995
Debt exempted from limit by Special Acts of the Legislature	3,691,000
All other Net Indebtedness	4,263,143
Total Net Indebtedness	\$9,378,138
Valuation of City Property, 1921	\$21,639,970
Population, Census of 1915	102,103
Population, Census of 1920	129,563

Attention is called to the fact that the debt of the City of Springfield, less the sinking funds and water debt, is only 3.25 per centum of the assessed valuation.

The revenue of the Water Department will take care of the interest on its debt and pay the principal at maturity.

The tax rate of 1922 (\$28.20 per M.) is below the average in the State, and the percentage of net debt to assessed valuation is small compared with the cities of Massachusetts.

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Descriptive circular sent upon request.  
ELIPHALET T. TIFFET, City Treasurer.

**NEW LOANS**

**\$50,000**

**Wallington, New Haven Co., Conn.**

BOND OFFERING

William J. Lum, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 3 P. M. **OCTOBER 31, 1922**, for \$50,000 refunding town bonds, to be dated November 1, 1922. Denom. \$1,000, in coupon form; may be registered as to principal with Treasurer, payable serially \$10,000 on each of following dates, viz.: Jan. 1, 1928, Jan. 1, 1933, Jan. 1, 1938, Jan. 1, 1943, and Jan. 1, 1948, at First National Bank, Wallingford, or National Park Bank, New York City, at holder's option, with interest at rate of 4 1/4% per annum, commencing Nov. 1, 1922, payable semi-annually on first days of July and January, after date of issue, upon presentation and surrender of annexed coupons. Will not be sold at less than par and accrued interest. Right to reject all bids reserved. Validity assured.

**\$54,000**

**UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3**

Town of Haverstraw, N. Y.

(Post Office Garnerville, Rockland Co., N. Y.)

4 1/2% Serial Bonds

M. A. Madden, Dist. Clerk, will receive sealed bids (at not less than par) until 7:00 P. M. **Nov. 6th, 1922**, at his residence, No. 314 West Side Ave., Haverstraw, N. Y., for \$54,000.00 4 1/2% Serial Bonds to run from 1 to 27 years. Denominations of \$1,000.00 each, dated June 1st, 1922, two of said bonds to mature on the first day of June, 1923, and two on each succeeding first day of June until all are paid. Interest payable at National Bank of Haverstraw, N. Y., on the first day of December and June in each year until paid. Certified Check for 10% payable to the Board of Education is required with bid, balance with accrued interest upon delivery of bonds. The approving legal opinion of Harvey De Baun will be furnished purchaser. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids.