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### THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

General commendation must be given Secretary Mellon's suggestion regarding the lowering of the surtaxes on personal incomes, only we would go a great deal further than he does. Cutting the maximum surtax from 50% to 25%, as proposed, is certainly in the highest degree desirable, but it is, after all, only a small step in the right direction. What should be done is to completely eliminate the surtaxes. What is more, the normal or general taxes should also be very materially reduced. We think the Secretary exaggerates the evils of tax-exempt securities. Certainly farm loan issues should not enjoy any such advantage, for it is the rankest class legislation to endow them with any such quality. But to deprive municipal issues of the tax-exempt feature, that is a totally different matter. Borrowing is an indispensable prerogative of the States and their creatures, the municipalities. They need money to build school houses, to pave streets, to provide water and sewers, and for a hundred different things. These are all attributes and prerequisites of social life, and in obtaining them civic communities should not be handicapped in any way. If municipal obligations were deprived of the tax-exempt feature, the cost of borrowing to the municipalities would certainly be increased. Just what the additional cost would be in any given case may be left to conjecture,

but that the rate of return to the borrower would have to be higher—of that there can be no doubt. In other words, the municipalities would have to assume part of the tax burden. When that is said, it becomes evident that there is serious objection to a removal of tax-exemption—at least in their case.

Nor do we think that purchase of tax-exempt municipal obligations is availed of to the extent supposed by the *very* rich. Mr. Mellon presents some plausible figures and statements in support of the supposition, but our own observation is that it is the persons of more moderate incomes that are most avid in the quest for the tax-exempt income. And the reason lies on the surface. The present scale of taxes is such that even persons of good-sized, though not of excessive, incomes are obliged to turn over to the tax collector a huge slice of their yearly earnings, unless they hold tax-exempt securities. It is not generally appreciated how heavy these taxes really are, and what a large portion of the country's income they devour. Secretary Mellon points out that the surtax takes 50% on all individual incomes above \$200,000 and that this 50% is in addition to the normal tax of 8%, making 58% together. But the larger part of the country's income comes from corporations, and these pay 12½% on their incomes instead of 8%, making the total in these cases 62½%. Furthermore, this takes no account of the State income tax, which in New York is 4½% for corporations and runs up to 3% in the case of individuals. Adding the 4½% to the 62½% gives 67%. Then there is the Federal capital stock tax, which will on the average bring the total up to 70%. Besides all these, there are various minor taxes, the precise amount of which cannot be stated in averages. The final result is that a man with an income of \$100,000 is obliged to yield up close to \$40,000, and the man with a million \$700,000. A continuance of these levies is a distinct menace and threatens our national welfare, not because it takes the amounts mentioned from the individuals concerned, but for a wholly different reason and which we have not seen mentioned in any of the discussions, namely that *it consumes virtually ALL the country's NEW investment capital from year to year.* It is for this reason that we urge the complete elimination of the surtaxes and a substantial reduction of the other forms of taxes.

The indignation meeting held in Chicago on Wednesday over the pardoning of convicted anarchists gives emphasis to a series of articles now appearing in the "Herald" concerning "Reds" in the United States. All sane persons are now so burdened

by troubles and problems that there is a natural shrinking from even the thought that another should be added to the list; yet it is not quite accurate to speak of this Red problem as "another," since it is really not recent, although we are hearing more and forced to think more about it. A so-called Workers' Party, says the "Herald," was definitely started in this city a year ago. It is sufficient to quote one sentence from the manifesto then adopted, declaring the purpose, namely: "to educate and organize the working class for the abolition of capitalism through the establishment of the Workers' Republic."

There has been a Suicides' Club, in fiction. It would not be easy to excite alarm by an alleged discovery of a secret compact, rapidly spreading, under which, when the ripe hour arrived, husbands should kill their children, their wives, and then themselves. The natural instinct of self-preservation is always the last to yield; when it fails, reason has gone. Interpreted in practical terms, the plan to destroy everything and set up a house of sand upon the ruins is a plan of general self-destruction. Therefore, it does not seem conceivable that such a piece of self-immolating madness can get more than a foothold, in this country of freedom and of open and awaiting opportunity.

Yet it would be foolish to close our eyes and deny that what seems unnatural and impossible may not exist. This thing is chiefly, and most seriously, of Russian origin. We have kept our entrance gate wide open "to the oppressed," and we are suffering and have to suffer further from political indigestion. These unhappy mental perverts have bad heredity and bad environment. What Russia was—and what France had been before the Revolution—we know by reading, but cannot interpret by experience. To these escaping refugees government is tyranny, and property is robbery; all mankind are "equal" and brothers, and if one is better off than another he is an enemy of the race. They perhaps see the great bronze figure as they come up the Bay of New York, but they misunderstand it. Their brains are dull and their whole angle of view distorted. To them, liberty is license, and the short way to a better world is to overturn the world we have.

Thus they are ready for false doctrines, and the teachers of such doctrines are not lacking. The most inflamed countenance, the most raucous voice, the fiercest gestures, appeal most to them. They talk about work, but their most influential leaders—some of whom are more wicked than self-deceived—flatter their delusion that happiness can be attained by seizing and devouring present accumulations and being idle indefinitely. This "red" dream runs like an evil trail through the I. W. W. It infects organized real labor. It troubles Mr. Gompers, who sees in it something he cannot quite control and something that threatens him. It infects, in some degree, the industrial outbreaks which have been plaguing the country worse than ever. It lay behind the Herrin massacre and also behind the circulars entreating soldiers not to shoot "their brethren."

We should not make too much of this, but we also should not make too little. Events on the record should not be forgotten; for one, how a shipload of dangerous disturbers was sent back to Russia, nearly three years ago. But the virus has not been exterminated. And now, after a struggle through several years, the sentence of a fine and a term in jail in the case of a certain wealthy man of Chicago and the jail

sentences of 13 others, for plotting to overthrow the Government, was affirmed in June last by the Illinois Supreme Court. That a rich man should brandish a torch and invite its use seems unnatural, yet we need not go outside of our own great city to find some who are virtually doing it. That court took the matter seriously, declaring it "clear that the plan and purposes advocated by the plaintiffs contemplate the overthrow and destruction of the Government . . . by force and violence compelling the Government to cease to function, and then, through a proletarian dictatorship, taking charge of and appropriating all property." Illinois has long been plagued by anarchists. The Haymarket Square affair of long ago in Chicago may not be forgotten. Illinois has also been troubled by bad Executives before, and her present Executive has shown his quality by pardoning this rich man and his fellows as "political prisoners." Hence the meeting of Wednesday, under the auspices of the Chicago Chamber of Commerce, at which the principal speakers were General Pershing and the ever-energetic Charles G. Dawes. They seemed to think any attempt to impeach Governor Small would be futile, "for he is too strong politically," but the meeting emphatically denounced him.

The price of achievement, success, and acquirement is intelligent and persistent effort. The price of liberty is vigilance. The one price has been paid in this country. Is not the other due, and demanded?

Commercial defaults during November were only slightly more numerous than in the preceding month instead of showing more or less expansion, as might be expected as the end of the year approaches. The amount of defaulted indebtedness continues quite large, but in November, as in the preceding months this year, there were a number of business firms that failed with heavy liabilities, and 3.3% of the total number of defaults in that month reported 47.4% of the total of defaulted indebtedness. R. G. Dun & Co., on whose statistical records these comments are based, report that during last month 1,737 commercial failures occurred in the United States. This record embraces mercantile concerns as distinguished from banks and other financial institutions. In October there were 1,708 similar defaults, whereas in November 1921, 1,988 mercantile failures were reported. As to the amount of defaulted indebtedness, the figures reported for November this year are \$40,265,297 and contrast with \$34,647,438 for the preceding month and with \$53,469,839 for the corresponding month of last year. For the past two years these figures, both as to number and amount, have run very heavy, although there has been a little indication of some let-up in both respects in the past five or six months. For the eleven months this year the total number of commercial defaults has been 21,856, with liabilities of \$565,827,230. For the corresponding period last year the figures are respectively 17,208 and \$539,899,501. The number this year for the full twelve months will be in the neighborhood of 24,000 for the first time since these records have been compiled by R. G. Dun & Co., nearly 70 years, while the total defaulted indebtedness will be in excess of \$600,000,000 for the second time in the history of these records, last year being the first, the liabilities then having amounted to \$627,401,883.

Of the failures in November, 456 were of manufacturing concerns, with a total indebtedness of \$15,007,973. This contrasts with 445 failures of manu-



facturing concerns in November last year and \$23,871,636 of liabilities. Trading failures in November this year numbered 1,230, with a defaulted indebtedness of \$18,741,023, while in November last year the figures were respectively 1,415 and \$23,370,389. There were 51 defaults last month of the third class in which these records are grouped, agents, brokers, etc., with a defaulted indebtedness of \$6,516,301, whereas in November last year there were 128 similar defaults with an aggregate of defaulted indebtedness amounting to \$6,227,814. The greater part of 1921 defaults were relatively more numerous among the trading classes, and that situation continued during the earlier months of 1922, but in the more recent months these conditions have changed and there has been a considerable reduction in trading failures. In manufacturing lines the smaller number of failures in the class embracing manufacturers of clothing continues, and this applies likewise to the amount of defaulted indebtedness. There is also a considerable reduction in November this year in the amount of defaulted indebtedness reported by manufacturers of liquors and tobacco, in contrast with the amount reported in November of last year. On the other hand, somewhat larger liabilities appear in the comparison with November a year ago for the class embracing makers of machinery and tools, and there is some increase in the number of failures for this class as well.

Among failures of traders, which embraces both wholesale and retail concerns, a noteworthy decrease appears in the figures for November this year as contrasted with November of last year of defaults of general stores, clothing dealers, dry goods and jewelry; likewise the amount of defaulted indebtedness reported in November this year for these four classes is very much less than it was in November 1921, being in the aggregate but little more than one-half of the \$9,860,000 of liabilities reported by these four classes in November a year ago. For most other classes of traders there is a decrease in number as well as in the aggregate of defaulted indebtedness in November this year as contrasted with the corresponding month a year ago. A noteworthy exception is the large and important grocery class, which in this report is grouped with traders in meats and fish, there being a slight increase in the number of failures in these lines this year and an increase of nearly \$1,000,000 in the amount of indebtedness reported.

There were 58 failures in November this year reporting an aggregate of indebtedness of \$19,105,732, which leaves \$21,159,565 of the aggregate of total defaulted indebtedness in November to the remaining 1,679 defaults. Of these 58 failures 26, with liabilities of \$8,662,764, were manufacturers; 22, with liabilities of \$4,585,478, belonged to the trading classes, and 10, with liabilities of \$5,857,490, were agents, brokers, etc. There were in all 51 failures of agents and brokers, so that 41 of these latter defaults reported liabilities of only \$658,811.

While political developments in Europe have not been of a particularly encouraging character, the continued advance in sterling exchange from day to day could not help causing observers on this side to believe that something of importance outside of the exchange market itself actually had occurred on which the upward movement must be based. The cable accounts of the Lausanne Conference from day to day indicated a tense situation, particularly between the British delegates on the one side, led by

Lord Curzon, and the Turkish representatives, at the head of whom was Ismet Pasha, and the Russians, most prominent among whom was George Tchitcherin, on the other. In fact, on several occasions it looked as though an open break was imminent. Toward the end of the week it became known that the Allied representatives would stand together in their reply to Tchitcherin relative to a settlement of the Straits problem. This reply was made public in substance. In financial circles both in Europe and in this country there was special interest in the conference of Premiers which began in London to-day, in preparation for the proposed Brussels Conference on Dec. 15. The Irish Free State has formally taken control of the Government in Southern Ireland. Toward the end of the week word was received from Berlin that the German Government intended to propose to the Reparations Commission an internal gold loan for stabilizing the currency and making reparations payments. Reports have been received from Rome that Leonid Krassin has been there for some little time discussing the question of a commercial treaty between Russia and Italy. Prince Andrew of Greece escaped the death penalty at the hands of the revolutionary court martial, but was sentenced to exile and he and his family are expected to proceed to England.

At last Saturday's session of the Conference "the peace delegates took up the issue of capitulations in Turkey, with the result that the Western Powers butted their heads against the brick wall which has so far prevented any progress here, namely the intransigence of the Turkish delegates." The New York "Times" representative explained that "the Allied argument was that the capitulation rights were incorporated in treaties which were contracts not to be broken by one party alone, and therefore the Allies would insist on guarantees by Turkey to replace their rights under the capitulations." He also stated that "the Turks simply declared that they had the right to abrogate the capitulations and would give no guarantees 'incompatible with Turkish sovereignty,' which they explained meant that the Turks would enter into no arrangements not of a reciprocal character. At the end of the meeting each side stood where it had started." In the course of the debate American Ambassador Child read the following statement setting forth the American position regarding the matter: "The position of the United States is exactly that stated by the Allied Powers in regard to rights arising out of the capitulations. The United States has not and does not now recognize the attempted abrogation of these rights. This delegation, however, believes there is in this whole subject an interest common to all concerned, and that the sooner it is explored the better." George Tchitcherin outlined the Russian program in part as follows: "Our program, in the first place, is a program of peace. What we seek here, as elsewhere, is a definite and durable arrangement which will guarantee uninterrupted peace. Peace in the Black Sea means security on the shores of this sea. Soviet Russia has renounced the ancient ambitions of Czarist Russia as regards Constantinople and the Straits—ambitions based not only on the imperialistic desires of the Czarist Government, but also on the desire to safeguard the security of the southern borders of the Russian Empire. These methods are not ours. In any case it is vain for any one to hope that Russia

will give up her just rights. After the Crimean War Russia had to give up her Black Sea fleet, but to-day Russia is not a conquered nation, and she will not submit to the status of a conquered nation. Russia wants peace; she seeks amity with all nations, far and near; but in the interest of peace she wishes to be able to defend herself against aggression."

The attitude of the Turks and the Russians continued to give the Allies trouble. At Sunday's session it appeared that Ismet Pasha, representing the Turks, and George Tchitcherin, representing the Russians, were not in accord with respect to a plan for the settlement of the Straits problem. In fact, the New York "Times" correspondent cabled that "the Russian plan of using the Turks as tools in the Soviets' fight against England in the Near East received a distinct setback to-day when Ismet Pasha refused to subscribe blindly to Tchitcherin's demand for the closing of the Straits to all warships and their fortification by the Turks. For eight hours the Russian Foreign Minister argued the case with the chief Turkish delegate, and on the eve of the opening of the Straits debate the Turco-Russian bloc has a large fissure in it." He added that "as matters stand to-night the Turks go so far as to demand an agreement that the Straits shall be closed to warships at all times, but will not demand the right to fortify them, accepting the British contention that they should be demilitarized. The Russians take the view that this would mean that a strong naval Power could force the passage of the Straits; but apparently the Turks will not support this argument."

The next day the situation apparently became still more tense and alarming. M. Tchitcherin advocated "the closing of the Dardanelles to all warships except those of Turkey and giving Turkey the right to fortify the Straits." It was reported also that the Russian Foreign Minister "asked for absolute Turkish control of the Straits, without demilitarization," and also that "the Allied occupation of the Straits should cease immediately." M. Tchitcherin was even quoted as asserting that "the Allied positions were untenable there," and that "Russia would oppose the continued presence of the Allies." While Ismet Pasha was reported to have said that "he had not completely worked out a plan for the control of the Straits," he admitted that "the Russian plan more nearly approached the Turkish idea than any other suggestion made in the Conference, but he failed to give it his approval." Lord Curzon was said to have "declared the Turks were trifling with the Conference by not having any definite proposals." The New York "Times" correspondent said that "Russian intervention has brought a new atmosphere into the Conference. While in the first two weeks there was bad feeling enough, decorum was preserved between the Allied diplomats and the Turks, who were always suave and polite. But Tchitcherin, with his sarcastic attacks upon the Allies, has injected a new bitterness into the whole proceedings."

The situation at the Conference was outlined in part as follows in a dispatch from Lausanne Tuesday evening: "Outmanoeuvring of Europe's statesmen by the joint diplomacy of the Turks and Russians at Lausanne has nearly checkmated the Allies. The Near Eastern Conference stands adjourned until Wednesday, while Marquis Curzon, M. Barrere and Marquis di Garroni consult their Governments. The Allies were unable to draw the Turks into a declara-

tion of policy which they could oppose. The Allied delegations do not conceal their anger with Tchitcherin, who is considered the probable author of the present situation." The statement was made in a Paris dispatch that Premier Poincare had sent "new instructions to the French delegation, favoring measures of naval limitation for the Black Sea." It was said also that "M. Poincare opposes the maintenance of troops at the Straits permanently and favors an international commission of control." Dispatches from Lausanne the following morning indicated that the British would agree to the appointment of such a commission. The Allied delegates were reported to have agreed that the Straits should not be fortified. It was reported that the international commission should be empowered "to admit foreign warships to the Black Sea when it is necessary to protect the interests of the nations concerned."

At Wednesday's session of the Conference Lord Curzon "in the name of the Allies, presented the details of a comprehensive project for keeping open the Straits of the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus in time of peace and war." The Associated Press correspondent said that "it provides for the appointment of an international commission of control composed of the great Powers, including the United States as well as Turkey, and the countries bordering on the Black Sea." In an official communique it was set forth that, "as guarantees for the liberty of the Straits we ask of Turkey no right of international military occupation, but only the constitution of a military and naval commission, comprising representatives of the interested Powers and the inviting Powers. This commission would include the United States." According to the Associated Press, "the Entente project for the demilitarization of the zone of the Straits comprises five articles. It declares there should exist no permanent military or naval works which would be susceptible of preventing free passage through the Straits. This zone includes the Dardanelles, the Sea of Marmora, and the Bosphorus. Article II fixes the extent of the zones of demilitarization on both sides of the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus. They include the Gallipoli Peninsula, all the islands in the Sea of Marmora, and the Islands of Samothrace, Lemnos, Imbros and Tenados, in the Aegean. All the existing fortifications should be destroyed, it is declared, and all new fortifications prohibited. No submarines would be permitted in the waters of the Straits as mentioned in the foregoing." The correspondent added that "delegate Barrere of France said the proposition represented an attempt to solve the Straits problem without infringing upon the sovereignty of Turkey or that of any country bordering upon the Black Sea." It was related that Richard Washburn Child, and Joseph C. Grew presented the views of the United States regarding the Straits situation. Ambassador Child was reported to have "set forth the view of the United States independent of that of any other Power. He said the United States holds that the Straits and the Black Sea must be open to ships and warships of all nations in time of peace and of war, and that it opposes any plan which would give one Power control, just as it would any other international water."

The more complete accounts of Wednesday's session, as given in cable dispatches made public here Thursday morning, showed unmistakably that the



discussions between Lord Curzon and M. Tchitcherin had been very lively to say the least. The New York "Tribune" correspondent asserted that "a series of sharp clashes between Marquis Curzon and Georges Tchitcherin, culminating in a virtual threat of war by the Soviet delegates, marked a session more tense than any yet held. The Allied spokesman verbally tore to pieces the Russian demand for Turkish control of the Straits, observing that the sole aim of the Soviet seemed to be to 'convert the Black Sea into a Russian lake, with Turkey as faithful guardian at the gates.'" The head of the Russian delegation was reported to have shouted, in reply to Lord Curzon, "you are compelling Russia to arm—arm—arm!" The "Tribune" representative added that "Tchitcherin figuratively took Ismet Pasha by the throat after to-day's session, warning him that Turkey's acceptance of the Allied demands aimed to reduce Russia to a state of vassalism, would be equivalent to throwing Turkey into the bloc of Russia's enemies. In the last analysis, however, it is the decision of the Angora Assembly which caused the greatest fear here to-night. Whether extremists or moderates are in control there is the question which the next 48 hours must answer. War or peace may depend on it. The Turks now face the alternative of breaking with their treaty-bound friends, the Russians, who are urging a course diametrically opposed to that offered by the Allies, or of rejecting the majority ruling of to-day's conference, which bears the added authority of moral pressure by the United States."

It became known here yesterday morning that at the session of the Conference the day before "the Turkish edict that the 200,000 Greeks in Constantinople must leave, either with or without an exchange of the Turk population in Greece, met the firm stand by the Allies that the Greeks in the Turk capital must be allowed to remain and must not be massacred. The American delegation took a stand supporting the Allied position." The statement of the American representatives was presented by Minister Grew.

At yesterday's session, the Turks presented their proposals "for regulation of the Straits of the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus." According to the Associated Press correspondent they made the following requests: "(1) Guarantees against surprise attacks from land or sea threatening the security of the Straits, of Constantinople, or of the Sea of Marmora. (2) Limitation of naval forces bound for the Black Sea so that they will not constitute a danger to the zone extending between the two straits to the Black Sea. Turkey expresses the view that these forces might be composed of light warships, employed for the protection of international commerce. (3) Interdiction upon the maintenance of warships in the Black Sea. (4) Liberty of passage for merchantmen in time of peace and of war." The correspondent said also that the proposals were heard "with satisfaction by the representatives of the Allied Powers and the United States." He added that "spokesmen for the Entente expressed the opinion after the session that the Turkish and Allied plans could be harmonized."

Preparations for the week-end meeting of Allied Premiers in London to arrange for the proposed Brussels Conference on Dec. 15 have been in progress

for some days. In a Paris cable dispatch Tuesday morning it was said that "it is not the Premier's intention that these conversations should take the form of an inter-Allied conference on the program which he has drawn up for Brussels, but that they should be confined to an exact definition of the position of each of the Allies and the establishment of a common agreement among them, in face of the declaration made by the Wirth Government before its resignation, and since confirmed by Chancellor Cuno, that Germany will be unable to meet her obligations next year." The correspondent added that "M. Poincare will confine himself to urging, and, in fact, demanding, that some other solution than the easy and formerly disastrous one of granting a new moratorium to Germany, be at once decided upon in principle, and he will sound out the British Prime Minister's intentions on the question of the cancellation of debts. But he has no intention of laying before the little conference in London the scheme for international reconstruction which he will develop at Brussels." The Associated Press representative in London, in commenting on the meeting there to-day, asserted that it "is likely to develop into the most important meeting of its kind since Versailles." In attempting to forecast the probable attitude of the conference of the representatives of Germany, France and Italy he said: "The British are awaiting the German attitude on the latest issue bearing on attacks on officials of the Inter-Allied Control Commission in Bavaria with the greatest interest, hoping that the Cuno Government will act in such a manner as to justify Allied confidence in the new regime. France, ever fearful of German aggression, is expected to take the initiative at Saturday's [to-day] meeting in arguing for drastic action. Great Britain, desiring trade and the economic reconstruction of Germany, will be at the other extreme, with Belgium sharing the French fears of the British economic policy and urging a compromise, as at the London conference in August. Premier Mussolini of Italy is an unknown quantity so far as concerns the serious business of the Conference, but it is evident that he is already desirous of proving the Allied assurances that Italy occupies a position of equality in the Entente."

Premier Mussolini arrived at Lausanne Thursday evening at 6 o'clock, dined with Lord Curzon and left late that night for the conference of Premiers in London. He passed through Paris yesterday and while there was quoted as saying, "I am going to London in the hope that we will pass from words to facts." The New York "Tribune" correspondent at the Lausanne Conference, commenting upon the London gathering which begins its sessions to-day, said: "A conference which will have profound effect, not only on the European situation, but on America's relations with Europe, will open here to-day, with Premier Bonar Law, Premiers Poincare of France, Mussolini of Italy and Theunis of Belgium, in attendance, to discuss the question of German reparations." He added that "there is little optimism in any quarter on the eve of this important gathering of Allied statesmen, intended as a preliminary to the Brussels Conference." He pointed out that "at the root of the entire problem is the matter of war debts, and there can be nothing beyond academic discussion of inter-Allied cancellations until after the British debt funding mission, led by Sidney Baldwin, has talked with American authorities in Washington next month."

According to a Paris dispatch, Premier Poincaré left for the Conference "prepared to resist any attempt to grant a moratorium without productive guarantees. It appears here that Britain will attempt to solve all the problems at issue during the sessions and thereby supersede altogether the Brussels Conference. Poincaré, however, is determined to prevent any diplomatic move to cut out the meeting in the Belgian capital." According to London dispatches yesterday morning the belief is entertained there that the American Ambassador may be an important factor at the Brussels Conference. Sir George Paish, the English economist, was quoted in a London cable dispatch to the New York "Herald" yesterday morning as expressing the belief that the Premiers can restore Europe, but to do so must subvert their political aims to economic necessities when they meet at Brussels. He also believes that reparations should be reduced and that an international loan should be floated, which he thinks would enable Germany to pay in 40 years.

Instead of making further efforts to secure an international loan to furnish funds toward the payment of reparations installments, it was reported in an Associated Press dispatch from Berlin Thursday morning that the German Government intended to propose to the Reparations Commission "an internal gold loan, the proceeds to be used for stabilization and cash reparations payments." It was added in the dispatch that "the note to the Commission will supplement the proposals made in the communication to that body on Nov. 13." The reports in circulation in Berlin relative to this plan stated that "half of the amount is to be devoted to stabilization and half to reparations." Berlin heard also that "the Chancellor has been assured the co-operation of industrial, financial, commercial, shipping and agricultural interests." The Associated Press correspondent at the German capital heard that "the loan will be guaranteed by the Reparations Commission under the same provisions named in the Government's previous note, with the presupposition that an adjustment to ultimate reparations payments will now be definitely fixed." While the definite amount that would be proposed in the note to the Commission could not be learned at the time that the dispatch in question was filed it was believed that it would be between 20,000,000,000 and 30,000,000,000 gold marks, "in addition to the payments already rendered, as representing Germany's total capacity to pay reparations."

At a disarmament conference in Moscow this week, Maxim Litvinoff, Chairman of the Russian Delegation, made the following proposals: "First, reduction of the army to 200,000 men; second, strict limitation of the military budget to a certain sum per soldier; third, the establishment of a 'zone of neutralization of the frontiers between Russia and her neighbors—as was already decided in recent agreement with Finland—to prevent a recurrence of frontier conflicts that are such a grave menace to peace.'" M. Litvinoff added that "the Russian Government, to its great regret, is unable to put forward proposals as to limitation of naval forces; but the Russian fleet is already reduced to a quarter of its 1917 strength." The New York "Times" correspondent observed that "of course, the above proposals are simply a basis of discussion and would not go into effect unless the

border States agreed to proportionate reductions; but if they should do so, the Russian Government would consider the cause of peace genuinely served and that an example of great value had been set to the rest of the world."

In his account of Wednesday's proceedings, the New York "Times" correspondent said that "a compromise was finally reached in the discussion of the Russian disarmament program by the border States, which at one moment became so keen as to threaten a rupture of the negotiations." He added that, "led by the Poles, whose chief, Prince Radziwill, is the outstanding figure among the visitors, the States flatly refused to consider the concrete Russian proposals for an immediate reduction of military forces unless the Russians agreed to prepare the way by the discussion of a general compact of non-aggression and an arbitration treaty." Before the discussion ended, Litvinoff, head of the Russian delegation, "made some concessions." The "Times" representative said also that "the Conference will now get down to work on a triple program—formulation of a compact of non-aggression, arbitration agreements and a practical scheme for a progressive general reduction of forces on the lines proposed by Russia. Taking it by and large, the prospects of a real measure of success are fairly good." The same correspondent, in a dispatch to his paper yesterday morning, was not so optimistic over the probability of quick results at the Conference. He said that "some progress has been made at the Moscow Disarmament Conference, but Russia's neighbors still decline to introduce into the projected treaty now being discussed clause by clause the Russian concrete proposal for an immediate reduction of military forces and expense."

From the time that he came into office cable advices from Rome and other European centres have indicated that Premier Mussolini was quite willing to enter into some sort of trade agreement with Soviet Russia. According to a special dispatch from the Italian capital to the New York "Times" at midweek, Leonid Krassin, Soviet Minister of Trade, "has been in Italy for some time, displaying great activity in negotiations for a commercial treaty between Italy and Russia. With this object in view, he has already had important conversations with several leading Italians, including Premier Mussolini." The correspondent added that "Krassin found Mussolini very willing to come to some understanding, it being part of the Premier's policy, as explained to the Chamber at its opening session recently, to arrive at a rapprochement with Russia." He asserted also that "the Russians offer the Italians important concessions in South Russia, including oil in the Caucasus, coal in the Donetz Basin, farming lands in Ukraina and certain mines of lesser importance. The Italians, on their part, it is proposed, shall bind themselves to send fully equipped workmen to exploit these riches on a profit-sharing basis with Russia, contributing energy and money to the rebuilding of Russia. Two main points have so far been decided. They are: First, that Italy will send Russia a diplomatic representative, even if he is to have the character of a commercial and economic representative. Second, that a mixed committee will be formed of judicial, commercial and economic experts to examine in a friendly spirit the various problems of common interest."



While announcement was made in Athens cable dispatches some days in advance that the court martial of Prince Andrew, brother of former King Constantine, would begin on Monday of this week, it became known here a week ago this afternoon that it had been held in the Greek capital earlier in the day. The Associated Press correspondent at that centre said that he was "put on trial by the Revolutionary Committee to-day on a charge of contributing to the Greek defeat in Asia Minor by ignoring orders sent to him by the General Staff." The correspondent added that "it was the first instance of a member of the royal family being haled before a court martial, but there were few spectators in the House of Parliament when the trial opened at 9 o'clock in the morning. This was attributed, however, not to a lack of interest, but to the short notice on which the court was convened." London heard that evening, through a news agency dispatch from Athens, that the Prince had been sentenced to "perpetual banishment" by the court martial. The real verdict was "banishment for life and deprivation of his rank." It was added, however, that "he will not suffer actual degradation, as at first reported." The Associated Press correspondent said that "the judgment of the court finds that Prince Andrew refused to obey orders in the presence of the enemy and moved his army corps in another direction, but considers that in view of his lack of experience in commanding large masses of fighting troops and the conditions in which he was placed, application of the penalties provided by law would not be justifiable." Dispatches from various points stated that Prince Andrew and Princess Alice left Athens promptly after the ending of the former's trial. According to the first advices they sailed away on the British light cruiser "Calypso" and were proceeding to Corfu and thence to Brindisi, Italy. It was suspected that their ultimate destination was England.

Early in the week it was reported that Prince Andrew owed the saving of his life to the intervention of the Pope when his court martial trial was in progress. A dispatch from Rome Wednesday evening stated that the Prince, Princess Alice and their four children arrived there at noon, and that "they went directly to the Vatican, where they were received by Pope Pius." It was added that the Prince "expressed to the Pontiff his heartfelt thanks for the timely intervention of the Vatican during his trial, to prevent a sentence of death such as was returned against former Premier Gounaris and the other ex-Ministers."

Switzerland is a country about which comparatively little has been heard for several years. During the war it was a place of refuge for the peoples of several nations. In recent weeks her people and Government have been disturbed by Socialist activity. That political group endeavored to "establish a levy on capital." The proposal was taken to the people on a referendum on Dec. 3 and was defeated by a vote of 704,785 to 101,057. According to a Lausanne dispatch, "under the threat of this law, which would have taken a percentage of all fortunes over 80,000 francs, more than five billion francs capital had been taken out of the country, and business had been brought almost to a standstill." It was added that "returns from strictly farming districts showed that the peasants have been even more strongly against the proposed levy than the urban population. For two weeks gold has not been in circulation in Lausanne,

but it is expected that it will be current again to-morrow [Dec. 4]. Bankers say that the decisive defeat of the measure will mean that capital exported from Switzerland through fear of the tax will be returned."

The Irish Free State is a reality. Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock King George "gave royal sanction to the legislation setting up the Irish Free State as a Dominion of the British Empire." Official announcement was made during the afternoon of "the appointment of Timothy M. Healy as first Governor-General of the Irish Free State." In a greeting to America, according to the Dublin correspondent of the New York "Herald," Mr. Healy said, "I would ask Americans and Irish-Americans, with whose great help toward this country I became acquainted 40 years ago, to lend their moral encouragement to our Government, or at least not to give its enemies financial aid. Ireland to-day has a Government which every loyal Irishman and Irishwoman will help for the sake of old Ireland, and both Ireland and her friends may confidently trust to the future." It was stated also in a London dispatch Tuesday evening that "by a special order in Council the full administration of the country already has been handed over to the Provisional Government. Therefore, when the Constitution comes into existence to-morrow [Wednesday] there will be no ceremony of any kind to mark the fulfillment of the treaty made between the British and Irish Governments." The correspondent further explained that "meanwhile, the Dail will sit privately to choose 30 members of the Senate. The choice will be made from about 150 candidates, and the selection will be announced to-morrow." President Cosgrave of the Irish Free State, in an interview, was quoted as saying that "the situation in Ireland was well in hand and that he had high hopes that the troubles of the Irish people were at an end." He said "a union of the North and South could not long be delayed, inasmuch as the line dividing the two sections was unnatural." The President added that "the appointment of Mr. Healy was undoubtedly popular among all classes in Ireland." He said "the execution of Erskine Childers had been received with calmness and fortitude. As an evidence of the rapid improvement of conditions in Ireland, President Cosgrave said that the past year had shown a large increase in exports as compared with 1921." It would have been strange indeed if the Free State had been set up formally without some disturbance by one or more opposing political elements. According to a Dublin dispatch, "Irish insurgents resumed their guerrilla warfare to-day, on the eve of the actual establishment of the Free State. Sixty 'rebels,' who ambushed Free Staters west of Cork, were driven off with machine gun fire. They were closely pursued and heavy casualties inflicted as they fled into heavy woods nears Drimoleague."

The Dublin correspondent of the New York "Tribune" cabled Thursday morning that "invitation to Ulster to come in with the Irish Free State and share with the new Government the prosperity of Ireland was extended to-day [Wednesday] by President William Cosgrave as a feature of the proceedings when the Dail Eireann met to take formal steps for the establishment of the Free State." While stating that he did not wish to "anticipate the decision of the Belfast Parliament which meets to-morrow, Mr. Cos-

grave said, 'I appeal to them, however, to come in with the rest of Ireland and share the prosperity and happiness which must certainly follow the union.' According to an Associated Press dispatch from Belfast Thursday evening, both Houses of the Ulster Parliament during the day voted unanimously to keep out of the Irish Free State. Premier Sir James Craig, in the lower House of the Parliament, "proposed an address in the name of that body declaring Ulster no part of the newly established Dominion." It was added that "the measure was sent to the Senate, which returned it to the lower House for final approval after amending by inserting the words 'and Senate,' thereby making the address to read in the name of both Houses." The correspondent made it known also that "Premier Craig stated in the House of Commons that Ulster would not appoint a representative on the proposed commission to fix the boundary between Ulster and the Free State, nor would she be interested in the commission in any way."

Dispatches from Dublin the same evening told of the announcement by President Cosgrave in Parliament of the fatal shooting of Deputy Sean Hales, and also that Patrick O'Maille, who was Deputy Speaker, had been wounded. The shooting in both cases was said to have occurred while the men were on their way to the Parliament session. Word was received from Dublin last evening that "Rory O'Connor and Liam Mellows, together with two other prominent Irish rebels, Joseph McKelvey and Richard Barrett, were executed in Mountjoy Prison this [Friday] morning, it was officially announced. An official army report states that the four men were executed as a reprisal for the assassination of Sean Hales, the Deputy shot yesterday [Thursday], and as a solemn warning to those associated with them 'in the conspiracy of assassination against the representatives of the Irish people.' The prisoners were tried by a military court martial during the night, found guilty and sentenced to death. The death sentence was carried out at 9.20 o'clock this morning. The startling swiftness with which the Free State Government acted in consequence of the assassination of Deputy Hales caused a great sensation in Dublin, used as this city is to sensational happenings." From Cork came word that "a powerful bomb was thrown at a military car this [Thursday] afternoon. The missile did not reach its mark, but exploded near by, wounding two men and two women. The bomb thrower escaped."

No change has been noted in official discounts at leading European centres from 10% 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. Open market discounts in London were a trifle easier, declining to 27-16% @ 2½% for long and short bills, in comparison with 2½ @ 2½% a week ago, while money on call receded to 1¼%, as against 1¾% last week. The open market discount rate at Paris and Switzerland continues to be quoted at 4½% and 2%, respectively.

The Bank of England in its statement for the week ended Dec. 7 reported an addition to gold stocks of £6,313, although, as note circulation expanded £179,000, there was a further reduction in total reserve of £173,000, while the proportion of reserve to liabilities has been reduced to 16½%, as compared

with 18.94% a week earlier. All of this, however, caused very little concern, as it was regarded as the natural result of the usual Dec. 1 disbursements. In the corresponding week of last year the reserve ratio stood at 14⅞% and in 1920 only 9⅜%. Public deposits decreased £5,887,000, but "other" deposits increased £22,118,000. Temporary loans to the Government increased £18,587,000, while loans on other securities fell £2,105,000. Gold holdings aggregate £127,446,768. Last year the total was £128,433,570 and in 1920 £125,877,511. Total reserve stands at £22,827,000, which compares with £21,921,711 in 1921 and £13,916,456 a year earlier. Loans total £65,830,000, against £80,636,460 last year and £72,180,016 in 1920. Note circulation now amounts to £123,063,000. This compares with £124,961,865 and £130,411,055 one and two years ago, respectively. Clearings through the London banks for the week were £743,082,000, against £671,133,000 last week and £790,961,000 the preceding year. The Bank's official discount rate of 3% has remained without alteration. 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. Dec. 6.	1921. Dec. 7.	1920. Dec. 8.	1919. Dec. 10.	1918. Dec. 11.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	123,063,000	124,961,865	130,411,055	88,583,615	67,505,130
Public deposits.....	11,142,000	11,995,996	22,423,996	20,174,296	27,413,215
Other deposits.....	125,553,000	142,742,860	126,482,557	137,694,082	152,999,462
Gov't securities.....	66,892,000	70,064,254	80,707,702	77,205,036	73,685,411
Other securities.....	65,830,000	80,536,460	72,180,016	77,073,580	95,901,122
Reserve notes & coin	22,827,000	21,921,711	13,916,456	21,526,033	28,672,336
Coin and bullion.....	127,446,768	128,433,570	125,877,511	91,659,948	77,730,460
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	16½%	14⅞%	9⅞%	13⅞%	15¼%
Bank rate.....	3%	5%	7%	6%	5%

The Bank of France in its weekly statement shows a further small gain of 483,325 francs in the gold item this week. The Bank's aggregate gold holdings are thus brought up to 5,534,404,825 francs, comparing with 5,524,101,894 francs on the corresponding date last year and with 5,498,062,852 francs the year before; of these amounts 1,897,967,056 francs were held abroad in 1922 and 1,948,367,056 francs in both 1921 and 1920. Silver, during the week, gained 103,000 francs, advances rose 58,710,000 francs, and general deposits were augmented by 2,585,000 francs. On the other hand, bills discounted fell off 554,140,000 francs, while Treasury deposits were diminished 39,609,000 francs. A further expansion of 269,911,000 francs occurred in note circulation, bringing the total outstanding up to 36,384,061,000 francs. This contrasts with 36,666,338,460 francs at this time last year and with 37,920,075,165 francs the year previous. In 1914, just prior to the outbreak of war, the amount was only 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in both 1921 and 1920 are as follows:

## BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week	Status as of		
		Dec. 7 1922.	Dec. 8 1921.	Dec. 9 1920.
	Frans.	Frans.	Frans.	Frans.
Gold Holdings—				
In France.....Inc.	483,325	3,636,437,769	3,575,734,838	3,549,695,795
Abroad.....	No change	1,897,967,056	1,948,367,056	1,948,367,056
Total.....Inc.	483,325	5,534,404,825	5,524,101,894	5,498,062,852
Silver.....Inc.	103,000	288,641,495	279,431,935	265,589,336
Bills discounted.....Dec.	554,140,000	2,086,060,000	2,216,673,815	3,337,908,683
Advances.....Inc.	58,710,000	2,217,368,000	2,326,903,871	2,176,709,874
Note circulation.....Inc.	269,911,000	36,384,061,000	36,666,338,460	37,920,075,165
Treasury deposits.....Dec.	39,609,000	28,533,000	62,558,934	152,851,374
General deposits.....Inc.	2,585,000	2,118,627,000	2,454,393,139	3,868,326,130

According to the statement issued by the Imperial Bank of Germany, for the week of Nov. 30, the largest expansion in note circulation yet recorded



took place in that week. In round numbers, the increase was 110,336,370,000 marks, thus bringing the already stupendous total of outstanding obligations up to 753,504,862,000 marks. Bills of exchange and checks increased 38,212,865,000 marks and deposits 39,590,528,000 marks. In discount and Treasury bills there was an expansion of no less than 79,486,777,000 marks, while advances increased 42,956,842,000 marks. Other assets registered an advance of 13,919,046,000 marks and other liabilities of 21,174,993,000 marks. Declines were shown of 2,513,000 marks in total coin and bullion and of 1,000 marks in gold. Notes of other banks decreased 5,454,000 marks and investments 25,693,000 marks. The Bank's gold is reported as 1,004,848,000 marks.

The Federal Reserve Bank statement issued at the close of business on Thursday was featured by a material reduction in gold reserves, accompanied by a further increase in borrowing on the part of member institutions, bringing about a sharp lowering in reserve ratios. For the system gold reserves fell \$27,000,000, while an expansion in rediscounts on Government secured paper, also larger bill purchases in the open market, resulted in an increase in total bill holdings of over \$62,000,000. This raises the aggregate of the bill holdings to \$971,772,000, but which nevertheless compares with \$1,252,443,000 at this time last year. In the New York bank very similar conditions prevailed. Gold was reduced \$62,000,000, and bill holdings enlarged more than \$73,000,000, with the result that total bills on hand now aggregate \$266,970,000, as against \$265,585,000 in the corresponding week of 1921. Both locally and nationally earnings assets were substantially increased. Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation for the system showed an increase of \$32,000,000, but remained almost stationary in the New York Bank. Reserve ratios fell, 6.9% to 78.1% in the New York bank and 2.1% to 74.3% for the twelve reporting banks.

Last Saturday's statement of New York Clearing House banks and trust companies reflected the usual month-end strain and there were additions to both loans and deposits as well as a further slight enlargement of the already existing deficit. Loans expanded \$8,985,000. Net demand deposits were \$35,426,000 larger, bringing the total to \$3,858,043,000. This is exclusive of Government deposits to the amount of \$57,119,000. On the other hand, time deposits were reduced \$5,608,000, to \$434,962,000. Other changes which were not particularly significant, included a nominal reduction in cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank of \$4,000, to \$56,250,000, (not counted as reserve); an increase of \$112,000 in reserve of State banks and trust companies in own vaults, and a decline of \$179,000 in the reserve of these institutions kept in other depositories. Member banks increased their reserve credits at the Reserve Bank \$2,505,000, but this was more than offset by the gain in deposits and the result was a loss in surplus reserves of \$1,904,180, which brought the deficit below reserve requirements up to \$7,472,190. Bankers showed no uneasiness over the fact that a deficit was again recorded and they look for a speedy rectification of this condition with the return of funds into normal channels. The figures here given for surplus are on the basis of

13% reserves above legal requirements for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but not including cash in vaults of \$56,250,000 held by these banks on Saturday last.

The tendency of call money at this centre was toward greater firmness, until yesterday. There was no real flurry at any time and the quotation did not rise above 5½%. Time money was unchanged at 4¾@5%. In some circles surprise was expressed over the fact that the rates for call loans kept as high as they did. At times, however, a rather active demand for day-to-day loans was reported. Until Wednesday afternoon the tendency of the stock market was still downward. Even after it turned upward it is probable that the transactions were professional to much the same extent as they were when prices were going in the opposite direction. If this assumption is correct the rally in the stock market should not have involved any considerable amount of new borrowing of money. At this very point it is altogether timely to suggest that if the Street as a whole had a more accurate knowledge of the total of brokers' loans it would be in a much better position to forecast the immediate future of the money market at this centre. The statement comes from important banking circles that except for the large influx of gold in the last two years our money market would not be as easy as it is. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon in his annual report also gave expression to the idea that the present status of the money market is due largely to heavy gold imports. Conservative observers did not fail to note his word of caution against the danger of this vast gold supply being used for the purposes of inflation. It was suggested in local banking circles that the rates at which he offered two of the short term Government securities running for the longer periods, indicated that he did not look for money to go below present quotations for some time. The loss of \$61,700,000 gold by the New York Federal Reserve Bank and the decline in the reserve ratio from 85 to 78.1% offer a good explanation for the occasional stiffening of money rates. Yesterday, however, there was an unexpected drop in call money from 5 to 4%. The buying demand for bonds has not been particularly keen. The Cuban loan may not be brought out until next month.

As to specific rates for money, the week's range on call loans has been 4@5½%, the same as last week. On Monday the high was 4¾%, which was also the renewal rate, with 4½% the low. Tuesday there was an advance to 5½%, while renewals were negotiated at 5%, the minimum figure. Call funds remained at this level on Wednesday, without change. On Thursday there was no range, a flat rate of 5% being quoted all day. Slightly easier conditions prevailed on Friday, with a decline to 4%, although the ruling rate was still 5%, which was the maximum. The figures here given are for both mixed collateral and all-industrial loans without differentiation. For fixed-date maturities the situation remains unchanged. Trading was quiet and featureless and few if any loans for large amounts were reported. Time funds for all periods from sixty days to six months were offered at 5%, the level prevailing last week, without leading to any business to speak of.

Mercantile paper rates continue to be quoted at  $4\frac{1}{2}$ @ $4\frac{3}{4}$ % for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, although the bulk of the business is being transacted at the outside figure. Names less well known require  $4\frac{3}{4}$ @ $5\%$ , unchanged. A moderate inquiry was noted, but trading was restricted by light offerings. Most of the inquiry is still from out-of-town institutions.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances continue at the levels previously current for spot delivery. Bills for delivery in thirty days, however, have been advanced  $\frac{1}{8}$ %. A fairly good demand is reported and transactions showed a marked increase. Both local and country banks were in the market. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council is now  $4\frac{1}{2}$ %, against 4% a week ago. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rates on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks  $4\frac{1}{8}$ % bid, and 4% asked for bills running 30, 60 and 90 days;  $4\frac{1}{4}$ % bid and 4% asked for bills running for 120 days, and  $4\frac{1}{2}$ % bid and  $4\frac{1}{4}$ % asked for 150 days. Open market quotations follow:

SPOT DELIVERY.			
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills	$4\frac{1}{4}$ @4	$4\frac{1}{4}$ @4	$4\frac{1}{4}$ @4
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.			
Eligible member banks	$4\frac{1}{2}$ bid		
Eligible non-member banks	$4\frac{1}{2}$ 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 DECEMBER 8 1922.

Federal Reserve Bank of—	Discounted bills maturing within 90 days (incl. member bank's 15-day collateral notes) secured by—			Bankers' acceptances discounted for member banks	Trade acceptances maturing within 90 days	Agricultural and live-stock paper maturing 91 to 180 days
	Treasury notes and certificates of indebtedness	Liberty bonds and Victory notes	Other-wise secured and unsecured			
Boston	4	4	4	4	4	4
New York	4	4	4	4	4	4
Philadelphia	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Cleveland	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Richmond	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Atlanta	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Chicago	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$
St. Louis	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Minneapolis	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Kansas City	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Dallas	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$
San Francisco	4	4	4	4	4	4

Sterling exchange values made further substantial progress in the upswing inaugurated a week or so ago and price levels presented the unusual spectacle this week of a new high record being established on five consecutive business days. Under the stimulus of an active inquiry, coupled with continued scarcity of commercial offerings, demand bills moved up by rapid stages to  $4\ 54$ ,  $4\ 55\ 1-16$  and  $4\ 57\frac{1}{8}$ , the last-named figure being a net advance for the week of  $4\frac{3}{4}$  cents in the pound, and the highest point recorded since June 1919, when sterling prices commenced their gradual descent following removal of the "peg" which had maintained British currency at or near  $4\ 76\frac{3}{4}$  during practically the entire period of the war. In the final dealings some recession occurred, as was almost inevitable after so spectacular an advance, and the close was slightly under the top. At the same time a falling off in the inquiry set in and the market relapsed into dullness.

Trading was quite active during the early days of the week and a good demand for sterling bills was reported for legitimate business purposes. Speculators, at least in the local market, did not participate in the week's operations to any very material extent, and the strength was all the more remarkable in view of the anxiety felt over affairs in the Near East and the reparations muddle. News from Lausanne, indicating that the Conference had dead-locked over several important issues, aroused uneasiness in the initial dealings. Later on, cable advices assumed a more encouraging tone and reports commenced to circulate that prospects of settling the much-disputed Dardanelles question had improved. Throughout practically the whole of the week, however, the London market maintained a firm front and quotations from the British centre came persistently higher. Numerous explanations were, as usual, forthcoming for the advance that has taken place in the face of so many retarding influences, but that most generally accepted is that it was due largely to the better feeling created by the attitude of the new Government party in Great Britain, forecasting greater harmony in dealing with international problems; continued improvement in British economic and financial affairs; extensive selling of dollar exchange in London; lessening of exports from this country, and a marked increase in imports to meet holiday trade requirements. While confidence is shown in banking circles that an amicable settlement of indemnity and debt funding issues is really in sight, it is becoming apparent that sterling is rapidly reaching a point where values will be less and less affected by European political disturbances. It is worthy of note that the week's high quotation represents a gain since Jan. 1 this year of  $55\frac{3}{4}$  cents, and of  $\$1\ 39\frac{1}{8}$  over the low record figure of 3 18, touched on Feb. 4 1920. At present levels sterling is only about 6% below par. It is not possible, of course, positively to affirm that the advance can be maintained; still bankers almost unanimously assert that the advance is based on genuine improvement and is not the result of either manipulation or speculative activity.

Referring to the more detailed quotations, sterling exchange on Saturday was strong and fractionally higher, with demand at  $4\ 52\frac{1}{4}$ @ $4\ 52\ 9-16$ , cable transfers at  $4\ 52\frac{1}{2}$ @ $4\ 52\ 13-16$ , and sixty days at  $4\ 50\frac{1}{8}$ @ $4\ 50\ 7-16$ ; trading was dull and uninteresting. On Monday another sharp rise took place, and the result was to bring the quotation up to  $4\ 54$  for demand; the low was  $4\ 52$ , while cable transfers ranged between  $4\ 52\frac{1}{4}$ @ $4\ 54\frac{1}{4}$ , and sixty days at  $4\ 49\frac{7}{8}$ @ $4\ 51\frac{7}{8}$ ; higher London cables and light offerings, also a more active demand for sterling incidental to holiday trade requirements, were mainly responsible for the strength. The upward movement attained further momentum on Tuesday when demand advanced to  $4\ 53\frac{3}{8}$ @ $4\ 55\ 1-16$ , cable transfers to  $4\ 53\frac{5}{8}$ @ $4\ 55\ 5-16$ , and sixty days to  $4\ 51\frac{1}{4}$ @ $4\ 52\ 15-16$ . On Wednesday the same general factors were at work and sterling rates reached another new high record, with the range  $4\ 55\frac{1}{8}$ @ $4\ 56\frac{5}{8}$  for demand,  $4\ 56\frac{1}{8}$ @ $4\ 56\frac{7}{8}$  for cable transfers and  $4\ 53\frac{3}{4}$ @ $4\ 54\frac{1}{2}$  for sixty days. After early firmness, prices receded slightly on Thursday, so that demand bills ranged at  $4\ 56\frac{3}{8}$ @ $4\ 57\frac{1}{8}$ , cable transfers at  $4\ 56\frac{5}{8}$ @ $4\ 57\frac{5}{8}$ , and sixty days at  $4\ 54\ 1-16$ @ $4\ 54\ 13-16$ . Friday's market was quiet and a trifle easier, with demand at  $4\ 56\ 3-16$ @ $4\ 56\ 15-16$ , cable



transfers at 4 56 7-16@4 57 3-16, and sixty days at 4 54 1-16@4 54 13-16. Closing quotations were 4 54 11-16 for sixty days, 4 56 13-16 for demand and 4 57 1-16 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 56 9-16, sixty days at 4 53 13-16, ninety days at 4 53 7-16, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 54 3-16, and seven-day grain bills at 4 55 13-16. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 56.

The gold movement was resumed this week and the Homeric from Southampton brought \$2,721,000, the Rotterdam from Holland \$42,000 in gold coins, and the Serbino from Alexandria \$731,000 in gold coins. From South American points the following consignments were received: \$19,575 in gold bars, bullion and gold dust on the Ecuador from Colombia; several small shipments of gold and platinum on the Metapan from Colombia, and 60 bars of silver on the Esperanzo from Vera Cruz.

The Continental exchanges failed to participate to any appreciable extent in the improvement noted in sterling and quotations on most of the leading European currencies moved aimlessly, first in one direction, then in the other, without definite trend either way. This was especially noticeable in French and Belgian exchange which hovered between 7.14 and 6.95 for the former and 6.54 and 6.43 for the latter. Reichsmarks remained at or near the figure of 0.01¼, while Austrian kronen are still being held around 0.00014½. A feature of the week was a violent break in Greek exchange which was adversely affected by the militant attitude of the political party now in power. Trading, as has so often been the case in recent weeks, was intermittently active, with the undertone feverish and nervous. This was to some extent due to the unsettlement prevailing at foreign centres, also to the tactics of speculative interests abroad. Locally, operators are still adhering to a policy of extreme caution with reference to the making of new commitments, and the volume of business passing is relatively light. Italian exchange proved an exception in some respects to the general rule and the quotation for lire moved up to 5.04, though dealings in this class of exchange were not particularly extensive and subsequently there was a recession to 4 96½. Cable advices from Italy state that the Fascisti Government is largely responsible for the upward movement, which is said to have been brought about by the elimination of speculation and close supervision of all transactions with a view to fixing the rate. It is felt here, however, that such a course, unless accompanied by actual trade betterment is likely to fail of its purpose, as all other attempts at artificial pegging have proved to be. A hopeful factor, however, is that Italy is not directly concerned in either the outcome of the reparations tangle or the Turkish dispute. Toward the latter part of the week the European political atmosphere gave indications of clearing and intimations were heard of the possibility of an adjustment of affairs concerning the Near East; also that the reparation outlook had improved. France was reported as showing signs of weariness of the continued strife with Germany and a greater willingness to co-operate in an endeavor to arrive at some sort of settlement on the question of unpaid reparations. Denial, officially, on the part of the French Government of any intention of a military invasion of the Ruhr region had a good effect on sentiment, while the fact that

the Allied Premiers are seemingly progressing with their arduous task, was regarded as encouraging. Exchange on the Central European countries remained quiet, without essential change.

The London check rate in Paris finished at 64.40, as against 64.15 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at 7.11½, against 7.08; cable transfers at 7.12½, against 7.09; commercial sight bills at 7.09½, against 7.06, and commercial sixty days at 7.06½, against 7.03 the previous week. Antwerp francs finished at 6.55½ for checks and 6.56½ for cable transfers. This compares with 6.55 and 6.56 last week. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 0.01¼, against 0.01 5-16 a week earlier. Austrian kronen closed at 0.00014½, unchanged. Lire finished the week at 5.02½ for bankers' sight bills and 5.03½ for cable transfers, as contrasted with 4.85½ and 4.86½ the week before. Exchange on Czechoslovakia closed at 3.17½, against 3.18; Bucharest at 0.62½ (unchanged); Poland at 0.00057½, against 0.00059, and Finland at 2.53, against 2.52. Greek drachma slumped to 0.94, a loss of 42 points, but recovered and closed at 1.18 for demand, with cable transfers at 1.23, against 1.36 and 1.41 last week.

In the former neutral exchanges, while trading was not especially active, pronounced strength was shown not only in guilders, but also in Swiss francs and in Scandinavian rates. Dutch currency gained 62 points to 39.87. Swiss francs moved up to 18.97, a gain of 49 points, while Norwegian remittances advanced to 19.01, which is 53 points over last week's close. Lesser advances took place in Swedish, Danish and Spanish exchange. Trading, however, except where selling for German account was in progress, was quiet and featureless.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at 39.77, against 39.49; cable transfers at 39.86, against 39.58; commercial sight bills at 39.72, against 39.44, and commercial sixty days at 39.41, against 39.23 last week. Swiss francs closed the week at 18.83 for bankers' sight bills and 18.85 for cable remittances. A week ago the close was 18.48 and 18.52. Copenhagen checks finished at 20.58 and cable transfers at 20.62, against 20.33 and 20.37. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.94 and cable transfers at 26.98, against 26.93 and 26.97, while checks on Norway finished at 19.01 and cable transfers at 19.05, against 18.48 and 18.52 a week earlier. For Spanish pesetas the close was 15.54 for checks and 15.55 for cable transfers. Last week the final quotation was 15.37 and 15.38.

With regard to South American exchange, a firm tone has been maintained and the check rate on Argentina advanced to 37.65 and cable transfers to 37¾, in comparison with 37.00 and 37¼ a week ago. For Brazil the rate moved up to 12.40 and 12.45, as against 12.25 for checks and 12.50 for cable remittances last week. Chilean exchange finished at 12.20, against 12.25, but Peru advanced to 4 19, against 4 14 last week.

In the Far Eastern exchanges marked strength was shown by Chinese and Indian currencies, the former in sympathy with the advance in sterling, also higher prices for silver, and the latter on an improved trade position. Hong Kong finished at 54½@54¾, against 53¾@54; Shanghai, 72@72¼, against 71@71¾; Yokohama, 48½@49, against 48½@48¾; Manila, 49¾@49¾, against 49¾@50; Singapore,

53½@53¾, against 53@53¼; Bombay, 30½@30¾ (unchanged), and Calcutta, 30½@30¾, against 30¼@30½.

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, DEC. 2 TO DEC. 8, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Nom Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	Dec. 2.	Dec. 4.	Dec. 5.	Dec. 6.	Dec. 7.	Dec. 8.
<b>EUROPE—</b>						
Austria, krone	\$ 0.00014	\$ 0.00014	\$ 0.00014	\$ 0.00014	\$ 0.00014	\$ 0.00014
Belgium, franc	0.0750	0.0650	0.0644	0.0644	0.0649	0.0653
Bulgaria, lev	0.0095	0.00937	0.0093	0.00917	0.00937	0.00953
Czechoslovakia, krona	0.01753	0.01811	0.01878	0.01772	0.01775	0.01744
Denmark, krone	2.042	2.040	2.045	2.051	2.052	2.052
England, pound sterling	4.5271	4.5233	4.5445	4.5628	4.5692	4.5659
Finland, Markka	0.025218	0.025075	0.025075	0.025169	0.025203	0.02525
France, franc	0.0702	0.0702	0.0697	0.0697	0.0705	0.0708
Germany, reichsmark	0.000125	0.000124	0.000121	0.000115	0.000127	0.000124
Greece, drachma	0.141	0.134	0.124	0.108	0.100	0.114
Holland, guilder	3.063	3.099	3.075	3.092	3.094	3.089
Hungary, krona	0.000411	0.000433	0.000433	0.000411	0.000432	0.000435
Italy, lire	0.0488	0.0502	0.0495	0.0495	0.0498	0.0502
Norway, krone	1.836	1.857	1.859	1.883	1.894	1.903
Poland, mark	0.00050	0.00050	0.00050	0.00057	0.00058	0.00058
Portugal, escuda	0.0445	0.040	0.0436	0.0431	0.0432	0.0429
Rumania, lei	0.003203	0.003225	0.003238	0.003256	0.003259	0.003217
Serbia, dinar	0.13323	0.13880	0.14014	0.13405	0.13571	0.13557
Spain, peseta	1.639	1.639	1.643	1.649	1.650	1.652
Sweden, krona	2.097	2.093	2.099	2.099	2.099	2.093
Switzerland, franc	1.877	1.890	1.887	1.884	1.883	1.886
Yugoslavia, franc	0.03406	0.03456	0.03497	0.03360	0.03386	0.03386
<b>ASIA—</b>						
China, Chefoo tael	7.417	7.408	7.450	7.479	7.446	7.408
" Hankow tael	7.495	7.490	7.442	7.471	7.433	7.400
" Shanghai tael	7.130	7.140	7.195	7.207	7.163	7.134
" Tientsin tael	7.407	7.407	7.308	7.329	7.496	7.407
" Hongkong dollar	3.891	3.895	3.879	3.845	3.879	3.859
" Mexican dollar	5.217	5.225	5.267	5.290	5.233	5.231
" Tientsin or Pelyang dollar	5.067	5.032	5.008	5.054	5.004	5.002
" Yuan dollar	5.317	5.308	5.350	5.322	5.338	5.317
India, rupee	3.008	3.006	3.014	3.025	3.023	3.025
Japan, yen	4.859	4.861	4.874	4.879	4.875	4.874
Singapore (S. S.) dollar	5.221	5.196	5.264	5.242	5.279	5.296
<b>NORTH AMERICA—</b>						
Canada, dollar	0.99722	0.99746	0.99874	0.99874	0.99722	0.99950
Cuba, peso	0.99766	0.99138	0.99158	0.99188	0.99438	0.99438
Mexico, peso	4.8575	4.84375	4.8525	4.8375	4.83438	4.8325
Newfoundland, dollar	0.997109	0.997544	0.997305	0.997188	0.997188	0.99875
<b>SOUTH AMERICA—</b>						
Argentina, peso (gold)	8.431	8.466	8.507	8.519	8.518	8.514
Brazil, milreals	1.199	1.194	1.198	1.210	1.218	1.210
Chile, peso (paper)	1.207	1.201	1.195	1.185	1.189	1.200
Uruguay, peso	8.125	8.104	8.193	8.422	8.385	8.412

The New York Clearing House banks in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$3,463,433 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending Dec. 7. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$5,140,833, while the shipments have reached \$1,677,400, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week ending Dec. 7.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement	\$5,140,833	\$1,677,400	Gain \$3,463,433

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, Dec. 2.	Monday, Dec. 4.	Tuesday, Dec. 5.	Wednesday, Dec. 6.	Thursday, Dec. 7.	Friday, Dec. 8.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 20,000,000	\$ 63,000,000	\$ 65,000,000	\$ 48,000,000	\$ 61,000,000	\$ 46,000,000	Cr. 375,000,000

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 in 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—	Dec. 7 1922.			Dec. 8 1921.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	127,446,768	—	127,446,768	128,433,576	—	128,433,576
France	145,457,511	11,520,000	156,977,511	143,029,304	11,180,000	154,189,304
Germany	50,110,830	7,063,950	57,174,780	49,884,900	649,750	50,334,650
Aust-Hun.	10,944,000	2,389,000	13,333,000	10,944,000	2,389,000	13,333,000
Spain	100,945,000	25,908,000	126,853,000	100,351,000	25,105,000	125,456,000
Italy	35,002,000	3,039,000	38,041,000	33,769,000	2,969,000	36,738,000
Netherl'd.	48,483,000	630,000	49,113,000	50,497,000	418,000	50,915,000
Nat. Belg.	10,664,000	2,067,000	12,731,000	10,663,000	1,000,000	12,233,000
Switzerl'd.	21,252,000	4,540,000	25,792,000	21,801,000	4,961,000	26,762,000
Sweden	15,224,000	—	15,224,000	15,281,000	—	15,281,000
Denmark	12,683,000	251,000	12,934,000	12,685,000	188,000	12,873,000
Norway	8,188,000	—	8,188,000	8,115,000	—	8,115,000
Total week	886,398,109	57,407,950	943,806,059	885,253,870	49,419,750	934,673,624
Prev. week	886,329,513	57,430,550	943,760,063	885,173,824	49,675,550	934,849,374

\* a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £75,918,682 held abroad.

THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET MESSAGE.

The message of the President of the United States in transmitting the annual Budget to Congress is a unique document. It marks the first occasion in our financial history when the President made a review and an analysis of the financial condition of the Government. Last year, when the first Federal Budget was transmitted to Congress, he did not send a formal Budget message, but sent the report of General Dawes, the first Director of the Budget. This act of grace on the part of the President was fit and proper because the first report of General Dawes was in itself a monumental document completely filling any need for a Budget message. The budget system now, however, has reached a condition of normal operation, and henceforth each year the country will look with great interest to the exposition of the financial program of the Government by the President.

While the message of the President is brief, it strikes some high points of national finance of absorbing interest. For example, new estimates of receipts and expenditures for the current fiscal year were given out by the President, which indicate a prospective deficit of \$274,000,000. This is a great reduction from the estimated deficit based upon figures available last July, which was \$697,000,000. The decrease in the estimated expenditures for 1923 is attributed by the President to continued pressure for economies, and the increase in the estimate of receipts to the increase in the receipts of customs revenues under the new tariff and to the stimulation in the collection of ordinary receipts. It is well known that the Government is making every endeavor to dispose of its surplus property through cash sales. From efforts of this kind it is expected to bring into the Treasury larger sums of money from miscellaneous receipts than was apparent when the estimate was made last July. A prospective deficit of \$274,000,000 is, however, in itself a rather serious matter, but the President expresses the hope that the conditions upon which these Dec. 1 estimates were made would change for the better later on in the fiscal year.

The above figures do not take into account such increases as may be made in current expenditures due to appropriations by Congress outside of the Budget. For example, on Dec. 4, the very first day of the regular session, the House approved the so-called Bursom Pension Bill, which passed the Senate last summer. This alone, it appears to be now estimated, will cause an expenditure of nearly \$50,000,000 before July 1 next.

Coming to the Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30 1924, the President gives the total receipts, excluding the postal service, at \$3,362,000,000, and the estimated expenditures at \$3,181,000,000, thus showing a prospective surplus at the close of the next fiscal year of \$181,000,000. This is a most encouraging prospect.



The President shows that the estimates of appropriations requested for 1924 in the Budget are actually less than the current appropriations for the fiscal year 1923. This in itself is an unusual circumstance. Under ordinary conditions, in pre-Budget days, the estimates of appropriations habitually exceeded the current appropriations by considerable sums. That they are less in the current Budget is due to the fact that every item in the estimates was scrutinized by the Bureau of the Budget and by the President, and the sums cut down to the minimum needs of the departments and establishments.

Another unusual feature of this message is that the President discusses the whole field of national finance from a functional point of view. Taking the estimates of appropriations, he shows that the military functions of the Government, including national defense and military pensions, etc., require an expenditure of about 33% of the entire Budget, whereas all of the civil functions of the Government require about 27%. This latter item includes the Postal Service, which requires about 15% and which is almost self-supporting. About 37% goes to pay the interest on the public debt and the retirement of the public debt. There is much food for thought in this analysis.

In discussing the retrenchment policy of the Government since June 30 1919, the President shows successive reductions in expenditures from \$6,403,000,000 for the fiscal year 1920, to \$5,538,000,000 for the fiscal year 1921, to \$3,795,000,000 for the fiscal year 1922, to an estimate of \$3,704,000,000 for the fiscal year 1923, and to \$3,181,000,000 for the fiscal year 1924. These figures show large and progressive reductions from the peak of the war expenditures which occurred during the fiscal year 1919.

The President then asks this question: "Can there be a reasonable expectation for further considerable reductions in Governmental expenditures in the near future?" Realizing the great importance of this question and the manifest public interest in the answer to it, the President showed that there were fixed charges against the Government of about \$2,000,000,000 per year over which he had no administrative control, and that further reductions, if any, must be made out of the remaining \$1,000,000,000. This question naturally leads to an appraisal of the Federal services which are supported out of this sum. The President apparently assumed that the Army and Navy had reached a minimum of expenditure for the purposes of national defense, and could not be further reduced. He did, however, point to the rapidly broadening field of Governmental expenditure to meet popular demands for Federal aid and Federal services of various kinds, which we have not in the past considered as fundamental to the operation of the Federal Government. While he did not specify particular items of expenditure in this class, he assumed that Congress and the country were sufficiently familiar with these new developments to grasp the significance of his utterances.

The President has no alternative but to execute and administer the laws enacted by Congress, and in making appropriations that body very often divests him of authority to curtail them. Having reduced expenditures to the minimum consistent with the operation of the Federal organization under existing laws, no further considerable reductions can be made, indicates the President, and no further relief given to the taxpayer through reduced rates of tax-

tion, unless Congress takes action to withdraw the Federal Government from a large number of services which have within recent years been imposed upon it. It has been estimated that at least \$150,000,000 a year could be saved to the taxpayers through such withdrawals without in any way impairing the fabric of the Federal establishment. It is our opinion, too, that military and naval expenditures can be further reduced. At all events, *some* way of making additional drastic reductions in the outlays must be found, for the burden of taxation as it now exists cannot be long endured. It is destructive to business and to individual effort alike. But the power to do this rests with Congress, and hence appeal must be to that body rather than to the Executive. Why would it not be a good idea for the suffering taxpayers in different localities to get together and bring pressure to bear upon their respective Congressmen, in much the same way as labor organizations are doing, giving these Congressmen plainly to understand that unless they heed the imperative demand for lower taxes their political lives will be in danger.

#### THE ATTACK UPON ATTORNEY-GENERAL DAUGHERTY.

The movement to impeach Attorney-General Daugherty, begun directly after he obtained his sweeping injunction against the railway strikers, has progressed far enough to be now before the House Judiciary Committee, of which Mr. Volstead, a man very well known by name and one of those defeated in November, is the head. The Federal Constitution says little about impeachment. The power to institute such a procedure is solely with the House, and the trial thereof solely with the Senate; conviction can be only with the concurrence of "two-thirds of the members present," and when the President is on trial the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall preside. The President, "and all civil officers of the United States," shall be removed from office on impeachment for and conviction of "treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors." The judgment shall not in any case extend beyond "removal from office and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust, or profit under the United States"; but the convicted party shall nevertheless be liable and subject to indictment, trial, and punishment, "according to law."

This is all there is upon the subject. The first case of impeachment in our history was as early as 1797, when a Tennessee Senator was accused of conspiring towards a war with Spain in favor of Great Britain; he resigned his seat, and the case was dismissed for lack of jurisdiction. In 1803 a Federal District Court judge was charged with drunkenness and disregard of law, and was convicted by a vote of 19 to 7. In 1804 Justice Samuel Chase of the Supreme Court was accused of misconduct at sundry trials, and was acquitted by votes varying somewhat on the several counts, but heavily in his favor. In 1830 Judge Peck, of a Federal District Court, was impeached on the singular charge of "tyrannous treatment of counsel"; the vote was 21 to convict and 23 to acquit. In 1862 a Federal District Court judge was charged with supporting secession and was convicted by 32 to 4. In 1868 was the notable impeachment of President Johnson, accused of corrupt use of the veto and various infractions of law; the vote was 35 to convict and 19 to acquit, the prosecution failing by a single vote. In 1876 Secretary of War Belknap was accused of tak-

ing bribes, and was acquitted by 5 to 25. In 1905 a Federal District Court judge was accused of misconduct in office and was acquitted; the vote was 55 to convict and 37 to acquit, the necessary two-thirds not being obtained. In 1914 another District judge was impeached, but the proceeding was abandoned. Nearly two years ago, a resolution of impeachment of Judge Landis for accepting the lucrative offer of dictator of the "national game" was offered, but the attempt perished in committee.

Partisan and personal bitterness and quarrels have, of course, led to many threats of impeachment. Congressman Keller of Minnesota, who has now taken the role of prosecutor in the case of the Attorney-General, declares himself prepared to prove "serious misconduct in office, highly prejudicial to the public interest, grave abuse of constitutional powers," and so on, no less than "fourteen particulars" being named. One charge is that of fraud and deceit upon Mr. Taft in the Morse case during his Presidential term, and Mr. Taft is to be called from the bench of the Supreme Court as a witness, though the power to do this may well be doubted; Mr. Wickersham is also named as a witness, and (naturally and inevitably) Mr. Gompers. Such accusations as refusal to prosecute war grafters, appointing unworthy men to positions, willful diversion of public funds in employing men to shadow Congressmen who had criticised his conduct, "perversions of the processes of justice" on behalf of certain corporations, dismissing faithful employees and retaining some who had been proved guilty of accepting fees for representing others under charge of violations of statute, and continued submission to corporations and persons of great wealth and power—these form eight of the fourteen charges against Mr. Daugherty, and may be gathered together as a single charge. Prove these, and Mr. Daugherty stands as corrupt and unfit; but the proof is yet to be brought, and the presumption lies heavily against its existence.

The other charges are three of omission, and one of commission. The acts of omission are said to be "continued and deliberate refusal to prosecute" cases of violations of the anti-trust laws urged by the Trade Commission, this being "a willful and deliberate attempt to destroy the efforts and activities" of that very active body; also "willful and deliberate failure to enforce" statutes for the protection of travelers by rail; also a like refusal to prosecute violations of the anti-trust laws brought out by certain legislative committee investigations in this State concerning housing. Now comes the single positive charge in this bunch:

"7. The perversion of the legal process of the United States for the purpose of instituting action for which there was no justification and the demanding against individuals processes of court subversive of the rights of freedom of the press and peaceful assembly assured by the Constitution and laws of the United States."

That is to say, the "injunction," and at this stage of the trial Mr. Gompers and Mr. Jewell will please take the witness stand.

The charges of corruption are sufficient, if even one of them is established by positive evidence. As for those above classed as "negative," they amount to this: that Mr. Daugherty has not done, as prosecuting officer, what certain persons say they think he should have done. Here is a field of accusation and blarney as wide as an ocean, and there is not a civil

officer, in any country or any time, who is not open to impeachment for having failed to do what, in the opinion of *some* persons, he should have done. The "injunction" charge, however, is the crux of the proceeding. Upon the wisdom, the timeliness, and the practical value of that particular intervention opinions may reasonably differ; but it is hard to see how there can be a violation of law in either asking or granting an order forbidding violations of law, nor does the fact that a particular injunction is very displeasing to certain persons to whom injunction processes are known to be anathema make such action violative of official duty. Precisely what constitutes "treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors" the Constitution does not state. The document does, however, distinctly and exclusively define treason. Bribery needs no explanation. As for misdemeanors of a "high" order, any proven violation of the penal statutes or any one of many possible acts or speech which no statute can attempt to enumerate in detail yet are "disorderly conduct" might be deemed a punishable offense; but to have bitterly angered Mr. Gompers and his following is not a malfeasance in office.

This proceeding, which it is hardly supposable can succeed in the Senate, even if it can command a vote in the House, is to be accepted as one more instance of the rancorous excesses of the time. It is also in line with the "recall" folly, which would have judges and executive officers act, figuratively speaking, with a noose about their necks, whereby to jerk them off and out as soon as any action might displease. Such a popular spasm has not the sense to perceive that a pliant judge or executive officer could be of service to selfish and crooked persons and causes, but to no others.

#### LIGHT FROM THE TREND OF HISTORY.

In the prevalent confusion, economic, financial and political, guidance can from no source be more confidently sought than from the trend of History. This task is undertaken in a book just from the press of Macmillan, dealing with the origins of 20th century problems.\*

It marks the change in the modern conception of history. The record of events or the deeds and aims of great captains give place in importance to the story of the life of mankind. History would discover and trace the main factors which may be the causes of existing conditions. By weaving these into a unity a trend is disclosed which like a stream, little influenced by what it carries on its surface, pursues its determined course.

Our author seeks in this trend the clue for estimating the forces which count, and for passing by those which have proved negligible. He points out that western civilization arose out of the fall of great empires, and has experienced many disturbances and upheavals. It faces a distinctly new epoch to-day. If we are to understand the course of events we shall have to start with such ruling ideas as the conception of the State, and the Genesis of Constitutional Government; and then note the Rise of Public Opinion, the Idea of Nationalism, and its Spread, the Appearance of the Middle Class and its Triumph, the Awakening of Germany with her new Doctrine of the State, and all the powerful movements, political, social and economic, which have sprung into action to create the world situation to-day.

\*The Trend of History: William K. Wallace; Macmillan.



To trace this complex movement and to estimate the influences that are combined in creating the existing situation would seem to require volumes. A good outline of it is furnished in the modest book before us. The various phases of the movement are treated in separate chapters and the progress is made plain. The development of the State which underlies the whole may be followed from the early theistic conception through the different forms of Constitutional Government, the Nation-State, Imperialism, the State as Power, to the Super-State. The varied influences in shaping this development excited by American Independence, the French Revolution, the New Nationalism, the spread of Suffrage, and the Great War, would be interesting to take up in detail. We must, however, content ourselves with one or two less known forces.

The freeing of the individual conscience, of the Church, and of the State, followed one another from the Protestant Reformation into the 18th century, when the conception of human liberty and progress arose and prepared the way for the recognition of the Individual, which became the possession and inspiration of the 19th century. At this point our author places the appearance of the "Middle Class Mind."

We recognize at once a new fact. The Middle Class Mind was not known before to exist. The 18th century, for instance, has no superior for the strength and intelligence of its leading minds. The philosophers of England, the poets and writers of France, the thinkers and men of science of both countries, were numerous and eminent, but they thought for their own world and spoke to it. Now a new task appeared and at once became commanding. The Middle Class Mind had to be educated and taught to know itself. This became the task of the 19th century. Nationalism and Patriotism were as yet unknown. The common bond of mankind became the thought uppermost in men's minds. Leagues to establish perpetual peace were universal. Following Kant and Rousseau philosophers sought to frame a system of government that would work everywhere and for all classes, and would insure to all their lawful heritage of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The Middle Class Mind offered "the golden mean for the Golden Rule of life," and there was no conception of a different mentality existing in other classes of society. Nothing was extravagant or unreasonable in programs of reform offered for the Middle Class manner and view of life. Simplicity was to prevail everywhere, with a benign complacency; and men did not hesitate to propose all manner of questions, for which satisfactory answers were promptly supplied, and to announce broad generalities for which sure acceptance waited in the world of their own class. A "return to nature" was to be the cure-all, *Laissez faire* was the new doctrine of freedom, and Constitutional Government was the contribution of the Middle Class in full confidence of their ability to manage the State. It mattered little that the men who formulated political and economic doctrines for the adoption and use of the community were leading recluse lives, and believed that abstract reason was all that was necessary to solve the riddle of the universe.

We have here, then, the origin of the conditions which confront us to-day. The ideas, the methods and the forces of a century ago find now a wider hearing and consequently face new and more difficult problems. The Middle Class Mind cannot be ig-

nored; it is still so important that diplomats, Representatives, even Presidents, "keep their ears to the ground," in order to know what to do.

With this clue our author gives us in rapid succession the story of the Revolutions, the Restorations, and the Aftermath of new ideas and schools of thought, which led in the Awakening of Germany, the birth of Communism and the New Nationalism, which characterize the first half of the 19th century.

Events moved rapidly. Europe was reaching political maturity. The Second Empire in France, the expansion of British rule, the Realpolitik of Germany marked the rapidity and effect of movements which offered large opportunity for the influence and dominance of individuals. Karl Marx, Louis Napoleon, Bismarck, and prominent Englishmen, Cobden, Gladstone, Disraeli, were destined to stamp their impress upon the succeeding decades and to leave more or less enduring results. Imperialism as an immediate power arose. Capitalism was still outwardly under the control of the Middle Class, to whom Imperialism merely appeared as the expansion of Nationalism. The Proletariat, which was now beginning to assert its rights, also accepted it as a desirable form of expansion. The contest between Gladstone, representing the upper Middle Class party, and Disraeli as representing the aristocracy, was with him also taking advantage of the Proletariat as a new political party.

With the unchecked development of individualism under the dominance of Middle Class rule and the *Laissez faire* policy, the State became subservient. The Aristocracy and the Proletariat, extremes socially, proved to be for the hour nearer together than either was to the Middle Class. They both believe in power, and understand obedience. They disparage the nicely balanced liberalism and sufficiency of the Middle Class policy which in secular affairs had reduced the State to a man-made device for individual benefit with the consequent belief that political equality compensates for whatever social or economic inequality exists.

While the Middle Class introduced the idea of perfectability and progress, and advocated a liberalism which developed large social irresponsibility, it sought to destroy the last vestiges of the aristocratic regime with all hereditary rights, removing even from the family its derivation from God. This with its reliance upon its system of checks and balances in the State, and its retaining many of the symbols of aristocracy in connection with its own increasing prosperity, sufficed to make possible the great political changes which mark the closing period of the 19th century and those which now are upon us.

When Disraeli came into power it was possible for him to reverse British policy. He proclaimed and inaugurated the Empire, put through the purchase of a controlling interest in the Suez Canal and sided with the Turks against Russian domination in the Balkans. Middle Class policy, at least for the time, disappeared in Britain.

On the Continent Bismarck in even more definite form played class against class and interest against interest until power lay in his hand. Democracy, Individualism, and the Middle Class disappeared. The Kaiser impersonated the State, and the all-powerful rule of the Prime Minister, the Kaiser's appointee, made it possible for William II to proclaim himself the vice-gerent of God. The rule of the State ex-

pressed in his decrees superseded in the minds of the people, the commands of God.

The last stage of the development of political theory was reached. Power centred in the State represented by a strong man became the accepted conception. The sword is the arbiter of right, and man loses his moral bearings. Bismarck and Karl Marx, standing at the antipodes of the new social movement were ready to use the same weapons. Bismarck, having them at hand, was able to control and direct the social and political evolution of a great nation. Marx, lacking the power, could only preach revolution.

It was left for us to see Lenin and Trotzky and now Mussolini, originally Socialists of the fiercest kind, to-day throwing overboard Socialism and denouncing Democracy, establishing themselves and the form of government they consent for the hour to use, on their individual and irresponsible will.

To Bismarck is awarded this distinction by a recent German author: "He embodied in himself the conception of the State as freed from all moral law; he adopted this view and practised it in dead earnest; while the others only played with it."

We see the result in the devastation of Europe and the uprooting of civilization by the Great War. It may yet be found that Bismarck and his imitators have unconsciously helped where they seem to have only destroyed. He failed to see that man must not only obey; he must believe. Not *bios*, but *theos*, not life, but God, is necessary to complete humanity's development.

It may be that the breaking of old traditions and national exclusiveness, and social self-sufficiency, may now give place to a truer humanity, an international intercourse and mutual respect which will make possible the re-establishing of the civil control of the State, and the genuine democracy of freedom founded on law which our fathers contemplated but we were fast losing.

## Current Events and Discussions

### WEEKLY RETURNS OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

Further increases of \$54,800,000 in discounted paper of \$7,600,000 in acceptances purchased in open market and of \$7,400,000 in United States security holdings are shown in the Federal Reserve Board's consolidated weekly bank statement issued as at close of business on Dec. 6 1922, and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined. Corresponding changes at the New York Reserve Bank include an increase of \$71,000,000 in discounted paper of \$2,500,000 in acceptances and of \$5,800,000 in Government securities. Deposit liabilities of the Reserve banks increased by \$49,900,000 and Federal Reserve note circulation by \$31,400,000. As against these increases, cash reserves show a reduction of \$29,800,000, with the consequence that the reserve ratio shows a decline for the week from 76.4 to 74.3%. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Gold withdrawals from the system totaled \$27,100,000. In addition considerable shifting of gold through the settlement fund took place, affecting primarily the gold reserves of the New York Reserve Bank, which show a decrease for the week of \$61,700,000. Smaller decreases, aggregating \$8,800,000, are shown for the Chicago, Dallas and Kansas City banks. The largest increase in gold reserves, by \$13,500,000, is reported by the Boston bank, Atlanta and Minneapolis, with increases of \$6,900,000 each, and San Francisco, with an increase of \$6,600,000, following next in order. Smaller increases in gold reserves, totaling \$9,600,000, are shown for the four remaining banks.

Holdings of paper secured by Government obligations increased from \$315,300,000 to \$374,400,000. Of the total held last Wednesday, \$203,000,000, or 54.2%, were secured by U. S. bonds, \$5,200,000, or 1.4%, by Victory notes, \$156,200,000, or 41.7%, by Treasury notes and about \$10,000,000, or 2.7%, by Treasury certificates, compared with \$207,700,000, \$6,000,000, \$91,700,000 and \$9,900,000 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 2558 and 2559. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities

of the Reserve banks on Dec. 6 1922, as compared with a week and a year ago, follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)	
	Nov. 29 1922.	Dec. 7 1921.
Total reserves	\$29,800,000	\$182,300,000
Gold reserves	27,100,000	194,800,000
Total earning assets	69,800,000	171,500,000
Discounted bills, total	54,800,000	465,700,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	59,100,000	85,200,000
Other bills discounted	4,300,000	382,500,000
Purchased bills	7,600,000	185,000,000
United States securities, total	7,400,000	109,400,000
Bonds and notes	7,100,000	134,700,000
Pittman certificates	2,000,000	103,000,000
Other Treasury certificates	2,300,000	77,700,000
Total deposits	49,900,000	191,800,000
Members reserve deposits	36,000,000	203,200,000
Government deposits	13,500,000	5,400,000
Other deposits	400,000	6,000,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation	31,400,000	12,100,000
F. R. Bank notes in circulation, net liability	1,600,000	57,800,000

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

Increases of both loans and investments, aggregating \$29,000,000 and \$14,000,000 respectively, are shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly statement of condition on Nov. 29 of 784 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. All classes of loans show larger totals than the week before, the largest increase, by \$17,000,000, appearing under the head of loans secured by stocks and bonds. Among investments the largest increase, by \$14,000,000, is shown for United States bonds. There has been practically a steady increase in this item since October of the past year from about \$880,000,000 to \$1,511,000,000 as the result of open market purchases by the member banks and, more recently, of subscriptions to newly issued Treasury bonds. Other Government securities show a reduction of \$3,000,000 for the week, offset by an equal increase in the holdings of corporate and other securities. Member banks in New York City report an increase of \$38,000,000 in loans secured by stocks and bonds, offset in part by a reduction of \$16,000,000 in other loans, and an increase of \$10,000,000 in U. S. bonds, almost fully offset by reductions in the holdings of other Government and corporate securities.

Borrowings of the reporting institutions from the Federal Reserve banks advanced from \$360,000,000 to \$382,000,000, or from 2.3 to 2.4% of their aggregate loans and investments. Member banks in New York City, on the other hand, report a reduction from \$113,000,000 to \$80,000,000 in their borrowings from the local Reserve bank and from 2.3 to 1.6% in the ratio of these borrowings to combined loans and investments.

As against an increase of \$55,000,000 in net demand deposits, time deposits show a reduction of \$11,000,000 and Government deposits a nominal decline. For member banks in New York City an increase of \$58,000,000 in demand deposits and a decrease of \$15,000,000 in time deposits are noted.

Total reserve balance of the reporting banks decreased by \$20,000,000, and those of the New York City members by \$35,000,000. Total cash in vault fell off \$8,000,000, though the New York City banks report an increase of \$1,000,000 under this head. On a subsequent page—that is, on page 2559—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	
	Nov. 22 1922.	Nov. 30 1921.
Loans and discounts—total	\$29,000,000	\$116,000,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	8,000,000	212,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds	17,000,000	562,000,000
All other	4,000,000	466,000,000
Investments, total	14,000,000	1,113,000,000
U. S. bonds	14,000,000	599,000,000
Victory notes	2,000,000	122,000,000
U. S. Treasury notes	6,000,000	529,000,000
Treasury certificates	1,000,000	91,000,000
Other stocks and bonds	3,000,000	198,000,000
Reserve balances with F. R. banks	20,000,000	88,000,000
Cash in vault	8,000,000	10,000,000
Government deposits	1,000,000	42,000,000
Net demand deposits	55,000,000	824,000,000
Time deposits	11,000,000	650,000,000
Total accommodation at F. R. banks	22,000,000	301,000,000

### J. P. MORGAN RETURNS FROM ABROAD.

After a six months' trip abroad, J. P. Morgan returned to the United States on the White Star liner Adriatic, reaching here last Saturday, Dec. 3. Mr. Morgan sailed for Europe on May 13 last, the trip being the longest of any made by him to the continent. Mr. Morgan participated in the international conference on the subject of a German loan, and a part of his time was spent in England and Scotland. No statement regarding his trip has been given out, and we



take the following account of what he had to say with his return, as reported by the New York "Times":

When asked by the reporters coming up the bay whether he had anything to say about the floating of a large international loan to Germany, the banker replied that he had not. The newspapers had printed all the news for him.

"Are conditions better or worse in Europe than they were on your previous visit in 1921?"

"I do not wish to say anything," said Mr. Morgan. "In my opinion it is better not to talk about European affairs. Talking does not do any good. I may give out a statement at my office later, after I have discussed matters with my partners."

#### Denies Reports of Illness.

"What about your illness in London?"

"I have never been better in my life," he replied. "I did not even have a cold."

"The cable reports said that your illness was mysterious."

"Yes, it was. So mysterious in fact," said the banker with a smile, "that I did not know anything about it until I walked into our London office and was informed that I had died the previous night. This surprised me, but as I felt that it was somewhat exaggerated, I was not very much alarmed at the report. I would like to know how such a statement came to be circulated."

Mr. Morgan said that he was glad to get back. He had enjoyed his trip to Rome, as he had not visited the Italian capital for many years. He was in the city when the Fascists entered and made their demonstration and was impressed by their bearing.

### GREAT BRITAIN DEBT TO U. S.—CHANCELLOR BALDWIN TO NEGOTIATE ON DEBT FUNDING.

The British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Stanley Baldwin, replying on Nov. 30 to a question in the House of Commons gave the particulars as to the amount owed by Great Britain to the United States and stated that, since last April, \$30,500,000 of the principal of the debt had been repaid in addition to \$101,500,000, mainly for interest.

The Associated Press in London advises Nov. 30 reported the Chancellor as having added that it remained to be settled whether any part of the \$50,000,000 paid on Nov. 15 was to be regarded as applying on the principal.

The Chancellor, according to Associated Press accounts, Nov. 29, will come to the United States on his debt-funding mission unhampered by instructions from the Government. Premier Bonar Law is said to have stated in the House of Commons. Replying to a question as to whether such instructions had been framed, the Prime Minister replied:

I think it would be inadvisable in negotiations of this kind that the hands of the responsible Minister should be tied by such instructions.

On Nov. 1 Chancellor Baldwin declared that his first duty would be to settle the debt to the United States. He made this announcement in a speech at Cardiff, when he alluded also to the necessity of a prompt settlement of the reparations problem. Regarding the amount owing the United States, he said:

It is a heavy debt, but we have told America that we are responsible for it to the last penny, and we are going to pay it.

The Chancellor advocated continuance of close co-operation with Britain's war-time allies, France and Italy, and co-operation as far as possible hand in hand with America.

### GERMANY WILL SUGGEST \$5,000,000,000 DOMESTIC LOAN AT PREMIERS CONFERENCE.

With the coming together of the Allied Premiers at London to-day (Dec. 9) to take up the question of German reparations and inter-Allied debts, the German Government, it is stated, will present Premier with definite and positive new proposals for a final settlement. The New York "Evening Post" of last night printed a cablegram from Berlin to this effect (copyrighted by the "Public Ledger Co.") The cablegram said further:

The Cabinet is now working on a communication which it hopes to submit during the London Conference.

The Premiers will be informed, according to present plans, that if the Entente accepts the conditions of the note of Nov. 13 for a moratorium and reduction of German indebtedness to a bearable figure Germany will undertake to float a domestic gold loan guaranteed by German industry and big business without conditioning it absolutely as in former proposals upon the simultaneous grant of an outside loan to Germany.

The figure which is mentioned in Government conversations for a domestic loan is \$5,000,000,000. The Cabinet hopes for, but according to present intentions will not demand, a foreign loan of corresponding size the interest upon which it proposes to meet from the proceeds of a domestic loan until German solvency is re-established.

The balance of the domestic loan in that case will be applied to stabilizing the mark and clearing house payments of pre-war business indebtedness with the foreign loan proceeds available as reparations.

The Government will declare its flat inability to pay France a single cent either in cash or kind so long as it has only paper marks for payment.

The \$5,000,000,000 is mentioned in Cabinet circles as a proper amount at which the Allies should fix the total future reparations indebtedness.

### MONEY VERY DEAR ON GERMAN MARKET—PRIVATE BANKS STILL GET 20% THROUGH FEES AND COMMISSIONS.

The following advices were reported by the New York "Times" Dec. 4 in a copyright cablegram from Berlin:

Money was somewhat more plentiful on the German markets last week, but rates continued high. Nominally, day-to-day money is 8½% to 10% on security of Treasury bills and 11% on stock collateral, but the real rates, including a variety of commissions and fees, continue to rule as high as 20%.

A further rise in the Reichsbank rate from the present 10% figure may come any day. It is not believed in the market that it will have any effect, that prediction being based on the failure of past advances in the bank rate to affect the open market. This impression is further confirmed by the Reichsbank's report for Nov. 23, published last week, which for the first time on record showed a much larger increase in discounts of private bills than in discounts of Treasury bills.

Whereas rediscounts on Treasury collateral amounted in the statement to 14,000,000,000 marks, rediscounts on private collateral reached 34,000,000,000, to which, moreover, must be added 30,000,000,000 increase during the week in the Reichsbank's holdings of loan bureau notes, which represent advances on bonds, stocks and goods.

Inflation of the currency, to which 61,000,000,000 marks were added in that week, shows no sign whatever of slackening. The forthcoming report for the closing week of November will in all probability give a new record of paper money issues.

### PAPER MARKS IN GER MARY NEARING TRILLION—PRINTED 110,300,000,000 LAST WEEK.

An Associated Press cablegram from Berlin Dec. 6 said:

A trillion paper marks by Dec. 31 is the prospect held out by the German money presses, whose latest six-day race has resulted in an addition of 110,300,000,000 marks to the nation's already swollen paper flood, this during the last week in November.

The figures are shown by the latest report of the Reichsbank, which gives the total notes in circulation up to the end of November as 754,000,000,000 marks.

The Reichsbank's weekly returns have continued to show an almost pyrotechnic, progressive increase in the nation's currency inflation since September, when the weekly increase was only 14,230,000,000. The amount of the loan bank certificates, which technically also are rated as circulation media, continues to show a steady rise. The certificates now number 77,800,000,000, as against 10,500,000,000 a year ago.

Financial experts continue to evince curiosity over the Reichsbank's further ability to meet the unusual drain on its resources for the nationwide credit demand. Its vaults already hold more than one-half the amount of the bills of exchange and checks, being 246,950,000,000 marks, where its holdings two months ago were only one-fifth of their total.

The situation in respect to discount and Treasury bills has become even more pronounced, and while this form of the circulating media formerly was chiefly held by private banks and industrial and commercial establishments, the great demand for credit has prompted the previous holders to unload this paper on the Reichsbank, which now possesses four-fifths of the Treasury bills, 672,225,000,000 marks issued as an offset to the floating debt.

### INCIDENTS OF INFLATION—GERMAN PUBLIC DEBT EXCEEDS ONE TRILLION MARKS.

A copyright cablegram to the New York "Times" from Berlin, dated Dec. 2, had the following to say:

The Federal debt on Nov. 20 passed the thousand-billion mark limit. Of this huge sum, \$6,423,000,000 represented funded debt and the rest floating debt. The gold surcharge on customs for the week beginning Dec. 6 will be 177.900%, or 1.780 times the normal impost.

### ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TREASURY ELIOT WADSWORTH SAYS U. S. WILL NOT CANCEL WAR DEBTS OWED BY ALLIES.

In declaring that the war debts owed by the Allies to this country will not be cancelled by the United States, because it "is not the way out," Eliot Wadsworth, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, in addressing the Academy of Political Science at its annual dinner at the Hotel Astor on Nov. 24 ventured the opinion that a considerable portion of the debts "can and will ultimately be paid, and further, that long before they are paid the credit of at least some of the debtor nations will be re-established, their bonds confidently taken by investors and their currencies stabilized in the exchange markets." Mr. Wadsworth, who is also Secretary of the World War Foreign Debt Commission, said:

Congress created the World War Foreign Debt Commission with complete authority to accept bonds of the debtor nations in exchange for the demand obligations now held and accrued interest thereon. The Commission is ready and anxious to discuss freely and frankly with the debtor nations their problems in connection with these debts. Some negotiations have already been undertaken. It is clearly to the advantage of the world financial situation that this commission should continue with its work with the full co-operation and confidence of the debtor nations.

That the Government has declined to consider cancellation is not a just ground for criticism. It is doubtful whether there is any serious popular opinion in favor of such action, and certainly there is no authority, without an act of Congress. The loans are part of the assets of the people of the United States represented by debts from 19 nations, varying in quality from 100% good to 100% bad. They were made for a variety of purposes—not all for the fighting of the war. It would hardly be wise or reasonable to talk of lumping them together for cancellation without regard to the financial needs or desires of the debtors, with no assurance of the benefits which might accrue to mankind, and with no thought of the future effect of such action upon the value of a nation's bond offered in time of stress as security for cash advances.

The following as to his further remarks is taken from the New York "Tribune" of Nov. 25:

#### Payment Will Not Be Soon.

"As for the very practical question regarding the value of these debts, I am ready to venture the opinion that a considerable portion can and will ultimately be paid, and further, that long before they are paid the credit of at least some of the debtor nations will be re-established, their bonds confidently taken by investors and their currencies stabilized in the exchange markets. This is not looking forward months, but years—a considerable number of

years, perhaps. It is not judging from the present situation or with any plan of readjustment in mind. I am considering the stability and wealth achieved by the peoples of Europe in the past, with a firm conviction that their public opinion will not allow the present chaotic, political and financial conditions to continue indefinitely. If it is not possible to believe this, then we must expect to see a long-drawn-out and disastrous period."

The action of the British in paying \$100,000,000 in the last 30 days on account of interest, Mr. Wadsworth contended, removes from the debate as to the value of the Allied debt over 40% of the total. He took some pains to confound opinions to the effect that the inter-Allied debts are largely responsible for the wide fluctuations in foreign exchange, are killing the foreign trade of this country, and are to blame for the unbalanced European budgets and general chaotic condition of finance. As proof that cancellation would not work a sudden and complete cure for the difficulties under which the world is laboring, Mr. Wadsworth said:

"The total collections by the United States in three and a half years ended last October were less than \$125,000,000, all representing special transactions outside of the war loans. They are briefly as follows:

*Tells of Silver Purchase.*

"Payment of \$17,000,000 as interest and \$61,000,000 of the principal of a loan to Great Britain for the purchase of silver bullion from our Treasury at \$1 an ounce under authority of the Pittman Act. This silver was urgently needed in India. The market quotation was above \$1, with little to be had. An adequate supply could be obtained only by the melting of minted silver dollars, and this was done. It was understood that this transaction was to be treated separately, the total loan of \$122,000,000 to be paid in four annual installments. Great Britain has met her payments on the dot. The pound sterling has meanwhile recovered from \$3 18 in February 1920 to about \$4 46 at present, which is less than 10% below parity. During this time Great Britain has also substantially reduced her indebtedness in the United States by paying off Treasury bills and Government bonds.

"Payment by France of interest on \$400,000,000 of 10-year notes given for surplus property of the A. E. F. This purchase of material was a commercial transaction and no doubt a considerable part of the property acquired has been sold and the proceeds covered into the French Treasury. In total this has required to date \$40,000,000.

"Payment by Belgium of interest on notes given after the armistice for the purchase of supplies, amounting in three years to less than \$5,000,000.

*Debt Transactions Small.*

"This is the sum total of the burden which the Allied debts to the United States has placed upon the exchange markets, which, meanwhile, have handled an export trade of \$20,000,000,000, imports of \$11,000,000,000, enormous invisible items which cannot be measured, and the exchange created by loans to foreign Governments, floated in this country, of over \$2,000,000,000. The relatively small amounts transferred from European treasuries to the United States can hardly be called upon to bear the blame for the fluctuations in foreign currencies as measured in dollars."

**CANADIAN VIEW OF ALLIED DEBT AS PRESENTED BY T. B. MACAULAY.**

A Canadian view of the Allied war debt is embodied in a letter addressed to Bernard Baruch by T. B. Macaulay, President of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, who states that "those who now say that your advances were mere loans would pluck from the brow of your country her crown of glory, by reducing her from a splendid participant to a mere money lender, making claims, the justice of which the rest of the world does not admit. The press bureau of the Assurance Company, makes public the letter as follows:

In view of the necessity of finding a solution to the problem of the Allied debts, the appended letter from a prominent Canadian financier has special value. Bernard Baruch in a letter to Senator Borah dissected the Balfour note, and made important constructive suggestions, which Mr. Macaulay would further develop.

"Dear Mr. Baruch: Canadians have noted with satisfaction the broad-minded views expressed in your widely published letter. We in the Dominion have no direct interest in the Allied debts. We are united by strong friendship, both to the Mother Country and to our neighbor-brother, and can, we think, view the matter impartially. May I briefly discuss the case?"

"You frankly agree that such portions of the Allied loans as were expended for munitions and other fighting purposes, were used for the benefit of all, and that the debt may fairly be reduced to this extent.

"When your country declared war you took your place beside the Allies to prosecute the struggle as a joint enterprise. Your required over a year for preparation, and during that time the Allies gave to the cause one million lives, besides billions of their own money. You could not help with men, but did help financially. The claim now that you were only lending while they were giving is so contrary to all ideas of co-operation and justice, that it will not stand even a moment's investigation. Were your dollars worth more than their lives?"

"During the whole war in actually killed, France lost 2,100,000; Britain 1,500,000; Italy 1,000,000; the United States 50,000; Canada 52,000. In lives there was no equality of sacrifice; must there also be no equality in finance?"

"I need not dwell further on these points, for you admit that money borrowed for military purposes should be deducted from the so-called debts. Coming from the head of the Government Commission which made the advances, this declaration should carry great weight with the American people. Its general acceptance would be a first step towards a fair solution.

"You hold, however, that money applied to purposes not strictly military should be repaid. You also hold that the United States has counter-claims.

"Among non-military items you list food for Britain's civilian population. This food, purchased at inflated prices, was sold much below cost, and the proceeds were at once applied to strictly military purposes. Was it not all therefore, a war expenditure?"

"You also suggest that Britain should have transported American troops without charge. Why? The vessels were private property, and their owners had to be reimbursed. Why should Britain pay for their use while they were transporting American troops? American railways were likewise under Government control. Should they have carried without charge the munitions purchased by the Allied? Britain of course, gladly furnished the naval squadrons that convoyed the transports.

"You may make out a better case on another point. Any amount paid to J. P. Morgan & Co. to cover an over-draft of the British Government on April 6, 1917, is in a different category, as it represents expenditures before the United States became one of the associates.

"But there is another point. Your advances were limited to covering purchases in the United States, which incidentally benefited your own people practically the only exception being for Russia. No other nation imposed

such a restriction. Was this quite in harmony with full co-operation, and with the wealth and dignity of your country? If a broader view might wisely have been taken, and the restriction had not been imposed, Britain would not have had to continue to finance the domestic requirements of her Allies, and would to-day owe your Government nothing, for she would have paid in cash for her own American purchases in cash. It then becomes of no importance for what purpose the money was used, and even the Morgan over-draft drops out of sight.

"There is still another point. These moneys did not leave the United States. They were expended in purchases there at war-time prices. An American writer estimates that apart from the wealth which this brought to individuals, the United States Government itself received back in excess profits and other taxes over \$2,000,000,000, reducing the actual advances by that amount. Should this be ignored?"

"I heartily agree that if there is to be any just settlement all points must be carefully considered, and among these points I would include the question, whether if these debts were collected the United States would have borne a reasonable share of the burdens, particularly for the first year, and also the effect of the limitation of your advances. My own impression is that the maximum amount, if any, which an impartial commission would award as due by Britain, would be the Morgan over-draft of \$400,000,000.

"Mr. Hoover says that the Allies can pay these sums. This has no bearing on the question whether the money is really owing. That a man can pay a claim does not prove that the claim is just.

"The war record of the United States from the time of her entry was a worthy one. Though she could not at once supply men, she did at once take an effective part financially, and when her armies did arrive they won the admiration of the world. Those who now say that your advances were mere loans would pluck from the brow of your country her crown of glory, by reducing her from a splendid participant, during even the first year, to a mere money lender, making claims, the justice of which the rest of the world does not admit.

"I know and admire the American people. I am sure that when they understand the facts they will insist that their financial war record shall be made worthy of their glorious military record."

T. B. MACAULAY, President,  
Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada, Montreal.

**DEFEAT OF PROPOSED CAPITAL LEVY IN SWITZERLAND.**

The defeat of the proposed capital levy in Switzerland by a 7 to 1 vote occurred on Dec. 3, the New York "Times," in a copyright cablegram from Lausanne that date, reporting as follows the failure of the proposal:

The efforts of Swiss Socialists to establish a levy on capital met a stinging defeat in the referendum to-day. The project was defeated by 704,785 to 101,057 votes.

Under the threat of this law, which would have taken a percentage of all fortunes over 80,000 francs, more than five billion francs capital had been taken out of the country, and business had been brought almost to a standstill.

Because of the printers' strike, organized by the Socialists, all newspapers except those in Geneva, printed over the French border, have not been published for three weeks. A strenuous campaign against the proposal had been carried on, however.

Considerable bodies of troops patrolled Lausanne to-day to prevent any disorders by Socialists.

We also quote from the New York "Herald" the following cablegram (copyright) from Lausanne Dec. 3:

Sober Switzerland to-day administered a smashing defeat to the advanced socialistic and communistic principle of confiscation of private property for purposes of the State. In the first referendum ever held in the world on this question, namely, that of a tax on all property worth over \$16,000, the Swiss people rejected the idea by a vote of 7 to 1.

The voting ended this afternoon with all the excitement attending an American election. Crowds thronged the streets in every town in Switzerland to-night to read the return of this battle between the rights of private property and its great enemy, communism.

When the final results were flashed on the screens there was a wild tumult. Bands played and the supporters of property rights marched through the streets with broomsticks, while the Socialists and Communists scurried to their holes. The victory was overwhelming. Not only did the peasants stand firm for the rights of property, as the proposed law would have meant confiscation not only of money but of goods, but the industrial centres like Zurich, over which there was most concern, rolled up unexpected majorities for property rights. Zurich voted 19,847 for and 100,015 against. The total vote in all Switzerland announced to-night was 109,163 for and 724,016 against the proposed law.

It takes 50,000 voters to get a petition before the people, and to make it a law requires a majority of the popular vote as well as a majority in the cantons. Inspired by the present industrial crisis, the communistic elements got through the petition.

The proposed law submitted to the voters would have taxed all fortunes both of goods and money, beginning at 2% on \$16,000 and running up to 60% in the case of fortunes of \$600,000. The holder of such a fortune would have to turn over more than half of it to the State, the money going for old age homes. A great campaign was conducted, mostly through pastors. Only 23,000 people, or .05% of the whole population, would have been affected by the confiscation.

The Associated Press had the following to say in Lausanne cablegrams Dec. 3:

The results of the referendum on the proposed capital levy were received at Lausanne this evening amid great demonstrations. Thousands gathered in the main square and applauded as the returns were thrown on a screen. Although the women had no vote, they were numerous in the demonstration crowds.

General strikes had been threatened in case the capital levy was defeated, but the vote was so decisive that the opinion prevails to-night that the radical labor leaders will advise against such action, which the election has demonstrated, would have comparatively slight popular support.

Returns from strictly farming districts showed that the peasants have been even more strongly against the proposed levy than the urban population. For two weeks gold has not been in circulation in Lausanne, but it is expected that it will be current again to-morrow. Bankers say that the decisive defeat of the measure will mean that capital exported from Switzerland through fear of the tax will be returned.

Reference to the provisions of the proposed law imposing the levy was made in our issue of Nov. 18, page 2206. In citing the object lesson embodied in the proposal, Sir W. Joyn-



son Hicks, Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade, addressed the following letter to the Editor of the London "Times" (published in that paper Nov. 10) :

To the Editor of the "Times" —

Sir—My Department have recently received from the Commercial Secretary at Berne a report on the effects on Swiss finance and industry of the proposal for a levy on capital for the purpose of creating a fund for social insurance. This proposal will shortly become the subject of a referendum to the Swiss people. Having regard to the discussion which is proceeding on the matter in this country, I consider that the facts should be widely known.

The report states that the approach of the date for the decision (Dec. 3) has added to the already existing feeling of insecurity, which, in some instances, and especially with regard to finance, has amounted almost to panic on the Swiss stock exchanges. The losses caused are already very large.

The monthly bulletin of the Swiss Bank Corporation in Zurich states:

The general depressed state of the market and the fear that the Communists' Bill for a general levy on capital might become law when it comes up for referendum on Dec. 3, resulted in the public throwing their shares on the market to an unheard-of extent. Gilt-edged Swiss bonds fell, causing unprecedented losses. From Sept. 25 to Oct. 15 the Bourse index figure fell from 88.61% to 82.36%. First-class bonds fell 6.34%, and industrial shares fell on an average by 7.34%.

The proposal is having a disastrous effect on the loans which are at present being offered to the public. On Oct. 7 the Municipality of Winterthur issued a loan of five millions, at 4½%, the proceeds of which were devoted to buying back a previous 5% loan of Treasury notes, issued in 1919. The public, however, held back and only subscribed 20% of the five millions, with the result that the Municipality will probably have to pay 6% for a temporary loan.

It is reported, further, that there has been a general run on certain workmen's private banks.

Industries in Switzerland have been passing through difficult times, and there is no abundance of capital available. It is generally held that an enforcement of the proposed 10% levy on limited liability companies, in addition to the burdens which they already have to bear, will inevitably lead to the closing down of works and to a very serious increase of unemployment.

I think I have said enough to show that the mere suggestion to impose a capital levy has caused a feeling of apprehension and insecurity to permeate Switzerland, which has already produced serious economic effects. A similar experience in this country, at a time when business, after grave vicissitudes, is gradually struggling back to the normal, could not but be disastrous to our industry and trade.

Yours faithfully,

W. JOYNSON HICKS,

Department of Overseas Trade, 35 Old Queen St. S. W., Nov. 9.

**REDEMPTION OF CANADIAN VICTORY NOTES IN PROGRESS—CONVERSIONS TOTAL \$100,000,000.**

The first of the Canadian Victory bonds to mature are being redeemed by the banks of the Dominion. Approximately \$178,000,000 falls due, and it was stated on Dec. 1 that more than \$100,000,000 has already been converted. According to a Montreal dispatch to the New York "Times" Dec. 1 the Finance Department has also a payment of \$17,000,000 to meet in interest on Victory loans. It is added that last month \$34,000,000 was paid out in interest. Reference to the plans for the conversion of Canadian Victory notes due Dec. 1 was made in these columns Aug. 12 1922, page 705 and Sept. 2, page 1032. The following Canadian Press dispatch from Ottawa appeared in the Toronto Globe of Nov. 21:

In a statement issued this evening, the Department of Finance announces that holders of 1922 Victory bonds, due Dec. 1 can have their bonds paid off in cash at any branch of any chartered bank in Canada. As the total amount of the bond issue maturing on Dec. 1 is \$178,000,000 and conversions totalled over \$100,000,000, cash payments for bonds will be in the neighborhood of \$78,000,000. The statement from the department follows:

"Under their terms, the principal of these bonds is payable only at the Department of Finance, Ottawa, and at the offices of the Assistant Receivers-General at Charlottetown, Halifax, St. John, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary and Victoria.

**Convenient Arrangement.**

"But, in addition, and for the greater convenience of the public, the Minister of Finance has entered into special arrangements with the chartered banks for the payment of the bonds through their branches, without expense to holders.

"In order that holders may receive cash promptly at date of maturity, it will be necessary, when dealing through a bank, to deliver the bonds for examination and listing at least four days prior to Dec. 1. Correspondingly, if bonds are presented to a bank on or after Dec. 1 holders must be prepared to grant a few days for examination and verification before payment is effected. The banks have received full instructions as to the form of endorsement required from holders of registered bonds.

**Misapprehensions Removed.**

"Officials of the Department state that it appears, from inquiries received, that some bondholders have the impression that the principal of the bonds will be sent out by check, automatically, as the interest is in the case of registered bonds. It is pointed out that payment of the principal can be effected only on surrender of the bonds themselves.

"Attention is also directed to the fact that the bonds cease to bear interest on the maturity date. If held thereafter, claims for further interest cannot be entertained."

**SECRETARY OF COMMERCE HOOVER ON COLLECTION OF DEBTS REPUDIATED BY FOREIGN BUYERS.**

Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, in his forthcoming annual report, referring to the administrative work of the Department, will have the following to say respecting the collections of merchant debts abroad:

The general collapse in prices brought great hardship to American exporters in that hundreds of millions of dollars worth of orders and goods

in the course of shipment were repudiated by foreign buyers when the opportunity came for purchase at lower rates. In many instances goods blocked the warehouses of foreign ports, bringing about great difficulties on all sides. The Department brought about the appointment of committees among exporters and various trade associations interested in certain countries and organized a special service to co-operate with these committees in this matter. The foreign representatives of the Department in this co-operative work have participated effectively in securing delivery and settlement in cases amounting to upward of \$120,000,000.

There have also been a few cases of repudiation by American merchants of goods purchased abroad. The Department has interested itself in these matters informally because of the vital necessity to maintain the high repute of American commerce. These cases were in an almost infinitesimal percentage and in practically every case representatives of the Department have secured the acceptance of the goods.

**BELGIUM REBUILDS WITH OWN CASH—\$1,500,000,000 ADVANCED ON GERMANY'S PROMISE TO PAY.**

The following from the New York "Evening Post" of Dec. 2 came in special correspondence to that paper from Paris Nov. 10:

From the armistice to the end of December, 1922, Belgium will have paid for her own reconstruction 16,000,000,000 francs, which at average exchange for that time exceeds \$1,500,000,000 in gold value. This great sum has had to be advanced by the Belgian Government on German promises to pay reparations, according to the Peace Treaty. As in France, in Belgium tax receipts would balance Government expenditures if it were not for the interest which has to be paid on these reconstruction advances.

And this is why Finance Minister Theunis so often repeats: "Belgium is ruined if Germany does not pay." Prime Minister Poinecaré has said the same thing over and over for France.

What results can Belgium show for the expenditure of these billions on the strength of Germany's paying? They are amply sufficient to show that the money has been well applied. Also, being facts, they show that the Keynes theory that Belgium and France are exaggerating the reparations which they ask from Germany is unfounded.

The German invasion of Belgium destroyed 78,000 houses in round figures, and since the armistice 52,000 of these have been rebuilt by Belgium at her own expense. (For few houses which do not come under direct war damages, but are necessary for reconstruction, 1,500 have been built.) Of the public buildings which had been destroyed wholly or in part, 836 have been rebuilt.

**Clearing Debris Expenses.**

These figures have to be multiplied many times over for the North and East of France, but in both countries one great and discouraging part of the rebuilding is too often left unnoticed. This is the clearing of the cellars and ground of the debris of the houses that were destroyed. In many cases it would be easier to dig new foundations and cellars in empty fields. Some of the American projects for engineering the rebuilding of a destroyed city like Rheims demanded more money to be spent for this alone than the French were willing to grant for the entire reconstruction.

Roads and highways were not so completely destroyed in Belgium, where Germany occupation was earlier and lasted longer, as they were generally in France, except for disputed parts of Belgium territory. Even so, the Belgium Government has had to supply the funds for remaking 2,165 kilometres (nearly 1,300 miles) of these necessary means of communication and transport to the same date—March 31 1922. On bridges and locks alone 54,000,000 francs (\$4,000,000) was spent.

In France this task of reconstructing railroads and highways, absolutely essential to the resumption of agriculture and industry, was most disheartening—and it has been the earliest accomplished. This is doubtless because it was exclusively Government work and an indispensable condition of all reconstruction, whereas the rebuilding of houses has had to be carried on in union with the desires and activities of their owners, whose cherished homes they were.

In general, on this whole question of necessary reconstruction of whole territories, which is but a part of the reparations promised by the Peace Treaty, Belgium and France stand and fall together.

This is not always remembered in the propaganda campaign now carried on against the reconstruction and finance of France.

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**BELGIUM EXPELS EXCHANGE GAMBLERS.**

The expulsion of foreigners locating in Belgium for the purpose of dealing in exchange to the disadvantage of the country, is reported as follows in Associated Press cablegrams from Brussels Nov. 29:

Laws cannot stop the fall in exchange nor can exchange be artificially fixed, Premier Theunis told the Senate to-day during an interpellation on the slump of the franc.

He said that the only remedy was to inspire confidence and he condemned the various forms of capital levies.

The Premier announced that several foreigners who came to Belgium to take advantage of the financial agitation they had helped to create had been expelled.

**BIG METAL TRUST IN EUROPE PLANNED BY FRENCH AND GERMAN INTERESTS.**

An Associated Press dispatch from London Dec. 2 said:

Several French industrialists are negotiating with German business men, with the object of establishing a big metal trust in Central Europe under French leadership, says a Central News dispatch from Berlin to-day.

"The leading spirit of the movement," the dispatch says, "is stated to be Eugene Schneider (the French steel magnate), who, having a dominating business power in Italy, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Luxembourg and the Sarre, desires to subdue the operations of the German syndicates. He is said to contemplate a trust surpassing in magnitude even the United States Steel Corporation.

The captains of German industry hope that if the plan succeeds this form of Franco-German co-operation will have an effect on reparations."

**NEW BANKS TO BE FOUNDED IN BULGARIA UNDER AUSPICES OF GOVERNMENT.**

On Nov. 2 advices from Sofia, Bulgaria, stated:

Eventual participation of Swiss, French and Belgian banks in the capitalization of an International Bank of Bulgaria is sought by Minister of

Finance Tourlakoff, who is conferring with bankers of these three countries in Switzerland.

The new bank will be founded under the auspices of the Bulgarian Government, the National Bank of Bulgaria, and the Bulgarian Agricultural Bank, each taking 15,000,000 leva of the capital stock. (A lev normally is worth about 19 cents.) The object of the new institution will be to facilitate Bulgaria's foreign trade.

**OFFERING OF KENTUCKY JOINT STOCK LAND BANK BONDS.**

At 103 and interest, to yield about 4.62% to the redeemable date and 5% thereafter, to redemption or maturity, Harris, Forbes & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and William R. Compton Co. offered yesterday (Dec. 8) \$1,500,000 Kentucky Joint Stock Land Bank (Lexington, Ky.) 5% bonds. The bonds, issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act, are dated Nov. 1 1922 and become due Nov. 1 1952. Interest is payable May 1 and Nov. 1 and principal and interest are payable at the Kentucky Joint Stock Land Bank, Lexington, Ky., the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, or at the National City Bank, New York City. The bonds are in coupon form, fully registerable and interchangeable in denomination of \$1,000. They are redeemable at par and accrued interest on any interest date after ten years from date of issue. The bonds are exempt from all Federal, State, municipal and local taxation and are acceptable as security for postal savings and other deposits of Government funds. By a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, rendered Feb. 28 1921, the constitutionality of the Act under which the bonds are issued and the tax-exemption features of these bonds were fully sustained. The following regarding the Kentucky Joint Stock Land Bank is taken from the offering circular:

The Kentucky Joint Stock Land Bank is restricted by its charter to loans on farm land only in Kentucky and Ohio. Up to the present time most of the bank's loans have been made in the famous "Blue Grass" section of Kentucky, but recently the bank has commenced operating actively in Ohio and is loaning at the rate of about \$300,000 per month in that State. The total loans in Kentucky to date are \$2,555,900 and \$805,800 in Ohio.

The Kentucky Joint Stock Land Bank has a very strong management, consisting of men who have had long, successful experience in the banking and mortgage business in this territory, by reason of their connection as directing heads of the Security Trust Co. of Lexington, Ky., an institution with the highest reputation, which has been operating successfully over a long period of years. Charles N. Manning, J. D. Van Hooser and S. A. Wallace are respectively President, Vice-President and Secretary and Treasurer of the Security Trust Co., and hold the same offices in the Kentucky Joint Stock Land Bank. F. H. Engelken, who is Vice-President and Manager of the Joint Stock Land Bank, was formerly the President of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, So. Caro., which was the first Federal Land Bank established. Prior to that time he was director of the United States Mint.

Statement of the Kentucky Joint Stock Land Bank (as Officially Reported December 4 1922).

Acres of real estate security loaned upon.....	123,517
Total amount loaned.....	\$3,361,700
Appraised value of real estate security.....	\$8,923,821
Appraised value per acre.....	\$72.24
Amount loaned per acre.....	\$27.21
Percentage of loans to appraised value of security.....	37.7%

**REPAYMENTS RECEIVED BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION.**

From Nov. 15 to Nov. 30, inclusive, the repayments received by the War Finance Corporation totaled \$8,133,109, as follows:

On export advances and on loans made under war powers.....	\$67,747
On agricultural and live stock advances:	
From banking and financing institutions.....	\$4,349,210
From live stock loan companies.....	2,312,063
From co-operative marketing associations.....	1,504,089
	8,065,362

Total.....\$8,133,109

The repayments received by the Corporation from Jan. 1 1922 to Nov. 30 1922, inclusive, on account of all loans, totaled \$167,188,861.

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

The War Finance Corporation announced on Dec. 2 that from Nov. 15 to Nov. 30 1922, inclusive, it approved 16 advances, aggregating \$1,022,000, to financial institutions for agricultural and live stock purposes.

**APPROVAL BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION OF ADVANCE TO LOUISIANA FARM BUREAU RICE GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.**

The War Finance Corporation announced, Dec. 4, that it had approved the application of the Louisiana Farm Bureau Rice Growers' Co-operative Association, Crowley, La., for an advance of not to exceed \$500,000 for the purpose of financing the orderly marketing of rice.

**ASSESSMENT LEVIED AGAINST MEMBERS OF STATE DEPOSITORS GUARANTY FUND IN KANSAS.**

The State Banking Department of Kansas, on Nov. 28 announced a special assessment of one-twentieth of 1% on the capital stock of 703 banks participating in the State Depositors' Guaranty Fund. In announcing the assessment the Topeka "Capital" of Nov. 29 said:

Members of the State Guaranty Fund have been summoned to pay a special assessment according to an announcement yesterday by Frank H. Foster, State Bank Commissioner. This is the first special assessment ever levied against the State banks of Kansas members of the Guaranty Fund, since it went into effect in 1904. The request will affect 703 State banks, each one being assessed one-twentieth of 1% of its capital stock, and will provide a fund of \$73,000.

This action is the result of the many failures which have occurred among banks protected by the Guaranty Fund. At present there is a cash balance in the Fund of \$684,683, Foster announced. However, the Fund is subject to numerous heavy drafts as soon as several bank losses are taken care of.

Drafts amounting to \$54,328 were drawn yesterday to cover the losses in the LeLoup Farmers' State Bank and the Homewood State Bank failures.

**CHANGE IN KANSAS DEPOSITORY LAW RECOMMENDED BY STATE TREASURER.**

A change in the Kansas State depository law—making it possible for any bank to be designated as a depository by complying with the State rules and depositing with the State Treasurer an amount of bonds equal to the deposit—is recommended in the biennial report of E. T. Thompson, State Treasurer, according to the Topeka "Capital" of Nov. 28, from which we also take the following:

"The change should be made on account of the increase in the business of the office," Thompson said.

Attention also is called to the saving which has resulted from establishing the Kansas fiscal agency in Kansas instead of New York, as previously.

Kansas Saves \$1,500,000.

If the fiscal agency were transferred to New York, the report points out, it would deprive the State of Kansas and the banks located in the State of the use of \$1,500,000.

Kansas municipalities should be required to publish in local papers their intention of taking up bonds held by the fiscal agency, Thompson suggests. He calls attention to the fact that the interest on State deposits will pay all the expenses of the State Treasurer's office, help included, for the next five years.

**Fiscal Agency Grows Rapidly.**

Growth of the Kansas fiscal agency has been rapid. It now is increasing at a rate of approximately \$2,000,000 a year. The 1/2 of 1% fee collected by the agency amounted to \$21,193.67 for the year 1921.

Since taking charge of the office of State Treasurer in 1921, Mr. Thompson has indexed every record in connection with the office. He has made a complete record of the bonds and coupons, showing a total of coupons due on each issue of bonds on the date they become due.

In his report Thompson says:

**"Eliminate Useless Figuring."**

"On account of bringing the records to an up-to-date uniform system of bookkeeping, I have eliminated a lot of useless figuring, and for the first time in the history of the State Treasurer's office, the State Accountant was able to make a complete invoice of the department from the records in the office.

"With a balance of \$39,734,374.92 in the State Treasurer's office, formerly taking from 45 to 50 days by the State Accountant to invoice, you readily can see the great improvement that has been made when the office was invoiced in less than two weeks. This office handles \$1,000,000 for the Bank Commissioner and \$10,000,000 for the Insurance Department, in addition to its regular duties."

**CAMPAIGN OF NEW YORK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AGAINST FRAUDULENT STOCK PROMOTIONS.**

In a campaign against fraudulent stock promotions the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York has indicated it as its belief that the seeking of advice from experienced bankers offers the best safeguard to small investors it is possible now to secure. A resolution to this effect, contained in a report by a sub-committee of the Executive Committee of the Chamber, was unanimously adopted by the Chamber last month as follows:

To the Chamber of Commerce:

A sub-committee of the Executive Committee of the Chamber, consisting of Mr. Bush, President of the Chamber; Mr. Ecker, Chairman of the Executive Committee, and Mr. Clarence H. Kelsey and Mr. William McCarrroll, has had under consideration steps which may be taken by the Chamber in the matter of safeguarding investments of small investors, who so often suffer loss through misplaced confidence in the representations of those who have for sale either fraudulent or extremely speculative securities. Conference with representatives of other associations interested in the same problem have been held and many possible remedies considered.

The final recommendation made to the Executive Committee and endorsed by it is to limit the present activities of the Chamber in this matter to an effort to spread as widely as possible the doctrine that small investors seek the advice of officers of legally organized banks and trust companies or of bankers of established reputation in their vicinity before purchasing securities.

It is the belief of the Committee that the seeking of advice from experienced bankers offers the best safeguard it is possible now to secure; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York approves the above report and recommendations, and the President and other officers of the Chamber be and they are hereby authorized to take such steps, in co-operation with other bodies and in other ways, as may be deemed necessary to carry out the above recommendations.

Attest: IRVING T. BUSH, President.

CHARLES T. GWYNNE, Secretary.

New York, Nov. 2 1922.



### NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE NO LONGER REQUIRES REPORTS OF MEMBERS' BORROWINGS.

The New York Stock Exchange has rescinded its requirements for the submission by members of reports of borrowings, thus terminating a wartime measure brought into operation on Sept. 6 1918—an account of which appeared in our issue of Sept. 7 1918, page 941. The following announcement was made by Secretary Cox on the 1st inst. regarding the decision to no longer require these reports:

December 1 1922.

#### To the Members of the Exchange:

This is to advise you that the Committee on Business Conduct will no longer require regular reports of the amount of loans of your firm. It may be necessary at infrequent intervals in the future for the Committee on Business Conduct to collect these figures, and in such an event the Committee on Business Conduct will expect a compliance with a request for such information.

The following is taken from the New York "Evening Post" of the 4th inst.:

The action of the Stock Exchange in discontinuing reports of brokers' call and time money borrowings indicates, it is pointed out, that the volume of credit in Wall Street has not caused the least concern in official quarters.

This ruling eliminates an order that went into effect Sept. 6 1918, at the instance of Governor Strong of the Federal Reserve Bank and Chairman of the so-called Money Committee of bankers. The Stock Exchange formulated a committee of five to co-operate with the Money Committee in curtailing loans. At that time brokers co-operated by rendering loan reports, but it was soon evident that little progress was being made in loan contraction and further steps were necessary.

Later the Money Committee took the drastic action of recommending to banks the raising of margins upon Stock Exchange loans from 20 to 30% as a means of checking expansion. This requirement was effective Nov. 4 1918.

That progress was made in remedying the situation was soon evident, as on Dec. 4 1918 the Money Committee, at the urgent request of the President of the Stock Exchange, restored the old margins on loans whereby banks loaned 80% instead of 70%, thus reducing the amount brokerage houses had to put up from 30 to 20%. These restrictive measures upon Wall Street credit were adopted during the flotation of the Fourth Liberty Loan.

The waiving of this order eliminates a ruling that has been effective for more than four years and emphasizes the fact that the credit structure of the nation is thoroughly sound irrespective of the volume of money recently being used in Wall Street. Brokers regard elimination of this loan security as a highly encouraging procedure.

In addition to reports from the Stock Exchange the New York Federal Reserve Bank has been receiving data from lending member banks so that a double check was had on the situation.

The "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 5 pointed out that the Federal Reserve Bank will continue its policy of receiving from member banks the total call and time money loans made to brokers.

### NEW STOCK EXCHANGE RULING GOVERNING ODD LOT BOND TRANSACTIONS.

The issuance by the Committee on Arrangements of the New York Stock Exchange of new rulings covering transactions in odd lot bonds is announced, the New York "Times" of the 6th inst. printing the following in the matter:

These rules, it is said, are all part of a program of the Exchange authorities to give the investing public a better market both on the selling and on the buying side than has existed heretofore.

Under the new rules the broker will no longer be permitted to place small lot orders in the "cabinet." This practice has been in force for some time and as a result the buyer of a small amount of bonds has lost his market because the placing of his order in the cabinet was sometimes left there for a long time, if not almost forgotten. In future it will be necessary for the broker to give the same attention to a small buying order as he does to a large buying order. This means that a small order will be executed immediately just the same as an order for a "full lot."

Also under the new ruling it will be necessary for all brokers to place their orders in chronological order. Under this rule an order, if filed at 9:30 a. m. to sell a certain bond, this bond must be sold previous to an order filed any time later, regardless of the size of the order. Consequently to receive proper executions all brokers have advised their firms of the necessity of getting their orders in hands of the specialists as early as possible.

Another clause in the ruling issued by the committee is that commissions must be charged for all transactions. This feature, which is already contained in the Constitution of the Exchange, is understood to have been neglected by certain brokers. Heretofore, in the absence of a broker from the floor of the Exchange, it has been a custom to let another broker execute an order and no commission was charged for handling the transaction. This will be done away with under the new rules as the commission will be charged by the one who actually transacts the order. This is expected to eliminate, to no small extent, the absence of brokers from the floor, and bring about personal executions of all orders by the broker for his particular customers.

Some Stock Exchange firms were at first opposed to the new rulings because of the vast amount of work placed upon the shoulders of the floor member of the firm in taking care of the numerous small orders received daily, but it is expected that this labor will be counterbalanced by the benefits to investors to buy bonds on a small scale. It is also expected that many orders of \$1,000 to \$5,000 lots, which now go to investment houses not members of the Exchange, will, in the future, go to Stock Exchange firms.

The circular of the Committee of Arrangements addressed to "The members of the Bond Crowd," and signed by E. V. D. Cox, Secretary, reads as follows:

"The changes recently made to facilitate trading in the Bond Crowd have made it necessary to make the following rules, which will be effective Monday, Nov. 27 1922.

"(1) Market orders to buy or sell shall not be placed in the cabinets.  
"(2) Cards containing offers to buy or sell will be arranged in the cabinets according to price, and then chronologically as to the time when they are received by the clerks.

"(3) Orders will be filled according to the bids or offers in the cabinets in the order above indicated, said bids or offers to have precedence over all other bids and offers.

"The attention of the Bond Crowd is directed to the following:  
"Section 1 of Article XXXIV of the Constitution provides that Commissions must be charged 'under all circumstances.'  
"In this connection attention is drawn to Circular C24, issued Dec. 21 1921, which states that the above includes orders executed for fellow members during their temporary absence from the crowd."

### CLARENCE C. PELL, PARTNER OF PRESIDENT CROMWELL OF N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE FLOOR PRIVILEGES.

The Committee on Admissions of the New York Stock Exchange has authorized Clarence C. Pell, a member of the firm of Strong, Sturgis & Co. and a partner of President S. L. Cromwell of the Exchange, to exercise the privilege of transacting business upon the floor of the exchange for the account of the firm of Strong, Sturgis & Co., under the recently adopted amendment to the constitution of the Exchange, referred to in our issue of Nov. 25, page 2325.

### STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY BOND QUOTATION CLASSIFICATION CHANGED.

The following is from the New York "Times" of Dec. 5:

The daily bond quotation list issued by the New York Stock Exchange appeared in "new dress" yesterday, inasmuch as the grouping and the form of listing of the many bond issues traded in were changed. Heretofore the Exchange grouped the bonds under railroads, industrials, public utilities, street railways, &c. Also it gave bonds of subsidiaries under the bonds of the main corporation. For instance, the bonds of the Alabama Great Southern were listed under Southern Railway. Under the new form all railroad bonds are listed in alphabetical order regardless of which road is sponsor of guarantor for the issue. Another new feature is the grouping of other bonds, but one which is not considered an improvement; that is, all bonds that are not railroad bonds are listed under the caption "Industrials." In other words, public utilities, street railways, manufacturing and industrial corporations, mining, oils, coal, iron, steel and telegraph, telephone and express companies, are all listed under the caption "Industrials."

### ARTHUR H. LAMBORN REINSTATED BY NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE.

Announcement was made from the rostrum of the New York Cotton Exchange last Saturday, Dec. 2, of the restoration to membership in that body of Arthur H. Lamborn, head of the firm of Lamborn & Co., 7 Wall Street. Mr. Lamborn's reinstatement followed the decision handed down on the preceding day (Dec. 1) by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court nullifying his suspension from the Exchange, to which reference was made in last week's issue of the "Chronicle" (Dec. 2), page 2433.

### JOSEPHTHAL & CO. FILE ANSWER TO COMPLAINT OF EX-PARTNER.

The New York Stock Exchange firm of Josephthal & Co. of this city, through their attorneys, Shearn & Hare, on Wednesday (Dec. 6) filed their reply in the County Clerk's office to the suit for a receivership and an accounting brought against them on Nov. 22 by Henry J. Schnitzer, a former partner in the firm, in which he complains of his expulsion from the company and alleges irregularities whereby it was made to appear his large capital investment in the firm had been wiped out. In his answering affidavit Louis M. Josephthal, the head of the firm, sets forth the following:

1. That on Feb. 11 1922 the plaintiff was expelled from the former firm of Josephthal & Co. and said firm was then and there dissolved because the plaintiff, as had shortly prior thereto been discovered by deponent, had cheated and defrauded deponent out of the sum of \$25,000 and appropriated \$12,500 thereof to his own use under circumstances constituting, as deponent is advised by his counsel and verily believes, grand larceny.

2. On Feb. 11 1922, when the aforesaid partnership relation was terminated, as aforesaid, the plaintiff had no capital investment or interest in said firm, and on the contrary, not only had his entire capital interest been wiped out by losses sustained in a costly and unfortunate business venture upon which plaintiff induced deponent and said firm to embark, but in addition thereto the plaintiff was indebted to said firm in the sum of at least \$198,365 31.

Reference was made to the suit brought by Mr. Schnitzer against Josephthal & Co. in the "Chronicle" of Nov. 25, p. 2324. It is said that the defendants' attorneys have filed voluminous affidavits and these will be before the Court on Dec. 11, when argument will be heard on Mr. Schnitzer's motion.

### EARL MENDENHALL AND FRED T. CHANDLER, Jr., ACQUITTED FOR THE SECOND TIME OF CRIMINAL CHARGES.

For the second time within a month, Earl Mendenhall and Fred T. Chandler, Jr. (partners in the defunct firm of Chandler Bros. & Co. of Philadelphia) were found not guilty of criminal charges growing out of the failure of the firm in July 1921. The jury, it is said, deliberated little more than twenty minutes before reaching its verdict. This last trial, it is said, involved an allegation of conversion of

200 shares of stock belonging to Dr. Alva J. Savacool, of Philadelphia. After the verdict was rendered, Assistant District Attorney Fox, it is said, obtained the permission of the Court to nolle prosequere four of the remaining nine indictments against the defendants. Mr. Fox is reported as saying that he would consult with the District Attorney before the five indictments still pending are listed for trial. We last referred to the affairs of Chandler Bros. & Co. in our issue of Dec. 2, page 2433.

#### CHARLES PONZI ACQUITTED OF CERTAIN CHARGES.

Charles Ponzi, the former head of the so-called "Security-Exchange Company" of Boston, who is now serving a Federal sentence for using the mails to defraud, was acquitted, together with five co-defendants, by a jury before Judge Fosdick in the Suffolk Superior Court on the night of Dec. 1 on charges of conspiring to steal and larceny, preferred by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts after a trial which lasted six weeks. In order to bring Ponzi before the State Court, it was necessary for the State Attorney-General to secure permission through an opinion from the United States Supreme Court. Chief Justice Taft held that Ponzi could be tried in the State courts while a Federal prisoner. The Boston "Herald" of Dec. 3 prints the following statement made by Attorney-General Allen on Dec. 2. He said:

The outcome of the Ponzi trial, resulting in the acquittal of Charles Ponzi, has shocked the moral sense of the Commonwealth and will be regarded by all those who are familiar with his operations as a gross miscarriage of justice.

He was convicted of forgery in Montreal in 1910 and served a sentence therefor in the penitentiary. Within a year after he was released he was arrested for smuggling Italians into this country, pleaded guilty and received a sentence in Atlanta Penitentiary.

In December 1919 he was substantially without funds. Between that time and July 1920 he represented far and wide that he was dealing in international reply coupons and was making enormous profits. By means of these representations he obtained millions of dollars from the poor and the credulous.

He was adjudged a bankrupt in August 1920, a situation impossible to reconcile with his claim that he was making enormous profits.

If the Postal Convention between the several nations of the world under which reply coupons are issued was observed, his scheme was impossible, since that convention requires that the coupons be sold upon a gold basis.

In the Federal Court he pleaded guilty to using the mails in connection with a scheme to defraud and thereby admitted in a most solemn manner that his scheme was in fact fraudulent. The only evidence that he was dealing in reply coupons and making great profits or even that he believed that he was so dealing, came from his own lips.

He took the stand in his own defense and was compelled to admit upon cross-examination that in one respect the testimony given to this very jury was not true. Hereafter he refused to return to the stand for further cross-examination. All these matters were clearly and fully presented to the jury in the able argument of Mr. Flaherty on behalf of the Commonwealth.

The Court, in commenting on the case after the trial, spoke of the evidence presented by the Commonwealth as overwhelming. That Ponzi should have been acquitted under these conditions is a sad commentary on the conditions obtaining in this county in the prosecution of crime.

The President of the Boston Bar Association has communicated with me this morning and informed me that a committee will be appointed to consider measures to improve jury service in this county.

Prosecution of this defendant will not be permitted to rest on this verdict. There are other indictments upon which he has not been tried, and there are many other Ponzi victims whose cases have not been presented to the Grand Jury.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR REPORT FROM RESERVE BANK ON INTEREST CHARGES.

A resolution requesting the Federal Reserve Board to obtain from the Federal Reserve Banks of Atlanta, St. Louis, Dallas and Kansas City a statement showing all cases where interest ranging between 10% and 87½% per annum was charged on loans and rediscounts, was adopted by the Senate on Dec. 6. The resolution, which was offered by Senator Heflin, contained a long preamble, which Mr. Heflin agreed to strike out at the suggestion of Senator Smoot. The resolution as agreed to reads:

*Resolved*, That the Federal Reserve Board be requested to obtain from the Federal Reserve Banks of Atlanta, St. Louis, Dallas and Kansas City statements showing all cases where interest ranging between 10% and 87½% per annum, both inclusive, was exacted from member banks, giving names of the banks, their capital and surplus, and location, where 10% per annum or more was charged on loans and rediscounts, the rate and amount of interest charged in each instance as expressed in dollars and cents; also let the statement show whether the Federal Reserve banks have refunded to each member bank from which such extractions were made the amount of such interest collected in excess of 10% per annum upon each loan upon which such interest was charged.

#### J. HERBERT CASE AND MILTON HARRISON IN DEFENSE OF FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

At the Building Trades Club, 34 West 33rd Street, the second annual meeting and dinner of the New York Chapter Alumni Association of the American Institute of Banking was held Nov. 28. Many informal discussions took place, reminiscent of the old days when Institute life was a real struggle. Especially interesting of these were discussions of J. Herbert Case, Deputy Governor of the Federal Reserve

Bank, and Milton W. Harrison, Secretary and Treasurer of the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks. Mr. Harrison is also Vice-President and Secretary of the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities, as well as trustee of the Bowery Savings Bank. Mr. Case pointed out that the Federal Reserve system has so simplified the huge problem of financing the Government that it was now largely a matter merely of bookkeeping entries, the large payments being met at maturity dates and new issues floated without any noticeable effect on the money market. Unwarranted criticism against the system, Mr. Case said, was much to be regretted. Bank men should meet such criticisms, it accruing to their own interest to do so, inasmuch as the Federal Reserve banks are their banks. The stock is subscribed entirely by, and the system operates for the benefit of, the member banks, the only other customers being the Government and a few foreign reciprocal accounts. In his estimation the Federal Reserve Bank stands out as the greatest piece of financial legislation ever enacted by Congress.

Mr. Harrison remarked that the railroads of the country needed a system similar to the Federal Reserve system—to locate and place equipment where and when needed, to avert and dispel the continual disturbances to transportation. Mr. Harrison stated it was his belief that there would never be Government ownership of the roads. He also emphatically demanded that the Federal Reserve system be kept out of the hands of the politicians. The meeting was presided over by George A. Gehrken of the Seaboard National Bank, and the following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: President, Wm. M. Rosendale; First Vice-President, E. K. Dimock; Second Vice-President, Chas. Shosh; Secretary, C. A. Brophy; Treasurer, F. I. Collins; Executive Committee, C. Quattlander, M. L. Wicks, M. Gehringer, F. S. Parker, M. F. Bauer and O. R. Kelly.

#### GATES W. MCGARRAH AND OWEN D. YOUNG ELECTED DIRECTORS OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.

The election by member banks of Group 1, Second (New York) Federal Reserve District, of two directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, has resulted in the choice of Gates W. McGarrah of New York, N. Y., as a Class A director, and Owen D. Young of New York, N. Y., as a Class B director, each for a term of three years from Jan. 1 1923. Pierre Jay, Chairman of the Reserve Bank, states that the total number of votes cast for each candidate is as follows:

Class A Director.		Class B Director.	
Gates W. McGarrah	63	Owen D. Young	63
Total number of votes cast	63	Total number of votes cast	63

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

The following institution was admitted to the Federal Reserve System in the three weeks ended Dec. 1:

District No. 5—	Capital.	Surplus.	Total Resources.
Farmers Commercial Bank, Benson, North Carolina	\$100,000	\$25,000	\$465,224

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

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

The Manufacturers National Bank of Ilon, Ilon, New York.  
The First National Bank of Mooresville, Mooresville, N. Carolina.  
The First National Bank of Greeneville, Greeneville, Tennessee.

#### TREASURY DEPARTMENT WITHDRAWS OBJECTIONS TO USE OF GOLD COINS FOR GIFTS.

The Treasury Department, which during the war discouraged the use of gold coins for Christmas gifts, has withdrawn its objections, according to a circular issued by Vice-Governor Platt of the Federal Reserve Board. Mr. Platt indicates that the Federal Reserve Board is not only entirely willing that the banks should pay out gold freely but considers a return of the practice desirable under present conditions.

#### PRICE OF DOMESTIC SILVER ADVANCED.

The following is from the New York "Times" of Dec. 6

The price of bar silver of "domestic origin" was advanced yesterday from 99½ to 99¾ cents per ounce .999 fine. The increase in price, it was said by bullion brokers, is due to decreased cost of transportation, owing to the fact that the United States Government is again accepting delivery of silver purchased under the Pittman Act at the Philadelphia Mint instead of at the Denver Mint.



**NEW TEMPORARY UPTOWN OFFICES OPENED BY  
N. Y. FEDERAL RESERVE BANK FOR EXCHANGE  
OF WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.**

The Federal Reserve Bank as Fiscal Agent of the United States announced last Saturday (Dec. 2) the opening of two temporary offices in up-town sections to accommodate holders of War Savings Certificates and Stamps of the Series of 1918, which are due Jan. 1 1923 and which may now be presented for exchange or for redemption for the new Treasury Savings Certificates. One office has been opened at the corner of 125th Street and Fifth Avenue, the other at 23rd Street and Fourth Avenue. The banks announcement also says:

In addition to these facilities for exchanging or redeeming War Savings Stamps of the Series of 1918, the Federal Reserve Bank is now handling them for the public at its Annex, 97 Maiden Lane.

The offices at these three locations will be open until further notice from 9:30 a. m. to 4:00 p. m., every week day, except Saturday, when they will close at noon. Interpreters will be present to assist those who do not speak the English language, and everything possible will be done to facilitate the exchange or redemption of the stamps.

Arrangements have also been made by the Treasury Department under which Post Offices and banking institutions will handle exchange and redemption transactions for the public. It is believed therefore, that holders will in most cases be able to effect exchange or redemption of their stamps conveniently in their own neighborhood.

It is estimated that there are at least half a million holders of 1918 War Savings Stamps in Greater New York, and while these stamps do not actually mature until Jan. 1 1923, holders are urged to present them immediately for either redemption or exchange. New Treasury Savings Certificates will be issued immediately in exchange for maturing stamps, and will be delivered to the owner at once. Checks in payment of stamps presented for redemption will be mailed to reach holders on or about Jan. 1 1923.

The Federal Reserve Bank urges all holder of these stamps to take advantage of the opportunity to continue their investment with Uncle Sam.

**SECRETARY OF TREASURY MELLON'S LETTER ON  
NEW TREASURY OFFERINGS AND GOVERNMENT'S MATURING OBLIGATIONS.**

In announcing this week the offering of two new series of U. S. Treasury certificates of indebtedness and a new series of U. S. Treasury notes, Secretary of the Treasury A. W. Mellon, in a letter to the banking institutions of the country, stated that "there will become payable on Dec. 15 about \$700,000,000 of 4½% Victory notes called for redemption on that date and about \$200,000,000 of Treasury certificates of indebtedness maturing on that date." He added: "At the same time about \$100,000,000 will be payable as interest on the public debt. Against these payments, aggregating about \$1,000,000,000, the Treasury already has available balances amounting to about \$275,000,000, and it expects to receive during December about \$275,000,000 in income and profits taxes."

The notes and certificates now offered, he said, will provide for the remainder of the Dec. 15 maturities and leave a margin to cover the Treasury's immediate cash requirements and such balance of the 1918 War Savings Certificates as may have to be redeemed in cash at the first of the year. Altogether, a total of \$700,000,000 was offered by Secretary Mellon this week—the combined certificate offering being for \$400,000,000 or thereabouts, while the Treasury notes were offered to the amount of \$300,000,000 or thereabouts. Details of the respective offerings will be found elsewhere in this issue. Below we give Secretary Mellon's letter to the Presidents of the banking institutions relative to the new offering and the Government's maturing obligations:

Washington, D. C., December 7 1922.

Dear Sir.—The Treasury is to-day announcing its December financing, which comprises, first, an offering of Treasury certificates of indebtedness in two series, both dated Dec. 15 1922, one bearing 3½% interest and maturing in three months, and the other bearing 4% interest and maturing in one year; and, second, an offering of short-term Treasury notes, dated Dec. 15 1922, bearing 4½% interest and maturing in two and one-half years. Subscriptions are being received through the Federal Reserve banks, acting as fiscal agents of the United States. The combined offering of certificates is for \$400,000,000, or thereabouts, while the offering of notes is for \$300,000,000, or thereabouts, with the right reserved to the Secretary of the Treasury to allot additional notes to the extent that 4½% Victory notes are tendered in payment. The terms of the offering are fully set forth in Treasury Department Circulars 314 and 315, both dated Dec. 7 1922, copies of which are enclosed for your ready reference.\*

There will become payable on Dec. 15 1922 about \$700,000,000 of 4½% Victory notes called for redemption on that date, and about \$200,000,000 of Treasury certificates of indebtedness maturing on that date. At the same time, about \$100,000,000 will be payable as interest on the public debt. Against these payments, aggregating about \$1,000,000,000, the Treasury already has available balance amounting to about \$275,000,000, and it expects to receive during December about \$275,000,000 in income and profits taxes. The notes and certificates now offered will provide for the remainder of the December 15th maturities and leave a margin to cover the Treasury's immediate cash requirements and such balance of the 1918 War Savings Certificates as may have to be redeemed in cash at the first of the year. The Treasury has already announced special arrangements for the exchange of these maturing War Savings Certificates into the new Treasury Savings Certificates, and through these exchanges and the proceeds of the current offering, expects to provide for the greater part of the War Savings maturity, leaving such further refunding as may be

necessary for the purpose to be accomplished after the turn of the year when market conditions are favorable. With the completion of the December financing, the Treasury will thus have provided for most of the short dated debt maturing this fiscal year. Aside from the balance of War Savings Certificates that may remain to be refunded there will only be the issues of Treasury certificates maturing March 15 and June 15 1923, both covered by the estimated tax payments to be received in those months, and the remaining uncalled Victory notes, amounting to about \$894,000,000 on Nov. 30 1922. Exchanges of these notes for the new Treasury notes now offered, and advance redemptions and retirements for the sinking fund and on other accounts, may be expected to reduce the outstanding amount of uncalled Victory notes still further before their maturity.

I think you will find it interesting in this connection to know about the improved prospects of the Treasury for this fiscal year and the next fiscal year. The budget which was presented to Congress on Monday shows that according to the latest revised estimates of receipts and expenditures the deficit for the current fiscal year has already been reduced to about \$274,000,000 as compared with an indicated deficit of about \$697,000,000 at the beginning of the fiscal year, and at the same time holds out a real hope that by the end of the year the deficit can be entirely overcome by still further reductions in expenditure and increases of receipts, arising partly from further realization on Government owned securities and property and partly from increased collections of customs and internal taxes. The actual receipts and expenditures of the Government for the first five months of the current fiscal year, through Nov. 30 1922, support these estimates. Total ordinary receipts to that date on the basis of daily Treasury statements amounted to \$1,404,776,456 64 as compared with total expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts, amounting to \$1,514,314,770 80, leaving a deficit for the first five months of only \$109,538,314 16. By the end of December this deficit should be overcome by the quarterly payment of income and profits taxes which falls due in that month, thus leaving a balanced budget, or perhaps even a small surplus, for the first six months of the fiscal year 1923. The prospects for the second half of the year are likewise favorable. The budget estimates for the next fiscal year 1924, indicate a surplus of about \$180,000,000, and though it is still too early to forecast the actual results, this indicated surplus gives some margin to take care of any deficit that may possibly remain at the close of the present year, or if this year closes with a balanced budget or a small surplus, can be applied to the retirement of debt maturing within the fiscal year 1924. For both years 1923 and 1924, the budget provides for the regular sinking fund requirements and other public debt expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts, so that any surplus that can be realized in either year will mean additional retirements of debt.

The Treasury is accordingly financing its December maturities on a short term basis, believing that the prospects for the next year or two indicate the probability of substantial retirements of early maturing debt out of current receipts, and that by reason of the redemption on Dec. 15th of \$900,000,000, or thereabouts, of short term Government obligations, these new issues of short term notes and certificates, in a smaller aggregate amount and with maturities adapted to the varying needs of investors, will offer exceptionally attractive opportunities for reinvestment.

With this in view the Treasury is offering in the official circulars to accept Treasury certificates maturing Dec. 15 1922, and Victory notes called for redemption on that date, in payment for the new three months or one year certificates, and to accept certificates maturing Dec. 15th and 4½%. Victory notes, whether or not called for redemption, in payment for the new two and one-half year Treasury notes. By subscribing liberally to the new offerings in the first instance, and extending every possible facility to your customers to invest in the notes and certificates through cash purchase or by exchange of Victory notes or maturing certificates, you will be rendering an important service to the Treasury as well as to your customers, and at the same time will be helping to accomplish what all of us most desire in these operations, namely, the widest possible distribution of the Government's securities among investors throughout the country.

Cordially yours,

A. W. MELLON, Secretary of the Treasury.

To the President of the Banking Institution addressed.

\* The text of Treasury circulars 314 and 315 will be found on pages 2 and 3.

**OFFERING OF U. S. TREASURY NOTES.**

Besides two new series of U. S. Treasury certificates of indebtedness, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon announced on Dec. 6 the offering of a new issue of U. S. Treasury notes. The amount of the note offering is \$300,000,000 or thereabouts. The notes, designated as Series C-1925, will be dated and bear interest (at 4½%) from Dec. 15 1922. They will mature June 15 1925. Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TD and TD2-1922, both maturing Dec. 15 1922, and 4½% Victory notes (whether or not called for redemption) will be accepted at par in payment for the new Treasury notes, with an adjustment of accrued interest, and Secretary Mellon reserves the right to allot additional Treasury notes (beyond the \$300,000,000 offering) to the extent that payment is tendered in Victory notes. Interest on the Treasury notes will be paid semi-annually on June 15 and Dec. 15 each year. They will be issued in the form of bearer notes in denominations of \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. Elsewhere we give in this issue Secretary Mellon's letter bearing on the new offerings, as well as, in another item, details of the Treasury certificate offering. The following are the details of the Treasury note offering as made known by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York:

**FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK**

Offering of \$300,000,000 (or thereabouts) United States of America 4½% Treasury Notes, Series C-1925. Dated and bearing interest from Dec. 15 1922. Due June 15 1925.

To all Banks, Trust Companies, Savings Banks, Bankers, Investment Dealers and Principal Corporations in the Second Federal Reserve District:

The Secretary of the Treasury offers for subscription, at par and accrued interest, through the Federal Reserve banks, Treasury notes of Series C-1925, of an issue of gold notes of the United States authorized by the Act of Congress approved Sept. 24 1917, as amended. The notes will be dated

and bear interest from Dec. 15 1922, will be payable June 15 1923, and will bear interest at the rate of 4½% per annum, payable semi-annually on June 15 and Dec. 15 in each year.

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve banks.

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

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

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

The right is reserved to reject any subscription and to allot less than the amount of notes applied for and to close the subscriptions at any time without notice. The Secretary of the Treasury also reserves the right to make allotment in full upon application for smaller amounts, and to make reduced allotments upon, or to reject, applications for larger amounts, and to make classified allotments and allotments upon a graduated scale; and his action in these respects will be final. Allotment notices will be sent out promptly upon allotment, and the basis of allotment will be publicly announced.

Payment at par and accrued interest for notes allotted must be made on or before Dec. 15 1922, or on later allotment. After allotment and upon payment Federal Reserve banks may issue interim receipts pending delivery of the definitive notes. Any qualified depository will be permitted to make payment by credit for notes allotted to it for itself and its customers up to any amount for which it shall be qualified in excess of existing deposits, when so notified by the Federal Reserve Bank of its district, except upon subscriptions for which Victory notes are tendered in payment. Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TD and TD2-1922, both maturing Dec. 15 1922, and 4¾% Victory notes, whether or not called for redemption, will be accepted at the Federal Reserve banks at par, with an adjustment of accrued interest, as of Dec. 15 1922, in payment for any Treasury notes of the Series C-1923 now offered which shall be subscribed for and allotted. Victory notes in coupon form must have May 20 1923 coupons attached, and if in registered form must be duly assigned to the Secretary of the Treasury for redemption, in accordance with the general regulations of the Treasury Department governing assignments.

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

Very truly yours,  
BENJ. STRONG, Governor.

New York, Dec. 7 1922.

#### OFFERING OF TWO SERIES OF UNITED STATES TREASURY CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS.

As indicated in another item in this issue, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon offered simultaneously on Dec. 7 two new series of U. S. Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness and a new series of U. S. Treasury notes. The details of the latter are given under another head. In the case of the Treasury certificates, Series TM2-1923, bearing interest at 3½%, will mature March 15 1923, while Series TD-1923 will be put out at 4% and will fall due Dec. 15 1923. Both will be dated and bear interest from Dec. 15 1923 and will be issued in bearer form in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. The certificates of Series TM2-1923 will have one interest coupon attached, payable March 15 1923, and the certificates of Series TD-1923 two interest coupons attached, payable June 15 and Dec. 15 1923. The certificates will be acceptable in payment of taxes. Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness of Series TD and TD2-1922, both maturing Dec. 15 1922, and 4¾% Victory Notes called for redemption Dec. 15 1922 will be accepted at par, with an adjustment of accrued interest, in payment for the new Treasury certificates offered this week; the amount of the offering is \$400,000,000 or thereabouts. The following are the details of the offering as announced by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York:

#### FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.

Offering of \$400,000,000 (or thereabouts) United States of America Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness dated and bearing interest from Dec. 15 1922. Series TM2-1923, 3½%, due March 15 1923; Series TD-1923, 4%, due December 15 1923.

To All Banks, Trust Companies, Savings Banks, Investment Dealers and Principal Corporations in the Second Federal Reserve District.

The Secretary of the Treasury, under the authority of the Act approved Sept. 24 1917, as amended, offers for subscription, at par and accrued interest, through the Federal Reserve Bank, Treasury certificates of indebtedness, in two series, both dated and bearing interest from Dec. 15 1922, the certificates of Series TM2-1923 being payable on March 15 1923, with interest at the rate of 3½% per annum on a quarterly basis, and the

certificates of Series TD-1923 being payable on Dec. 15 1923, with interest at the rate of 4% per annum, payable semi-annually.

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve Banks.

Bearer certificates will be issued in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, and \$100,000. The certificates of Series TM2-1923 will have one interest coupon attached, payable March 15 1923, and the certificates of Series TD-1923 two interest coupons attached, payable June 15 and Dec. 15 1923.

The certificates of said series shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority, except (a) estate or inheritance taxes, and (b) graduated additional income taxes, commonly known as surtaxes, and excess profits and war profits taxes, now or hereafter imposed by the United States, upon the income or profits of individuals, partnerships, associations, or corporations. The interest on an amount of bonds and certificates authorized by said Act approved Sept. 24 1917, and amendments thereto, the principal of which does not exceed in the aggregate \$5,000, owned by any individual, partnership, association or corporation, shall be exempt from the taxes provided for in clause (b) above.

The certificates of these series will be accepted at par, with an adjustment of accrued interest, during such time and under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed or approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, in payment of income and profits taxes payable at the maturity of the certificates. The certificates of these series will be acceptable to secure deposits of public moneys, but do not bear the circulation privilege.

The right is reserved to reject any subscription and to allot less than the amount of certificates of either or both series applied for and to close the subscriptions as to either or both series at any time without notice. The Secretary of the Treasury also reserves the right to make allotment in full upon applications for smaller amounts, and to make reduced allotments upon, or to reject, applications for larger amounts, and to make classified allotments and allotments upon a graduated scale; and his action in these respects will be final. Allotment notices will be sent out promptly upon allotment, and the basis of allotment will be publicly announced.

Payment at par and accrued interest for certificates allotted must be made on or before Dec. 15 1922, or on later allotment. After allotment and upon payment Federal Reserve banks may issue interim receipts pending delivery of the definitive certificates. Any qualified depository will be permitted to make payment by credit for certificates allotted to it for itself and its customers up to any amount for which it shall be qualified in excess of existing deposits, when so notified by the Federal Reserve Bank of its district. Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TD and TD2-1922, both maturing Dec. 15 1922, and 4¾% Victory notes bearing the distinguishing letters A, B, C, D, E, or F, prefixed to their serial numbers, called for redemption on Dec. 15 1922, will be accepted at par, with an adjustment of accrued interest, in payment for any certificates of the Series TM2-1923 or TD-1923 now offered which shall be subscribed for and allotted. Victory notes in coupon form must have May 20 1923 coupons attached, and if in registered form must be duly assigned to the Secretary of the Treasury for redemption, in accordance with the general regulations of the Treasury Department governing assignments.

As fiscal agents of the United States, Federal Reserve banks are authorized and requested to receive subscriptions and to make allotment on the basis and up to the amounts indicated by the Secretary of the Treasury to the Federal Reserve banks of the respective districts.

Yours very truly,  
BENJ. STRONG, Governor.

New York, December 7 1922.

#### U. S. VICTORY NOTES RETIRED.

The U. S. Treasury has retired \$320,000,000 in Victory notes since the call for the redemption of part of that issue went out July 26. Secretary Mellon announced on Dec. 1, in a statement in which he called to the attention of holders of such securities that interest on them would cease Dec. 15. The Victory notes affected by the call include those bearing the distinguishing letters A, B, C, D, E, or F prefixed to the serial numbers. Seven hundred million dollars of the notes called for redemption are still outstanding, according to Mr. Mellon, who explained that the retirements had been accomplished through exchanges, advance redemptions and purchases for the sinking fund.

#### PRESIDENT HARDING'S ANNUAL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

While President Harding early in the week transmitted to Congress a message on the budget, it was not until yesterday (the 8th inst.) that his annual message was presented to the new Congress which assembled on Monday, the 4th inst., for its fourth and final session. The budget message is given elsewhere in this issue. The present Congress will expire by limitation on Mar. 4 next. With its coming into being at 12 o'clock noon on the 4th inst. it succeeded the extra session, which had ended at 11.50 a. m. that day, and which had been brought under way on Nov. 20. In his message of yesterday President Harding stated that "so many problems are calling for solution that a recital of all of them, in the face of the known limitations of a short session of Congress would seem to lack sincerity of purpose." "It is no figure of speech," he said, "to say we have come to the test of our civilization. The world has been passing—it is to-day passing—through a great crisis." He asserted that "those who assume that we played our part in the World War and later took ourselves aloof and apart, unmindful of world obligations, give scant credit to the helpful part we assume in international relationships." "Let no one assume," he said, "that our provision for maintained good fortune at home and our unwillingness to assume the correction of all the ills of the world



means a reluctance to co-operate with other peoples or to assume every just obligation to promote human advancement anywhere in the world." "We would rejoice," he added, "to help rehabilitate currency systems and facilitate all commerce which does not drag us to the very level of those we seek to lift up."

The President stated that he knows of no problem exceeding in importance that of transportation. "Manifestly," he declared, "we have need to begin on plans to co-ordinate all transportation facilities. We should more effectively connect up our rail lines with our carriers by sea. . . . We ought to turn the motor truck into a railway feeder instead of a destroying competitor. . . . The demand for lower costs on farm products and basic materials cannot be ignored." Referring to a previous message to Congress in which he called attention to the insufficiency of power to enforce the decisions of the Railroad Labor Board, the President said:

Carriers have ignored its decisions on the one hand; railway workmen have challenged its decisions by a strike on the other hand.

The Labor Board itself is not so constituted as best to serve the public interest. With six partisan members on a board of nine, three partisans nominated by the employees and three by the railway managers, it is inevitable that the partisan viewpoint is maintained throughout hearings and in decisions handed down. . . . I am well convinced that the functions of this tribunal could be much better carried on here in Washington. Even were it to be continued as a separate tribunal, there ought to be contact with the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

The substitution of a labor division in the Inter-State Commerce Commission, made up from its membership, to hear and decide disputes relating to wages and working conditions which have failed of adjustment by proper committees created by the railways and their employees, offers a more effective plan.

The need of financial facilities in the interest of the farmer was also dealt with by the President, who also recommended the enactment of a constitutional amendment abolishing child labor, and an amendment to restrict the issues of tax-exempt securities. The President expressed the wish that action on the pending bills for the registration of aliens might be expedited, and in referring to the adoption by the nation of constitutional prohibition, he stated that "the day is unlikely to come when the Eighteenth Amendment will be repealed." Reclamation and irrigation projects, he said, were worth the consideration of Congress, and in touching upon the high cost of living he noted that "we might well inquire into the benefits of co-operative buying." The President's message was delivered in person by him in appearing at a joint session of both branches of Congress, and is as follows:

Members of the Congress:

So many problems are calling for solution that a recital of all of them, in the face of the known limitations of a short session of Congress, would seem to lack sincerity of purpose. It is four years since the World War ended, but the inevitable readjustment of the social and economic order is not more than barely begun. There is no acceptance of pre-war conditions anywhere in the world. In a very general way humanity harbors individual wishes to go on with wartime compensations for production, with pre-war requirements in expenditure. In short, every one, speaking broadly, craves readjustment for everybody except himself, while there can be no just and permanent readjustment except when all participate.

The civilization which measured its strength of genius and the power of science and the resources of industries, in addition to testing the limits of man power and the endurance and heroism of men and women—that same civilization is brought to its severest test in restoring a tranquil order and committing humanity to the stable ways of peace.

If the sober and deliberate appraisal of pre-war civilization makes it seem a worth while inheritance, then with patience and good courage, it will be preserved. There never again will be precisely the old order; indeed, I know of no one who thinks it to be desirable. For out of the old order came the war itself, and the new order established and made secure, never will permit its recurrence.

It is no figure of speech to say we have come to the test of our civilization. The world has been passing—is to-day passing—through a great crisis. The conduct of war itself is not more difficult than the solution of the problems which necessarily follow. I am not speaking at this moment of the problem in its wider aspect of world rehabilitation or of international relationships. The reference is to our own social, financial and economic problems at home. These things are not to be considered solely as problems apart from all international relationship, but every nation must be able to carry on for itself, else its international relationship will have scant importance.

Doubtless our own people have emerged from the World War tumult less impaired than most belligerent Powers; probably we have made larger progress toward reconstruction. Surely we have been fortunate in diminishing unemployment and our industrial and business activities, which are the life blood of our material existence, have been restored as in no other reconstruction period of like length in the history of the world. Had we escaped the coal and railway strikes, which had no excuse for their beginning and less justification for their delayed settlement, we should have done infinitely better. But labor was insistent on holding to the war heights, and heedless forces of reaction sought the pre-war levels, and both were wrong.

In the folly of conflict our progress was hindered, and the heavy cost has not yet been fully estimated. There can be neither adjustment nor the penalty of the failure to readjust in which all do not somehow participate.

The railway strike accentuated the difficulty of the American farmer. The first distress of readjustment came to the farmer, and it will not be a readjustment fit to abide until he is relieved. The distress brought to the farmer does not affect him alone. Agricultural ill-fortune is a national ill-fortune. That one-fourth of our population which produces the food of the republic and adds so largely to our export commerce must participate in the good fortunes of the nation, else there is none worth relating.

Agriculture is a vital activity in our national life. In it we had our beginning and its westward march with the star of the empire has reflected the growth of the republic. It has its vicissitudes which no legislation will prevent, its hardships for which no law can provide escape. But the Congress can make available to the farmer the financial facilities which have been built up under Government aid and supervision for other commercial and industrial enterprises. It may be done on the same solid fundamentals and make the vitally important agricultural industry more secure, and it must be done.

This Congress already has taken cognizance of the misfortune which precipitate deflation brought to American agriculture. Your measures of relief and the reduction of the Federal Reserve discount rate undoubtedly saved the country from widespread disaster. The very proof of helpfulness already given is the strongest argument for the permanent establishment of wider credits heretofore temporarily extended through the War Finance Corporation.

The Farm Loan Bureau, which already has proved its usefulness through the Federal Land Banks, may well have its powers enlarged to provide ample farm production credits as well as enlarged land credits. It is entirely practical to create a division in the Federal Land Banks to deal with production credits, with the limitations of time so adjusted to the farm turnover as the Federal Reserve System provides for the turnover in the manufacturing and mercantile world.

Special provision must be made for livestock production, credits and the limit of land loans may be safely enlarged. Various measures are pending before you, and the best judgment of Congress ought to be expressed in a prompt enactment at the present session.

But American agriculture needs more than added credit facilities. The credits will help to solve the pressing problems growing out of war inflated land values and the drastic deflation of three years ago, but permanent and deserved agricultural good fortune depends on better and cheaper transportation.

Here is an outstanding problem, demanding the most rigorous consideration of the Congress of the country. It has to do with more than agriculture. It provides the channel for the flow of the country's commerce. But the farmer is particularly hard hit. His market, so affected by the world consumption, does not admit of the price adjustment to meet carrying charges.

In the last half of the year now closing, the railways, broken in carrying capacity because of motive power and rolling stock out of order, though insistently declaring to the contrary, embargoed his shipments or denied him cars when fortunate markets were calling. Too frequently transportation failed while perishable products were turned from possible profit to losses counted in tens of millions.

I know of no problem exceeding in importance this one of transportation. In our complex and interdependent modern life transportation is essential to our very existence. Let us pass for the moment the menace in the possible paralysis of such service as we have and note the failure, for whatever reason, to expand our transportation to meet the nation's needs.

The Census of 1880 recorded a population of 50,000,000. In two decades more we may reasonably expect to count three that number. In the three decades ending in 1920 the country's freight by rail increased from 631,000,000 tons to 2,234,000,000 tons; that is to say, while our population was increasing less than 70%, the freight movement increased over 250%.

We built 40% of the world's railroad mileage, and yet find it inadequate to our present requirements. When we contemplate the inadequacy of to-day it is easy to believe that the next few decades will witness the paralysis of our transportation—using social scheme or a complete reorganization on some new basis. Mindful of the tremendous costs of betterments, extensions and expansions, and mindful of the staggering debts of the world to-day, the difficulty is magnified.

Here is a problem demanding wide vision and the avoidance of mere makeshifts. No matter what the errors of the past, no matter how we acclaimed construction and then condemned operations in the past, we have the transportation and the honest investment in the transportation which sped us on to what we are, and we face conditions which reflect its inadequacy to-day, its greater inadequacy to-morrow, and we contemplate transportation costs which much of the traffic cannot and will not continue to pay.

Manifestly, we have need to begin on plans to co-ordinate all transportation facilities. We should more effectively connect up our rail lines with our carriers by sea. We ought to reap some benefit from the hundreds of millions expended on inland waterways, proving our capacity to utilize as well as expand. We ought to turn the motor truck into a railway feeder and distributor instead of a destroying competitor.

It would be folly to ignore that we live in a motor age. The motor car reflects our standard of living and gauges the speed of our present day life. It long ago ran down simple living and never halted to inquire about the prostrate figure which fell as its victim. With full recognition of motor car transportation we must turn it to the most practical use. It cannot supersede the railway lines, no matter how generously we afford it highways out of the public treasury.

If freight traffic by motor were charged with its proper and proportionate share of highway construction, we should find much of it wasteful and more costly than like service by rail. Yet we have paralleled the railways, a most natural line of construction, and thereby taken away from the agency of expected service much of its profitable traffic, which the taxpayers have been providing the highways, whose cost of maintenance is not yet realized.

The Federal Government has a right to inquire into the wisdom of this policy because the national treasury is contributing largely to this highway construction. Costly highways ought to be made to serve as feeders rather than competitors of the railroads, and the motor truck should become a co-ordinate factor in our great distributing system.

This transportation problem cannot be waved aside. The demand for lowered costs on farm products and basic materials cannot be ignored. Rates horizontally increased to meet increased wage outlays during the war inflation, are not easily reduced.

When some very moderate wage reductions were effected last summer there was a 5% horizontal reduction in rates. I sought at that time in a very informal way to have the railway managers go before the Inter-State Commerce Commission and agree to a heavier reduction on farm products and coal and other basic commodities, and leave unchanged the freight tariffs which a very large portion of the traffic was able to bear. Neither the managers nor the Commission saw fit to adopt the suggestion, so we had the horizontal reduction too slight to be felt by the higher class cargoes and too little to benefit the heavy tonnage calling most loudly for relief.

Railways are not to be expected to render the most essential service in our social organization without a fair return on capital invested, but the Government has gone so far in the regulation of rates and rules of operation that it has the responsibility of pointing the way to the reduced freight costs so essential to our national welfare.

Government operation does not afford the cure. It was Government operation which brought us to the very order of things against which we now rebel, and we are still liquidating the costs of that supreme folly.

Surely the genius of the railway builders has not become extinct among the railway managers. New economics, new efficiencies in co-operation must be found. The fact that labor takes 50 to 60% of total railway earnings makes limitations within which to effect economies very difficult, but the demand is no less insistent on that account.

Clearly the managers are without the intercarrier, co-operative relationship so highly essential to the best and most economical operation. They could not function in harmony when the strike threatened the paralysis of all railway transportation. The relationship of the service to public welfare, so intimately affected by State and Federal regulation, demands the effective correlation and a concerted drive to meet an insistent and justified public demand.

The merger of lines into systems, a facilitated interchange of freight cars, the economic use of terminals and the consolidation of facilities are suggested ways of economy and efficiency.

I remind you that Congress provided a joint commission of agricultural inquiry which made an exhaustive investigation of car service and transportation and unanimously recommended in its report of Oct. 15 1921 the pooling of freight cars under a central agency. This report well deserves your serious consideration. I think well of the central agency, which shall be a creation of the railways themselves, to provide, under the jurisdiction of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, the means for financing equipment for carriers which are otherwise unable to provide their proportion of car equipment adequate to transportation needs. This same agency ought to point the way to every possible economy in maintained equipment and the necessary interchanges in railway commerce.

In a previous address to the Congress I called to your attention the insufficiency of power to enforce the decision of the Railroad Labor Board. Carriers have ignored its decisions on the one hand, railway workmen have challenged its decisions by a strike on the other hand.

The intent of Congress to establish a tribunal to which railway labor and managers may appeal respecting questions of wages and working conditions cannot be too strongly commended. It is vitally important that some such agency should be a guaranty against suspended operations. The public must be spared even the threat of discontinued service.

Sponsoring the railroads, as we do, it is an obligation that labor shall be assured the highest justice and every proper consideration of wage and working conditions, but it is an equal obligation to see that no concerted action in forcing demands shall deprive the public of the transportation so essential to its very existence. It is now impossible to safeguard public interest, because the decrees of the Board are unenforceable against either employer or employee.

The Labor Board itself is not so constituted as best to serve the public interest. With six partisan members on a board of nine, three partisans nominated by the employees and three by the railway managers, it is inevitable that the partisan viewpoint is maintained throughout hearings and in decisions handed down. Indeed, the few exceptions to a strictly partisan expression in decisions thus far rendered have been followed by accusations of betrayal of the partisan interests represented. Only the public group of three is free to function in unbiased decisions. Therefore, the partisan membership may well be abolished and decisions should be made by an impartial tribunal.

I am well convinced that the functions of this tribunal could be much better carried on here in Washington. Even were it to be continued as a separate tribunal there ought to be contact with the Inter-State Commerce Commission, which has supreme authority in the rate-making to which wage costs bears an indissoluble relationship.

Theoretically, a fair and living wage must be determined quite apart from the employer's earning capacity, but in practice, in the railway service, they are inseparable. The record of advanced rates to meet increased wages, both determined by the Government, is proof enough.

The substitution of a labor division in the Inter-State Commerce Commission, made up from its membership, to hear and decide disputes relating to wages and working conditions which have failed of adjustment by proper committees created by the railways and their employees, offers a more effective plan.

It need not be surprising that there is dissatisfaction over delayed hearings and decisions by the present Board, when every trivial dispute is carried to that tribunal. The law should require the railroads and their employees to institute means and methods to negotiate between themselves their constantly arising differences, limiting appeals to the Government tribunal to disputes of such character as are likely to affect the public welfare.

This suggested substitution will involve a necessary increase in the membership of the Commission, probably four, to constitute the labor division. If the suggestion appeals to the Congress, it will be well to specify that the labor division shall be constituted of representatives of the four rate-making territories, thereby assuring a tribunal conversant with the conditions which obtain in the different rate-making sections of the country.

I wish I could bring to you the precise recommendation for the prevention of strikes, which threaten the welfare of the people and menace public safety. It is an important civilization and an inadequate Government which lacks the genius and the courage to guard against such a menace to public welfare as we experienced last summer.

You were aware of the Government's great concern and its futile attempt to aid in an adjustment. It will reveal the inexcusable obstinacy which was responsible for so much distress to the country to recall now that, though all disputes are not yet adjusted, the many settlements which have been made were on terms which the Government proposed in mediation.

Public interest demands that ample power shall be conferred upon the labor tribunal, whether it is the present board or the suggested substitute, to require its rulings to be accepted by both parties to a disputed question.

Let there be no confusion about the purpose of the suggested conferment of power to make decisions effective. There can be no denial of constitutional rights of either railway workmen or railway managers.

No man can be denied his right to labor when and how he chooses, or cease to labor when he so elects, but, since the Government assumes to safeguard his interests while employed in an essential public service, the security of society itself demands his retirement from the service shall not be so timed and related as to effect the destruction of that service. This vitally essential public transportation service, demanding so much of brain and brawn, so much for efficiency and security, ought to offer the most attractive working conditions and the highest of wages paid to workmen in any employment.

In essentially every branch, from track repairer to the man at the locomotive throttle, the railroad worker is responsible for the safety of human lives and the care of vast property. His high responsibility might well rate high his pay within the limits the traffic will bear; but the same responsibility plus governmental protection, may justly deny him and his associates a withdrawal from service without a warning or under circumstances which involve the paralysis of necessary transportation. We have assumed so great a responsibility in necessary regulation that we unconsciously have assumed the responsibility for maintained service; therefore be lawful power for the enforcement of decisions is necessary to sustain the majesty of government and to administer to the public welfare.

During its longer session the present Congress enacted a new tariff law. The protection of the American standards of living demanded the insurance it provides against the distorted conditions of world commerce. The framers of the law made provision for a certain flexibility of customs duties, whereby it is possible to readjust them as developing conditions may require. The enactment has imposed a large responsibility upon the Executive, but that responsibility will be discharged with a broad-mindedness of the whole business situation. The provision itself admits either the possible fallibility of rates or their unsuitableness to changing conditions.

I believe the grant of authority may be promptly and discreetly exercised, ever mindful of the intent and purpose to safeguard American industrial activity and at the same time prevent the exploitation of the American consumer and keep open the paths of such liberal exchanges as do not endanger our own productivity.

No one contemplates commercial aloofness nor any other aloofness contradictory to the best American traditions or loftiest human purposes. Our fortunate capacity for comparative self-containment affords the firm foundation on which to build our own security and a like foundation on which to build for a future of influence and importance in world commerce. Our trade expansion must come of capacity and of policies of righteousness and reasonableness in all our commercial relations.

Let no one assume that our provision for maintained good fortune at home and our unwillingness to assume the correction of all the ills of the world means a reluctance to co-operate with other peoples or to assume every just obligation to promote human advancement anywhere in the world.

War made us a creditor nation. We did not seek an excess possession of the world's gold, and we have neither desire to profit unduly by its possession nor permanently retain it. We do not seek to become an international dictator because of its power.

The voice of the United States has a respectful hearing in international councils, because we have convinced the world that we have no selfish ends to serve, no old grievances to avenge, no territorial or other greed to satisfy. But the voice being heard is that of good counsel, not of dictation. It is the voice of sympathy and fraternity and helpfulness, seeking to assist, but not to assume for the United States burdens which nations must bear for themselves. We would rejoice to help rehabilitate currency systems and facilitate all commerce which does not drag us to the very levels of those we seek to lift up.

While I have everlasting faith in our Republic, it would be folly, indeed, to blind ourselves to our problems at home. Abusing the hospitality of our shores are the advocates of revolution, finding their deluded followers among those who take on the habiliments of an American without knowing an American soul. There is the recrudescence of hyp'notized Americanism which we thought to have been stamped out when we committed the Nations, life and soul, to the World War.

There is a call to make the alien respect our institutions while he accepts our hospitality. There is need to magnify the American viewpoint to the alien who seeks citizenship among us. There is need to magnify the national viewpoint to Americans throughout the land. More, there is a demand for every living being in the United States to respect and abide by the laws of the republic. Let men who are rendering the moral fibre of the Republic through easy contempt for the prohibition law, because they think it restricts their personal liberty, remember that they set the example and breed a contempt for law which will ultimately destroy the republic.

Constitutional prohibition has been adopted by the nation. It is the supreme law of the land. In plain speaking, there are conditions relating to its enforcement which savor of nation-wide scandal. It is the most demoralizing factor in our public life.

Most of our people assumed that the adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment meant the elimination of the question from our politics. On the contrary, it has been so intensified as an issue that many voters are disposed to make all political decisions with reference to this single question. It is distracting the public mind and prejudicing the judgment of the electorate.

The day is unlikely to come when the Eighteenth Amendment will be repealed. The fact may as well be recognized and our course adapted accordingly. If the statutory provisions for its enforcement are contrary to deliberate public opinion, which I do not believe, the righteous and literal enforcement will concentrate public attention on any requisite modification. Such a course conforms with the law and saves the humiliation of the Government and the humiliation of our people before the world, and challenges the destructive forces engaged in widespread violation, official corruption and individual demoralization.

The Eighteenth Amendment involves the concurrent authority of State and Federal Governments for the enforcement of the policy it defines. A certain lack of definiteness, through division of responsibility, is thus introduced. In order to bring about a full understanding of duties and responsibilities as thus distributed, I purpose to invite the Governors of the States and Territories at an early opportunity to a conference with the Federal executive authority.

Out of the full and free considerations which will thus be possible, it is confidently believed will emerge a more adequate comprehension of the whole problem and definite policies of national and State co-operation in administering the laws.

There are pending bills for the registration of the alien who has come to our shores. I wish the passage of such an Act might be expedited. Life and American opportunities is worth the cost of registration if it is worth the seeking, and the nation has the right to know who are citizens in the making or who live among us and share our advantages while seeking to undermine our cherished institutions. This provision will enable us to guard against the abuses in immigration, checking the undesirable whose irregular coming is his first violation of our laws. More, it will facilitate the needed Americanizing of those who mean to enroll as fellow citizens.

Before enlarging the immigration quotas we had better provide registration for aliens, those now here or continually pressing for admission, and establish our examination boards abroad to make sure of desirables only. By the examination abroad we could end the pathos at our ports, when men and women find our doors closed, after long voyages and wasted savings, because they are unfit for admission. It would be kinder and safer to tell them before they embark.

Our program of admission and treatment of immigrants is very intimately related to the educational policy of the Republic. With illiteracy estimated at from two-tenths of 1% to less than 2% in ten of the foremost nations of Europe, it rivets our attention to a serious problem, when we are reminded of a 6% illiteracy in the United States. The figures are based on the test, which defines an illiterate as one having no schooling whatever. Remembering the wide freedom of our public schools, with compulsory attendance in many States in the Union, one is convinced that much of our excessive illiteracy comes to us from abroad, and the education of the immigrant becomes a requisite to his Americanization. It must be done, if he is fittingly to exercise the duties, as well as enjoy the privileges of American



citizenship. Here is revealed the special field for Federal co-operation in furthering education.

From the very beginning public education has been left mainly in the hands of the States. So far as schooling youth is concerned the policy has been justified, because no responsibility can be so effective as that of the local community alive to its task. I believe in the co-operation of the national authority to stimulate, encourage and broaden the work of the local authorities. But it is the special obligation of the Federal Government to devise means and effectively assist in the education of the new-comer from foreign lands, so that the level of American education may be made the highest that is humanly possible.

Closely related to this problem of education is the abolition of child labor. Twice Congress has attempted the correction of the evils incident to child employment.

The decision of the Supreme Court has put this problem outside the proper domain of Federal regulation until the Constitution is so amended as to give the Congress indubitable authority. I recommend the submission of such an amendment.

We have two schools of thought relating to amendment of the Constitution. One need not be committed to the belief that amendment is weakening the fundamental law, or that excessive amendment is essential to meet every ephemeral whim. We ought to amend to meet the demands of the people when sanctioned by deliberate public opinion.

One year ago I suggested the submission of an amendment so that we may lawfully restrict the issues of tax-exempt securities and I renew that recommendation now. Tax-exempt securities are drying up the sources of Federal taxation and they are encouraging unproductive and extravagant expenditures by States and municipalities. There is more than the menace in mounting public debt, there is the dissipation of capital which should be made available to the needs of productive industry.

The proposed amendment will place the State and Federal Governments and all political subdivisions on an exact equality, and will correct the growing menace of public borrowing which if left unchecked may soon threaten the stability of our institutions.

We are so vast and so varied in our national interests that scores of problems are pressing for attention. I must not risk the wearying of your patience with detailed reference.

Reclamation and irrigation projects, where waste land may be made available for settlement and productivity, are worthy of your favorable consideration.

When it is realized that we are consuming our timber four times as rapidly as we are growing it, we must encourage the greatest possible co-operation between the Federal Government, the various States, and the owners of forest lands, to the end that protection from fire shall be made more effective and replanting encouraged.

The fuel problem is under study now by a very capable fact-finding commission and any attempt to deal with the coal problem, of such deep concern to the entire nation, must await the report of the commission.

There are necessary studies of great problems which Congress might well initiate. The wide spread between production costs and prices which consumers pay concerns every citizen of the republic. It contributes very largely to the unrest in agriculture and must stand sponsor for much against which we inveigh in that familiar term—the high cost of living.

No one doubts the excess is traceable to the levy of the middleman, but it would be unfair to charge him with all responsibility before we appraise what is exacted of him by our modern complex life. We have attacked the problem on one side by the promotion of co-operative marketing, and we might well inquire into the benefits of co-operative buying.

Admittedly, the consumer is much to blame himself, because of his prodigal expenditure and his exaction of service, but government might well serve to point the way of narrowing the spread of price, especially between the production of food and its consumption.

A super-power survey of the Eastern industrial region has recently been completed, looking to unification of steam, water and electric powers, and to a unified scheme of power distribution. The survey proved that vast economies in tonnage movement of freights, and in the efficiency of the railroads, would be effected if the super-power program were adopted. I am convinced that constructive measures calculated to promote such an industrial development—I am tempted to say, such an industrial revolution—would be well worthy the careful attention and fostering interest of the National Government.

The proposed survey of a plan to draft all the resources of the republic, human and material, for national defense may well have your approval. I commended such a program in case of future war, in the inaugural address of March 4 1921, and every experience in the adjustment and liquidation of war claims and the settlement of war obligations persuades me we ought to be prepared for such universal call to armed defense.

I bring you no apprehension of war. The world is abhorrent of it, and our own relations are not only free from every threatening cloud, but we have contributed our larger influence toward making armed conflict less likely. Those who assume that we played our part in the World War and later took ourselves aloof and apart, unmindful of world obligations, give scant credit to the helpful part we assume in international relationships.

Whether all nations signatory ratify all the treaties growing out of the Washington conference on limitation of armament or some withhold approval, the underlying policy of limiting naval armament has the sanction of the larger naval Powers, and naval competition is suspended. Of course, unanimous ratification is much to be desired.

The Four Power Pact, which abolishes every probability of a war on the Pacific, has brought new confidence in a maintained peace, and I can well believe it might be made a model for like assurances wherever in the world any common interests are concerned.

We have had expressed the hostility of the American people to a super-government or to any commitment where either a council or an assembly of leagued Powers may chart our course. Treaties of armed alliance can have no likelihood of American sanction, but we believe in respecting the rights of nations. In the value of conference and consultation, in the effectiveness of leaders of nations looking each other in the face before resorting to the arbitrament of arms.

It has been our fortune both to preach and promote international understanding. The influence of the United States in bringing near the settlement of an ancient dispute between South American nations is added proof of the glow of peace in ample understanding. In Washington to-day are met the delegates of the Central American nations, gathered at the table of international understanding, to stabilize their republics and remove every vestige of disagreement.

They are met here by our invitation, not in our aloofness, and they accept our hospitality because they have faith in our unselfishness and believe in our helpfulness. Perhaps we are selfish in craving their confidence and friendship, but such selfishness we proclaim to the world, regardless of hemispheres, or seas dividing.

I would like the Congress and the people of the nation to believe that in a firm and considerate way we are insistent on American rights wherever they may be questioned, and deny no rights of others in the association of our own. Moreover, we are cognizant of the world's struggles for full read-

justment and rehabilitation, and we have shirked no duty which comes of sympathy, or fraternity, or highest fellowship among nations.

Every obligation consonant with American ideals and sanctioned under our form of Government is willingly met. When we cannot support we do not demand. Our Constitutional limitations do not forbid the exercise of a moral influence, the measure of which is not less than the high purposes we have sought to serve.

After all there is less difference about the part this great Republic shall play in furthering peace and advancing humanity than in the manner of playing it. We ask no one to assume responsibility for us; we assume no responsibility which others must bear for themselves, unless nationality is hopelessly swallowed up in internationalism.

PRESIDENT HARDING'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS ON THE BUDGET—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1924, \$3,180,843,234.

In a message transmitting to Congress on Dec. 4 the budget of the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30 1924, President Harding states that "due to continued pressure for economies and a revision of the expenditure program based on five months of actual operation, it is now estimated that the expenditures for the fiscal year 1923 will be \$3,703,801,671. These revised figures," he continued, "indicate an apparent prospective deficit of \$273,938,712"; he added, "I am hopeful, however, that the conditions on which this estimate is predicated, will change for the better in the ensuing months of the fiscal year and that the close of the year will show a balanced account." Less than six months ago the indications pointed to a deficit of \$697,433,237. According to the President's message, the estimate of expenditures for the fiscal year 1924 is \$3,180,843,234. Tables of comparative statements of appropriations for 1923 and 1924, as well as receipts, were presented by the President, who stated that the new budget system has accomplished "the greatest reform in our financial history." The message follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

I transmit herewith the budget of the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30 1924, which is summarized in the following statement:

BUDGET SUMMARY.

(Exclusive of postal revenues and postal expenditures paid from postal revenues.)

	Estimated		
	1924.	1923.	Actual, 1922.
Total receipts.....	\$3,361,812,359	\$3,429,862,959	\$4,109,104,150 94
Total expenditures (including reduction of the public debt required by law to be made from ordinary receipts).....	3,180,843,234	3,703,801,671	3,795,302,499 84
Excess of expenditures.....		\$273,938,712	
Excess of receipts.....	\$180,969,125		\$313,801,651 10

In the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30 1923, transmitted to Congress Dec. 5 1921, the estimated receipts for the fiscal year 1922 were \$3,943,453,663, and the estimated expenditures \$3,967,922,366, thus forecasting an apparent excess of expenditures over receipts of \$24,468,703. At the close of business on June 30 1922 it was found that the actual receipts for the fiscal year 1922 were \$4,109,104,150 94, and the actual expenditures \$3,795,302,499 84, making an excess of receipts over expenditures of \$313,801,651 10. That we closed the fiscal year 1922 with a surplus of \$313,801,651 10 instead of an estimated deficit of \$24,468,703 was due in no small measure to the fact that at the beginning of the fiscal year 1922 a system of financial control was established in the executive branch of the Government under the budget system. Immediately upon the commencement of the fiscal year 1922 Executive pressure for the closest economies was brought to bear upon the business organization of the Government. For the first time in the history of this country co-ordination was established in the routine business of the Government, and the departments and establishments thus brought together in a common effort for economy.

While the estimate of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year 1923, as made at the time of the presentation of the budget in December 1921 indicated that the receipts would be \$3,338,182,750 and the expenditures \$3,505,754,727, a revision of the prospective receipts and expenditures made on July 1 1922, the commencement of the fiscal year, indicated that the receipts would be \$3,078,825,311 and the expenditures \$3,771,258,542. That revised estimate indicated an excess of expenditures over receipts of \$697,433,231.

As a result, however, of the operations of the first five months of the current fiscal year, a revised estimate of receipts has now been made, showing a total of \$3,429,862,959. The considerable increase over the July estimate is due to the stimulation in the collection of ordinary receipts, aided by an increase in the customs revenues. On the other hand, due to continued pressure for economies and a revision of the expenditure program based on five months of actual operation, it is now estimated that the expenditures for the fiscal year 1923 will be \$3,703,801,671. These revised figures indicate an apparent prospective deficit of \$273,938,712. I am hopeful, however, that the conditions on which this estimate is predicated will change for the better in the ensuing months of the fiscal year and that the close of the year will show a balanced account.

It is well to mention that of the total estimated expenditures of \$3,703,801,671 for the fiscal year 1923, approximately \$2,000,000,000 will be expended in the payment of pensions, payments to or on behalf of World War veterans, interest on the public debt, and for the reduction of the public debt required by law to be made from ordinary receipts.

This estimate of expenditures during the fiscal year 1923 includes the amount of the difference between the cash receipts from sales of War Savings stamps, series of 1918, and their face value, which series becomes due Jan. 1 1923. This amount of approximately \$125,000,000 represents discount accruals covering a period of five years, and while not an expenditure properly chargeable against the ordinary receipts of 1923, must be met this fiscal year, and therefore has been included in this year's estimated expenditures.

We now come to the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30 1924. It is estimated that the total ordinary receipts from all sources, excluding the postal services, will be \$3,361,812,359. This is \$747,291,791 94 less than the actual receipts for 1922 and \$68,050,600 less than the estimated receipts for 1923. The items which make up this estimated total for 1924 are compared with similar items for the two preceding years as follows:

Source—	RECEIPTS.		
	1924.	1923.	1922.
Internal revenue receipts.....	\$2,425,000,000	\$2,400,000,000	\$3,213,253,256 79
Customs receipts.....	425,000,000	450,000,000	356,443,387 18
Miscellaneous receipts.....			
Interest, premium and discount	\$232,863,263	\$237,800,455	\$37,460,287 03
Sale of Government properties.....	35,404,410	95,850,125	116,237,787 86
Public domain receipts.....	16,149,650	10,214,500	16,334,593 64
Franchise tax, Federal Reserve Banks.....	10,000,000	10,000,000	59,974,465 04
Profits on coinage, bullion deposits, &c.....	10,000,000	17,000,000	21,660,921 07
Fees, fines and forfeitures.....	33,000,042	31,295,357	32,539,339 35
Repayments of foreign loans and other investments.....	59,175,000	58,643,000	120,658,726 93
District of Columbia receipts.....	15,509,500	16,303,415	15,235,016 44
Panama Canal receipts.....	14,224,000	33,924,000	11,747,092 47
Trust fund receipts.....	65,319,170	61,196,522	37,939,581 32
Other sources.....	20,169,715	21,508,485	29,569,693 22
Total miscellaneous receipts.....	\$511,812,359	\$379,862,959	\$539,407,506 97
Total receipts all sources.....	\$3,361,812,359	\$3,429,862,959	\$4,109,104,150 94

The estimate of expenditures for the fiscal year 1924 is \$3,180,843,234. This is the amount which it is estimated will be withdrawn from the Treasury during the fiscal year ending June 30 1924. This estimate of cash withdrawal is to be distinguished from the estimate of appropriations contained in the budget, since withdrawals during the fiscal year will be made from appropriations heretofore made as well as from appropriations recommended in this budget. Furthermore, a portion of the money to be appropriated for the fiscal year 1924 will not be withdrawn from the Treasury until after the close of that fiscal year.

These expenditures may be divided into two general classes, those which partake of the nature of fixed charges and are not generally subject to administrative control and those which are subject to administrative control.

Included within the first class are pensions, payments to or on behalf of World War veterans, interest on the public debt, and the reduction of the public debt required by law to be made from the ordinary receipts of the Government. These items, together with certain other, but smaller items not generally subject to administrative control, represent about two-thirds of the estimated expenditures, leaving approximately one billion dollars subject to administrative control.

The foregoing does not include expenditures for the Postal Service and the Post Office Department payable from postal revenues. Such expenditures for the fiscal year 1923 were \$545,666,532 28, a deficiency of \$64,346,234 52, payable from ordinary receipts, being included in the ordinary expenditures for 1923 hereinbefore mentioned. The estimated expenditures from postal revenues during 1923 are \$559,996,841 69, an estimated deficiency of \$31,502,570 76 being included in the estimated ordinary expenditures for 1923. The estimated expenditures from postal revenues for 1924 are \$584,653,151 50, and it is estimated that through proper readjustments there will be a surplus of postal revenues over expenditures amounting to \$952,439 66 for that year.

That we approach the commencement of the fiscal year 1924 with an estimated surplus for that year of \$180,969,125 is certainly most encouraging. While I am hopeful that there will be no deficit in the current fiscal year 1923, if such a deficit does occur, this surplus for 1924 will give a margin to take care of it.

Successful management of the public debt in the transactions involving large refunding operations is essential to the public credit and closely related to successful budget operations. The Treasury Department has been carrying out a program of orderly funding and gradual liquidation of the public debt. On June 30 1922 the gross public debt was \$22,963,381,708 31, as compared with \$23,977,450,552 54 on June 30 1921, showing a reduction of \$1,014,068,844 23 during the fiscal year 1922. This reduction was accomplished through the following means: First, in the amount of \$423,694,000, through the cumulative sinking fund and other public debt expenditures payable from certain specific receipts; second, in the amount of \$277,572,593 13, through the reduction in the net balance in the general fund of the Treasury; and third, in the amount of \$313,801,651 10, through the surplus of ordinary receipts over expenditures for the year.

On April 30 1921 the short-term outstanding debt maturing before June 30 1923 was more than \$7,500,000,000, which through the reductions referred to and refunding operations was reduced to about \$4,500,000,000 on June 30 1922, and up to Nov. 15 1922 this amount had been further reduced to approximately \$3,000,000,000. These refunding operations have involved the issue on Oct. 16 1923 of approximately \$750,000,000 long-term bonds and the issue of Treasury notes aggregating \$2,743,334,000 maturing as follows: \$701,897,700 during 1924, \$926,727,700 during 1925, and \$1,104,708,600 during 1926. These refunding operations are carried on for the purpose of changing the maturity date of public debt obligations and thus avoid the necessity for meeting obligations of many billions of dollars at one time. The resulting distribution of maturities does not indicate a reduction in the total of such obligations.

We now come to the estimates of appropriations for 1924, amounting to \$3,075,940,331 69. This is \$195,298,359 14 less than the appropriation already made for the current fiscal year 1923. Early in July I called together in open meeting for the third time the executives constituting the establishment of the Government, and at that time further emphasized the need of more rigid economy in the expenditure of public funds. I stated that the estimated receipts for the fiscal year 1924 would not permit so liberal appropriations for that year as had been made for the current fiscal year 1923. The preparation of the estimates of appropriations as they appear in the budget was controlled by this policy. While it may be possible to make a small reduction in an item here and there, any material reduction will necessitate a change in the administrative policy upon which estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year 1924 are based. I am giving below a comparative statement of the estimates of appropriations for 1924 and appropriations for 1923.

	Estimates of Appropriations, 1924.	Appropriations, 1923.
Legislative establishment.....	\$14,418,912 60	\$14,504,164 95
Executive office.....	382,850 00	309,595 00
Special repair, Executive Mansion.....	25,000 00	
Independent offices:		
Civil Service Commission.....	877,295 00	807,911 00
Employees' Compensation Commission.....	2,432,740 00	2,660,306 00
Federal Board for Vocational Education.....	6,427,000 00	5,932,000 00
Federal Trade Commission.....	955,000 00	955,000 00
General Accounting Office.....	3,361,163 00	3,922,418 00
Housing Corporation.....	870,450 00	1,056,425 00
Inter-State Commerce Commission.....	4,514,500 00	5,361,462 00
Shipping Board and Emergency Fleet Corporation.....	59,411,500 00	109,459,000 00
State, War and Navy Department Buildings.....	1,707,230 00	3,771,950 00
Tariff Commission.....	700,000 00	345,000 00
United States Veterans' Bureau.....	440,313,000 00	422,077,223 45
Other independent offices.....	1,874,780 74	2,287,884 00
Department of Agriculture.....	81,251,613 00	62,412,036 00
Department of Commerce.....	19,715,335 00	20,618,496 20
Department of the Interior.....	316,207,752 00	327,514,157 10

	Estimates of Appropriations, 1924.	Appropriations, 1923.
Department of Justice.....	\$18,751,056 00	\$18,631,205 00
Department of Labor.....	6,203,556 00	7,490,188 11
Navy Department.....	296,934,025 00	298,324,265 25
Post Office Department, payable from the Treasury.....		14,600 00
State Department.....	15,059,237 70	11,095,200 66
Treasury Department.....	148,888,862 28	160,627,265 44
War Department, including Panama Canal.....	323,517,300 28	346,894,386 87
District of Columbia.....	25,043,973 00	25,990,050 89
Ordinary.....	\$1,783,843,331 69	\$1,844,149,890 83
Reduction in principal of the public debt:		
Sinking fund.....	\$298,872,000 00	\$283,838,800 00
Purchase of Liberty bonds from foreign repayments.....	31,225,000 00	31,250,000 00
Redemption of bonds and notes from estate taxes.....	5,000,000 00	5,000,000 00
Redemption of securities from Federal Reserve Bank franchise tax receipts.....	10,000,000 00	10,000,000 00
Principal of the public debt.....	\$345,097,000 00	\$330,088,800 00
Interest on the public debt.....	\$950,000,000 00*	\$1,100,000,000 00
Total payable from the Treasury.....	\$3,075,940,331 69	\$3,274,238,600 83
Post Office Department and Postal Service, payable from postal revenues.....	590,166,191 50	564,524,766 50
Total, including Post Office Department and Postal Service.....	\$3,666,106,523 19	\$3,838,763,457 33

\* Including \$125,000,000 discount accruals of War Savings Stamps, Series of 1918 due Jan. 1 1923.

Statement No. 8 of the Budget gives a functional classification of the estimates for the fiscal year 1924, which will be found interesting and informative, showing as it does the approximate amounts devoted to important Government activities and interests. This classification has four general divisions—general functions, military functions, civil functions, and a grouping of the non-functional appropriations.

It will be found that a total of \$103,070,886 is carried for general functions, which include the legislative, judicial, executive, and the general administrative operations of the Government which cannot be allocated to specific civil functions.

The sum of \$1,250,715,939 is provided for military functions, which includes military pensions, retirement pay, annuities and World War allowances, and national defense.

The amount recommended for national defense is divided into two classes: Army, \$256,552,887; navy, \$289,880,993.

The amount recommended for the maintenance and operation of the army will provide for a regular army of 12,000 officers and 125,000 enlisted men, exclusive of the Philippine Scouts, which is the force now authorized by Congress; will provide for the training of 15,000 reserve officers for a period of 15 days and for 150 for a period of three months, as against a total of only 5,000 for 15 days during the current fiscal year; will provide for the attendance of 38,000 men at civilian military training camps as against 27,000 during this current fiscal year; and will enable the Militia Bureau to increase the strength of the National Guard from 160,000 officers and men—the strength on June 30 1922—to 215,000 officers and men. While no increase in the number of students enrolled at Reserve Officers' Training Corps units at schools and colleges—now totaling 96,000 students in 225 institutions—is provided, the funds recommended, however, will enable a large number of these students to be given both basic and advance courses of instruction.

The funds recommended will provide for all essentials connected with the upkeep of all military posts, camps and stations, the Army transport service, the coast defenses of the United States, Panama and insular possessions, and other military activities, and, in addition, allow \$3,166,767 for new construction at military posts and \$750,000 toward the replacement of worn-out portions of the Alaska cable. For the Air Service, the amount recommended is \$12,871,500, which is \$23,500 less than the 1923 appropriation, and will permit this service to operate efficiently in accordance with existing policy. For the United States Military Academy at West Point \$2,066,428 is recommended, an increase of \$6,799 over 1923.

The amount recommended for the Navy will provide for the present enlisted personnel of 88,000 men; will maintain all present ships in commission; will increase the steaming radius of capital ships from 13,080 miles to 16,200 miles, and other ships proportionately; will provide training for 2,000 officers and 7,000 men in the Naval Reserve; and will make provision for continuing all new ship construction in privately owned yards, except for reduction in speed of construction on three light cruisers; for suspending the construction of four auxiliaries in navy yards and reducing the speed of construction on two fleet submarines.

The amount provided in the Budget for military pensions and allowances includes \$253,000,000 for pensions, \$434,584,050 for World War allowances and \$20,289,289 for retirement pay.

The amount recommended for civil functions totals \$953,599,096. Under this general function \$14,587,167 is allowed for foreign relations and protection of American interests abroad; \$18,553,636 for general law enforcement, which includes activities having to do with the enforcement of general laws and the administration and enforcement of special acts like the National Prohibition Act, the Narcotics Act, and the investigation and prosecution of war contract frauds; \$7,199,000 for the control of currency and banking; \$13,584,305 for the administration of Indian affairs; \$17,582,618 for the administration of public domain, which includes those activities of the Government having to do with the care and utilization of public lands and the care and utilization of national forests; \$11,391,909 for the promotion and regulation of commerce and industry, which includes the activities of the Tariff Commission, the Federal Trade Commission, the Patent Office, and those activities of the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce having to do with the promotion and regulation of commerce and industry; \$79,491,995 for the promotion, regulation and operation of marine transportation, which includes \$50,411,500 for the Shipping Board and Emergency Fleet Corporation; \$4,514,900 for the promotion and regulation of land transportation; \$590,171,942 for the Postal Service and land telegraph and telegraphic communication, which includes \$590,166,192 for the Postal Service; \$24,876,799 for the promotion and regulation of agriculture; \$1,244,090 for the promotion and regulation of fisheries; \$4,718,030 for the promotion of labor interests; \$3,871,210 for immigration and naturalization; \$15,877,339 for promotion of public health; \$10,151,060 for promotion of public education; \$10,619,456 for science and research; \$29,563,110 for local Government, including the District of Columbia, and \$228,050 for civil relief.

For public works, under civil functions, \$96,197,030 is carried, which includes \$41,764,550 for rivers and harbors proper and items of similar character; \$31,480,000 for roads; \$6,889,105 for Panama Canal; \$4,750,000 for Reclamation Service; \$2,200,000 for railroads in Alaska; \$5,738,950 for hospital construction and facilities for war patients, and \$3,384,425 for other public improvement and Government plant additions.



Under non-functional appropriations is carried a total of \$1,355,720,602, which includes \$36,187,059 for refunds, losses, contingencies and miscellaneous; \$345,097,000 for public debt retirements payable from ordinary receipts; \$950,000,000 for interest on the public debt, and \$24,436,543 for disbursement of trust funds.

It seems appropriate here to consider the course of the retrenchment policy of the Government since the fiscal year ending June 30 1919, the year in which the armistice was signed. Exclusive of expenditures made in the reduction of the public debt, the total expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30 1920 were \$6,403,343,841 21. The expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30 1921, including \$422,281,500 on account of reduction of the public debt payable from ordinary receipts, under the new cumulative sinking fund, were \$5,538,209,189 30. This was further reduced for the fiscal year ending June 30 1922 to \$3,795,302,499 84. As I have previously stated, the estimated expenditures for 1923 are \$3,703,801,671, while the budget for 1924 estimates the expenditures at \$3,180,843,234 for that year. These figures show a most satisfactory reduction in the expenditure of public moneys since 1919.

Can there be a reasonable expectation for further considerable reduction in Governmental expenditures in the near future? This question is no doubt upon the lips of many. The burden of taxation caused by the World War has borne heavily upon us all, and it has been the earnest desire of the Government to reduce this burden to the minimum consistent with a proper functioning of the Federal services. We have seen, however, that approximately two-thirds of the taxes collected go to pay certain fixed charges, over the expenditure of which there can be exercised little or no administrative control. The interest on the public debt, the chief of the fixed charges, must be paid. This will be \$950,000,000 for the fiscal year 1924, constituting nearly one-third of the total expenditures of the Government. Among these are also certain permanent and indefinite appropriations for various purposes and certain large annual appropriations sanctioned by law and by public opinion.

After deducting these items there is left, as has been shown, approximately only \$1,000,000,000, out of which these normal operating expenses of the Government must be paid. It is against this group of expenditures that the retrenchment policy of the Government has been directed. Never before in our financial history has there been such close scrutiny on the part of both the Executive and Congress of every item which contemplates expenditures for the support of the Government. Not only have the departments themselves set up agencies of control both in the preparation of their estimates and over their expenditures, but the pressure of the Executive has been directed toward effecting economies in these ordinary Governmental operations.

A reduction in expenditures would undoubtedly result from a reorganization of the departments and establishments upon a more scientific basis, but we cannot look to this alone to effect such a material reduction in cost of Government operation as would justify the expression of hope for a considerable lessening of expenditures in the years to come.

There is, however, another field of Government operation—a rapidly broadening field of Government expenditure—which may be discussed with profit to us all. I refer to expenditures which are being made from appropriations for Federal aid in lines of research, improvement and development which, while having no direct connection with the operations of the business of Government, have grown to become a recognized part of its activities. It is not easy, therefore, to divorce from our minds the fact that considerable of the moneys appropriated for the Government are spent for those things which do not pertain to the normal functions or operations of the business of Government. There is question as to how far the Government should participate in these extraneous activities, and I am frank to say that in answer to the question as to whether we can look forward to any further material reduction in the expenditures of the Government in future years depends largely upon whether or not there will be a curtailment or expansion of these activities, which have already added greatly to the annual drafts upon the Treasury of the United States. These extraneous activities have flowed from the laws enacted pursuant to popular demand, and I take this occasion to refer to them for the purpose of showing that the taxation which necessarily results in providing funds to meet them is a necessary incident to the fulfillment of the popular demand.

In the efforts which have been directed to reducing public expenditures, I have been much concerned in apparent increasing State, county and municipal indebtedness, and I am fearful lest this condition may be in part attributable to the expenditures made by the Government pursuant to its Federal-aid laws, as many of these laws require State contributions as a prerequisite to the extension of the Federal aid. Certainly an expression by the Government that it is willing to bear a proportionate part of the cost of certain aid work is an incentive to the States to contribute their share, and it is only natural that this should lead to the increasing State, county and municipal indebtedness.

In adapting its procedure to the needs of the new budget system, I fully realize the far-reaching changes which Congress made in its organization. While the budget bill was pending, the House, in anticipation of its final enactment, changed its rules in order to centralize authority and responsibility over appropriation measures, and, further, when the President last year transmitted the budget, prepared according to the form and contents of the old Book of Estimates, and an alternative budget, prepared according to a logical grouping of Governmental services, the House forthwith adopted the alternative budget and changed the form of the appropriation bills to conform to the chapters of such alternative budget. This was a change of far-reaching importance. Following the action of the House, the Senate reorganized its committee system for the consideration of appropriation bills, centralizing authority and responsibility in its Committee on Appropriations.

The President has received from Congress during this formative period of the budget system the most hearty co-operation at all times. Many conferences with the Appropriations Committees of the House and Senate were necessary in order to establish the form of the budget. We were working in virgin soil, establishing new methods of financial procedure. I am glad to say that no important step has been taken by the Executive, even though the matter involved might be of purely executive concern, without first discussing the matter with your Appropriations Committees, and I desire to express my appreciation of the helpful spirit always evidenced by them whenever we had occasion to come together for the mutual consideration of questions of budgetary principle or procedure. I may say without fear of exaggeration that we have been during the last two years co-laborers in the greatest reform in our financial history.

WARREN G. HARDING.

The White House, Dec. 4 1922.

**SECRETARY MELLON ADVOCATES REDUCTION IN SURTAXES TO OVERCOME EVASIONS THROUGH TAX EXEMPT SECURITIES, &C.**

A reduction of the Federal surtax rates to a maximum of not exceeding 25% is urged by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon in his annual report to Congress this week, the readjustment being proposed to overcome the evasion of payment

in the case of incomes subject to the tax. Secretary Mellon contends that "the surtaxes are gradually defeating their own purpose and the high rates are becoming ineffective because of the steady disappearance of the taxable incomes to which they were intended to apply." Among the means frequently used he says to reduce the amounts of income subject to taxation, are the following:

1. Deductions of losses on sales of capital assets, with the failure to realize on capital gains.
2. Exchanges of property and securities so as to avoid taxable gains.
3. Tax-exempt securities, and
4. Other avenues of escape, such as the division of property, the creation of trust and the like.

The Secretary in his discussion of the subject in his report (made public Dec. 6) says:

The higher surtax rates, which will run to 50%, or a combined 58% after including the normal tax, put such heavy pressure on the larger taxpayers to reduce their taxable income that these taxpayers inevitably seek every permissible means of avoiding the realization of income subject to surtax. The result is to create an artificial situation, which is not wholesome from the point of view of business or industrial development. At the same time it is the higher surtax rates are undoubtedly impairing the revenues of the Government, for under existing conditions operating to reduce rather than increase the revenues.

This presents a problem which calls for solution, and I believe it can be solved only by relieving on the one hand the pressure for reducing taxable income, by making further readjustments of the surtax rates, and on the other hand by closing, so far as possible, the existing avenues of escape. To attempt to close the gaps alone will not be enough, for the existing rates of surtax cause such heavy pressure for avoidance that new gaps would surely be found. The high rates sound productive, but the fact remains that they are becoming increasingly ineffective and are yielding less and less revenue every year. The time has come to face the facts squarely and to correct the artificial conditions which now prevail.

The higher rates of income surtaxes, as I have previously stated in the letter of April 30 1921 to the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, "put constant pressure on taxpayers to reduce their taxable income, interfere with the transaction of business and the free flow of capital into productive enterprise and are rapidly becoming unproductive." Developments since that time have more than confirmed these statements. Under the Revenue Act of 1921 the surtaxes rise to a maximum of 50%, which applies to all net incomes over \$200,000, with rates on intermediate incomes graduated on this basis.

According to the best estimates available the total yield of all surtaxes in respect to the business of the taxable year 1922 will not exceed \$350,000,000, and the returns for several years have been steadily declining, from about \$800,000,000 for 1919 to about \$590,000,000 for 1920, and about \$450,000,000 for 1921 (estimated). The statistics of income for recent years likewise show that there has been a remarkable decline in the larger taxable incomes at the very time that net incomes generally have been increasing. This appears most clearly from the following table showing decline of taxable incomes over \$300,000:

-No. of Returns- Incomes		-Net Income- Incomes		-Div. & Int. on Invest- ment Incomes	
All Classes.	Over \$300,000.	All Classes.	Over \$300,000.	All Classes.	Over \$300,000.
1916. 437,036	1,296	\$6,298,577,620	\$992,972,986	\$3,217,348,030	\$706,945,738
1917. 3,472,890	1,015	13,652,383,207	731,372,153	3,785,557,955	616,119,892
1918. 4,425,114	627	15,924,639,355	401,107,868	3,872,234,935	344,111,461
1919. 5,332,760	679	19,859,491,448	440,011,589	3,954,553,925	314,984,884
1920. 7,259,944	395	23,735,629,183	246,354,585	4,445,145,223	229,052,039

These figures show that while net income of all classes during the period from 1916 to 1920 increased from \$6,298,577,620 in 1916 to \$23,735,629,183 in 1920, the number of returns of incomes over \$300,000 decreased during the same period from 1,296 in 1916 to 395 in 1920, and the amount of incomes over \$300,000 from \$992,972,986 in 1916 to \$246,354,585 in 1920. During this same period investment income of all classes increased, while in incomes over \$300,000 investment income shrank from \$706,945,738 in 1916 to \$229,052,039 in 1920.

This indicates an astounding decline in taxable incomes over \$300,000 and clearly reflects the tendency of the high surtaxes to reduce taxable income. In this way the surtaxes are gradually defeating their own purpose and the high rates are becoming ineffective because of the steady disappearance of the taxable incomes to which they were intended to apply. The pressure operates in different ways, but among the means frequently used to reduce the amounts of income subject to taxation are the following:

1. Deductions of losses on sales of capital assets, with the failure to realize on capital gains;
2. Exchanges of property and securities so as to avoid taxable gains;
3. Tax-exempt securities; and
4. Other avenues of escape, such as the division of property, the creation of trusts, and the like.

Not all these things can be controlled by law or by regulation, and most of them lead to unnatural and frequently harmful economic results. To reach the evil the thing most necessary is the reduction of the surtax rates themselves, in order to reduce the pressure for avoidance and maintain the revenues derived from the surtax. I believe, therefore, that it would be sound policy and at the same time most helpful to the general situation to reduce the surtaxes to a maximum of not over 25%.

In "earnestly urging" prompt adoption of the proposed constitutional amendment against the further issuance of tax-exempt securities, Secretary Mellon says these securities, now reaching the market at the rate of about \$1,000,000,000 annually, form the "outstanding avenue" of escape from the surtaxes. He likewise says:

The exemption which gives value to these securities is, of course, that from the Federal income surtax, and as matters now stand, the Federal Government, while denying itself the advantage of the exemption from the surtaxes in selling its own securities, "the report continues, "in effect provides a subsidy, at its own expense, to the State and municipal governments, the Federal and joint stock land banks and other agencies issuing tax-exempt securities through the exemption from the Federal income surtaxes which these tax-exempt securities now enjoy.

For this exemption the Federal Government gets no compensating advantage, and the effect of the exemption is to provide a perfect means of escape from the Federal surtaxes, which is naturally the most valuable to the wealthiest investor and especially to one who is not engaged in business, and is, therefore, free to convert his investments into tax-exempt securities and thus avoid paying the income tax.

The volume of fully tax exempt securities, according to the best estimates available, is now approaching \$11,000,000,000 and has recently been increasing at the rate of about \$1,000,000,000 a year. With these securities available for investment, fully exempt as they are from Federal income surtaxes, investors who would normally put their surplus funds into productive enterprise, are automatically driven under the pressure of high surtax rates into investment in tax exempt securities, with the result that the Federal Government loses the revenue, business and industry lose the capital, and funds badly needed for productive purposes are diverted into unproductive and frequently wasteful public expenditure.

This is a situation which cannot be permitted to continue without grave danger to our economic structure, as well as to our system of taxation, and the Treasury has accordingly been urging for some time the adoption of a Constitutional amendment restricting further issues of tax-exempt securities as the only practicable means of correcting the evil.

Even a Constitutional amendment would apply only to future issues of securities, but once the amendment is adopted outstanding issues of tax-exempt securities will gradually eliminate themselves, and as they become scarcer should so increase in market value as to destroy or at least impair their value for tax-exempt purposes. An analysis of outstanding issues of State and municipal bonds indicates that 50% of these, abouts, will mature within the next 20 years, so that within a measurable period after the adoption of a Constitutional amendment restricting further issues of tax-exempt securities the situation would, to a large extent, be under control.

Pointing out that the present law limits the tax on gain in capital transactions to 12½% of such gain, but puts no limit on the deduction of losses in such transactions, Mr. Mellon urges that the amount by which the tax may be reduced on account of losses from the sale of capital assets shall not exceed 12½% of the amount of such loss. On this point he says:

Under the present system the Government is being whip-sawed and the Treasury therefore strongly urges that the existing provisions as to capital gains be made to apply conversely to capital losses and that the amount by which the tax may be reduced on account of capital losses from the sale of capital assets should not exceed 12½% of the amount of the loss. This would, to a large extent, check one of the methods widely used by taxpayers at the present time for decreasing their yearly income. The alternative is to refuse to recognize either capital gains or capital losses for income tax purposes, and if the present situation were allowed to continue there is no doubt that it would save revenue to adopt this course. This is, in fact, the practice which has been followed in England for many years.

#### CONGRESSMAN KELLER'S STATEMENT TO HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE EMBODYING CHARGES IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION SEEKING IMPEACHMENT OF ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Representative Oscar E. Keller, Republican, of Minnesota on Dec. 1 submitted to the House Judiciary Committee a partial list of specifications in support of his resolution proposing impeachment of Attorney-General Daugherty. In his letter of transmission Representative Keller announced he would ask the committee to call as witnesses in support of specification No. 13 Chief Justice Taft, former Attorney-General Wickersham, Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, and Mr. Gompers's secretary, Guy Oyster. Specification No. 13 charges that Attorney-General Daugherty knowingly appointed "untrustworthy and corrupt" men to "positions of great importance and large financial and moral responsibility." Summing up his bill of particulars, Representative Keller asserted that it "substantiates thoroughly" the original charges he made in presenting his resolution in the House on Sept. 11. The specifications, he added, "if anything, are more grave and serious than the original charges." The Judiciary Committee's resolution in response to which Mr. Keller made his presentation called for full specifications in support of his demand for impeachment, with the specific acts alleged and the names of witnesses.

In his letter to Chairman Volstead of the Judiciary Committee, Mr. Keller said the specifications he inclosed "set-out, and I am prepared to prove, that the said Daugherty is guilty of serious misconduct in office, highly prejudicial to the public interest; of grave abuse of his discretionary powers; of willful and repeated violations of his oath of office and of high crimes and misdemeanors in fourteen particulars, each one of which is supported by numerous instances." "If any of these fourteen specifications against the said Harry M. Daugherty can be said to be more important than the any other," said Mr. Keller, "it is that group of specifications that relates to the refusal and neglect of the said Harry M. Daugherty to enforce the Anti-Trust laws of the United States of America." Briefly summarized, the "fourteen particulars" are as follows:

One—A willful and deliberate attempt to paralyze and destroy the efforts and activities of the Federal Trade Commission in its attempts to suppress and punish violations of the anti-trust law by continued and deliberate refusal to prosecute such violations.

Two—A willful and deliberate refusal to prosecute the violations of the anti-trust laws that were called to his attention supported by testimony taken under oath by the New York State Joint Legislative Committee on Housing.

Three—A willful and deliberate refusal to prosecute the violations of the anti-trust laws that were called to his attention, supported by testimony and

evidence, by the United States Senate Committee on Reconstruction and Housing.

Four—A willful and deliberate failure and refusal to enforce the statutes of the United States passed by Congress for the protection of life and limb of citizens engaged in travel.

Five—The dismissal from service in the Department of Justice of a faithful and efficient employee who had been engaged in investigating war fraud cases.

Six—Allowing persons to remain in the employ of the Department of Justice after it had been proved that such persons are guilty of having accepted fees to represent those charged by the Department of Justice with violations of the Federal statutes in cases upon which the said employees had been engaged.

Seven—The perversion of the legal processes of the United States for the purpose of instituting action for which there was no justification at the time of its presentation and the demanding from the courts as against private individuals processes of court subversive of these rights of freedom of speech, freedom of the press and peaceable assembly assured by the Constitution and laws of the United States.

Eight—Flagrant and bold favoritism in the administration of justice, on behalf of corporations, companies and individuals owned or controlled by or affiliated with the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co.

Nine—The use of fraud and deceit practiced upon former President William Howard Taft in order to obtain the release from a Federal penitentiary of C. W. Morse, under the pretext that Morse was ill. Upon the failure of the said Morse to pay to Daugherty's associate in the pardon proceedings an agreed fee, and after the said Daugherty became Attorney-General of the United States, the prostitution of his high office for purposes of personal revenge by securing an indictment of the said Morse and other directors of a corporation and of attorneys for the corporation on a charge of violating Federal laws and by failing to seek the indictment of other directors of the said corporation equally guilty with Morse of the alleged offense, if any, and by failing to seek the indictment of another attorney equally guilty with the attorneys indicted, which other attorney is in the employ of the Department of Justice.

Ten—The willful diversion of public funds for an illegal purpose through the employment of agents in the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice to shadow members of the House and Senate who had criticized his conduct on the floor of Congress.

Eleven—The perversion of the processes of the justice and the administration of the Department of Justice through the undue influence exercised upon the Attorney-General by one Thomas B. Folder, former legal associate of the said Harry M. Daugherty in the Morse case and others.

Twelve—Continuing submission to the influence of corporations and individuals of great wealth and power in the administration of justice, and the deliberate conniving at the looting of one of the naval oil reserves of the United States of America by refusing, at the behest and demand of the Standard Oil Company of California, to institute suits to recover for the people of the United States title to lands illegally and fraudulently obtained by the said company; and the recommendations of the President and the securing of secret pardons for wealthy persons immediately after their conviction of violations of the anti-trust laws and of shocking crimes against childhood innocence involving the grossest moral turpitude.

Thirteen—The appointing to position of great importance and large financial and moral responsibility of men who are untrustworthy, corrupt and dangerous to the liberties of the people of the United States, knowing at the time of such appointment that they were men of such character.

Fourteen—Gross favoritism, deliberate refusal to prosecute war grafters, failure and refusal to recover moneys stolen from the treasury of the United States in connection with war frauds.

With further reference to the statement submitted to the Judiciary Committee by Congressman Keller, dispatches from Washington to the New York "Times" had the following to say:

The fourteen allegations brought by Mr. Keller begin with the assertion of "willful and deliberate" attempts by the Attorney-General to paralyze the Federal Trade Commission by refusal to prosecute anti-trust violations, although the Commission had called attention to twenty-three cases and refusals to prosecute not only violations of the anti-trust laws, as shown by the Lockwood Committee in New York, involving 1,000 individuals and corporations, but similar refusal to act against illegal combinations shown through testimony before the Senate Committee on Reconstruction and Housing. This is divided into twenty-seven subdivisions in which various companies are named, including the Southern Pine Association, Western Pine Manufacturers' Association, Georgia-Florida Saw Mill Association, North Carolina Pine Association, Northern Pine Association, Southern Cypress Manufacturers' Association, California Sugar and White Pine Manufacturers' Association, Redwood Manufacturers' Association, Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers' Association, Michigan Hardwood Manufacturers' Association, National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, American Tobacco Co., P. Lorillard Co., Liggett & Myers, National Implement & Vehicle Association, Southern Wagon Manufacturers' Association, Carriage Builders' Association, MacBeth-Evans Glass Co., Mathieson Alkali Works, Cumberland Glass Manufacturing Co., National Malleable Castings Co., Maple Flooring Manufacturers' Association, California Packing Corporation, Southern Wholesale Grocers Association, Duncan's Trade Register, Goodman Manufacturing Co. and Pioneer Binding & Printing Co., all of these being Federal Trade Commission cases.

In this allegation, it is asserted that charges by the Lockwood Committee were placed before the Attorney-General more than eighteen months ago and that there has been no action up to this time. The brief reads:

"The Attorney-General referred the bulk of these cases to the District Attorney of New York, where most of them still lie dormant. But in the cases in which important offenders are concerned, noticeably the case against the General Electric Co., dominated by the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co., one of whose partners is a member of the board of directors, and who are the bankers for the company and select its directorate, the Attorney-General refused to permit that case to be referred to the District Attorney of New York, notwithstanding the request of the legislative committee above referred to and has insisted on retaining personal control of the case.

#### Cites General Electric Case.

"In the case of the General Electric Co. the directors are charged with having willfully and persistently violated the decree of the Federal Court at Toledo, Ohio, which in 1911 adjudged the General Electric Co. as having violated the anti-trust laws. From the admissions of the latter at that time the General Electric Co. controlled 60% of the business in electric bulbs in the United States and at the time the charges were preferred to the Attorney-General it controlled and still controls 98% of that business through subsequent violations of the anti-trust law and in defiance of the decree of the Toledo Federal Court. The Attorney-General persists in refusing to act in this case because of the potent influence of the banking



house of J. P. Morgan & Co., which has been evidenced in this and other cases referred to in these charges."

Refusal to prosecute more than 100 violations of the railroad safety appliance laws resulting in the death of more than a dozen persons through boiler explosions and "taking sides" in the railway strike are charged. The dismissal of Major William O. Watt, a faithful employee of the department, who investigated war frauds and later conferred with members of Congress is another count, as is the assertion that the Attorney-General has allowed to remain in the department men who have received fees to represent persons charged with legal violations. Representative Keller repeats the charges made by John C. Clinan, Assistant United States Attorney at Chicago, that an investigation showed that a special assistant Federal attorney named Lebosky was counsel for the manager of the Great Northern Hotel at Chicago in a liquor case on a fee of \$1,000, although the case was supposed to be under investigation by the United States Attorney's office. The Attorney-General, although apprised of this, has refused to take action Mr. Keller maintains.

#### Charges Favoritism for J. P. Morgan & Co.

The Minnesota Representative then avers that the Attorney-General took action when there was no justification at the time of presentations, and also demanded from the courts the restriction of constitutional rights, the reference here being to the injunction which Mr. Daugherty sought in the railway strike. Long specifications appear as to "flagrant and bold favoritism in the administration of justice in behalf of corporations, companies and individuals owned or controlled by or affiliated with the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co., and it is charged that the Attorney-General refuses to permit civil or criminal actions against them, although "conclusive evidence of such violations" has been in his possession for many months, and such prosecutions have been urged by individuals, public bodies, State and national officers.

Particulars in this allegation are that the Attorney-General directed a quashing of the indictment against the United Gas Improvement Co.; allowed a dissolution decree of the New York New Haven & Hartford RR. to be amended and has not prosecuted the General Electric Co., nor a member of the Portland Cement Companies for violating the anti-trust statutes. The use of fraud and deceit on former President Taft to obtain the pardon of Charles W. Morse and after ward the "prostitution of his high office" by having Morse indicted because Morse did not pay the fee of Daugherty's associates in the pardon proceedings is charged, and also that Mr. Daugherty indicted attorneys in the Morse case but failed to prosecute one "equally guilty," now in the department's employ.

Shadowing members of Congress, including Representatives Johnson of South Dakota and Woodruff of Michigan and Senator Caraway of Arkansas, critics of the Attorney-General, is alleged as well as the use of secret agents of the Government to aid defendants indicted under State laws and also the use of detectives to prosecute alleged Communists arrested under Michigan and not Federal laws. Another specification is that the "undue influence" of Thomas B. Felder, former associate of Daugherty in the Morse case, has prevented the prosecution of the crew of the ship J. M. Young, resulted in the release of \$200,000 worth of wine belonging to the Continental Wine Co. of Philadelphia, and the fact is cited that nothing has been done since the arraignment of Director Harold H. Hart, Thomas Reedy and Michael Lynch, employed in the New York prohibition office.

#### Standard Oil Influence Alleged.

Felder is particularly efficient in the case of bootleggers and has been peculiarly successful in having Harry M. Daugherty overturn and override the Government attorneys to the advantage of clients of Felder, declares Representative Keller. "Through his susceptibility to this mysterious influence Harry M. Daugherty has prostituted his office and has interfered with and blocked the administration of justice."

Another charge is submission to the influence of "corporations and individuals of great wealth and power"; "deliberate conniving at the looting" of the naval oil reserves in California and responding to the influence of the Standard Oil Co. of California in preventing suits for recovery of oil lands. The issuance of secret pardons for persons convicted of Anti-Trust Law violations (one Noble, a New Jersey terra cotta manufacturer, pardoned after one week in prison and not too ill to play eighteen holes of golf next day) and secret pardons for persons convicted of shocking crimes against childhood, "involving the greatest moral turpitude," the last case being that of George Meyers, fifty years of age, convicted of violating the Mann Act, are alleged.

Appointing "untrustworthy, corrupt and dangerous" persons to positions of great importance as charged, is a reference to the appointment of William J. Burns, against whom Representative Keller repeats the charges made some week ago by Samuel Gompers that Burns tampered so much with a jury on the Pacific Coast in 1912 that subsequently former Attorney-General Wickersham recommended the defendant's pardon to President Taft. There is a long charge that the Attorney-General has refused to prosecute war grafters, failed to recover money stolen from the Treasury in these graft cases and settled cases involving millions out of court. The United States Harness Co., Wright-Martin Aircraft Corp., Bridgeport Brass Co., Kenyon Co., Mackay Companies, American Electro Products Co., Standard Aircraft Co. and others are mentioned in this allegation.

Representative Keller demands at least a month more to perfect his charges, saying that much of his material must come from the Department of Justice files. He asks the committee for access to all sorts of documents in the Department, ranging from the papers in the Morse case to the details of the pardon case of Captain Robert Fay. All letters, telegrams, &c., relating to advice given by Attorney-General Daugherty to candidates for the Senate and House in the last election with relation to campaign expenditures are also demanded. Mr. Keller insists that the committee has given him too short notice and that up to now the proceedings have been too hurried. He protests against being "prematurely driven into an imperfect presentation" of his case.

"The reason assigned by the Attorney-General for not proceeding with the case in September last, that he was engaged in the railroad injunction case in Chicago, was, to put it mildly, disingenuous," says the brief. "I am prepared to prove that during the ten days of that hearing he was in court for only a few hours on the first and last days, and then mainly as a spectator."

Notwithstanding that all his evidence is not in, Representative Keller asserts that there is sufficient now to prove that the Attorney-General is not fit to hold his office, saying:

"I am prepared to prove that the said Daugherty is guilty of serious misconduct in office highly prejudicial to the public interests; of grave abuse of his discretionary powers; of willful and repeated violations of his oath of office, and of high crimes and misdemeanors."

Attorney-General Daugherty offered in a letter to Chairman Volstead of the committee to furnish all data and information necessary, and on this ground Representative Keller demands access to the papers indicated. He calls upon the committee to pass his resolution authorizing an investigation and in the meantime he makes a further demand to be called before the committee.

#### SAMUEL UNTERMYER'S ATTACK ON POLICIES AND WORK OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AT MEETING OF PEOPLES LEGISLATIVE SERVICE.

Samuel Untermyer, New York lawyer, and counsel to the Lockwood State Legislative Committee, which investigated the housing situation in New York, delivered a vituperative attack on the administration of the Department of Justice at a dinner given by the Peoples Legislative Service, the radical-progressive non-partisan organization, at Washington on Dec. 2. The speaker referred to Attorney-General Daugherty as a "man of the measure of the average ward politician, who is without learning or training as a lawyer, and whose lifelong environment and practical work had been that of a legislative lobbyist and nothing more." As to his administration Mr. Untermyer charged that the Attorney-General had made a dead letter of the anti-trust law, and that war fraud cases had not been promptly prosecuted, with the result that those who swindled the Government during the war "are in a fair way to go free of punishment." Corporations which were under the protecting wing of J. P. Morgan & Co., and were charged with violation of the anti-trust laws had not been successfully prosecuted. His remarks were further quoted in Washington dispatches to the N. Y. "Times" which said:

The New York lawyer suggested that there should be a drastic investigation of the Department of Justice and the Alien Property Custodians office.

Mr. Untermyer, who will act as counsel for Representative Keller in the presentation of his impeachment charges against Attorney-General Daugherty, was the chief speaker. His words were cheered to the echo by the diners, who numbered more than 300 and represented not only progressive Senators and Senators-elect and members of the House, but every shade of radical and so-called progressive thought.

Former Representative Edward Keating of Colorado presided. Speeches were also made by Senator La Follette and former Senator J. L. Bristow of Kansas. "Word from the Old Progressives" was the title of his speech.

In opening his speech Mr. Untermyer said:

"It, as I insist, the highest and supreme test of the efficiency of government is in the administration of justice, we have reached to-day the lowest possible depths of humiliation to which any civilized country has sunk in recent years.

"I have come here to-night, in response to your invitation, for the purpose of sounding a warning, dispassionate and without partiality, but intensely earnest, against what I regard as the complete breakdown in the administration of justice. We are rapidly drifting toward the cataclysm which was predicted when, instead of selecting a great lawyer for that exalted post, a man of the most mediocre attainments was named, solely on the grounds of personal friendship and political service—a man of the measure of the average ward politician, who is without learning or training as a lawyer and whose lifelong environment and practical work has been that of a legislative lobbyist and nothing more.

Trusts, he continued, were divided into two kinds—illegal and J. P. Morgan & Co. trusts. The latter were more vicious and dangerous than the former but they were protected by the influence of the banking house and were not amenable to the law. He cited the Steel Trust, saying that while the Supreme Court had said it was not an illegal combination, within the last six months three of its competitors were prevented from combining on the ground that such a combination would be unlawful. The way to curb the vast and growing power of the Steel Trust was to divorce it from its thousands of miles of privately owned railroads. The General Electric Co., which he called a Morgan controlled corporation, was in 1911 in the Federal Court at Toledo held to be an illegal combination by reason of its control of the manufacture and distribution of electric light bulbs. Mr. Untermyer said, but in violation of that decree it went on acquiring competing patents, ruining competitors and driving them out of business, until now it controlled about 99% of the business of the country. More than a year ago these facts were exposed by the Lockwood Committee and complaint was lodged against the company with the Attorney-General, but repeated demands on him to prosecute had met with no response. The United Gas Improvement Co., he went on, was another Morgan concern. After years of effort an indictment was found against the members of that combination, including one of the members of J. P. Morgan & Co. The Attorney-General had directed the District Attorney of New York to quash that indictment.

"There is much important constructive work ahead of you, gentlemen, in the way of legislation. Mr. Untermyer continued.

"The Federal Reserve Act should be amended so that it will function as it was intended. Every amendment that has been foisted upon it by the banking interests should be scrutinized and most of them repealed. While we were busy with the war, safeguard after safeguard has been taken out of the law until as it now stands it is the plaything of the banking interests. It was never intended that the stock taken by the banks should be a money-making investment. The way in which the Reserve Board is administering the regional banks, the rate of discount being charged and the money being accumulated on the stock held by the various national banks all violate the intent of the law.

"You will have to enact a Federal law to protect the public against the fraudulent issue of securities and the manipulation of stock companies and commodity exchanges that cost the people of this country annually more than the entire cost of the Government before the war.

"The first and most important legislation needed in this country is for the enforcement of the anti-trust laws. Every line of industry in the United States is honeycombed with illegal combinations. It is to their existence that we owe, mainly if not entirely, the maintenance of the high cost of living.

"The anti-trust laws are a dead letter, due to the control of public officials by big business and the financial powers allied with them. In the few isolated cases that are from time to time begun, and rarely prosecuted to conclusion, the men proceeded against are mere scapegoats who do not happen to have developed sufficient political influence to prevent their prosecution. For every violator who has thus been convicted there are ten thousand who are enjoying complete immunity. I accordingly propose on this subject the following:

"1. That every corporation engaged in inter-State commerce be required to take out a Federal license. Before being granted such a license it must

establish that it is not a party to any agreement or understanding in violation of the anti-trust law and is not a member of any price-fixing, output-limiting or other illegal trade combination or association.

"Every trade association having among its members corporations engaged in inter-State commerce, or the officers thereof, should likewise be required to secure such a license, and to establish as a condition to being granted the license that no combinations in violation of the anti-trust laws are among its purposes or practices, and the by-laws, constitutions and regulations of all such associations should be subject to the supervision of the Federal Trade Commission, and they and their officers and members should be required to submit their books and give testimony whenever required so to do.

"The membership of the Federal Trade Commission should be increased to nine and its powers enlarged by entrusting to it the civil and criminal prosecution of all violations of the anti-trust laws.

"My next suggestion is that every corporation engaged in inter-State commerce shall be taxed 25% upon the par value of all stock dividends declared by it. The Supreme Court having decided that stock dividends are not taxable as income under the income tax amendment to the Constitution, this seems to me to be the only way to reach them. There can be no doubt that they should be reached.

Congress should amend the income tax law by specifically providing for the taxation of all State, county and municipal bonds. There should be no tax-exempt securities. The income tax amendment permits the taxation of all "income from whatever source derived." I contend that this permits the taxation of income from State and municipal bonds whenever Congress sees fit to impose that taxation. The States and municipalities have received the benefit of this exemption whilst the Government is a great loser from the present system of tax-exempt securities.

"Railroad and other gilt-edge bonds that are not exempt from income tax are selling on almost the same income basis as those tax-exempt securities. One can buy the latter on a 4 1/2% basis, whilst the former are selling on a 5%. Yet those tax-exempt securities are held by men of great incomes on which the Government is losing about 50% of the income, whilst the States and municipalities are getting their money on an income basis of perhaps 10 to 15% less than if their securities were taxable. Besides, it is a vicious precedent to permit the existence of a small class of men of great fortune in a community who contribute nothing toward the expenses of the Government.

"There should be a law regulating stock and commodity exchanges whose quotations are carried by telephone, telegraph and by the newspapers beyond State lines. Those exchanges, particularly the New York Stock Exchange, constitute the security market of the world and are more powerful than all the financial institutions combined. They should not be permitted to be self-governing. At present they exist above and beyond the law and are subject to no control. They wield despotic power not only over their members, but over the general public. They and the corporations whose securities are sold through those exchanges should be required to file detailed information of all proposed sales for the protection of the public.

"There should be a joint Congressional investigation of the activities of the Alien Property Custodian from the date of the passage of the law to the present time, and of the Department of Justice in connection with the enforcement of the anti-trust laws, the prosecution of the war fraud cases and of war offenders against the Espionage laws.

#### ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S REPLY TO ATTACK OF SAMUEL UNTERMYER BEFORE PEOPLE'S LEGISLATIVE SERVICE.

Following closely upon the speech made by Samuel Untermyer before the People's Legislative Service on Dec. 2 at Washington, Attorney-General Daugherty issued a statement on Dec. 3 defending his administration of the Department of Justice, and replying to the attacks made by Mr. Untermyer.

"Mr. Untermyer's charges do not give me concern," said the Attorney-General. "If I am to be assailed in the performance of public duty—and in this clamorous age such seems to be the lot of most public men—then I am fortunate in having the chief attack upon me record as Attorney-General made by one who for thirty years has given the largest part of his public activities to abusing and attacking men in high official place.

"It is not necessary for me to say anything about the character and reputation of Mr. Untermyer, for these and his activities are too well known to the public to need comment on my part. His professional efforts when he was amassing his present fortune by building up many of the so-called 'trusts' have not escaped judicial comment." The statement continued:

I do not apologize for having been active in politics. There is no peril in the selection for responsible positions of men who have given serious attention to the science of popular government. It will be a sad day for the Republic when men with experience in the organization and education of the people to clearly understand political issues are to be discriminated against and barred from appointment to public office.

I am not indifferent to the fact that I, for the time being, am the target for the assault he takes pride in making. However, it is some solace to me to recall that when, in 1894, my distinguished predecessor, Richard Olney, met a great challenge to law and order by instituting the injunction proceedings in a railroad strike then on, a petition was presented to the House of Representatives asking for his impeachment upon substantially the same grounds as are now suggested against me for rendering a like service to the public security. It comforts me to know that this threat of impeachment, inspired by the very forces that attempted to overthrow the authority of law and to starve and freeze the nation into submission to their unlawful demands, did no lasting harm to the great reputation of Richard Olney, who died honored by men of all classes and parties.

Undeterred by the attacks of Mr. Untermyer, inspired by motives I well understand, I shall continue to conscientiously discharge the duties of the office of Attorney-General without fear or favor.

Mr. Untermyer affects to be concerned about the character of the judicial appointments which I may have occasion to recommend to the President. The justification for such alarm may be judged by what has already been done in this respect. I have had occasion as Attorney-General to recommend to the consideration of the President three of the

nine Justices of the Supreme Court, including the Chief Justice of that Court, five members of the Court of Appeals, eleven District Judges, eighteen Territorial Judges, five Judges of the District of Columbia and one Judge of the Court of Customs Appeals. Possibly no other Attorney-General has had occasion in a like period to advise with respect to the appointment of so many judges, and I take satisfaction in the fact that, so far as I know, there has never been any criticism of any of these appointments. Apparently they have given general satisfaction to the bar and to the public.

Let me instance the vacancies recently filled in the greatest Court in the world. Who can question that the appointment by the President of William Howard Taft as Chief Justice and of Justice George Sutherland, and of Pierce Butler as Associate Justice has not virtually the unanimous approval of the American people, as reflected in the press, without respect to party affiliations?

The American people may, for a brief period, be confused or even misled by a smoke screen of vague and intemperate accusations; but, in the long run, they have a real instinct as to whether a man is doing his duty under trying circumstances. I am content to leave the verdict to them—fortunate in the reflection that the charges against me lose their force when the motives and characters of those who make them are taken into account by a fair-minded people. I am also confident that the action taken by me as Attorney-General in the matter which inspired the attack was well-founded and justifiable.

#### HEARINGS OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ON KELLER RESOLUTION BEGIN DEC. 12—HOUSE VOTES FULL POWERS TO COMMITTEE.

Formal public hearings on the Keller resolution for impeachment of Attorney-General Daugherty will be begun by the House Judiciary Committee on Tuesday morning, Dec. 12, at 10 o'clock. The Committee, in response to the demand of Representative Keller, obtained by special resolution in the House on Dec. 4 power to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths and require the submission of documents and papers in the files of the Department of Justice requested by the author of the impeachment charges. This course of procedure was determined upon by the Committee after an acrimonious session, at which Representative Keller and his counsel, Jackson H. Ralston, of Washington, had refused to proceed with the offering of testimony until authority to make the hearings official was obtained. First among the fourteen specific charges presented by Representative Keller will be the group dealing with alleged refusal and neglect by Attorney-General Daugherty to enforce anti-trust laws, particularly in cases referred to the Department of Justice for action by the Federal Trade Commission.

#### GOVERNMENT BEGINS SUITS TO RECOVER DAMAGES FROM CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES UNDER WAR CONTRACTS.

In line with recent announcements by the Attorney-General suits were begun on Nov. 24 by the direction of Attorney-General Daugherty to recover \$21,500,000 which, it is alleged, was obtained by fraud from the Government in the construction of four cantonments during the war. The action was taken after an investigation lasting more than a year and a half, and there is an intimation that other suits may follow which would bring the total involved up to \$75,000,000. The cantonments involved the contracting firms, or "prime contracts" against which suit was brought and the amounts claimed in each case, are as follows:

Camp Upton—Yaphank, L. I.—Thompson-Starrett Co., \$6,000,000.  
Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.—Hardaway Contracting Co., \$6,500,000.  
Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio—A. Bentley Sons Co., \$5,000,000.  
Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kan.—George A. Fuller Co., \$4,000,000.

The suit involving Camp Upton was filed at Brooklyn; the Camp Jackson suit at Columbia, S. C.; the Camp Sherman suit at Columbus, Ohio, and the Camp Funston suit at Topeka, Kan. In each instance the complaints were filed in the United States District Courts. It is probable that suits also will be brought against sub-contractors involved in the construction of the cantonments. In the event of criminal action also being found necessary, evidence will be placed before the special War Funds Grand Jury which has been called in the District of Columbia. In announcing the suits Attorney-General Daugherty said:

The suits filed to-day represent work on the part of the Department of Justice which was begun about 15 months ago and continued by the Department down to the time the Special War Branch was organized and by that branch with all the aid the regular force could furnish since that time. The work could not have been completed earlier than it has been.

The amounts sued for represent what those who have been continuously engaged in the work of investigation and preparation believe conservatively the Government ought to recover. What should be recovered will now be a matter for the courts to determine. Considering the fact that these cases take no precedence over other cases in the courts, they will be tried as soon as all preliminary questions, if any, are raised and disposed of and the courts will assign them. We will use all means within our power to hasten trials and conclusions.

With regard to the actions brought by the Government, dispatches from Washington to the New York "Times" had the following to say:

The amounts which the Government holds were obtained fraudulently are in each instance a substantial percentage of the entire cost of construction and in



the case of Camp Jackson the sum sought is more than half. The Government paid \$12,710,720 for the construction of Camp Jackson; \$15,370,820 for Camp Upton; \$13,247,620 for Camp Sherman, and \$11,715,520 for Camp Funston.

Fraud, gross negligence, inefficiency and waste are alleged in the complaints filed against the contracting firms. As a result, it is alleged, the Government not only lost large sums of money, but was embarrassed and delayed in its war program. The Department made public a copy of the complaint in the case against A. Bentley & Sons Co., and announced that the "cause of action stated in this bill of complaint is similar to the causes of action stated in the other cases filed."

In the Bentley case the Government alleges that the "defendant misrepresented to plaintiff that defendant had experience in the execution of similar work and an organization suitable for the performance of such work."

It further is averred that the defendant company "did knowingly, recklessly, illegally and fraudulently violate and abuse such confidence and trust and breach said contract, in that it did not complete its said undertaking in accordance with its terms and true tenor and spirit and that the plaintiff was compelled to and did let additional contracts to others at added cost and expense to the plaintiff for the completion of said contract."

#### Illegal Claims Alleged.

Finally, the general complaint says that by reason of its conduct the defendant company "through its said wasteful, inefficient and fraudulent acts" embarrassed the Government in making preparations for the war.

The defendant company, states the allegations, "sold to and also purchased and resold to plaintiff at a profit to defendant, large quantities of material and equipment, some needed and some unnecessary; that the defendant caused illegal and unwarranted claims and vouchers in payment for said material and equipment to be presented to the plaintiff for payment, and the plaintiff, relying upon the honesty and good faith of the defendants and its claims so made, paid such vouchers as and when presented, under the conviction that the materials and equipment alleged to have been purchased or furnished in truth and in fact had been purchased and furnished."

Further, the defendant company "ordered and permitted large amounts of useless and unnecessary work to be done, employed and allocated laborers and workmen in such quantities, places and manner that the work was retarded by reason of the congestion, confusion and idleness resulting," said the complaint.

Workmen were employed without reference to their skill or experience and the morale of the whole force destroyed, "with the natural and inevitable result that the progress of the work was thereby greatly impeded, retarded and delayed, and the cost thereof to plaintiff greatly and needlessly enhanced to plaintiff's damage, and to plaintiff's further damage in the expenditure made necessary on account of the sickness and death of some of its soldiers resulting therefrom," the complaint went on.

The Government holds also that unskilled workmen were paid the same wages as skilled, and in the majority of cases were paid wages greatly in excess of the customary and established wages being paid for workmen of similar qualifications, and that such "negligent and fraudulent acts" were without the knowledge or consent of the Government.

The defendant company also is charged with permitting "continual loafing, misdirection of effort and sabotage on the part of workmen and laborers, both with reference to work performed and materials, tools and equipment used," and with neglecting to take steps to provide any adequate supervision, inspection or checks with respect to workmen and their work, materials and tools. Excessive quantities of materials of all kinds were ordered by the contractor without reference to quality or the necessity therefor, "but which were by defendant represented to the plaintiff as being necessary and having been inspected and as being of requisite grade, when in fact, as defendant well knew, said materials were unnecessary, of inferior grade and not of the character and quality required by the terms of said contract," is a further charge made.

Other allegations are that the company let portions of the work to various sub-contractors which it was in good faith obligated to perform; that it wrongfully employed and installed accounting, purchasing and other forces in duplication of forces provided by the Government and claimed and received payment for such forces; that the company never at any time had any adequate system of salvage for unused or surplus materials, "but, on the contrary, deliberately and intentionally caused or permitted great quantities of useful and valuable materials to be destroyed."

#### Exorbitant Payments Charged.

The company is charged, further, with obtaining payment for superintendents and others acting in a supervising capacity at exorbitant rates and for time in excess of that during which they were engaged or necessarily engaged on such work; that in many instances trucks were rated in excess of their capacity so that the company might collect thereon, and that the company's representative in charge of all transportation "illegally and fraudulently received large sums of money which did not go toward and were not properly included in items of hire."

In ending, the Government made this charge:

"The plaintiff avers that all of the acts herein complained of were done with the connivance, knowledge, consent and by procurement of the defendant, and that they were so done, among other reasons, for the fraudulent purpose of causing excessive cost to plaintiff and of securing from the plaintiff a maximum rather than a fair and reasonable sum in compensation for its services; that defendant knowingly, willfully and fraudulently misrepresented facts to the plaintiff and concealed true facts from the plaintiff, and thereby procured and aided in procuring to be paid by the plaintiff to defendant and others large sums of money, not only as payment of its services, but for other large items to itself and others that were known to the defendant to be a fraud upon the plaintiff, and in violation of the trust and confidence due from and reposed in the defendant by the plaintiff."

The understanding is that the agents of Attorney-General Daugherty have now completed investigation of about 15,000 of the 150,000 wartime construction contracts entered into by the Government. There was a strong intimation that the suits now begun were the first of a series.

E. S. Belden, Vice-President of George A. Fuller & Co., when told that the Government had sued the Fuller company for \$4,000,000 in relation to the construction of Camp Funston, denied the charges but said he knew nothing of the Government's action and could not understand on what it was based. Mr. Belden said his company had received less than \$8,000,000. Complaint in the Government's suit against the Thompson-Starrett Company was filed in the Federal Court Clerk's office in Brooklyn by Ralph C. Greene, United States District Attorney. Immediately after the papers had been filed a copy of the complaint and a summons was served on Edward W. T. Gray, Vice-President and Secretary of the Thompson-Starrett Company, at its New York office, 49 Wall

Street. To newspaper men Mr. Gray characterized the suit as "absurd."

"The Government cannot collect a single dollar from us, if they are suing to collect money fraudulently obtained in the construction of Camp Upton," he was quoted as having said. "I, for one, had no idea such a suit was contemplated. I knew nothing of it until a few minutes before the papers were served. I am unable to discuss the case intelligently, because I do not know what the case is. I do not know what action we will take, but I presume it will be a regular legal reply to the Government's suit."

#### DEATH OF REPRESENTATIVE JAMES R. MANN.

Both branches of Congress adjourned on Dec. 1 as a mark of respect to the late Representative James R. Mann of Illinois, whose death occurred in Washington on Nov. 30, after a brief illness of pneumonia. On the eve of the House vote on the Shipping Bill, last week, Mr. Mann volunteered to leave his sick room and vote in support of the measure. He was, however, prevailed upon to stay at home, being assured that there were votes enough in sight and he would be paired. His thoughts were constantly on the work of the House, where his record of service through 13 consecutive terms, or 26 years, had earned for him the reputation of being the best informed man on the details of government in either branch of Congress. He was sent back for a 14th term by the people of his district at last month's election. For a large part of his term in Congress Representative Mann was Republican leader of the House. He is said to have declined a few weeks ago both the speakership and Republican floor leadership of the new House. On Saturday, last, Dec. 2, funeral services for Mr. Mann were held in the Hall of the House, President Harding, members of his Cabinet, Justices of the Supreme Court, members of the Diplomatic Corps and scores of Senators and Representatives were in attendance. The House resolution on his death, agreed to Dec. 1, follows:

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. James R. Mann, a Representative from the State of Illinois.

*Resolved*, That a committee of the House be appointed to take order for superintending the funeral of Mr. Mann in the House of Representatives at 2 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, Dec. 2 1922, and that the House of Representatives attend the same.

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect the remains of Mr. Mann be removed from Washington to Chicago, Ill., in charge of the Sergeant-at-Arms, attended by the committee, who shall have full power to carry these resolutions into effect, and that the necessary expense, in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House communicate these proceedings to the Senate and invite the Vice-President and the Senate to attend the funeral in the House of Representatives and to appoint a committee to act with the committee of the House.

*Resolved*, That invitations be extended to the President of the United States and the members of his Cabinet, the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, the Diplomatic Corps (through the Secretary of State), the Chief of Naval Operations and the General of the Army to attend the funeral in the hall of the House of Representatives.

The following further resolution was agreed to:

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect this House do now adjourn.

Funeral services were also conducted on Monday in Chicago, where the body was taken for burial. Mr. Mann was 66 of age.

#### INDICTMENTS AGAINST GAS MANTLE COMPANIES ORDERED QUASHED BY ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Indictments against the so-called gas mantle trust, involving the United Gas Improvement Co., the Welshbach Co., the Cities Illuminating Co. and eight individuals, have been ordered quashed by Attorney-General Daugherty. In a letter to United States District Attorney Hayward made public on Nov. 26 the Attorney-General requests the Federal authorities here to ask the District Court for a dismissal, and as a result a nolle prosequi will probably be entered. The three firms, which were charged in the indictment with restraint of trade, had with their subsidiaries a capitalization said to aggregate \$700,000. Their indictment last March followed a long inquiry conducted by R. Colton Lewis and William R. Benham, special assistants of the Attorney-General. They were aided by Ragland Momand, President of the Pressure Lighting Company, and a group of other competitors of the defendant companies. Evidence gathered indicated, it was alleged, that the United Gas Improvement Co. began to create a monopoly in 1914, and that five years later this work was completed. The alleged purpose was to stifle competition to the end that the three defendant companies and 32 former independent companies that had been brought into the alleged combine might have a monopoly in the bidding for street lighting and of the incandescent gas lamp industry.

The letter of the Attorney-General to Colonel Hayward directing that the indictment should not be pressed reads:

Nov. 24 1922.

Colonel William Hayward, U. S. Attorney, New York, N. Y.

Dear Colonel Hayward: An indictment was returned in the District Court of the United States of America for the Southern District of New York in the case of United States of America against the United Gas Improvement Co. and others Mar. 6 1922.

Since the indictment was returned some complaint was made by the parties interested in bringing the matter to the attention of the Department of Justice that the indictment was defective and that a motion to direct a verdict for the defendants on the ground of a variance between the charges of the indictment and the case made by the proof might be sustained. Information is at hand indicating that former Attorneys-General of the United States had grave doubts as to whether the charges covered by this indictment related to "interstate" commerce. Proof of venue and criminal acts within the statute of limitations necessary to support a conviction renders a successful prosecution extremely doubtful.

For these and other reasons an investigation has been made of the evidence and the law relating to the charges made in this indictment, and I am now of opinion that the Government would not be justified in going to trial upon it. You are, therefore, requested, if such action meets with your approval, to ask the Court to dismiss the indictment.

While your name as District Attorney was necessarily signed to the indictment, I recall that your office had no active part in presenting it to the Grand Jury and that the matter was handled directly from the Department of Justice in Washington by a Special Assistant to the Attorney-General. This fact relieves your office from any responsibility if an error was made in returning the indictment, which I now request be dismissed.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) H. M. DAUGHERTY, Attorney-General.

The order of Attorney-General Daugherty to District Attorney Hayward directing that the indictments be quashed, brought a protest on Nov. 28 from Ragland Momand, President of the Pressure Lighting Co. Mr. Momand, with representatives of other independent concerns, was partly responsible for the proceedings instituted by the Government which resulted in the indictment. With his protest Mr. Momand sent out letters from two members of the Federal Grand Jury which had found the indictment and copies of the two letters addressed to President Harding.

The first letter written to the President by Mr. Momand was dated May 22 last, about two months after the indictment was returned. It accused Mr. Daugherty of halting the prosecution of the defendants and asked that steps be taken to bring the defendants to trial. On June 9 Mr. Momand wrote another letter to the President, in which he mentioned that his previous letter had not been acknowledged, and called attention to copies of the letters from two jurors which were enclosed. This letter also attacked Mr. Daugherty, and, like its predecessor, was not answered. One of the Grand Jurors referred to was Charles A. Wood, who wrote, under date of May 26, a letter to Mr. Momand, which read, in part:

I am very much interested in the result of your appeal to President Harding regarding the Government case against the United Gas Improvement Co., and hope that this appeal will have the effect of forcing the Attorney-General to bring the case to trial."

#### NATIONAL NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE FORMED BY RADICAL PROGRESSIVE CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON.

The conference of radicals and progressives called by Senator La Follette, Republican, Wisconsin, and Representative Huddleston, Democrat, of Alabama, came to a close on Dec. 2 at Washington after taking steps to further progressive sentiment and progressive legislation throughout the nation. The third party movement, which it had been intimated in some quarters would result from the conference, failed to materialize, the conferees deciding that their objects be sought through established agencies—through Congress and State Legislatures. The conference lasted two days, the first session on December 1 being confined to the so-called radical-progressive bloc of Congress and the second on December 2 being made an "open forum," at which labor leaders and men and women from various fields of endeavor attended. The meeting, held under the auspices of the "People's Legislative Service," adopted no definite legislative reform program, but it did adopt on Dec. 2 a set of resolutions, intended to accomplish what its leaders regarded as the primary purposes of the movement. The resolutions, which declared the movement to be "non-partisan" and aiming primarily to promote progressive legislation, urged among other things:

Extension of the direct primary to the nomination of President and Vice-President.

Direct popular election of President and Vice-President, abolishing the Electoral College.

Enactment of an effective Federal Corrupt Practices Act.

Immediate release by President Harding of all "free speech prisoners."

A continuing organization under the People's Legislative Service, but one which is deemed in reality a national non-partisan league or bloc, to co-operate with and support the radicals in Congress was formed. It is composed largely of non-partisan leaguers from the Northwest with farm and labor leaders. Senator La Follette opened the public sessions with a statement that those attending were committed

to good, sound progressive work and economic thinking. He said it was an advanced movement for constructive, practical and aggressive legislation. Lynn J. Frazier, Non-Partisan Leaguer, who captured the Republican nomination for the Senate in North Dakota, and was elected, was the first speaker. He drew a picture of deplorable conditions affecting the farmers of the Northwest. A resolution was adopted that those present should speak and act "only upon the express understanding that they were engaged upon a movement which was non-partisan in purpose." The resolution originally read non-political instead of non-partisan, but it changed at the instance of Samuel Gompers, who said any action taken would be political. Announcement was made of the bi-partisan advisory committee named at the meeting the previous day. The members are Senators Borah, Republican (Idaho), Chairman; Ladd, Republican (N. D.); Ashurst, Democrat (Ariz.), and Sheppard, Democrat (Tex.), and Representatives Woodruff, Republican (Mich.); Beck, Republican (Wis.); Collins, Democrat (Miss.), and Logan, Democrat (S. C.). A summary of the more important happenings at the second day's session of the conference was given in Washington dispatches to the New York "Times," which had the following to say:

#### Radicals Held Within Bounds.

No detailed program of legislative reforms was reported by the Committee on Resolutions, although it was flooded with radical proposals. The Committee, which had Frederic C. Howe of New York as Chairman, contented itself with suggesting the appointment of a committee to prepare a legislative program.

The day's "forum," participated in by about 300 men and women by invitation and open to the public, represented all the advanced ideas in Government possible. Despite the injection of radical ideas, the prime movers were able to hold the conference well within the limits of progressive national and State legislation.

Senator La Follette, who appeared to have the cordial support of all present, helped by his opening speech to keep the conference from wandering all over the field of radical reform. He told the conference that it was the idea to carry out the original plans of the People's Legislative Service, founded two years ago, namely, to prepare legislation "to drive out special interests," and proceed slowly and sanely in this direction.

"The mandate of the last election was in favor of the progressives getting together," he said, "and keeping elbow to elbow and step to step in advancing the needs of the people. Each step advanced should be a well-grounded and sound step in the forward movement. We are not seeking to accomplish everything at one stroke."

This Committee on Resolutions was named: Frederic C. Howe, Chairman; Andrew Furuseth, Grenville S. MacFarland, Herbert F. Baker, Mrs. Edward P. Costigan, Miss Elizabeth Hauser, Amos R. E. Pinchot, Senator Morris Sheppard, Representative George Huddleston, Representative John M. Nelson, George L. Berry, P. H. Callahan, William H. Johnston, D. B. Robertson and Miss Ethel Smith.

In addition this special committee was named to draft separate resolutions calling for a national movement to extend the direct primary: Edward Keating, Chairman, Manager of Labor; W. S. Stone, Benjamin Marsh, Mrs. M. F. Cunningham, Dane Pierre, George L. Record, Senator Edwin P. Ladd, Mrs. Abby Scott Baker, Mrs. Rose Yates, T. C. Cashen, F. H. Klojzdal, Frank Morrison and Howard Wurlitzer.

#### Frazier for Fixing Farm Prices.

While the committees were in session the conference was addressed by Senators-elect Frazier of North Dakota and Wheeler of Montana and Governor Blaine of Wisconsin on conditions in the country which they thought demanded immediate remedy.

Mr. Frazier spoke of the needs of the farmer and predicted unless the farmer got relief in reduced interest rates, reduced freight rates and better prices, a great calamity would befall the country.

"There should be something done to stabilize prices of farm products," he added. "It, however, will be of little benefit if the farmer receives a fair price and he is forced to pay an excessive price for what he buys, such as farm machinery and manufactured goods. For instance, the price of wheat could be advanced to-day 50 cents a bushel to the farmer without the price of flour or bread being increased one cent. The middleman gets the big profits. Therefore, the prices should be stabilized by the Federal Government."

Senator-elect Wheeler said he was elected not because he had promised all kinds of reforms, but solely because the "voters thought he had 'intestinal stamina' and would fight for their needs." He said he was not a radical or a progressive, but rather a "conservative reactionary" who believed in returning to the first principles of this Government.

He also urged aid to the farmers, who were suffering from high freight rates and car shortage. He also asserted that "the present Administration is trying to forestall any action by the progressives and steal their thunder."

In introducing Governor Blaine, Senator La Follette announced that several other Progressive Governors were prevented from attending the conference, but that a special conference of the Governors was planned to be held in January.

#### Governor Blaine Attacks Mellon.

Governor Blaine's speech was largely an attack on Secretary Mellon for his recent statements in letters to Representative Frazier of Wisconsin that the Government could not reach the undistributed surplus of corporations which was the basis of stock dividends. In part the Governor said:

"What Mr. Mellon meant when he said that the Government cannot collect taxes, due from incomes and surtaxes on excess profits, was that what the profiteers and the millionaires do to escape the income and surtaxes is to make false returns, sometimes through innocence, perchance, but often through fraud and deceit, or by legal advice and tricks of the trade, legally cheat the Government.

"But suppose Mr. Mellon would scourge the profiteer and the millionaire with the same vigor that he does the lesser criminals? Suppose he would really try to collect the taxes assessed on the rich? Is it true that the Government is powerless to enforce the law against the rich, or is it just a lack of desire on the part of Mr. Mellon to place all taxes on an equality before the law?"

"We do not underestimate the influence of the millionaire tax dodger; we do not fail to understand that he takes counsel of trained lawyers who are skilled in aiding their clients to cheat the law. We know that their agents



sometimes misled the assessor; that their lobbyists put jokers in the law, through pliant legislators, which bedevil the taxing officers, and that courts sometimes yield to the specious arguments of highly paid attorneys. But is it not worth while to try to make all men equal before the law? Is it not worth while to make the profiteer and the millionaire pay their just share of the tax burdens? Is it not worth while to see to it that all men are equal before the law?

"The secret clause in the Federal Income Tax Law and in the income tax law of some States is one of those devices by which wealth has been escaping a debt of the highest obligation."

The Governor said that tax reports had to be public in his State and the system had increased the taxes collected. He continued:

"Out of 14,000 corporations doing business in this State, the Wisconsin Tax Commission informs me that, in round numbers, about 3,000 corporations may be expected to pay additional income taxes, which have been withheld. Thus it is assumed, no doubt true that we have 11,000 corporations doing business in the State that have paid every dollar they owed their Government. Surely they are entitled to protection.

#### Norris for Direct Election.

At the afternoon session of the Forum Senator Norris spoke in favor of the direct nomination and election of the President and Vice-President. He said that this would place the Government directly in the hands of the people.

He added that a third party was "for practical results an impossibility," causing great expense and labor, while the direct nomination of Presidential candidates would give the independent voter the right to make his choice, regardless of party machines.

Senator Brookhart of Iowa attacked the Federal Reserve Board, which he said was controlled by the "non-partisan league of Wall Street." The deflation policy of 1920, he asserted, was "a money strike, ordered by Wall Street" and cost the farmers \$10,000,000,000. As a remedy he urged that the Board be composed of three farmers, two labor men, two little business men and one big business man.

Representative Sinclair of North Dakota spoke along similar lines criticizing the War Finance Corporation system of making loans to farmers through bankers.

Representative Frear of Wisconsin in his speech renewed his attacks on Secretary Mellon for his policy in regard to corporation surpluses.

"I charge that the Internal Revenue Commissioner's office is controlled by lawyers of little experience," concluded Mr. Frear. "Why, the solicitor of that office who passes on millions of taxations was an usher in the White House only a few years ago. Why was this inexperienced boy placed in this job? And only recently he passed the job on to his brother-in-law. That and other matters connected with the Treasury, I am prepared to prove, and I intend asking for a Congressional investigation."

Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, attacked the courts for assumption of authority.

"It is necessary, if we aim to restore the control of our Government to the people," he said, "that every attempt at judicial assumption of power or the attempt at legislation to curb or restrain the freedom of assemblage, freedom of speech and freedom of the press must be stopped by every normal and natural power inherent in the people of our country. It is necessary for the citizenship of the United States to organize as citizens without regard to political party affiliations or political party obligations, faithful to the Republic of the United States and determined to restore to the people the control of the Government. The will of the people of the United States when expressed through its representatives in Congress must become the law of the land."

He attributed to "unquestioning allegiance to party" much of the political evils of the present and the past. In breaking this power of party, he declared, was the hope of real control by the people.

#### Resolutions on Direct Primaries.

Presentation of reports from the committee closed the session. The report of the committee on direct primaries, which was adopted, was as follows:

"We congratulate the progressive members of the United States and House of Representatives upon their great service to the country in their conference yesterday in calling the attention of our people to the very great importance of State and national primary laws.

"The importance of a proper primary law as an aid to the definite, prompt and convenient expression of the will of the population, the choice of candidates and the determination of public questions cannot be over-estimated. For many years in the various States the people have been trying to secure the adoption of adequate laws to carry out this purpose. Everywhere this reform has met with the determined opposition of political bosses, who represent the special interests of the country. Their purpose is to defeat these laws if possible, and when compelled by public opinion to pass a primary law, they endeavor by skillfully contrived jokers to nullify its main purpose. Powerful interests had planned a concerted and widespread attack for the coming Winter legislative sessions upon the various primary laws which have been passed in some of the States of the Union. This plan has been made more difficult, and, we hope, rendered impossible, by the splendid results of the recent elections which indicate a widespread and powerful progressive sentiment among the people.

"We believe in the adoption of a primary system, which will enable the people of the nation and of the States and of the subdivisions thereof, to name directly, without the intervention of conventions, the candidates of all political parties, instead of permitting the naming of such candidates by some political boss, or party machinery representing the privileged interests of the country.

"We believe the time has come, not only to extend and perfect the primary laws in the various States, but to apply the direct primary principle to the choice of party candidates for President and Vice-President, and we therefore declare for the adoption of national measures providing that the candidates of all political parties for President and Vice-President shall be nominated by the direct votes of the voters of the country without the intervention of any conventions, and that the delegates to the national conventions should be elected by the direct vote of the people at the time they select the party candidates for President and Vice-President.

#### Recommendation for Reform.

"Pending the adoption of such a national law we recommend that the States adopt State Presidential primary laws.

"We recommend that a special committee be constituted which shall prepare a uniform primary law which can be used by the progressive organizations in every State of the Union as a basis for legislative measures where no primary law now exists, and as a guide in considering amendments of existing laws, to the end that the progressives of the different States may avoid the jokers which the enemies of the direct primary use to nullify the law; and that such committee co-operate with the people's legislative service in the carrying out of this plan.

"We recommend that such uniform primary law contain the following features:

"(a) All voters voting at any general election thereby register for primary elections until the next general election, additional opportunity to be

afforded for registration of voters who did not vote at previous general elections.

"(b) Every registered voter shall without disclosing his party affiliations, receive the ballots of all parties and be entitled to mark in secret his choice of party candidates on one party ballot, the others being destroyed.

"We recommend the enactment of absent voters laws by all the legislatures which will meet this Winter.

"We recommend the immediate enactment of a Federal corrupt practices act with sufficient supply of 'teeth' to permanently dispose of 'Newberryism' in this country.

"While the conduct, direction and control of Presidential elections does not come within the scope of our authority, this committee feels that its work would not be complete unless it went on record as favoring an amendment to the Federal Constitution by which the Electoral College will be abolished and the people empowered to vote directly for President and Vice-President."

#### For a Continuing Program.

The committee on resolutions, unable to agree upon definite recommendations because of the diverse views expressed, merely reported in favor of continuing the People's Legislative Bureau and suggested that the formulation of a legislative program be left to a special committee to be named by the chairman. This report follows:

"Your committee wishes to express appreciation of the devoted public services of those members of Congress who for the past six years in the face of ruthless opposition, have battled for the preservation of justice, liberty and democracy. To these men we declare our affectionate gratitude.

"Your committee congratulates the country upon the presence in Congress and in State and in executive positions of these men, who have been selected by the progressive-minded people of this country, who for two years have been deprived of political representation.

"Your committee recognizes the services rendered by the People's Legislative Service in stimulating this democratic movement which has resulted in the retirement of many enemies of democracy in the Senate and in the House of Representatives, and in the election of nine progressive-minded Senators and approximately 100 Congressmen whose pledges or whose previous records promise that they will co-operate with the forward-looking movement in Congress.

"It recognizes the services rendered by the People's Legislative Service in co-operating with members of Congress and in providing material which has made possible successful Congressional opposition to some of the most vicious assaults upon the United States Treasury.

"Your committee, realizing the impossibility of reporting in a single day legislative and economic program, suggest that the Chair appoint a non-partisan committee for the purpose of bringing about the co-operation of progressives throughout the country to aid in the advancement of liberal laws and general reconstruction based upon a program which your committee on resolutions shall draft and report at a future meeting at Washington to be called by the Chair."

Mrs. Abby Scott Baker offered a resolution just before the gavel dropped, putting the conference on record in favor of the release of all political prisoners and calling upon the President to release immediately the free speech prisoners.

#### NEW POLICIES OF ASSOCIATION OF RAILWAY EXECUTIVES.

Regarding the meeting in Chicago on Dec. 7 of the Association of Railway Executives, and the decisions arrived thereat, Chicago dispatches of the Associated Press said:

The Association of Railway Executives to-day decided to withdraw so far as possible from all questions dealing with labor, traffic and public relations and to restrict the functions of the association to questions of national legislation, Governmental action and policies and legal matters with a nation-wide application.

The railroad executives also decided to leave the place of the late Thomas De Witt Cuyler, former Chairman of the Association, unfilled and to abandon the New York office. Headquarters will be maintained in the counsel's office in Washington in the future.

To-day's action marks the passing of nation-wide treatment of strikes and strike threats. Whereas the Association dealt as a whole with the shopmen's strike last summer and the threatened strike a year ago, in the future each individual road, or each regional executive body, will act.

Members of the organization said one of the purposes of to-day's decision was to get the treatment of labor questions back in the hands of the individual roads. It is impossible, they said, to deal with the railroad workers of the entire country on a just or equitable basis, and so long as the system of nation-wide treatment continued, they declared it would be impossible to get back to economical operation of the carriers.

Reference to the appointment of the standing committee to consider the general policies of the Association was made in our issue of Nov. 11, page 2123, and Nov. 18, page 2231.

#### SUPREME COURT TO DETERMINE JURISDICTION OF RAILROAD LABOR BOARD IN REVIEW OF CASE BROUGHT BY PENNSYLVANIA RR.

The future activities of the United States Railroad Labor Board, particularly the scope of its jurisdiction in the settlement of impending railroad labor strikes, will be dependent upon the decision of the Supreme Court in a case brought by the Pennsylvania RR. Co., which the court announced on Nov. 20 it would review. With regard to the history of the case which the Supreme Court will review press dispatches from Washington stated:

Winning in the United States District Court at Chicago in its challenge of the authority of the Board to enforce an order requiring railroad officials to confer with delegates from labor unions as representatives of their employees in the negotiations of rules and working conditions, the Pennsylvania RR. lost in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, to which the Government carried the case. The latter court held that the Board, having fixed wages, could later take up the subject of rules and regulations. The Pennsylvania RR. contended that the Railroad Labor Board was without authority to nullify contracts it had entered into with its employees which were in full force and satisfactory to both employer and employee.

Review of the case by the Supreme Court was opposed by the Government on the ground that the questions raised by the railroad company were moot-

the shopcrafts strikes, out of which the controversy arose, having been settled. Objection to the filing of the application by the railroad company for the review of the case was also urged on the ground that the papers had not been filed in the Supreme Court within the time allowed by law.

The injunction granted by the District Court, which is now in force notwithstanding the reversal of its decision on points of law by the Circuit Court, had the effect, the Government asserted, of virtually exempting the Pennsylvania RR. Co. and all its employees of every class from the jurisdiction of the Labor Board.

#### RAILROAD LABOR BOARD RULES ROADS HAVING AGREEMENTS WITH A UNION CANNOT MAKE SEPARATE CONTRACTS WITH INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THAT UNION.

Railroads which have working agreements with a union cannot make separate agreements with individuals of that union, it was ruled in a decision handed down by the United States Railroad Labor Board on Nov. 24. The case on which the decision was made concerned the efforts of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers to collect overtime from the Great Northern Railway for John Roelfzma, who worked as station agent at Sioux City, Iowa, under a special agreement with the road. The Board ruled in favor of the Telegraphers' claim.

#### FURTHER RULING AGAINST CONTRACTING WORK BY RAILROAD LABOR BOARD.

Seventeen cases, the final lot before the Railroad Labor Board, involving the contracting-out system, which the federated shop crafts contend was one of the primary causes of the rail strike, were decided on Oct. 6 by the Board. As in the first case, the Board held that the roads violated the Transportation Act. The roads involved were the Erie, regarded as an ardent supporter of the contracting-out plan; Ann Arbor, Cincinnati Indianapolis & Western, Southern Pacific of Louisiana & Texas, Big Four, Pere Marquette, Boston & Albany, Bangor & Aroostook, Chicago Rock Island & Pacific, Michigan Central, Indiana Harbor Belt and New York Central. Some of these roads, including the Boston & Albany, had discontinued the practice prior to the ruling, in accordance with a promise made to the Labor Board at the beginning of the shop crafts strike.

In another case the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers lost its dispute with the New York Central over the return of the maintenance of telegraph wires to the owning company, the Western Union. The Board distinguished between railroad property and that owned by other companies and upheld the railroad's contention of its right to discontinue performance of work on property not owned by it. Prior to the dispute, the wires of the Western Union along the New York Central lines were maintained by railroad electrical workers. When this arrangement was terminated, the telegraph company put its own men on the job or hired railroad electrical workers. To this the railroad electrical union objected.

#### WAGE REDUCTIONS ON GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA.

Wage reductions of from 3 to 5 cents an hour, affecting 7,000 employees of the Grand Trunk Railway, have been agreed upon as a compromise arrangement between the railway and the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees and the International Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, it was announced at Montreal on Nov. 30 by A. R. Mosher, union leader. A compromise in aggregate amount of reduction has also been arranged, he said.

#### WAGE READJUSTMENTS ON NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.

New wage scales and working rules affording higher rates of pay for skilled workers and lower wages for classes of unskilled labor than those established by the Railroad Labor Board during Federal control have been negotiated by representatives of the new Northern Pacific Railway Shop Workers' Association and officials of the railway, it was announced at St. Paul on Nov. 30. Approximately 5,000 workers are affected.

Rates established under the new agreement provide pay ranging from 77 to 85 cents an hour for highly skilled mechanics' work.

All of the ordinary mechanics' work in locomotive and passenger car departments is set at 72 cents an hour, with a rate of 65 cents for freight car repairmen.

Work that requires no great skill or experience is rated from 63 to 68 cents an hour.

#### BITUMINOUS COAL REGULATIONS REVOKED.

Regulations requiring bituminous coal operators to furnish the Federal Fuel Distributor with daily statements as to coal loadings, prices obtained for coal, and destinations to which coal is shipped were revoked on Nov. 24 by Fuel Distributor C. E. Spens, effective Dec. 1. These regulations, which were promulgated on Sept. 27 and 28 and Oct. 4, required that daily reports of coal shipments in the territory east of the Mississippi River be transmitted to the 15 naval officers acting as district representatives of the Federal Fuel Distributor. Operators in trans-Mississippi territory were required to make their reports directly to the Federal Fuel Distributor, except that Iowa, Montana and North Dakota operators reported to C. T. White, Assistant Federal Fuel Distributor, at St. Paul, Minn.

#### AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR TAKES CREDIT FOR ELECTING LABOR'S FRIENDS AND DEFEATING ITS ENEMIES.

In the elections on Nov. 7 the American Federation of Labor claims to have made its influence felt in the success of many candidates for Congress and for other offices favorable to the cause of organized labor. The Executive Committee of the American Federation of Labor Non-partisan Political Campaign Committee issued a report on Nov. 27 signed by Samuel Gompers, Frank Morrison and James O'Connell, stating that the Federation's committee had supported 24 successful candidates for the United States Senate, of whom eighteen are Democrats and one a Farmer-Laborite. The Federation asserts that 156 successful candidates for the House of Representatives were elected "either because directly supported by the American Federation of Labor Non-partisan Campaign Committee or because of its opposition to its opponents." Of the list of 156, 97 are Democrats, 57 Republicans, 1 Farmer-Labor and 1 independent. Credit is taken by the Federation for having contributed to the election of several candidates for Governor, among them Alfred E. Smith of New York. It is recorded that special circulars were sent to New York State by the Federation "for the purpose of organizing non-partisan campaign committees to oppose Governor Miller. Senator Calder and other antagonists of labor." The reports says:

The election of Mr. Smith as Governor of New York, was heartily supported by the national non-partisan political campaign. Early in the campaign the committee sent circular letters to all national and international centers that they urge the local unions in New York State to give all the assistance within their power to the non-partisan campaign. Much correspondence followed, and New York was organized effectively to enter the primary and election campaigns.

At a meeting of the New York State Federation of Labor President Gompers mentioned former Governor Smith as the next Governor of New York. Sentiment expressed in that convention set the State aflame for Smith. The enormous majority he received demonstrates conclusively that he had the solid support of labor and the forward-looking citizenship.

In another part of the report the following statement is made:

It is now said that the abolishment of the direct primaries for State officials helped to defeat both Governor Miller and Senator Calder, and helped in the election of Governor Smith and Dr. Copeland. The people are aroused in the primaries and have more interest in the election.

How the Federation worked in politics is illustrated by certain passages of the report, which says:

The committee believes that through labor's influence many victories were won. It was feared that the interjection of third party candidates in Minnesota and Washington would defeat the hopes of labor. In Minnesota labor supported Mr. Shipstead, independent candidate for Senator. Although the Democrats had a candidate, Mr. Shipstead was successful over Senator Kellogg. We held a number of conferences and wrote many letters to Minnesota labor officials in an endeavor to have the situation cleared in that State by the withdrawal of the Democratic candidate. The surprising feature of the Minnesota situation is that the leaders of the Democratic organization desired the withdrawal of the Democratic candidate for Governor.

President Gompers, in a letter to Mr. James A. Duncan, the Labor candidate for Senator in Washington, informed him that his candidacy was apt to draw enough votes away from Mr. Dill, the Democratic candidate, to permit the election of Mr. Poindexter and suggested that Mr. Duncan withdraw. He refused to do so. The vote given Mr. Duncan, however, was not large enough to re-elect Senator Poindexter. Your committee believes that no individual member of the labor movement should allow himself to be forced into a political contest which would result in the election of a bitter and relentless antagonist to labor.

A situation arose in Iowa which required your committee to take some action to endeavor to secure the nomination of some outstanding man for the primaries for United States Senator from the State. Representative Sweet of Iowa announced his candidacy. Smith W. Brookhart, a man of sterling qualities, sympathetic to the cause of labor and justice, announced his candidacy. It was somewhat difficult to make a choice as between the two men running in the primaries by reason of the fact that Representative Sweet's labor record was also excellent. But due to the fact that Mr. Brookhart two years ago made such a wonderful showing in his candidacy against Senator Cummings it was deemed the most practical course to try and persuade Representative Sweet to withdraw.

It was thereupon that Representative Sweet was called into conference with the committee and urged to withdraw in the interest of Mr. Brookhart. He refused to withdraw, but promised that if Mr. Brookhart beat him in the primaries he would support Mr. Brookhart whole heartedly.



Many other conferences with members of Congress or candidates were held by the committee or the Chairman concerning the attitude of labor toward certain candidates.

The Federation's committee gives this list of candidates for the Senate which it supported who were elected:

- Arizona—Henry F. Ashurst, Democrat.
  - California—Hiram W. Johnson, Republican.
  - Delaware—Thomas F. Bayard, Democrat.
  - Indiana—Samuel M. Ralston, Democrat.
  - Iowa—Smith W. Brookhart, Republican.
  - Maryland—William Cabell Bruce, Democrat.
  - Michigan—W. N. Ferris, Democrat.
  - Minnesota—Henrik Shipstead, Farmer-Labor.
  - Mississippi—Hubert D. Stephens, Democrat.
  - Montana—Burton K. Wheeler, Democrat.
  - Nebraska—R. B. Howell, Republican.
  - Nevada—Key Pittman, Democrat.
  - New Jersey—Edward I. Edwards, Democrat.
  - North Dakota—Lynn J. Frazier, Republican.
  - New Mexico—Andrieus A. Jones, Democrat.
  - New York—Royal S. Copeland, Democrat.
  - Rhode Island—Peter G. Gerry, Democrat.
  - Tennessee—Kenneth D. McKellar, Democrat.
  - Utah—William H. King, Democrat.
  - Virginia—Claude A. Swanson, Democrat.
  - Washington—C. C. Dill, Democrat.
  - West Virginia—Matthew M. Neely, Democrat.
  - Wisconsin—Robert M. La Follette, Republican.
  - Wyoming—John B. Kendrick, Democrat.
- These defeated candidates for the Senate are mentioned as having been opposed by the Federation of Labor:
- Delaware—T. Coleman du Pont.
  - Indiana—Alfred J. Beveridge.
  - Michigan—Charles E. Townsend.
  - Minnesota—Frank B. Kellogg.
  - New Jersey—Joseph S. Frelinghuysen.
  - New York—William H. Calder.
  - North Dakota—Porter J. McCumber.
  - Ohio—Atlee Pomerene.
  - Washington—Miles Poindexter.
  - West Virginia—Howard Sutherland.
  - Wyoming—Frank W. Mondell.

Among the 156 successful candidates for the House to whose election the Federation claims to have contributed are Loring M. Black, Jr., Democrat; Charles I. Stengle, Democrat; John Quayle, Democrat; William E. Cleary, Democrat; David J. O'Connell, Democrat; Emanuel Celler, Democrat; Nathan D. Perlman, Republican; John J. Boylan, Democrat; John F. Carew, Democrat; Samuel Marx, Democrat; Florello H. La Guardia, Republican; Meyer Jacobstein, Democrat, and James M. Mead, Democrat.

**FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK ON CREDIT CONDITIONS IN NOVEMBER.**

Referring to the credit condition in October, when there was a rise in interest rates and a further increase in commercial loans of banks and the loans and note issues of the Federal Reserve Banks, the Federal Reserve Agent of the local Federal Reserve Bank, in the Monthly Review for Dec. 1 states that movements during the past month (November) of the various factors reflecting credit conditions were in the same direction as October but more moderate in character. The Bank says:

The volume of credit in use as indicated by the commercial loans of member banks, and by the earning assets of the Reserve banks, increased at a slower rate than in September and early October. Note circulation of the Reserve banks fluctuated within narrow limits, and interest rates remained at substantially the level reached about the first of November. This greater stability in the factors reflecting credit conditions does not appear to indicate that any pause has taken place in general business activity. For the past few weeks such figures as are available appear to show a continued gain in industrial output and the distribution of goods.

There has been a considerable increase throughout the country in the volume of production and trade in the past year, but this increase has gone forward with a relatively small demand upon the banks for credit. Since March of this year, when borrowing was at a minimum, the total loans and investments of member banks in principal cities, where the effects of industrial activity would be felt most have increased \$1,250,000,000, or over 8%. But this increase is ascribable not so much to loans for business purposes as to loans on stocks and bonds and to investments made for the purpose of putting surplus funds to work. The amount lent directly for business purposes, as far as it can be segregated in the returns, declined until the end of August. Since that time, however, it has advanced \$267,000,000. While the total amount of credit extended by banks, measured by total loans and investments, is indirectly and in the long run available for business use, loans made directly to business represent more closely current needs for credit.

Earning assets, which are the best measure of the total accommodations which the Reserve banks are extending to business, increased \$146,000,000 between Aug. 9 and Nov. 22 of this year. In recent weeks there has been a change in the nature of the loans comprised in the general group of earning assets. Discounts and advances to member banks have increased, while holdings of acceptances and United States securities have diminished.

The reason why increased production and trade, accompanied by higher wages and prices, have not resulted in a corresponding increase in the volume of bank credit issued directly for business purposes, may appear upon observing three factors, which among others are important in the present situation.

The first factor is the heavy receipt of gold into this country. Since the middle of 1921 gold imports have totaled nearly \$600,000,000, and since Jan. 1 1922 nearly \$250,000,000. This gold has found its way immediately into the banks and thence into the Reserve banks. The gold has served to liquidate borrowings by individuals from their banks and borrowings by banks from the Federal Reserve banks. Liquidation from this and other sources has up to recently more than offset new borrowing. These receipts of gold have, moreover, been largely responsible for the power of the banks to extend their investment accounts.

A second factor has been the accumulation by many business concerns during the period of quiet business of a considerable reserve in the form of in-

vestments or bank deposits which they could draw upon to finance more active operations, without the necessity for borrowing.

A third and probably more important factor in the very moderate increase in commercial loans may be seen in the fact that business is now being carried forward with a minimum of future commitments. Although there has been some change in the tendency in recent months, both wholesalers and retailers still continue to buy cautiously, and manufacturers hesitate to produce goods without definite orders in sight. Stocks of manufactured goods are in general low.

Exact figures on this aspect of retail trade are reported each month to this bank by 60 department stores in this district. They show that the current ratio of the amount of stock held to the amount of sales is now in the neighborhood of 3 1/2 to 1. The usual ratio is much nearer to 4 to 1; that is, \$4 worth of stock on hand to every \$1 of monthly sales. There are few definite figures available in other fields which show the exact situation, but general reports indicate that the policy of carrying small amounts of stock on hand, and ordering only for immediate needs continues to prevail in many branches of industry and trade.

**FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD ON CONDITION OF RETAIL TRADE DURING OCTOBER IN FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS.**

The Federal Reserve Board on Dec. 1 made public the following data relative to the condition of retail trade during October in the twelve Federal Reserve districts, based on reports from 1506 stores:

DISTRICT.	Percentage of Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).				Percentage of average stocks at end of each month from July 1 to Date to average monthly sales over same period.	Percentage of outstanding orders at end of October to purchases during calendar year 1921.
	Comparison of net sales with those of corresponding period last year.		Stocks at end of month compared with—			
	October.	July 1 to date.	Same month last year.	Last month.		
<b>District No. 1—</b>						
Boston .....	+5.6	+9.2	+7.8	+6.8	333.4	7.5
Outside .....	-3.6	+3.6	-2.4	+7.6	424.0	
District (25)* .....	+3.6	+7.9	+4.7	+7.0	354.0	7.5
<b>District No. 2—</b>						
New York and						
Brooklyn .....	+3.8	+7.7	-2.8	+2.0	363.0	8.5
Bridgeport .....	+2.8	+4.5	-0.3	+5.2	408.2	7.2
Buffalo .....	+9.1	+4.9	-7.8	+3.9	379.2	8.9
Newark .....	+9.6	+5.2	-3.7	+3.1	362.7	6.5
Rochester .....	+6.8	+6.4	-3.4	+7.0	362.0	6.8
Syracuse .....	+3.9	+1.5	-1.7	+1.6	384.7	7.3
Outside .....	-9.7	+0.4	-7.3	+8.4	560.2	7.3
District (64)* .....	+4.5	+6.5	-2.5	+3.6	365.1	8.2
<b>District No. 3—</b>						
Philadelphia .....	+5.4	+6.0	-0.7	+7.6	363.7	9.1
Allentown .....	+11.9	+7.0	+1.8	-1.3	595.0	4.8
Altoona .....	-1.0	-0.8	-11.7	+9.1	497.3	
Chester .....	+33.7	+20.4				
Harrisburg .....	+5.5	+11.0	+11.3	+7.2	502.3	
Johnstown .....	+1.8	-6.3	+1.5	+7.4	406.4	
Lancaster .....	-4.1	-0.9	+0.4	+1.3	534.8	9.5
Reading .....	+2.3	+7.4	-0.6	+2.4	619.2	4.4
Scranton .....	-5.6	-12.7	+10.8	-0.6	452.6	
Trenton .....	+6.6	+7.6	+1.7	+1.8	458.0	
Wilkes-Barre .....	-1.1	-7.8	-8.5	+4.2	493.2	
Williamsport .....	+7.9	-5.4	+6.2	+6.4	433.4	
Wilmington .....	+17.5	+11.1	-2.6	+7.0	694.9	7.3
York .....	-5.4	+3.7	-4.7	+2.6	545.9	5.1
Outside .....	+10.7	+3.3	+18.1	+7.9	595.0	6.5
District (145)* .....	+4.7	+4.2	+0.4	+6.0	435.4	9.5
<b>District No. 4—</b>						
Cleveland .....	+16.3	+16.5	+2.7	+6.7	387.5	11.5
Akron .....	+14.2	+13.6	+7.1	+3.2	357.2	9.7
Canton .....	+15.4	+10.0	+2.2	+3.6	808.4	7.9
Cincinnati .....	-1.6	-1.7	-10.6	+7.2	524.0	8.6
Pittsburgh .....	+10.3	+10.0	-9.1	+2.4	377.1	8.3
Toledo .....	+7.7	+8.5	-4.4	-2.2	387.7	6.0
Outside .....	+27.0	+23.7	+1.0	+5.1	403.2	12.8
District (28)* .....	+11.3	+10.8	-4.2	+4.0	404.1	9.3
<b>District No. 5—</b>						
Richmond .....	+5.7	+12.9	-6.4	+12.6	350.0	10.6
Baltimore .....	+4.1	+3.3	+2.5	+11.4	425.2	8.6
Washington .....	-5.1	-2.7	+11.7	+6.9	478.3	7.0
Outside .....	-2.9	-2.9	-8.4	+4.4	535.3	6.7
District (25)* .....	-0.5	+1.5	+3.6	+8.3	448.6	8.0
<b>District No. 6—</b>						
Atlanta .....	+0.4	+4.6	+6.5	+0.9	550.7	4.6
Birmingham .....	+11.5	+12.6	-9.1	-0.9	638.3	6.2
Chattanooga .....	-15.1	-8.3	-17.0	-0.4	847.3	
Jackson .....	-14.8	-7.8	-8.0	-3.2	548.0	
Nashville .....	-3.3	+1.3	-6.3	+4.8	534.1	9.0
New Orleans .....	-7.0	-6.9	-6.3	+3.1	518.5	8.9
Savannah .....	-30.2	-21.0	-20.5	+3.5	625.5	5.1
Outside .....	-6.2	-3.1	-13.8	+4.1	574.1	6.3
District (35)* .....	-5.8	-3.2	-7.6	+2.4	554.0	7.4
<b>District No. 7—</b>						
Chicago .....	-1.6	+0.9	+0.4	+3.7	389.3	4.4
Des Moines .....	+6.9	+9.4	+4.3	+2.4	318.5	6.8
Detroit .....	+24.9	+21.8	-1.3	+7.1	323.5	12.6
Indianapolis .....	-0.5	+4.1				
Milwaukee .....	-1.1	-3.4	-2.1	+0.7	613.9	4.7
Outside .....	-1.8	-2.5	-6.3	+4.0	567.3	5.4
District (72)* .....	+8.8	+8.4	-3.0	+4.3	425.8	9.0
<b>District No. 8—</b>						
St. Louis .....	+8.6	+4.8	-0.8	+3.3	383.7	1.7
Evansville .....	-4.7	-12.9	-19.9	+0.6	717.5	1.2
Little Rock .....	+0.1	-13.9	+0.6	+1.9	477.2	6.4
Louisville .....	-3.6	-0.1	-18.1	+7.9	373.5	6.3
Memphis .....	+7.7	+9.7	-5.9	+5.4	488.5	12.4
Quincy .....	+2.5	+0.8	-0.2	+1.2	479.8	6.4
District (26)* .....	+5.3	+3.0	-4.0	+5.0	499.2	7.7
Dist. No. 9 (24)* .....	+8.2	+3.8	-0.5	+4.3	452.9	6.2
<b>District No. 10—</b>						
Kansas City .....	-5.5	-7.0	-13.4	-1.9	487.2	5.0
Denver .....	+6.3	+0.8	-1.6	-2.0	486.0	10.9
Outside .....	+0.9	-3.1	-1.8	+2.3	542.1	7.6
District (16)* .....	-0.5	-3.8	-6.4	+0.2	507.0	7.1
<b>District No. 11—</b>						
Dallas .....	-9.2	+2.9	-10.6	-12.8	451.3	9.2
Fort Worth .....	-5.6	0.0	-8.5	+9.8	508.9	7.1
Houston .....	+1.4	-0.7	+8.6	+24.2	538.6	5.0
Outside .....	-14.4	-12.3	-12.4	+7.2	475.1	5.7
District (21)* .....	-8.4	-2.8	-7.9	-0.6	481.8	7.6
<b>District No. 12—</b>						
San Francisco .....	+9.6	+5.4	-2.9	+3.0	435.7	10.7
Los Angeles .....	+18.0	-8.6	-12.9	-0.3	390.9	12.6
Oakland .....	+6.3	+1.5	-4.0	+3.4	542.1	
Salt Lake City .....	+7.1	+0.8	-1.4	+3.0	549.3	
Seattle .....	+10.6	+10.4	+4.3	+5.8	389.1	6.2
Spokane .....	-1.4	-4.3	+0.7	-2.2	593.2	6.5
District (31)* .....	+10.3	+6.0	-4.7	+1.0	434.4	10.7
<b>United States (506) .....</b>	+4.4	+4.6	-1.8	+4.0	477.8	8.2

\* Number of firms reporting. a Bethlehem and Easton included in Allentown.

AVERAGE MONTHLY VALUE OF RETAIL TRADE.  
(Average month 1919 = 100.)

1921.	Department Stores. 176 Stores. a	Mail Order Houses. 4 Houses.	CHAIN STORES.					
			Grocery. 16 4 Chains.	5 & 10. 5 Chains.	Drug. 7 4 Chains.	Cigar. 3 4 Chains.	Shoe. 5 4 Chains.	Misc. 4 4 Chains.
January	101.6	69.1	124.8	86.1	117.3	119.9	85.8	79.0
February	87.3	64.8	118.4	92.9	110.7	116.5	82.5	78.3
March	116.3	95.1	128.7	121.1	123.6	131.8	141.0	81.9
April	111.7	77.5	121.7	111.9	121.8	134.7	139.7	75.1
May	111.3	60.2	118.5	112.2	119.2	129.5	136.5	65.1
June	108.5	62.1	116.0	109.7	120.6	127.8	127.6	59.9
July	79.7	49.3	115.1	108.0	122.1	128.5	100.9	55.6
August	83.2	56.4	121.4	116.0	119.8	127.6	86.6	71.6
September	92.7	72.7	118.3	113.4	119.4	128.0	103.1	82.3
October	127.8	88.6	135.2	141.9	124.2	138.0	135.4	99.2
November	121.3	83.3	133.5	134.1	115.2	124.8	119.1	107.0
December	175.8	80.3	144.5	241.6	146.1	172.7	149.6	172.6
1922.								
January	87.2	65.3	135.8	94.6	117.0	111.0	80.0	71.7
February	80.0	59.4	127.6	100.8	114.5	109.3	80.7	75.0
March	101.5	83.5	145.4	118.4	123.2	124.3	102.0	80.6
April	111.9	77.1	137.4	124.9	120.3	124.5	156.3	78.9
May	113.9	69.9	136.5	129.6	123.9	128.8	127.1	80.9
June	105.8	68.8	133.2	124.9	123.5	105.8	121.9	81.3
July	78.4	58.4	129.5	126.3	125.7	127.3	101.3	83.0
August	84.8	57.2	137.4	130.4	127.9	126.9	86.8	99.1
September	162.5	76.1*	138.4	136.1	128.4	135.4	117.8	118.2
October	134.3*	110.0*	148.4*	156.6	133.0	127.1	121.2	118.8

\* Partly estimated.  
a Stores are located in Federal Reserve District No. 1 (Boston); No. 2 (New York); No. 3 (Philadelphia); No. 5 (Richmond); No. 6 (Atlanta); No. 9 (Minneapolis); No. 11 (Dallas); and No. 12 (San Francisco). Stores grouped by districts and final index is obtained by weighting district figures according to relative volume of trade.

WHAT THE RESERVE RATIO MEANS—PRESENT HIGH RATIO DUE TO FLOW OF GOLD TO U. S.

In an explanation as to what the reserve ratio, or reserve percentage, means, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in its Monthly Review, dated Dec. 1, points out that "generally speaking a reserve is a fund set aside for emergency use" and that the reserve ratio may be affected by any one of three factors—"a change in the amount of cash reserves, a change in the amount of note issues, or a change in the amount of deposits." A 75% reserve ratio (or percentage), says the Bank, "means that the Reserve Banks have reserves in gold or lawful money which amount to three-quarters of the sum of their deposits and notes." The present high reserve ratio, the article states, "is in large part due to the recent flow of gold to the United States from countries which for the time being are not on the free gold basis which obtained before the war. A return to such a basis under which gold would flow freely into or out of such countries in settlement of international balances, would, if our balances were adverse, cause a corresponding outflow of our gold. This would decrease our reserve ratio, exactly as recent imports have increased it." We give in full the article from the Bank's Monthly Review:

Every week the Federal Reserve Board announces through the press a statement of condition of all twelve Federal Reserve Banks, showing their principal assets and liabilities, and also showing what is known as the reserve ratio, or reserve percentage. This reserve ratio frequently is singled out for editorial comment, and is often considered an indicator of the state of credit throughout the country. But for its proper interpretation, it is necessary to understand the circumstances which influence it at all times, and to make allowances for such special conditions as may occasionally prevail, for example, the recent immense importation of gold.

Function of Bank Reserves.

Generally speaking, a reserve is a fund set aside for emergency use. Reserves are maintained by business men as well as by banks. But in the case of banks the law specifies what reserves shall be maintained, for the better protection of their depositors. The amount of reserve required for a bank which is a member of the Federal Reserve System depends on the size of the community in which the bank is located and the nature of its deposits. On the average throughout the country the reserve required for a member bank is about 10% of the amount of its deposits payable on demand.

In the same way, Reserve Banks must keep in reserve a certain proportion of their funds, and because of the fact that the Reserve banks carry reserves for other banks, the percentage is much higher—35% of the amount of their deposits, and 40% of the amount of their notes; but for purposes of convenience and ease of reference the published reserve percentage is a single figure. This figure is the proportion which the total reserves bear to the amount of both deposits and notes. Thus a 75% reserve ratio (or percentage) means that the Reserve banks have reserves in gold or lawful money which amounts to three-quarters of the sum of their deposits and notes.

Elements in the Ratio.

The reserve ratio of the Reserve banks may therefore be affected by any one of three factors—a change in the amount of cash reserves, a change in the amount of note issues, or a change in the amount of deposits. Changes in the cash reserves, however, affect the ratio more than do the changes in either of the other two items. This may be illustrated best by an example. On Nov. 22 1922 the cash reserves of the Reserve banks were \$3,219,000,000. Deposits were \$1,895,000,000, and notes in circulation \$2,299,000,000. The reserve percentage is computed from the fraction

$$\frac{3,219,000,000}{2,299,000,000 \text{ plus } 1,895,000,000} \text{ or } \frac{3,219,000,000}{4,194,000,000}$$

which equals 76.7%. It is clear, arithmetically, that an increase or decrease of \$100,000,000 in cash reserves, shown above the line, affects the percentage more than a like change in deposits or notes, shown below the line. This always holds true as long as the reserves are less than deposits plus notes.

Effect of Heavier or Lighter Credit Demands.

Under ordinary circumstances of world trade it is probable that the stock of gold in the country would not vary greatly, certainly not to the extent that has occurred in recent years. Ordinarily the principal changes would take place in the reserves held by the Reserve Banks in deposits and

note issues. The way in which such changes would come about, and the reserve ratio be thereby affected may be illustrated by the following example: A merchant of Batavia, N. Y., finding his business growing, is in need of additional funds with which to increase his stock of goods. He goes to his bank and obtains a loan, part of which he may wish to receive in the form of a deposit credit against which he may draw checks, and part of which he may wish to receive in currency. If this bank's reserve is high, it may be able to supply him without borrowing.

But if business is exceptionally active the bank itself may have to borrow in order to accommodate the merchant and its other customers. It borrows perhaps \$100,000 at the Reserve Bank, receiving in return Federal Reserve notes or a deposit on the books of the Reserve Bank which under the law serves as reserve against the increased deposits of its customers. The Reserve Bank does not pay out or part with any of the cash composing its reserve, but the aggregate of its deposits and notes is increased \$100,000 and the reserve ratio is proportionately lowered.

Conversely, when business activity is diminishing, the Batavia merchant and many others like him, are paying off their loans at their banks and at the same time currency is being released from circulation and deposited in the banks. With these receipts the banks in turn reduce their borrowings at the Reserve banks. The cash composing the reserves of the Reserve Banks is not increased, but their deposits and notes are decreased, and the reserve ratio is proportionately raised.

Thus if conditions were such that the gold reserve remained practically stationary, the reserve percentage would reflect directly the changing needs of business and agriculture. Its lowering would mean a growing volume of commercial activity, accompanied by an increased credit demand upon the banks and a gradual narrowing of the margin of available credit. Its rising, on the other hand, would mean a slackening pace of industry, an easing in the credit demand, and a replenishing of the credit reservoir.

Effect of Gold Imports or Exports.

But present conditions are not such that the gold reserve of the Federal Reserve Banks remains stationary. In the past two years it has increased more than a billion dollars, practically all of which represents importations of gold. In the early stages of the gold movement, when the gold found its way into the Reserve banks it paid debts owing by the member banks; latterly it has permitted the member banks to increase their deposits to the highest point ever reached and at the same time to maintain the reserves that the law requires with very little borrowing from the Reserve banks.

The combined effect of these huge gold imports, increasing the reserves, and of simultaneous heavy redemptions of Federal Reserve notes, decreasing the liabilities, has been to bring about the present reserve ratio of about 77%, which compares with the ratio of 85% when America entered the war and the ratio of 44% in the autumn of 1920 when the credit strain was at its peak.

The present high reserve ratio, then, is in large part due to the recent flow of gold to the United States from countries which for the time being are not on the free gold basis which obtained before the war. A return to such a basis, under which gold would flow freely into or out of such countries in settlement of international balances, would, if our balances were adverse, cause a corresponding outflow of our gold. This would decrease our reserve ratio, exactly as recent imports have increased it.

SAVINGS DEPOSITS IN UNITED STATES.

On Dec. 1 the Federal Reserve Board at Washington issued the following statement:

Comparison of savings deposits on Nov. 1 1922 with deposits on Oct. 1 1922 and Nov. 1 1921 are shown for 886 banks distributed throughout all sections of the United States. The figures for the Boston and New York districts are those of large mutual savings banks, but in all other districts reports of other banks are included to make the figures thoroughly representative. In all districts where reporting commercial banks subdivide their time deposits, statistics of savings deposits subject to notice (excluding time certificates of deposit) are used. This is in accordance with the definition given in the Federal Reserve Board's regulation D, series of 1920.

During October the volume of savings deposits increased in the Federal Reserve districts. Declines of less than 1% were registered in the New York and Philadelphia districts. The Richmond district again showed the most important gain during the month. During the year ending Nov. 1 savings deposits increased in all districts. The most noteworthy increases were 11% in the Richmond and San Francisco districts and 12.5% in the St. Louis district.

Savings Deposits.

District of—	No. of Banks.	November 1 1922.	October 1 1922.	November 1 1921.
Boston	64	\$1,114,412,000	\$1,108,924,000	\$1,062,542,000
New York	30	1,741,543,000	1,744,493,000	1,653,338,000
Philadelphia	80	419,573,000	420,090,000	409,581,000
Cleveland	18	389,013,000	383,995,000	378,789,000
Richmond	93	278,077,000	274,199,000	250,397,000
Atlanta	80	158,164,000	157,293,000	147,747,000
Chicago	219	795,050,000	784,804,000	766,480,000
St. Louis	35	118,058,000	117,136,000	105,279,000
Minneapolis	15	80,891,000	80,827,000	76,273,000
Kansas City	65	98,032,000	95,701,000	88,897,000
Dallas	112	70,596,000	70,178,000	61,017,000
San Francisco	75	789,559,000	782,673,000	711,467,000
Total	886	\$6,052,968,000	\$6,020,413,000	\$5,711,797,000

TAXABILITY OF STOCK DIVIDENDS.

A ruling has recently been given by the Bureau of Internal Revenue at Washington on the taxability of stock dividends declared on stock held in trust—its ruling having resulted from an inquiry as to whether, where such dividends are paid to the life beneficiaries rather than added to the funds of the estate, they constitute taxable income to the beneficiaries. According to the Bureau, where stock dividends are thus distributed to life beneficiaries, the value thereof at the date of distribution should be included in the income of the distributees. In answering the further inquiry "as to the basis to be used by the trustee in arriving at gain or loss through the future sale of either the original shares held by the trustee or that portion of the stock retained as part of the corpus of the trust" the Bureau rules that "the proceeds from the sale of this stock, or the market value of the stock, cannot be recorded as a dividend to the



beneficiary subject to surtax only, but must be treated as income subject to both normal tax and surtax." According to the New York "Herald" of Dec. 2, the importance attached to the ruling has caused some of the large financial interest to take steps to secure official interpretation of it. At the same time the "Herald" publishes an interpretation by Marx Eisner of the ruling in which he says "there is little doubt that if this ruling is sustained by the courts, a large tax liability will be established on interest controlling corporate surplus sufficiently important to prevent the declaration of stock dividends in the first instance." We quote as follows what the "Herald" printed in the matter:

The Rockefeller group and other large financial interests are considerably disturbed, it is understood, over the ruling of the Solicitor of the Internal Revenue Department on Nov. 20, under which the beneficiaries of trusts receiving stock dividends are required to pay income tax on those dividends to the extent of their fair market value at the time of the disbursements.

The ruling followed the capitalization of surpluses and the declaration of stock dividends by a long list of corporations whose hysteria was caused largely by belief that the 200% stock dividend declared early in the fall by the Gulf Oil Corporation, which is dominated by the family to which the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Mellon, belongs, was the result of inside information concerning future tax legislation.

The importance attached to the ruling of Nov. 20 has caused the country's large financial interests to send their tax attorneys to Washington to obtain official interpretation of the order. The effort to get its exact meaning eventually may take the entire subject of stock dividends again before the United States Supreme Court.

*"Perhaps Corporations Do Not Know."*

The following construction was placed on the ruling by Mark Eisner, formerly Collector of Internal Revenue for the Third District of New York:

"There is little doubt that if this ruling is sustained by the courts, a large tax liability will be established on interests controlling corporate surplus sufficiently important to prevent the declaration of stock dividends in the first instance. While it may be true that some corporations may have valid reasons for stock distributions, it is equally true that other corporations are laying themselves open to investigation and scrutiny and are accomplishing nothing of value to them by such declarations.

"Nothing in the history of taxation recently has occasioned more loose talk and thought than the surplus situation. There has been a tremendous amount of guessing as to the reasons why large corporations have declared stock dividends, without a serious thought to the fact that perhaps these corporations themselves are doing nothing but guessing. Certain it is that most of the dividends would not have been declared with reference to existing law, and many have been declared to avoid possible future legislation, the exact nature of which no one is in a position to divine.

"This much, however, can be accepted as true, namely, that if certain Senators with radical tendencies are going to go gunning after any corporations they will probably centre their attack first on those concerns which, by the hasty declaration of stock dividends, have indicated that they are afraid of something. In other words they have made shilling marks of themselves for radical investigation and attack.

*Great Contagious Hysteria.*

To the calm observer there is a great deal of contagious hysteria in what has been going on. First of all, Section 220 of the Act of 1921, dealing with unnecessary surpluses, is but a re-iteration of the declaration contained in prior Revenue Acts. It is to all intents and purposes unworkable, and the most active Commissioner of Internal Revenue would find it almost impossible to collect any tax for the Government so far as enforcing that section is concerned.

So ridiculously worded is this section that a man might place all his dividend paying stocks in a holding company and allow the dividends to accumulate without paying a dollar of tax to the Government, because Section 220 adds a penal tax only to the net income of corporations coming within its provisions; and another section of the Act permits the deduction of dividends received from other corporations in order to arrive at the net income, and consequently if a corporation has no income other than dividends of other corporations, it will have no net income within the law on which to levy either the 12½% tax or the penal tax of 25%.

So it seems that everything that is now being done is with reference to the future. It is quite apparent that under the Constitution of the United States, Congress cannot tax surplus by any direct tax, except by apportionment, which is physically impossible. Hence corporations have nothing to fear on that score. All discussions of this subject is vain and it can be stated with every degree of positiveness that there will be no direct tax on surpluses.

*Tax Might Be Retroactive.*

Suppose Congress should resort to a method of taxing stock dividends, which seems to be in favor with some tax attorneys; namely, to tax a corporation on the privilege of declaring and paying stock dividends, on the theory of an excise tax. Corporations which have just declared stock dividends will only escape a retroactive tax if the Supreme Court holds in cases now pending that Congress cannot pass a retroactive excise tax and the declaration of a stock dividend now will be unavailing if the Court should not so hold.

"Suppose Congress should retroactively levy an additional income tax on corporations for a number of years past, where an undue accumulation of surplus has manifested itself. The declaration of stock dividends now would not help a corporation any.

"Another thing worth considering is the fact that the language of the Supreme Court in the stock dividend cases is being interpreted by the Treasury Department in a number of cases in favor of the Government and against the taxpayer with seeming ground for justification.

"For instance, where a corporation declared a stock dividend of all its surplus accumulated subsequent to March 1 1913, and then thought it could distribute in cash its remaining surplus; namely, that accumulated prior to March 1 1913, the Solicitor of Internal Revenue held that inasmuch as the stock dividend under the Macomber and Towne cases distributed nothing, therefore the cash dividend was, according to the law, to be deemed paid out of the most recently accumulated surplus, namely, that accumulated since March 1 1913, and taxable.

"The fact that a stock dividend is thus held to distribute nothing is worth considering by all who expect to avoid taxes by stock distribution."

The Internal Revenue Bureau, in submitting its conclusions, calls attention to the fact that "published rulings of the Bureau do not have the force and effect of Treasury Decisions, and that they are applicable only to the facts

presented in the published cases." The following are the Bureau's conclusions on the question of stock dividends:

SECTION 219.—ESTATES AND TRUSTS.

Section 219, Article 347: Estates and trusts with income which is distributed periodically and other income. I-47-604 I. T. 1506 (Also Section 201, Article 1548.)

*Revenue Act of 1918.*

The following question is presented: Where, under the terms of a trust instrument or under State law, stock dividends declared upon stock held in trust are paid to the life beneficiaries rather than added to the corpus of the estate, do the amounts of such dividends so distributed constitute taxable income to the beneficiaries?

Inasmuch as the beneficiaries to whom the stock dividends are distributed do not own the stock upon which the dividends are declared, the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Eisner v. Macomber (C. B. 3, p. 25) is not in point. The sole question, therefore, is whether, under the wording of the Revenue Act of 1918, stock dividends so distributed are taxable to the beneficiaries. It is the opinion of this office that this case is controlled by Law Opinion 1013 (C. B. 2, p. 181), wherein is considered the question of the taxability of amounts distributed by a trust in accordance with the provisions of the trust instrument or with State law, which amounts do not constitute statutory net income to the estate or trust. In this opinion it was held that (1) items of gross income (according to income tax statutes) which are considered capital by probate courts and are not distributable to the life beneficiaries should be taxed to the trust and the remainder should be taxed to the beneficiaries; (2) items of deduction which are considered capital deductions by probate courts and are not deducted from the distributable income should not reduce the amount of income to be reported by the beneficiaries, but the beneficiaries should include the entire amounts distributable to them even though the aggregate of such amounts exceeds the statutory income of the estate or trust; and (3) items of deduction (according to income tax statutes) which are disregarded by State courts in making distribution (such as depreciation and depletion) should not be allowed as a reduction of the income of the beneficiaries, but the beneficiaries should include in income the entire amounts distributed to them, even though the aggregate of such amounts exceeds the statutory net income of the estate or trust. The effect of the conclusions reached in this opinion is that a beneficiary should include in income the entire amounts actually distributed to him as income under the trust instrument or State law, even though such amounts are not paid out of the statutory net income of the estate or trust. Applying this principle to the question here under consideration, it follows that where, in accordance with the provisions of a trust instrument or of State law, stock dividends are distributed to the life beneficiaries rather than added to the corpus of the estate, the value thereof at the date of distribution should be included in the income of the distributees.

Inquiry is also made as to the basis to be used by the trustee in arriving at gain or loss through the future sale of either the original shares held by the trustee or that portion of the stock dividend retained as a part of the corpus of the trust.

One hundred shares, representing the stock dividend, were received by the trustee because the trust owned 400 original shares, which it held at the time the stock dividend was declared. No original shares were owned by the beneficiary, so she was entitled to receive no additional shares from the company. On the receipt of the dividend by the trustee, there was no value added to the corpus of the trust, but as the new shares evidenced an interest in the assets of the corporation (which assets were neither increased nor diminished by virtue of the stock dividend), the value of the old shares necessarily was reduced in proportion to the number of all such new shares issued and not merely in proportion to the number of new shares retained by the trustee. As the original shares were reduced in value in the manner indicated as soon as the new shares were issued, the subsequent distribution of part of the stock dividend to the beneficiary, for whatever reason, could have no effect one way or another on the value of the shares retained by the trust. After the stock dividend, all shares, from the standpoint of their asset value, remained the same in value regardless of the subsequent distribution to the beneficiary. The conclusion is, therefore, that, from the standpoint of the trustee, capital and not income of the estate was distributed to the beneficiary within the meaning of Eisner v. Macomber (252 U. S. 189), but that the distribution is income to such beneficiary and taxable to her upon the theory underlying Law Opinion 1013 (C. B. 2, p. 181). Consequently, in making the computation outlined in Article 1548 of Regulations 62, for the purpose of determining the cost of the shares retained by the trustee in order to ascertain loss or gain on the sale by the trustee of any of the shares retained by the trust, there must be added to the original shares all of the shares issued as a stock dividend on account of such original shares. That part of the stock dividend subsequently distributed to the beneficiary can not, for the reason stated, be ignored in making the computation.

The proceeds from the sale of this stock, or the market value of the stock, can not be regarded as a dividend to the beneficiary subject to surtax only, but must be treated as income subject to both normal tax and surtax.

Section 219, Article 347: Estates and trusts with income which is distributed periodically and other income. I-47-605 I. T. 1507 (Also Section 201, Article 1548; Section 202, Article 1563.)

*Revenue Acts of 1918 and 1921.*

An executor of an estate of a decedent, who died in 1901, held 3½ shares of stock in the M corporation. In April 1917 a stock dividend was paid at the rate of 45%, producing on the holdings 1.58½ shares, of which 68.63% represented surplus profits to the corporation earned prior to March 1 1913, and 31.37% represented surplus profits earned subsequent to March 1 1913. The executor turned over to the life tenant as income the 1.33½ shares of stock received as a stock dividend. The executor of the estate also held 2.76½ shares of stock in the N corporation, on which a stock dividend of 39% was declared and paid in 1917, all of which stock dividend was declared by the company to have been based on income accruing prior to March 1 1913. This dividend, amounting to 1.08½ shares, was likewise turned over to the life tenant. Portions of this stock coming into the hands of the life tenant were subsequently sold. The taxpayer in requesting advice as to the basis for computing gain or loss through the sale, makes the following inquiries:

1. What cost price is to be used for the stock of the M corporation and of the N corporation based on surplus accumulated prior to March 1 1913?
2. What cost price is to be used for the M corporation stock based on surplus accumulated after March 1 1913?

Held: That since the life tenant did not come into possession of the stock dividend as a stockholder of either of the companies mentioned, such stock to her did not represent a stock dividend and that the stock dividend so turned over to the life tenant constitutes income to her to the extent of the fair market value of the stock so turned over to her as of the date when such stock was made subject to her unqualified demand and receipt.

have been so reported by the life tenant for the period in which such stock dividends were turned over to her. Any subsequent gain or loss, for income tax purposes, through the sale by the life tenant of the stock so turned over to her would be governed by the Federal income tax laws in force at the time the stock was disposed of, the basis of arriving at the gain or loss being the market value of the stock at the time the same was turned over to the life tenant. It is further held that for income tax purposes, the time at which the surplus against which these stock dividends were declared or accumulated, namely, whether before or after March 1 1913, has no bearing upon the treatment of the gain or loss realized or sustained through the subsequent sale of the stock representing stock dividends.

#### SIMPLIFIED INCOME TAX FORMS PROPOSED BY TAX SIMPLIFICATION BOARD.

The intention to issue simpler forms of income tax returns is indicated in the first annual report of the Tax Simplification Board, which makes known that the new forms are in the course of preparation. The Board says:

A careful study has been made of the various printed forms adopted by the Bureau of Internal Revenue and used in the administration of the Revenue Act, particularly of the forms of return upon which a taxpayer is required to report his income. It is desirable on the one hand to make forms of return as simple and clear as possible, so that they may be understood and made out by the ordinary taxpayer without the services of an expert; on the other hand, the forms should clearly outline the requirements for information fully enough to make possible an accurate audit of the return without the necessity of requiring further facts from the taxpayer.

The itemization of income and deductions contained in the forms of return follows a similar itemization thereof in the Revenue Act of 1921. Endeavor has been made to simplify and clarify the forms to as great an extent as possible consistent with the considerations above mentioned, and with this in view numerous taxpayers and their representatives were consulted.

The "Journal of Commerce" Dec. 4, in publishing the above, said:

The Board, which was organized in December 1921, under the terms of the Revenue Act of 1921, was created to study methods for simplifying the administration of the tax laws.

A number of changes in revenue administration were reported by the Board, including a plan to try an experiment in the decentralization of Revenue Bureau work through the transfer of a committee to some central point at a distance from Washington to hear tax cases arising in that locality.

"Suggestions have come from various sources," the Board reported, "regarding decentralization of the administration of the Revenue Act. After a careful consideration of these suggestions and of the proposition generally, the Board is of the opinion that any general plan of decentralization is open to serious objections which make the adoption of such a plan of doubtful expediency. Upon the recommendation of the Board, however, the Bureau is about to adopt the experiment of transferring a committee to some central point at a distance from Washington to hear and determine cases arising in that locality and now pending or which would come before the committee on appeal and review.

"Many taxpayers find it necessary or desirable to come to Washington or to send their representatives here to attend the hearing of their appeals. If these hearings were conducted at or near the residence of the taxpayer this necessity would be eliminated. If the experiment is successful the plan will be gradually enlarged."

No decision has been made as yet as to which locality will be chosen for the experiment, it is understood; but in view of the magnitude of the tax cases arising in New York, it was believed that city would be given careful consideration, while San Francisco, as lying at so great a distance from Washington, has also been discussed as a possibility.

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

The stockholders of the Bank of Manhattan Co. of this city, at a special meeting on Dec. 5 ratified an increase in the capital stock from \$5,000,000, consisting of 100,000 shares of \$50 par value, to \$10,000,000, consisting of 200,000 shares of \$50 par. Under the plans looking to the increase it is proposed to distribute a stock dividend, which will be payable to stockholders of record Nov. 28. The Bank of Manhattan Co. is the oldest banking institution in the United States, operating under its original charter granted in 1799. The State of New York will be a beneficiary under the stock dividend, since the State holds \$50,000 of the stock, acquired in 1808, when, in consideration for the granting of a minor change in the charter the State received the right to subscribe to \$50,000 of the \$50 par value stock of the company at par. The City of New York is also a stockholder in the bank.

Two vacancies on the Board of Directors of the Bank of Manhattan Co. were filled at the annual meeting on Dec. 5 by the election to the directorate of Marshall Field and John Stewart Banker, the latter a Vice-President of the bank. The retiring directors were re-elected.

Announcement of the intention of the Equitable Trust Co. of this city to increase its capital from \$12,000,000 to \$20,000,000 was made in a notice to the stockholders, issued by President Alvin W. Krech on Dec. 5, as follows:

To the Stockholders of

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York.

Your attention is called to the enclosed notice of a special meeting of the stockholders of the Equitable Trust Co. of New York, called for the purpose of authorizing an increase in the capital stock of the company from \$12,000,000 to \$20,000,000. \$4,000,000 of the proposed increase in the capital stock will be in the form of a stock dividend out of the surplus account of the company, and the remaining \$4,000,000 will be provided by the sale of new stock to the stockholders at the price of \$100 per share.

on the basis of one share of new stock for every three shares originally held before the distribution of the stock dividend.

For some time it has been apparent that substantial losses would in all probability be sustained on account of business transacted in the Paris branch of this company. It has been impossible heretofore to make an accurate estimate of these losses, owing to the unsettled business and other conditions in France. After a thorough investigation it has been determined to set up a reserve of \$3,500,000, which, in addition to a substantial amount already applied out of current earnings, will in our opinion, cover all losses. The situation having thus been met, the future earnings of the company may be carried to surplus or distributed in dividends.

After the proposed distribution of the stock dividend and the proposed increase in the capital stock, the balance sheet of the company will on Jan. 1 1923 show approximately the following capital resources:

Capital.....	\$20,000,000
Surplus.....	8,000,000
Undivided profits, approximately.....	500,000

The stockholders will meet on Dec. 20 to act on the proposed plan. The stock dividend, if authorized, will be payable Dec. 30, "or as soon thereafter as delivery can be made," to the stockholders of record Dec. 20.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, on Dec. 6, Samuel W. Reyburn and Joseph P Knapp were elected directors of the company. Mr. Reyburn, in addition to being President and Director of Lord & Taylor, Inc., is connected with many firms and corporations in New York and other cities. Mr. Knapp is Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Crowell Publishing Co., Chairman of the Board of the American Lithographic Co., Senior Director of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and officer and director of other companies.

George M. Halsey, who since last January had been President of the Seamen's Bank for Savings, 76 Wall St., this city, died on the 4th inst. at the age of 67 years. Mr. Halsey's entire career had been devoted to the service of the Seamen's Bank. He entered it at the age of 13 years as a junior clerk, and 20 years later he became chief clerk. He became Treasurer in 1899, Cashier in 1906, Trustee in 1914, Vice-President in 1920, and in January of this year became President.

The special meeting of the stockholders of the Lawyers' Title & Trust Co. of this City, held Dec. 7 1922 authorized the increase of the capital stock of the company from \$4,000,000 to \$6,000,000 and authorized the Board of Director to distribute the increased capital as a stock dividend. The board will meet on Dec. 13 to decide when the stock dividend will be distributed.

As the result of a proposal made by Manufacturers Trust Company, the directors of the Manufacturers Trust Company and the Industrial Bank of New York, have voted to recommend to the stockholders of both institutions that the Industrial Bank be merged into the Manufacturers Trust Co. Meetings of stockholders have been called for Dec. 18 to ratify the action of the directors. The Industrial Bank is located at 4th Avenue and 27th St., Manhattan, and now has deposits of about \$9,000,000. After the merger, the Manufacturers Trust Co. will have capital, surplus and undivided profits of over \$6,000,000 and deposits of about \$65,000,000. The Manufacturers Trust Co. will then have three offices in Manhattan, located at No. 139 Broadway, Eighth Ave. and 34th St., and Fourth Ave. and 27th St.; four offices in Brooklyn located at 774 Broadway, 84 Broadway, Williamsburgh Bridge Plaza and 710 Grand St., and one in Queens at Myrtle and Cypress Avenues.

The Trust Company is being represented in legal matters connected with the merger by Ralph Jonas, of Jonas & Neuberger, and the Bank by Richard L. Davison, of White & Case. All the officers and employees of the Industrial Bank will be continued in the service of the Trust Co. Nathan S. Jonas, President of the Manufacturers Trust Co. stated that Staughton B. Lynd and Ralph A. Stephenson, respectively President and Vice-President of the Industrial Bank, will become Vice-Presidents of the Trust Co. and will conduct the affairs of the Manufacturers Trust Co. at the office now occupied by the Industrial Bank. They will have the co-operation of the other officers of the Manufacturers Trust Co. and will have increased facilities on account of the merger.

Walter S. Gifford, Vice-President of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., was elected a director of the Bankers Trust Company of New York at the meeting of the board on Dec. 4, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Owen D. Young, Chairman of the Board of the General Electric



Co., in order that he might be available for service on the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The annual function of the Manufacturers Trust Co. to its stockholders and employees, for the purpose of reunion and better acquaintanceship, was held at the Hotel Pennsylvania on Dec. 2, and the company was host to 2,000 members of its official family. The affair took the form of a grand concert, dance and buffet supper and was the largest since the company inaugurated the series some years ago. After greeting the stockholders and employees, Nathan S. Jonas, President of the institution, said:

The growth of our institution during the year has been sure and steady in every way. On Oct. 1 1921 our deposits were \$40,113,300. On April 28 1922 the North Side Bank of Brooklyn was merged into our institution with about \$7,000,000 of deposits. On Oct. 1 1922 the deposits were \$53,577,000, or a gain of over \$6,000,000 from natural and regular growth during the year.

On Nov. 15 1922 the deposits reached their maximum figure of \$57,325,000, or a gain of \$9,000,000 over Nov. 15 1921, exclusive of the gain through the acquisition of the North Side Bank.

It will be a matter of interest to the stockholders to know that the cost of the North Side Bank merger to us was about \$300,000. As this acquisition, however, brings with it an additional earning power of approximately \$100,000 a year, the ultimate advantage is plainly seen. Notwithstanding this payment out of our surplus and reserves, the surplus and undivided profits of the institution increased from \$2,505,443 on Oct. 1 1921 to \$2,753,759 on Oct. 1 1922, or a gain of \$248,316.

On Oct. 1 1922 an additional special dividend of 2% was paid to the stockholders, making the total disbursement to them for the year 1922 14%. This 14% was also paid to employees under the profit-sharing arrangement whereby they receive the same dividend on salaries as stockholders receive upon their stock.

While on this subject, it may be well to state that while many corporations and institutions have reduced salaries of employees, we have not found it necessary to do so, and, on the contrary, we have made advances wherever justified by faithful and loyal service and ability. We have also kept up our pension list for loyal and faithful old and disabled employees.

Commenting on the rise in the market value of the Manufacturers Trust Co. stock, Mr. Jonas stated that a year ago the stock was quoted at 205 bid, whereas now there is a firm market bid of 260. He reported also that there is a steady, healthy demand from customers of the institution for the stock and that whenever the officers are able to purchase any it is divided fairly among those customers whose names appear on the waiting list. The President also called attention to the fact that on Nov. 11 last the 33 Grand Street office of the North Side group was discontinued and the business of that office transferred to the Williamsburgh Bridge Plaza office of the company.

The National City Company of New York announces that Robert H. Delafield, Assistant Vice-President, has been selected to take charge of the New England territory, with headquarters at their office at 10 State Street, Boston. Mr. Delafield has been connected with the company since its entrance into the bond field, and for the past four years in an official capacity in the New York office. Thomas J. Connellan and Robert H. Delafield were appointed Assistant Vice-Presidents of the National City Company this week.

Max W. Hensel, for the past ten years Manager of the Harlem Branch of the Corn Exchange National Bank of this city, was arraigned on Nov. 28 before Judge Rosalsky in the Court of General Sessions charged with the embezzlement of \$51,912 of the bank's funds and later released on \$5,000 bail. Hensel's arraignment followed, it is said, his voluntary confession of the theft, first to his attorney, Leslie Lockhart, of 51 Chambers Street, and later to Walter E. Frew, the President of the Corn Exchange National Bank. A few days ago, it is said, he was notified that he would be promoted to a more important branch, and realizing that a transfer would reveal the shortage, he decided to make a complete confession. Hensel explained the methods by which he defaulted the bank, it is said, by saying that when a client of the bank purchased securities through his branch, he would appropriate the check and debit the amount against a depositor whose account was inactive, making out a charge ticket. In order to conceal the debit against the customer, on the bank's books it is said, he saw to it that the deposit book of the customer did not show any of the debits. It is said that Hensel has made restitution of \$24,000 and the remainder of the amount stolen by him will be returned in a short time.

Charles M. Schwab, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, was elected a director of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. on Nov. 28.

Richard B. Kelly, President of the Broadway Savings Institution, and formerly Vice-President of the Fifth National Bank, died on Dec. 2. Mr. Kelly was for some years counsel

for the Fifth National Bank, Broadway Savings Institution, and old Broadway Bank, and later became Vice-President and Treasurer of the Broadway Savings Institution. With his election to the presidency of the Broadway Savings Institution, he retired from active law practice. Mr. Kelly was 72 years of age.

On Nov. 29 a shortage of \$100,000 was found in the funds of the First National Bank of Englishtown, N. J., and the institution was closed by the examiners. The bank had a capital of \$50,000 and deposits of approximately \$475,000.

An increase of \$50,000 in the capital stock of the Ithaca Trust Co. of Ithaca, N. Y., whereby it is enlarged from \$200,000 to \$250,000, has been approved by the New York State Superintendent of Banks. The stockholders approved the increase on Nov. 16. The new stock will be sold at par (\$100 per share) and the increased capital will become effective Jan. 1.

At a special stockholders' meeting held Dec. 4 1922, the capital stock of the Union Trust Co. of Rochester, N. Y., was, by a majority vote, increased from \$1,250,000, consisting of 12,500 shares at \$100 each, to \$1,500,000, consisting of 15,000 shares at \$100 each, and the increase of stock was approved by the Superintendent of Banks Dec. 5 1922. Likewise authority was given to offer the additional shares of the company's capital stock to present stockholders, as follows, according to the letter addressed by F. W. Zoller, President of the company, to the stockholders Dec. 6:

Each stockholder of record at the close of business on Dec. 5 1922 became entitled to subscribe for new stock in the proportion of one share of the new stock for each five shares of stock then held by him as shown by the books of the company. The subscription privilege will expire at the close of business on Friday, Jan. 5 1923. The manner in which it is to be exercised is as follows:

Herewith are being mailed warrants to the stockholders specifying the number of shares for which each is entitled to subscribe under this offer. The rights evidenced by warrants may be transferred by assignment, duly executed on the printed endorsement forms thereon. Warrants not utilized in making subscriptions before the close of business Jan. 5 1923, will become thereby forfeited, void and of no value. Certificates of stock will be issued only for full shares. As the right of stockholders to subscribe for this additional stock at par is of considerable value to them, we suggest that if any of the stockholders are requested by brokers or others to sell their "rights," they consult some of the officers of the Union Trust Co. before doing so.

Subscriptions must be made by executing subscription agreement endorsed on the warrants and delivering them to Mrs. M. G. Palmateer, Treasurer, before the close of business Jan. 5 1923. When so delivered the subscription agreement endorsed on the warrant must be accompanied by the payment in full then due at \$100 per share for the stock subscribed for. Stock certificates will be delivered as soon as practical after that date.

We are advised that the increase in capital will become effective as soon after Jan. 5 as proper certification can be obtained from the Banking Department. We also learn that the company is trying to arrange for the sale or purchase of rights at the rate of \$12 per share on the old stock, that is, \$60, for the right to subscribe to one share of the new stock.

On Nov. 21 a consolidation of the First National and the Citizens' National Banks of Frankfort, N. Y., was consummated under the title of the Citizens' First National Bank. The new bank has a capital of \$100,000, surplus and undivided profits of \$52,500 and deposits of more than \$1,200,000. A building is to be erected for the institution at the Southeast corner of Main and Litchfield Streets. The officers of the enlarged banks (who are representatives of both the merged institutions) are as follows: Henry R. Beebe, President; Seymour S. Richards, Senior Vice-President; James J. Loftis, Fred J. Tine and Sherwood S. Bridenbecker, Vice-Presidents; H. L. Bostwick, Cashier and Webster C. Rick and C. Minoris Brainard, Assistant Cashiers.

Ernest Crist, formerly Manager of the Bond Department of the Mellon National Bank, of Pittsburgh, has been appointed Assistant Cashier of that institution, with which he has been identified since it was organized as a national bank in 1902, to succeed T. Mellon & Sons. H. Raymond Hilliard is now Manager, and John Doyle and Thomas L. Orr, Assistant Managers of the Bond Department.

According to the weekly bulletin of the Comptroller of the Currency, the names of the National Produce Bank of Chicago, Ill., has been changed to "The National Bank of Commerce in Chicago."

Frank O. Birney, Vice-President of the Chicago Trust Co., has been elected President of the First Englewood State

Bank of Chicago. Mr. Birney succeed Frank H. Tinsley, who resigned to become Vice-President of H. O. Stone & Co. Mr. Birney joined the Chicago Trust Co. as assistant secretary in 1901. Later he was made assistant cashier and since January, 1919 has been vice-president, in which latter capacity he will also continue.

Hamilton Hadden, Manager of the Eastern office of the First National Co. of Detroit, with offices at 59 Wall St., was elected Vice-President of the company at a meeting of the board of directors at the home office, Detroit, Friday Dec. 1. Horace J. Elliott, Manager of the Chicago office, was also elected a Vice-President.

A press dispatch from Washington, D. C., on Nov. 28, printed in "Financial America" of this city of the following day, reported the closing of the St. Anthony Bank & Trust Co. of St. Anthony, Ida. The bank had a capital of \$30,000 and deposits of \$145,000.

According to a press dispatch from Lincoln, Neb., under date of Nov. 29, appearing in "Financial America" of this city of Dec. 1, the Citizens' State Bank of Kimball, Neb., has been closed. The institution had a capital of \$50,000 and deposits of \$330,000.

A press dispatch from Sterling, Colo., under date of Dec. 4, printed in "Financial America" of this city of Dec. 5, states that the Sterling National Bank has been closed. The institution had a capital of \$150,000 with surplus of \$30,000.

The Andale State Bank, Andale, Kan., was closed on Dec. 1 by J. H. Sandell, the Assistant State Bank Commissioner, according to a press dispatch from Wichita appearing in the Kansas City "Star" of Dec. 2. The dispatch further stated that Mr. Sandell attributed the bank's difficulties to poor management. The institution had a capital of \$25,000 with surplus and undivided profits of \$12,000 and deposits in the neighborhood of \$300,000.

The American State Bank of Omaha was closed by J. E. Hart, Secretary of the State Department of Trade and Commerce, on Dec. 4. The institution had a capital of \$200,000 and deposits of approximately \$1,100,000. The depositors are protected by the State Guarantee Fund, it is said. Mr. Hart is reported as saying that the bank's capital was "hopelessly dissipated and the directors and shareholders were unwilling and unable to make good the impairment."

On Thursday, Nov. 23, the Central Bank & Trust Co. of Nashville, (capital \$300,000 with surplus and undivided profits of \$97,500) was converted into a national institution under the title of the Central National Bank of Nashville. The officers of the bank are: William Nelson, Chairman of the Board; Watkins Crockett, President; John F. Joyner and A. B. Benedict, Vice-President; Allen B. Cummings, Cashier and L. Courtney Parker and Mervyn J. Kingins, Assist. Cashier.

The 48th annual meeting of the shareholders of the Imperial Bank of Canada (head office Toronto) was held on Nov. 22. As in accordance with a by-law passed at the last annual meeting, the fiscal year of the bank was changed to terminate Oct. 31 instead of April 30. The report presented to the shareholders at the annual meeting covered only the six months ending Oct. 31 1922. It showed net profits for the period (after deducting charges of management making provision for bad and doubtful debts, &c., &c.) of \$638,003, which when added to \$1,175,178 the balance at credit of profit and loss brought forward made \$1,813,181 available for distribution. This amount was appropriated as follows: \$455,000 for dividends at the rate of 12% per annum (\$420,000), together with a bonus of one-half of 1% (\$35,000); \$21,250 contributed to officers' pension and guarantee funds; \$80,000 (estimated) to pay Dominion taxes, and \$250,000 reserved for contingencies, leaving a balance of \$1,006,931 to be carried forward to the next year's profit and loss account. Total assets of the institution as of Oct. 31 1922 were \$119,700,572, of which cash and quick assets amounted to \$53,520,450. Total deposits were shown as \$91,106,972. Pely Howland is President of the Imperial Bank and A. E. Phipps General Manager.

—James Stewart, of Winnipeg, has been elected a director of the Bank of Montreal to fill the vacancy created by the death of R. B. Angus. Mr. Stewart is also a director of the Canadian National Railways and President of the Maple Leaf Milling Co.

The New York Agency of the Standard Bank of South Africa, Ltd. (with which is incorporated the African Banking Corp., Ltd.) announces the receipt on Dec. 1 of a cablegram from its head office in London conveying the following information:

Subject to audit, directors declare interim dividend 14% per annum for the half year ending Sept. 30, subject to income tax. Banks investments stand in the books at less than market value as at Sept. 30 last and other usual and necessary provisions have been made.

### THE CURB MARKET.

The Curb Market this week was an uninteresting affair, trading on the whole being quiet and price movements without definite trend. Business in the Standard Oil group was less active and prices moved irregularly. Cumberland Pipe Line sold up early in the week from 144 to 185, then reacted to 165, with the close to-day at 172. A stock dividend of 100% is to be declared. Prairie Oil & Gas lost about 40 points to 615, recovered to 637 and sold finally at 630. Prairie Pipe Line moved up from 304 to 317½ and rested finally at 317. Standard Oil (Indiana) after early fractional advances from 117½ to 118¾ sank to 113¾, recovering finally to 117¾. Standard Oil (Kentucky), new, advanced from 120 to 129½, reacted to 125½ and sold finally at 126. Elsewhere in the oil list price changes were small. Industrials were quiet and price fluctuation for the most part narrow. Motor shares were somewhat conspicuous. Durant Motors advanced from 63½ to 64¼, dropped to 61 and closed to-day at 63¼. Durant Motors of Indiana improved from 14 to 15¼ and rested finally at 15¼. May Dept. Stores new stock rose from 63½ to 67¼ and ends the week at 66¾. Philip Morris & Co. sold down from 21 to 18¼ and up to 20½, with the close to-day at 19¼. Peerless Truck & Motor was off from 68 to 65½ with the final sale to-day at 66.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 2572.

### COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings again show an increase over a year ago, though the ratio of gain is moderate. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ending Saturday, Dec. 9, 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 6.0% over the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$7,263,763,761, against \$6,851,311,684 for the same week in 1921. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week ending Dec. 9.	1922.	1921.	Per Cent.
New York.....	\$3,216,000,000	\$3,313,400,000	-2.9
Chicago.....	480,696,975	423,154,482	+13.6
Philadelphia.....	396,000,000	320,000,000	+23.8
Boston.....	283,000,000	234,000,000	+20.9
Kansas City.....	123,340,722	102,182,898	+20.7
St. Louis.....	a	a	a
San Francisco.....	137,800,000	105,000,000	+29.7
Pittsburgh.....	121,375,471	*115,500,000	+5.1
Detroit.....	88,659,891	68,777,165	+28.9
Baltimore.....	74,112,050	70,000,000	+5.8
New Orleans.....	60,423,341	42,255,494	+42.9
Ten cities, five days.....	\$4,981,408,450	\$4,794,270,339	+3.9
Other cities, five days.....	1,071,728,019	915,166,065	+17.1
Total all cities, five days.....	\$6,053,136,469	\$5,709,426,404	+6.0
All cities, one day.....	1,210,627,293	1,141,885,280	+6.9
Total all cities for week.....	\$7,263,763,762	\$6,851,311,684	+6.0

a No longer reports clearings.

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 Dec. 2. For that week our totals show a decrease of 8.5%, due to the



occurrence of the Thanksgiving Holiday—the holiday last year having come in the previous week. The 1922 aggregate of the clearings is \$7,087,514,244 and the 1921 aggregate \$7,742,475,190. Outside of this city the decrease is only 3.0%; the bank exchanges at this centre having recorded a loss of 12.0%. 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 there is a falling off of 5.5%; in the New York Reserve District of 11.8%, and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 9.0%. The Atlanta Reserve District shows an improvement of 2.7%; the Dallas Reserve District of 3.1%, and the St. Louis Reserve District of 4.5%. The Richmond Reserve District falls behind 3.7%; the Chicago Reserve District 2.0%; and the Minneapolis Reserve District 4.4%. The Cleveland Reserve District enjoys a gain of 4.0%. The Kansas City Reserve District and the San Francisco Reserve District both register losses, the former showing a decrease of 4.9% and the latter of 4.8%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week ending Dec. 2,	1922.	1921.	Inc. or Dec.	1920.	1919.
<b>Federal Reserve Districts.</b>					
(1st) Boston..... 9 cities	333,328,294	362,787,363	-8.5	372,455,164	473,697,212
(2nd) New York..... 10 "	1,177,790,652	1,737,089,110	-11.8	5,016,025,087	5,779,471,132
(3rd) Philadelphia..... 10 "	438,622,093	483,096,110	-9.0	694,182,031	528,656,631
(4th) Cleveland..... 9 "	339,326,367	326,020,861	+4.0	430,871,331	384,098,272
(5th) Richmond..... 6 "	155,718,480	161,642,050	-3.7	193,894,889	250,767,890
(6th) Atlanta..... 12 "	152,675,393	148,727,641	+2.7	132,832,172	200,105,654
(7th) Chicago..... 10 "	695,958,355	710,173,675	-2.0	622,951,868	883,122,386
(8th) St. Louis..... 7 "	64,103,712	61,320,558	+4.5	63,047,779	75,246,249
(9th) Minneapolis..... 7 "	114,219,315	119,574,774	-4.4	168,315,126	97,483,497
(10th) Kansas City..... 11 "	229,021,994	219,928,909	+4.9	307,038,551	383,244,071
(11th) Dallas..... 5 "	53,008,674	51,408,647	+3.1	70,445,900	61,014,340
(12th) San Francisco..... 14 "	352,790,635	370,839,169	-4.8	380,796,238	388,470,513
<b>Grand total..... 118 cities</b>	7,087,514,244	7,742,475,190	-8.5	8,527,340,382	9,322,197,681
<b>Outside New York City.....</b>	2,970,645,016	3,063,912,431	-3.0	3,584,037,673	3,812,251,668
<b>Canada..... 28 cities</b>	329,837,727	302,719,516	+9.1	464,246,794	436,785,821

The following compilation covers the clearings by months since Jan. 1 in 1922 and 1921:

MONTHLY CLEARINGS.

Month.	Clearings Total All.			Clearings Outside New York.		
	1922.	1921.	%	1922.	1921.	%
Jan...	29,673,793,613	32,413,901,452	-8.5	12,377,729,779	13,840,863,127	-10.6
Feb...	26,067,849,202	25,697,138,881	+1.4	10,727,396,319	11,168,517,812	-3.9
March...	31,755,066,701	29,880,010,139	+6.2	13,015,493,749	13,207,021,872	-1.5
1st qu.	87,476,709,516	85,000,050,472	+0.6	36,120,619,747	38,216,402,811	-5.5
April...	31,153,956,381	27,921,712,090	+11.6	12,394,912,026	12,385,807,549	+0.1
May...	32,308,452,931	37,634,023,687	-17.2	13,183,640,077	11,789,715,969	+11.9
June...	33,732,844,399	29,076,120,532	+16.0	13,621,947,649	12,226,741,530	+11.4
2d qu.	97,285,253,711	84,631,857,209	+15.0	39,200,499,752	36,399,358,848	+7.7
6 mos.	184,761,963,227	172,631,907,681	+7.0	75,321,110,499	74,615,761,159	+0.9
July...	31,537,965,091	27,224,793,653	+15.5	13,200,521,928	11,869,564,162	+11.2
Aug...	30,094,941,115	26,419,647,457	+13.9	13,156,529,182	11,863,706,498	+10.9
Sept...	30,933,162,269	27,282,124,437	+12.1	13,648,391,725	12,203,238,126	+11.8
3d qu.	92,566,068,478	80,925,565,547	+14.4	40,005,542,835	35,936,508,786	+11.4
9 mos.	277,328,031,705	263,558,473,228	+14.7	115,326,602,334	110,552,269,945	+4.3
Oct...	35,293,839,570	29,156,981,558	+21.0	15,625,944,813	13,130,053,333	+19.0
Nov...	31,729,377,059	29,243,404,997	+8.5	14,388,028,763	12,429,906,381	+15.8

CLEARINGS FOR NOVEMBER, SINCE JAN. 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 2.

Clearings at—	November.			Eleven Months.			Week ending November 11.				
	1922.	1921.	Inc. or Dec.	1922.	1921.	Inc. or Dec.	1922.	1921.	Inc. or Dec.	1920.	1919.
<b>First Federal Reserve District—Boston—</b>											
Maine—Bangor.....	3,700,997	3,823,431	-3.2	36,724,814	40,706,092	-9.8	826,179	945,236	-12.6	1,057,058	929,342
Portland.....	13,072,908	11,456,854	+14.1	146,476,886	128,799,578	+13.7	2,833,117	2,792,949	+1.4	3,300,000	3,000,000
Mass.—Boston.....	1,558,000,000	1,336,000,000	+16.0	14,898,000,000	12,988,413,721	+14.7	303,090,000	321,000,000	-5.6	337,062,343	433,754,971
Fall River.....	11,613,495	7,727,552	+50.0	60,513,576	71,970,179	-25.8	2,075,723	1,726,211	+20.2	1,688,902	3,313,780
Holyoke.....	4,625,679	3,839,992	+20.5	54,015,228	50,581,407	+8.5	971,265	1,021,839	-5.5	1,214,950	1,271,563
Lowell.....	6,198,928	5,463,938	+13.5	54,015,228	51,691,218	+4.5	971,265	1,021,839	-5.5	1,214,950	1,271,563
Lynn.....	8,269,040	8,269,040	+0.0	72,832,235	67,407,402	+8.6	1,634,513	1,634,976	-0.2	1,548,971	2,817,783
New Bedford.....	4,880,722	13,025,720	-26.4	210,894,832	196,057,646	+7.6	4,288,873	4,326,855	-0.9	5,833,070	5,547,319
Springfield.....	27,775,863	14,454,961	+4.0	163,191,971	164,959,727	+0.1	3,023,000	3,353,099	-9.3	4,015,583	4,989,600
Worcester.....	39,535,005	39,939,386	-1.0	443,336,361	415,309,083	+6.7	9,480,583	10,817,150	-12.4	10,483,801	11,006,166
Conn.—Hartford.....	25,533,220	21,973,832	+16.2	269,396,154	253,430,467	+6.3	5,195,001	5,159,048	+0.7	6,253,390	6,436,689
New Haven.....	7,693,900	Not incl. in total.	Not incl. in total.	79,702,600	Not incl. in total.	Not incl. in total.	---	---	---	---	---
Waterbury.....	52,710,300	49,280,100	+7.0	Not included in total.	Not included in total.	Not included in total.	---	---	---	---	---
R. I.—Providence.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Total (11 cities).....</b>	1,708,573,788	1,470,975,006	+16.2	16,427,058,682	14,416,976,520	+13.9	333,328,254	352,737,363	-5.5	372,456,164	473,697,219
<b>Second Federal Reserve District—New York—</b>											
New York—Albany.....	19,330,293	20,176,032	-4.2	212,345,270	202,784,282	+4.7	4,230,693	4,597,800	-8.0	4,878,250	5,168,002
Binghamton.....	4,367,700	3,868,200	+12.9	48,424,678	48,698,921	+0.8	673,000	875,250	-14.1	1,026,100	1,252,800
Buffalo.....	185,032,063	150,843,517	+22.7	1,822,257,378	1,652,661,900	+10.3	630,084,801	36,485,035	-1.1	45,333,561	44,889,511
Elmira.....	2,342,695	2,500,000	-6.3	26,303,734	24,191,692	+8.7	1,104,829	Not included in total.	---	---	---
Jamestown.....	5,420,848	4,107,897	+32.0	51,089,114	43,915,306	+16.3	4,116,869,228	4,678,562,759	-12.0	4,943,302,709	5,609,905,865
New York.....	17,332,278,296	16,832,498,616	+4.6	199,001,532,424	175,855,630,124	+13.2	4,116,869,228	4,678,562,759	-12.0	4,943,302,709	5,609,905,865
Niagara Falls.....	5,613,626	3,829,376	+46.6	40,730,252	45,559,677	-9.2	9,801,918	9,225,187	+6.3	13,040,134	12,805,842
Rochester.....	42,590,898	36,005,999	+15.1	447,329,883	414,958,476	+7.5	5,470,144	9,225,187	+3.0	4,622,150	4,705,888
Syracuse.....	22,369,204	17,840,198	+25.4	200,289,386	185,326,844	+8.1	2,747,700	1,908,273	+44.0	2,087,387	---
Conn.—Stamford.....	13,407,272	11,280,707	+18.9	Not included in total.	Not included in total.	Not included in total.	---	---	---	---	---
N. J.—Montclair.....	2,285,713	2,163,358	+5.7	20,161,974	20,928,824	-3.7	730,006	713,436	+2.3	836,460	743,194
Newark.....	67,021,856	Not included in total.	Not included in total.	46,775,873	39,849,824	+17.4	---	---	---	---	---
Oranges.....	4,334,701	3,589,534	+21.4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Total (11 cities).....</b>	17,625,966,036	17,067,402,727	+3.3	201,926,229,936	178,529,508,370	+13.1	4,177,790,852	4,737,089,110	-11.8	5,016,025,087	5,779,471,132

The course of bank clearings at leading cities of the country for the month of November and since Jan. 1 in each of the last four years is shown in the subjoined statement:

BANK CLEARINGS AT LEADING CITIES.

(000,000s omitted.)	November.				Jan. 1 to Nov. 30.			
	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
New York.....	17,332	16,822	19,434	22,586	199,002	175,856	222,154	211,823
Chicago.....	2,365	2,189	2,570	2,584	25,475	23,750	30,068	26,866
Boston.....	1,558	1,336	1,466	1,654	14,898	12,986	17,275	15,075
Philadelphia.....	1,964	1,697	1,966	1,918	20,317	18,541	22,929	19,892
St. Louis.....	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Pittsburgh.....	680	680	801	632	6,576	6,917	8,140	6,547
San Francisco.....	635	574	672	678	6,614	6,016	7,458	6,512
Baltimore.....	406	275	398	370	3,743	3,416	4,485	3,927
Cincinnati.....	263	226	280	261	2,717	2,557	3,300	2,823
Kansas City.....	577	538	586	482	6,201	6,975	10,871	10,211
Cleveland.....	402	338	536	482	4,210	4,307	6,333	4,906
New Orleans.....	246	191	255	342	2,160	2,015	3,067	2,803
Minneapolis.....	319	287	406	216	3,031	3,071	3,655	2,931
Louisville.....	115	97	115	70	1,201	1,088	1,172	849
Detroit.....	467	383	465	443	4,874	4,234	5,649	4,023
Milwaukee.....	137	122	140	124	1,426	1,324	1,602	1,393
Los Angeles.....	464	376	352	239	3,804	3,814	2,074	a
Providence.....	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Omaha.....	165	139	205	247	1,803	1,773	2,914	2,817
Buffalo.....	185	151	186	168	1,892	1,653	2,105	1,468
St. Paul.....	151	137	199	94	1,477	1,520	1,763	865
Indianapolis.....	82	73	70	71	821	710	870	734
Denver.....	141	99	188	166	1,364	1,135	1,816	1,469
Richmond.....	223	195	247	347	2,074	1,883	2,813	2,740
Seattle.....	137	93	94	153	867	733	1,108	981
Hartford.....	143	129	150	173	1,511	1,369	1,927	1,837
Salt Lake City.....	40	40	42	41	443	415	484	410
Total.....	29,265	27,231	32,134	35,149	319,857	288,640	367,776	336,707
Other cities.....	2,453	2,012	3,274	3,442	24,			

CLEARINGS (Continued).

Table with columns for Clearings in, November, Eleven Months, and Week ending November 11. Rows include Third Federal Reserve District (Philadelphia), Fourth Federal Reserve District (Cleveland), Fifth Federal Reserve District (Richmond), Sixth Federal Reserve District (Atlanta), Seventh Federal Reserve District (Chicago), and Eighth Federal Reserve District (St. Louis).



CLEARINGS (Concluded).

Main table showing Clearings at - with columns for October, Ten Months, and Week ending November 11. Includes sub-sections for Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Federal Reserve Districts.

CANADIAN CLEARINGS FOR NOVEMBER, SINCE JAN. 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 1.

Table showing Canadian Clearings for November, since Jan. 1, and for week ending November 30. Columns include Clearings at, November, Eleven Months, and Week ending November 30.

a No longer report clearings or only give debits against individual accounts, with no comparative figures for previous years. b Report no clearings, but give comparative figures of debits; we apply to last year's clearings the same ratio of decrease (or increase), shown by the debits. c Do not respond to requests for figures. e Week ending Nov. 29. f Week ending Dec. 1. g Seven months. \* Estimated.

TREASURY CASH AND CURRENT LIABILITIES.

The cash holdings of the Government as the items stood Nov. 30 1922 are set out in the following. The figures are taken entirely from the daily statement of the United States Treasury for Nov. 30 1922.

CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
GOLD.			
Gold coin.....	\$ 339,750,125 02	Gold certs. outstanding.....	\$ 687,877,239 00
Gold bullion.....	2,946,633,185 63	Gold fund, F. R. Board (Act of Dec. 23 1913, as amended June 21 17) 2,215,167,514 65	
		Gold reserve.....	152,979,036 63
		Gold in general fund.....	220,559,531 37
Total.....	3,276,383,310 65	Total.....	3,276,383,310 65
SILVER DOLLARS.			
Silver dollars.....	\$ 360,436,340 00	Silver certs. outstanding.....	\$ 330,623,591 00
		Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding.....	1,490,323 00
		Silver dollars in gen. fund.....	28,322,426 00
Total.....	360,436,340 00	Total.....	360,436,340 00
GENERAL FUND.			
Gold (see above).....	\$ 220,559,531 37	Treasurer's checks outst.....	\$ 1,045,012 21
Silver dollars (see above).....	28,322,426 00	Deposits of Govt. off'rs: P. O. Department.....	8,389,186 34
United States notes.....	2,769,917 00	Board of trustees—Postal Savings System—5% reserve, lawful money.....	6,669,623 05
Federal Reserve notes.....	2,406,912 50	Other deposits.....	307,671 46
Fed'l Res. bank notes.....	833,491 00	Comptroller of the Currency, agent for creditors of insolvent banks.....	2,157,033 84
National bank notes.....	19,383,499 38	Postmasters, clerks of courts, disbursing officers, &c.....	29,097,185 45
Subsidiary silver coin.....	15,152,102 67	Deposits for: Redemption of F. R. notes (5% fund, gold).....	207,819,067 35
Minor coin.....	3,412,622 33	Redemption of F. R. bank notes (5% id., lawful money).....	3,137,686 55
Silver bullion.....	31,947,778 87	Redemption of nat'l bank notes (5% id., lawful money).....	30,874,939 06
Unclassified (unsorted currency, &c.).....	1,827,770 35	Retirement of additional circulating notes, Act of May 30 1908.....	25,130 00
Deposits in F. R. banks.....	56,410,445 03	Exchanges of currency, coin, &c.....	4,914,917 63
Deposits in special depositaries account of sales of Treas'y bonds.....	220,933,000 00		
Deposits in foreign dep't: To credit Treas. U. S.....	88,326 69	Net balance.....	294,437,452 94
To credit other Gov't officers.....	200,589 50		335,910,280 08
Deposits in Nat. banks: To credit Treas. U. S.....	8,556,545 03	Total.....	633,347,733 02
To credit other Gov't officers.....	19,206,691 17		
Deposits in Philippine Treasury: To credit Treas. U. S.....	1,286,584 11		
Total.....	633,347,733 02		

NOTE.—The amount to the credit of disbursing officers and agencies to-day was \$77,069,912 28. Book credits for which obligations of foreign Governments are held by the United States amount to \$33,236,829 05.

Under the Acts of July 14 1890 and Dec. 23 1913 deposits of lawful money for the retirement of outstanding national bank and Federal Reserve bank notes are paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, and these obligations are made under the Acts mentioned a part of the public debt. The amount of such obligations to-day was \$48,943,676 50.

\$522,122 in Federal Reserve notes, \$794,491 in Federal Reserve bank notes and \$10,219,336 in national bank notes are in the Treasury in process of redemption and are charges against the deposits for the respective 5% redemption funds.

PRELIMINARY DEBT STATEMENT OF U. S. NOV. 30 1922.

The preliminary statement of the public debt of the United States for Nov. 30 1922, as made up on the basis of the daily Treasury statement, is as follows:

Bonds:		
Consols of 1930.....	\$599,724,050 00	
Loan of 1925.....	118,489,900 00	
Panama's of 1916-1936.....	48,954,180 00	
Panama's of 1918-1938.....	25,947,400 00	
Panama's of 1941.....	50,000,000 00	
Conversion bonds.....	28,894,500 00	
Postal Savings bonds.....	11,851,000 00	
		\$883,861,030 00
First Liberty Loan of 1932-1947.....	\$1,951,830,350 00	
Second Liberty Loan of 1927-1942.....	3,269,439,400 00	
Third Liberty Loan of 1928.....	3,455,659,050 00	
Fourth Liberty Loan of 1933-1938.....	6,337,438,700 00	
		15,014,367,500 00
Treasury bonds of 1947-1952.....	763,663,300 00	
Total bonds.....		\$16,661,891,830 00
Notes:		
Victory Liberty Loan, 4 1/2%—Called for redemption Dec. 15 1922.....	\$702,938,100 00	
Maturing May 20 1923.....	893,455,450 00	
		1,596,393,550 00
Treasury notes—		
Series A-1924.....	\$311,191,600 00	
Series B-1924.....	390,706,100 00	
Series A-1925.....	601,599,500 00	
Series B-1925.....	335,134,200 00	
Series A-1926.....	617,769,700 00	
Series B-1926.....	461,939,900 00	
		2,718,341,000 00
Treasury Certificates:		
Tax.....	\$972,883,000 00	
Pittman Act.....	23,500,000 00	
		996,383,000 00
War Savings securities (net cash receipts).....		\$507,261,182 47
Treasury Savings securities (net redemption value of certificates outstanding).....		118,084,569 32
		725,345,751 79
Total interest-bearing debt.....		\$22,698,335,131 79
Debt on which interest has ceased.....		20,694,560 28
Non-interest-bearing debt.....		244,697,047 87
Total gross debt.....		\$23,623,626,739 92

GOVERNMENT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES.

Through the courtesy of the Secretary of the Treasury we are enabled to place before our readers to-day the details of Government receipts and disbursements for November 1922 and 1921, and the five months of the fiscal years 1922-23 and 1921-22.

Receipts.	Nov. 1922.	Nov. 1921.	5 Mos. 1923.*	5 Mos. 1922.*
Ordinary.....	\$ 41,647,032	\$ 24,843,122	\$ 211,421,944	\$ 120,853,210
Customs.....	24,616,895	35,366,755	393,799,714	715,442,390
Internal revenue: Income and profits tax.....	69,730,356	104,737,183	428,193,428	582,012,423
Miscellaneous receipts: Proceeds Govt.-owned sec.: Foreign obligations—Principal.....				
Interest.....	50,818,735	1,407,507	115,004,755	13,174,635
Railroad securities.....	3,264,834		46,381,103	
All others.....	2,723,749	410	30,302,809	25,423,267
Trust fund receipts (reappropriated for investment).....	2,385,767	1,781,929	11,302,937	16,815,130
Proceeds sale surplus prop'y.....	4,286,054	9,782,305	31,669,418	35,469,486
Panama Canal tolls, &c.....	1,484,016	1,027,845	5,709,778	5,146,101
Receipts from miscellaneous sources credited direct to appropriations.....	5,656,634		33,361,669	
Other miscellaneous.....	15,560,188	16,535,887	97,111,024	59,383,114
Total ordinary.....	226,974,261	195,482,843	1,404,776,457	1,574,170,286
Expenditures.				
Ordinary (Checks and warrants paid, &c.).....	\$ 155,570,568	\$ 181,829,374	\$ 826,670,549	\$ 951,116,354
General expenditures.....	80,229,118	86,541,015	374,324,264	364,068,819
Interest on public debt.....				
Refunds of receipts: Customs.....	2,392,518	3,375,558	20,077,443	13,521,849
Internal revenue.....	4,384,764	449,976	45,710,179	10,479,565
Postal deficiency.....		10,000,000	22,201,089	33,115,893
Panama Canal.....	446,821	257,532	1,327,293	1,740,955
Operations in special accounts: Railroads.....	3,332,530	68,232,122	54,691,764	29,717,629
War Finance Corporation.....	65,502,609	25,807,204	655,207,840	6406,935
Shipping Board.....	6,319,964	7,788,405	22,987,070	71,188,688
Alien property funds.....	3,239,198	14,884,506	645,286	6216,266
Grain Corporation.....				25,000,000
Loans to railroads.....			3,783,587	
Investment of trust funds: Govt. life insurance fund.....	2,361,714	1,756,944	11,242,397	8,466,863
Civil Service Retirement Fund.....	2,083		9,775,099	283,274
District of Columbia Teachers' retirement fund.....	24,053	24,985	60,540	64,993
Total ordinary.....	186,322,325	324,483,377	1,338,286,721	1,508,141,682
Public debt retirements chargeable against ord. receipts:				
Sinking fund.....	67,517,100	36,888,900	174,512,800	175,244,000
Purchases from foreign repayments.....	6,400	13,800	567,400	532,500
Received from estate taxes.....	405,900	2,483,250	934,550	10,493,450
Forfeitures, gifts, &c.....	1,000	3,350	13,300	17,000
Total.....	67,930,400	39,389,300	176,028,050	186,286,950
Total expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts.....	254,252,725	363,872,677	1,514,314,771	1,694,428,632

\* Receipts and expenditures for June reaching the Treasury in July are included. Excess of credits.

NOTE.—The analysis of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year 1923 is on the same basis as the budget, with necessary adjustments to cover receipts credited to appropriations, including particularly proceeds of railroad securities. The analysis for the fiscal year 1922 is on the budget basis, without adjustment. The figures given for operations in special accounts are net figures and make allowance for receipts and deposits credited to the account concerned.

TREASURY MONEY HOLDINGS.—The following compilation made up from the daily Government statements, shows the money holdings of the Treasury at the beginning of business on the first of September, October, November and December, 1922.

Holdings in U. S. Treasury.	Sept. 1 1922.	Oct. 1 1922.	Nov. 1 1922.	Dec. 1 1922.
Net gold coin and bullion.....	\$345,662,663	\$356,044,945	\$351,021,212	\$373,538,557
Net silver coin and bullion.....	49,792,613	53,733,539	55,196,922	60,279,205
Net United States notes.....	1,422,438	2,141,695	2,695,425	2,739,917
Net national bank notes.....	12,934,699	17,481,690	21,465,125	10,383,499
Net Fed. Reserve notes.....	2,110,474	2,099,710	2,875,198	2,406,913
Net Fed. Res. bank notes.....	694,632	1,334,943	1,072,587	833,491
Net subsidiary silver.....	18,296,291	18,684,585	16,831,701	15,152,103
Minor coin, &c.....	7,862,057	10,628,030	19,450,428	5,240,392
Total cash in Treas.....	438,775,865	462,049,087	471,608,590	479,595,077
Less gold reserve fund.....	152,979,026	152,979,026	152,979,026	152,979,026
Cash balance in Treas.....	285,796,839	309,070,061	318,629,573	*326,616,051
Dep. in spec. depositaries: Acct. certs. of indebted.....	215,724,000	164,851,000	287,384,000	220,833,000
Dep. in Fed. Res. banks.....	56,393,905	33,477,959	59,207,901	56,410,445
Dep. in national banks: To credit Treas. U. S.....	8,448,711	9,323,372	8,203,540	8,556,545
To credit disb. officers.....	16,824,338	17,434,872	19,355,872	19,206,691
Cash in Philippine Islands.....	1,961,933	1,483,129	1,091,912	1,286,584
Deposits in Foreign Depts.....	1,178,441	920,050	394,550	338,417
Net cash in Treasury and in banks.....	686,328,167	536,540,453	694,267,349	633,347,733
Deduct current liabilities.....	249,816,964	279,700,723	281,921,809	294,437,453
Available cash balance.....	336,511,203	256,839,730	412,345,540	338,910,280

\* Includes Nov. 1, \$31,947,779 silver bullion and \$3,412,622 minor coins, &c., not included in statement "Stock of Money."

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:

Week ending Dec. 8—	Dec. 2.	Dec. 4.	Dec. 5.	Dec. 6.	Dec. 7.	Dec. 8.
Silver, per oz.....	32 3/4	32 1/2	32 1/4	32 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/4
Gold, per fine ounce.....	914.4d.	918.1d.	904.10d.	904.7d.	904.1d.	904.1d.
Consols, 2 1/2 per cents.....	56 3/4	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	56	55 3/4
British, 5 per cents.....	99 1/2	99 3/4	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
British, 4 1/2 per cents.....	95	95	95	95	95	95
French Rentes (in Paris).....	fr. 59.30	59	59	59.49	59.45	59.65
French War Loan (in Paris).....	fr. 75.90	75	75.65	73.85	75.80	

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (ets.):	Domestic	Foreign
Dec. 2.....	99 1/4	64 1/4
Dec. 4.....	99 1/4	64 1/4
Dec. 5.....	99 1/4	65 1/4
Dec. 6.....	99 1/4	65 1/4
Dec. 7.....	99 1/4	64 1/4
Dec. 8.....	99 1/4	64 1/4



Condition of National Banks Sept. 15.—The statement of conditions of the national banks under the Comptroller's call of Sept. 15 1922 has been issued and is summarized below. For purpose of comparison, like details for previous calls back to and including Sept. 6 1921 are included.

ABSTRACT OF REPORTS OF CONDITION OF NATIONAL BANKS IN THE UNITED STATES ON SEPT. 6 AND DEC. 31 1921, MARCH 10, MAY 5, JUNE 30 AND SEPT. 15 1922 (In thousands of dollars).

	Sept. 6 1921 \$155 banks.	Dec. 31 1921 \$169 banks.	Mar. 10 1922 \$197 banks.	May 5 1922 \$230 banks.	June 30 1922 \$249 banks.	Sept. 15 1922 \$240 banks.
<b>Resources—</b>						
Loans and discounts, <i>a, d</i> .....	10,977,614	10,981,783	11,282,579	11,184,116	11,248,214	11,236,025
Overdrafts.....	12,355	9,949	11,295	10,227	9,198	12,141
Customers' liability account of acceptances.....	202,354	200,663	169,857	168,535	176,238	171,190
United States Government securities owned, <i>b</i> .....	1,861,977	1,975,898	2,031,564	2,124,691	2,285,459	2,402,492
Other bonds, stocks, securities, &c.....	1,973,749	2,081,442	2,086,596	2,162,587	2,277,866	2,289,782
Banking house, furniture and fixtures.....	421,027	429,929	440,296	444,308	452,434	459,020
Other real estate owned.....	52,939	54,368	57,598	62,531	64,383	67,789
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve banks.....	1,029,978	1,143,250	1,124,707	1,150,885	1,151,605	1,232,104
Items with Federal Reserve banks in process of collection.....	305,469	349,911	312,900	330,917	355,666	418,923
Cash in vault.....	357,798	341,811	336,065	334,504	326,181	331,951
Amount due from national banks, <i>c</i> .....	808,610	863,508	987,816	974,375	974,975	1,063,695
Amount due from other banks, bankers and trust companies, <i>c</i> .....	231,044	228,802	248,578	244,707	267,050	299,541
Exchanges for clearing house.....	467,845	437,750	481,368	681,269	767,096	614,771
Checks on other banks in the same place.....	54,973	69,236	38,207	45,215	63,394	54,623
Outside checks and other cash items.....	55,242	62,209	41,205	44,053	64,928	63,112
Redemption fund and due from U. S. Treasurer.....	35,845	36,607	36,507	36,823	36,767	36,656
Other assets.....	165,274	152,921	163,234	176,445	184,556	172,284
<b>Total, <i>d</i>.....</b>	<b>19,014,102</b>	<b>19,420,136</b>	<b>19,850,402</b>	<b>20,176,648</b>	<b>20,706,010</b>	<b>20,926,099</b>
<b>Liabilities—</b>						
Capital stock paid in.....	1,276,177	1,282,432	1,280,528	1,206,220	1,307,216	1,307,122
Surplus fund.....	1,027,373	1,033,406	1,036,184	1,040,249	1,048,806	1,042,197
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	538,784	464,782	508,560	522,658	492,434	530,047
National bank notes outstanding.....	704,668	717,473	719,570	720,984	725,748	726,789
Due to Federal Reserve banks.....	16,068	18,882	17,641	21,213	19,852	26,472
Amount due to national banks, <i>c</i> .....	757,985	779,783	962,140	936,399	916,740	1,031,648
Amount due to other banks, bankers and trust companies, <i>c</i> .....	1,343,245	1,467,221	1,560,920	1,657,409	1,565,459	1,582,444
Certified checks outstanding.....	124,870	56,061	174,469	190,877	205,682	164,427
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	175,243	208,795	175,632	193,763	245,091	208,991
Demand deposits.....	8,352,756	8,606,943	8,446,530	8,707,201	9,152,415	9,270,378
Time deposits (including postal savings).....	3,680,704	3,749,328	3,837,759	3,918,282	4,111,951	4,169,220
United States deposits.....	109,981	188,089	215,347	141,844	103,374	145,182
<b>Total deposits.....</b>	<b>14,560,852</b>	<b>15,075,102</b>	<b>15,390,438</b>	<b>15,766,988</b>	<b>16,320,664</b>	<b>16,638,782</b>
United States Government securities borrowed, <i>b</i> .....	84,847	66,923	53,722	46,225	42,475	38,164
Bonds and securities (other than United States) borrowed.....	3,230	5,740	6,103	3,058	2,897	2,990
Bills payable (including all obligations representing borrowed money other than rediscounts).....	551,695	496,323	275,089	248,681	228,481	181,765
Notes and bills rediscounted (including acceptances of other banks and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement).....	4,976	3,951	323,737	285,940	280,271	247,559
Letters of credit and travelers' checks outstanding.....	206,507	202,378	171,332	170,132	172,887	165,715
Acceptances executed for customers and to furnish dollar exchange less those purchased or discounted.....	11,673	16,558	13,869	14,748	16,494	17,654
Acceptances executed by other banks.....	43,320	55,068	57,551	55,715	59,481	51,766
Liabilities other than those stated above.....						
<b>Total, <i>d</i>.....</b>	<b>19,014,102</b>	<b>19,420,136</b>	<b>19,850,402</b>	<b>20,176,648</b>	<b>20,706,010</b>	<b>20,926,099</b>
<b>Liabilities for rediscounts, including those with Federal Reserve banks, <i>d</i>.....</b>	<b>705,078</b>	<b>523,006</b>	<b>(d)</b>	<b>(d)</b>	<b>(d)</b>	<b>(d)</b>
<b>Details of Cash in Vault—</b>						
Gold coin and certificates.....	40,152	36,749	37,360	38,371	38,797	38,031
Silver and minor coin and certificates.....	36,790	36,949	30,182	35,153	34,855	34,341
Clearing House certificates.....	55	9	25	12	5	7
Paper currency.....	280,801	268,104	262,498	260,968	252,494	259,572
<b>Details of Demand Deposits—</b>						
Individual subject to check.....	7,849,408	8,069,775	7,893,698	8,126,199	8,504,104	8,537,059
Certificates due in less than 30 days.....	281,683	274,538	273,920	263,501	275,087	271,278
State and municipal.....	110,335	115,712	143,619	189,682	221,872	360,541
Deposits subject to less than 30 days' notice.....	46,564	43,655	44,202	44,217	44,713	42,921
Dividends unpaid.....	1,676	35,747	1,229	1,513	34,936	1,779
Other demand deposits.....	63,390	64,516	89,862	82,089	71,699	66,800
<b>Details of Time Deposits—</b>						
Certificates due on or about 30 days.....	980,604	991,564	999,339	1,029,785	1,080,828	11,081,933
State and municipal.....	27,316	16,791	22,571	28,113	36,886	55,765
Postal savings.....	34,210	30,839	30,653	34,052	32,943	33,416
Other time deposits.....	2,638,574	2,710,134	2,785,196	2,826,332	2,961,294	2,998,100
<b>Percentages of Reserve—</b>						
Central Reserve cities.....	13.15%	14.28%	13.45%	13.74%	12.76%	15.11%
Other Reserve cities.....	9.83%	10.57%	10.27%	10.46%	10.30%	10.93%
All Reserve cities.....	11.45%	12.45%	11.85%	12.08%	11.52%	12.36%
Country banks.....	7.34%	7.62%	7.51%	7.47%	7.51%	7.59%
Total United States.....	9.53%	10.28%	9.91%	10.04%	9.76%	10.24%

*a* Includes customers' liability under letters of credit. *b* Includes Liberty Loan bonds, Victory notes, United States certificates of indebtedness, and all other issues of United States Government securities. *c* Prior to June 30 1921 this item called for "Net amounts." *d* Beginning Mar. 10 1922, rediscounts are included in Loans and discounts and totals of Resources and Liabilities.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Nov. 23 1922:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue is £125,617,650, as compared with £125,608,155 last week. A fair amount of gold came on offer, the largest portion of which was taken for New York. India figured on a small scale. Gold valued at \$980,000 has been received in New York from London.

The value of the net imports of precious metals (expressed in tons of rupees) into India during the twelve months ending Sept. 30 last was as follows:

	Gold.	Silver.		Gold.	Silver.
October 1921.....	192	141	May 1922.....	350	109
November 1921.....	203	61	June 1922.....	345	66
December 1921.....	42	67	July 1922.....	514	137
January 1922.....	82	166	August 1922.....	159	33
February 1922.....	110	184	September 1922.....	311	79
March 1922.....	276	202			
April 1922.....	182	203		2766	1471

The threat of a capital levy in Switzerland has had, according to the "Daily Telegraph" correspondent at Geneva, marked effect upon the currency of that country. The message reads as follows: "The disappearance of gold coin from circulation in Switzerland still continues. Not only have vast sums been illegally melted down to be sold in surrounding countries for profit, but it is estimated that 90,000,000 gold francs have been hoarded by Swiss people who fear the result of a law being passed for a levy on capital on which a referendum will take place on Dec. 3 next. The Swiss National Bank has been obliged to issue extra 20-franc notes for circulation to make up for the disappearance of gold coin."

An exceptionally large theft of gold is reported at Perth by the "Times" correspondent. Eleven thousand ounces were taken from the strong-room of a mining company, after piercing a brick wall 15 inches thick and a sheet of iron. In these days, when gold supplies are watched so carefully, the disposal of the booty should present unusual difficulty.

SILVER.

On the whole the market has presented a rather tired appearance after the somewhat severe fall of the last few weeks. There have been a few

symptoms both from India and China of attempts to sound whether the bottom of the setback has been reached for the present, but the way in which the parity of prices in India and China keep below those ruling here, and the fact that the Indian bazaars have from time to time resold purchases previously made, do not yet give much hope of any real solid ground. The Continent is not active, but America is ripe for selling at any considerable advance.

We hear that the coinage of Mexico for September last was 36,000 gold pieces of 50 pesos each; 4,600,000 silver pieces of one peso each, and 160,000 copper pieces of one centavo each.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In Lacs of Rupees)—	Oct. 31.	Nov. 7.	Nov. 15.
Notes in circulation.....	17963	17920	17820
Silver coin and bullion in India.....	9110	9067	9062
Silver coin and bullion out of India.....	.....	.....	.....
Gold coin and bullion in India.....	2432	2432	2432
Gold coin and bullion out of India.....	.....	.....	.....
Securities (Indian Government).....	5837	5837	5742
Securities (British Government).....	584	584	584

No silver coinage was reported during the week ending 15th inst. The stock in Shanghai on the 18th inst. consisted of about 40,000,000 ounces in sycee, 34,000,000 dollars and 1,160 silver bars, as compared with about 41,900,000 ounces in sycee, 35,000,000 dollars and 1,540 silver bars on the 11th inst.

The Shanghai exchange is quoted at 3s. 13½d. the tael.

Quotations—	Bar, Silver, Per Ounce Std.	Bar Gold, Per Oz. Fine.
	Cash.	2 Months.
Nov. 17.....	32 3-16d.	31½d.
18.....	32 11-16d.	32 5-16d.
20.....	32½d.	32½d.
21.....	32¾d.	32 5-16d.
22.....	32 7-16d.	32¾d.
23.....	32¾d.	32 3-16d.
Average.....	32.490d.	32.156d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and forward delivery are respectively 3½d. and 5-16d. above those fixed a week ago.

**TRADE AND TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS.**

**STEEL PRODUCTION IN NOVEMBER.**—According to a statement prepared by the American Iron and Steel Institute, the production of steel in November 1922 by 30 companies, which in 1921 made 87.50% of the steel ingot production in that year, amounted to 2,889,297 tons. This contrasts with 1,660,001 tons for the same month in 1921. By processes the output was as follows:

Gross Tons—	Nov. 1922.	Nov. 1921.	11 Mos. '22.	11 Mos. '21.
Open hearth.....	2,360,903	1,294,371	21,383,500	11,936,404
Bessemer.....	535,945	363,912	4,932,999	3,383,302
All other.....	2,449	1,718	20,264	20,147
Total.....	2,889,297	1,660,001	26,336,563	15,399,853

**LAKE SUPERIOR IRON ORE SHIPMENTS.**—The shipments of iron ore from Lake Superior docks during the season just closed amounted to 42,613,184 tons, as against only 22,300,726 tons last year. The movement in 1920 aggregated 58,527,226 tons, contrasting with 47,177,395 tons in 1919 and 61,156,963 tons in 1918.

Below we compare the shipments from the various ports for the last five seasons:

Ports—	Entire Season				
	1922	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Essanaba.....	4,592,354	1,805,856	7,391,070	4,963,358	6,774,060
Marquette.....	1,976,220	785,946	3,415,108	2,132,935	3,457,054
Ashland.....	5,813,207	2,264,705	8,180,822	5,915,383	7,565,603
Superior.....	11,234,195	4,991,278	14,812,398	10,919,065	14,068,341
Duluth.....	13,044,771	9,164,803	15,479,334	16,821,209	20,564,519
Two Harbors.....	6,952,437	3,286,338	6,424,545	8,244,525	8,723,472
Total.....	42,613,184	22,300,726	58,527,226	47,177,395	61,156,963

**Commercial and Miscellaneous News**

**BANK NOTES—CHANGES IN TOTALS OF, AND IN DEPOSITED BONDS, &c.**—We give below tables which show all the monthly changes in national bank notes and in bonds and legal tenders on deposit therefor.

	Amt. Bds. on Deposit to Secure Circulation for—		National Bank Circulation Afloat on—		
	National Bank Notes.	Fed. Res. Bank Notes.	Bonds.		Legal Tenders.
			Total.	Total.	
Oct. 31 1922.....	\$ 737,660,890	\$ 46,468,700	\$ 734,520,475	\$ 26,158,712	\$ 760,679,187
Sept. 30 1922.....	737,601,940	56,768,700	734,465,283	26,285,914	760,751,197
Aug. 31 1922.....	735,460,690	67,518,700	733,623,525	26,082,024	759,705,549
July 31 1922.....	734,546,300	84,218,700	732,585,640	25,616,387	758,202,027
June 30 1922.....	733,876,590	87,218,700	730,203,870	25,696,832	755,900,702
May 31 1922.....	731,693,690	95,568,700	729,526,135	25,096,414	754,622,549
April 30 1922.....	730,016,940	102,393,700	727,838,900	24,840,522	752,679,422
Mar. 31 1922.....	729,702,340	110,359,700	727,465,523	24,589,959	752,055,482
Feb. 28 1922.....	729,425,740	126,393,700	724,480,758	25,130,609	749,611,367
Jan. 31 1922.....	728,529,240	139,393,700	724,235,815	25,932,109	750,167,924
Dec. 31 1921.....	728,529,240	139,393,700	723,023,065	26,283,132	749,307,097
Nov. 30 1921.....	727,351,240	149,768,600	716,304,820	26,984,017	743,288,847
Oct. 31 1921.....	727,512,490	149,768,600	795,836,355	27,402,759	743,239,113
Sept. 30 1921.....	727,002,490	185,768,700	711,000,205	24,148,669	735,148,874
Aug. 31 1921.....	724,770,490	208,335,200	702,570,407	29,570,407	732,149,179
July 31 1921.....	723,675,190	224,105,200	702,570,407	29,570,407	732,149,179

\$56,204,400 Federal Reserve bank notes outstanding Oct. 31 (of which \$40,347,400 secured by United States bonds and \$15,857,000 by lawful money), against \$124,763,400 Oct. 31 1921.

The following shows the amount of each class of United States bonds and certificates on deposit to secure Federal Reserve Bank notes and national bank notes on Oct. 31:

Bonds on Deposit Oct. 31 1922.	U. S. Bonds Held Oct. 3 to Secure—		
	On Deposit to Secure Federal Reserve Bank Notes.	On Deposit to Secure National Bank Notes.	Total Held.
2s, U. S. Consols of 1930.....	\$ 6,313,400	\$ 581,493,950	\$ 587,807,350
4s, U. S. Loan of 1925.....	1,768,000	82,509,900	84,277,900
2s, U. S. Panama of 1936.....	257,000	48,112,240	48,369,240
2s, U. S. Panama of 1938.....	130,300	25,544,600	25,674,900
2s, U. S. 1-Year Certifs. of Indebtedness.....	38,000,000	—	38,000,000
Totals.....	46,468,700	737,660,890	784,129,590

The following shows the amount of national bank notes afloat and the amount of legal tender deposits Oct. 1 and Nov. 1 and their increase or decrease during the month of October:

National Bank Notes—Total Afloat—	Amount afloat Oct. 1 1922.....	Amount afloat Nov. 1 1922.....
Net decrease during October.....	\$760,751,197	\$760,679,187
Net decrease during October.....	72,010	72,010
Amount of bank notes afloat Nov. 1 1922.....	\$760,679,187	\$760,679,187
Legal Tender Notes—	Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes Oct. 1 1922.....	\$26,285,914
Net amount of bank notes retired in October.....	127,202	127,202
Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes Nov. 1 1922.....	\$26,158,712	\$26,158,712

**National Banks.**—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.	Capital.
Nov. 29—The Security National Bank of Sentinel, Okla. Succeeds The Security State Bank, Sentinel, Okla. Correspondent, W. O. Callaway, Sentinel, Okla.	\$25,000
Dec. 2—The First National Bank of Moore Haven, Fla. Correspondent, E. W. Levy, Moore Haven, Fla.	\$25,000
Dec. 2—The First National Bank of Jones, Okla. Succeeds The State Bank of Jones, Okla. Correspondent, H. M. Johnson, care First National Bank, Oklahoma City, Okla.	25,000
Dec. 2—Eastland National Bank, Eastland, Texas. Correspondent, W. T. Scott Kretz, Eastland, Texas.	\$50,000

**APPLICATION TO CONVERT RECEIVED.**  
 Nov. 29—The First National Bank of Clayton, Mo. \$133,600  
 Conversion of The Trust Company of St. Louis County, Clayton, Mo. Correspondent, F. J. Hollocher, Secretary, Trust Company of St. Louis County, Clayton, Mo.  
**CHARTER ISSUED.**  
 Nov. 28—12,279—The First National Bank of Sea Isle City, N. J. \$25,000  
 President, Edw. B. Arnett. Cashier, George R. Ross.  
**VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION.**  
 Nov. 28—595—The Peoples' National Bank of Boston, Mass. \$300,000  
 Effective Oct. 2 1922. Liq. Committee, G. H. Corey and D. E. Hersee, Boston, Mass. Absorbed by The Fourth-Atlantic National Bank of Boston. The liquidating bank has no bonds.

**Breadstuffs figures brought from page 2601.**—The statements below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
Chicago.....	365,000	643,000	2,084,000	1,548,000	227,000	93,000
Minneapolis.....	3,404,000	174,000	481,000	317,000	309,000	—
Duluth.....	2,001,000	1,000	5,000	73,000	1,283,000	—
Milwaukee.....	57,000	205,000	155,000	727,000	221,000	103,000
Toledo.....	468,000	72,000	22,000	—	—	8,000
Detroit.....	38,000	58,000	128,000	—	—	—
Indianapolis.....	59,000	391,000	62,000	—	—	—
St. Louis.....	92,000	927,000	428,000	554,000	37,000	3,000
Peoria.....	60,000	80,000	537,000	329,000	10,000	14,000
Kansas City.....	—	1,500,000	228,000	400,000	—	—
Omaha.....	—	678,000	589,000	326,000	—	—
St. Joseph.....	—	217,000	128,000	78,000	—	—
Total wk. '22.....	574,000	10,519,000	4,845,000	4,660,000	885,000	1,813,000
Same wk. '21.....	371,000	6,439,000	5,893,000	2,977,000	516,000	474,000
Same wk. '20.....	273,000	8,409,000	3,339,000	2,479,000	1,331,000	613,000
Since Aug. 1.....	10,205,000	215,669,000	112,815,000	93,472,000	17,943,000	20,406,000
1921.....	8,285,000	199,170,000	120,383,000	89,381,000	12,659,000	9,344,000
1920.....	4,796,000	164,672,000	57,801,000	90,085,000	19,369,000	20,584,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday Dec. 2 1922 follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
New York.....	392,000	2,965,000	172,000	400,000	67,000	636,000
Philadelphia.....	90,000	1,955,000	74,000	110,000	—	16,000
Baltimore.....	34,000	693,000	447,000	107,000	1,000	626,000
Norfolk.....	4,000	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans*.....	76,000	324,000	363,000	20,000	—	—
Galveston.....	—	312,000	—	—	—	—
Montreal.....	95,000	1,482,000	83,000	134,000	35,000	—
Boston.....	28,000	453,000	2,000	36,000	—	23,000
Total wk. '22.....	719,000	8,684,000	1,141,000	807,000	103,000	1,301,000
Since Jan. 1.....	22,224,284,000	273,762,000	140,684,000	65,744,000	16,477,000	44,624,000
Cor. week '21.....	588,000	7,483,000	1,912,000	353,000	139,000	667,000
Since Jan. 1.....	21,242,861,000	268,085,000	92,295,000	43,370,000	16,989,000	23,287,000

\* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Dec. 2 1922, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Pens.
New York.....	3,205,817	94,463	197,304	295,598	555,377	114,487	—
Boston.....	266,000	—	—	95,000	—	—	—
Philadelphia.....	2,637,000	251,000	23,000	149,000	20,000	—	—
Baltimore.....	1,171,000	171,000	17,000	—	587,000	—	—
Norfolk.....	—	—	4,000	—	—	—	—
Mobile.....	—	11,000	15,000	2,000	—	—	—
New Orleans.....	368,000	446,000	44,000	10,000	131,000	—	—
Galveston.....	—	—	—	—	47,000	—	—
Montreal.....	2,759,000	482,000	177,000	293,000	—	157,000	—
Total week 1922.....	10,068,817	1,455,463	477,404	847,598	1,340,377	271,487	—
Same week 1921.....	5,812,757	1,388,890	285,627	644,140	367,280	266,163	—

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 Dec. 2	Since July 1	Week Dec. 2	Since July 1	Week Dec. 2	Since July 1
United Kingdom.....	216,779	2,486,481	3,157,419	48,205,143	461,143	17,676,237
Continent.....	191,635	2,670,419	7,033,728	118,647,474	964,320	31,215,689
So. & Cent. Amer.....	1,000	287,332	—	77,000	—	34,000
West Indies.....	30,000	573,500	—	9,000	37,000	645,700
Brit. No. Am. Col.....	—	2,000	—	—	—	1,700
Other countries.....	37,990	320,295	215,670	1,031,973	—	13,500
Total 1922.....	477,404	6,348,327	10,406,817	168,070,590	1,455,463	49,586,169
Total 1921.....	285,627	6,781,141	5,812,757	155,658,153	1,388,890	50,581,277

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange for the week ending Friday, Dec. 1, and since July 1 1922 and 1921, are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.		Corn.	
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
	Week Dec. 1.	Since July 1.	Week Dec. 1.	Since July 1.
North Amer.....	17,108,000	222,018,000	217,625,000	887,000
Russ. & Dan.....	—	3,223,000	2,680,000	—
Argentina.....	1,472,000	30,315,000	13,541,000	—
Australia.....	240,000	10,092,000	39,344,000	—
India.....	300,000	1,284,000	712,000	—
Oth. countr's.....	—	—	—	3,865,000
Total.....	19,120,000	275,932,000	270,902,000	4,347,000



Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not usually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were recently sold at auction in New York, Boston and Philadelphia:

Table listing various securities such as shares of Jerome Verde Development, Invincible Photoplayers, Inc., and others, with columns for Shares, Stocks, Price, and other details.

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table listing securities such as 30 Ipswich Mills, 20 Continental Mills, 5 Grovelock Co., etc., with columns for Shares, Stocks, Price, and other details.

By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table listing securities such as 4 Second National Bank, 1 Naumkeag Steam Cotton, 60 West Point Manufacturing, etc., with columns for Shares, Stocks, Price, and other details.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing securities such as 86 American Gas & Electric Co., 10 Coosa Portland Cement, 10 Camden & Burlington Ry., etc., with columns for Shares, Stocks, Price, and other details.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists dividends for various companies including Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and Banks.

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
<b>Miscellaneous (Concluded).</b>			
Acme Coal Mining	2	Feb. 5	Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Allis-Chalmers Mfg., Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 25a
American Cigar, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
American Express (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14 1/2
American Snuff, common (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14a
American Steel Foundries, com. (quar.)	*76c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
American Window Glass Mach., com. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
American Woolen, com. and pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 8
Associated Oil (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Beech-Nut Packing, com. (extra)	*45c	Dec. 26	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Birt & Superior	50c	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
California Petroleum, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Canadian General Elec., com. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Central Am. Pure Sugar (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Celluloid Company, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Chandler Motor (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Charlton Mills (quar.)	*2	Subj. to	Holders of rec. Dec. 7
Stock dividend	*50	subject	to stockholders meet. Dec. 15
Chicago Mill & Lumber, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Chicago Railway Equipment (quar.)	2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Stock dividend	*60	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Cluett, Peabody & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Commercial Solvents Corp., Cl. A. (qu.)	\$1	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Continental Can, common (quar.)	75c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Cumberland Pipe Line (stock dividend)	*100	(4)	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Dalton Addins Machine, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21 to Jan. 2
Del. Lark & West. Coal (in scrip)	*40	Subject	to stockholders meet. Dec. 30
Detroit & Cleveland Navigation	\$1	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Dome Mines, Ltd. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Dunham (James H.) & Co., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
duPont (E. I.) de Nem. & Co., (in com. stock)	*750	Dec. 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Elec. Stor. Battery, new com. exp. (qu.)	\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
New common and pref. (extra)	75c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Endicott-Johnson Corp., com. (quar.)	*\$1.25	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Equity Petroleum, pref. (quar.)	3	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Erie Lighting, pref. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Firststone-Apsey Rubber, pref.	3 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 28
General Amer. Tank Car, common	*1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
General Baking, com. & pref. (quar.)	2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
General Railway Signal, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Great Western Sugar, new common	*\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Golden Cycle Min. & Reduct. (quar.)	2c	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Hanes (H. B.) & Co., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Helme (Geo. W.) Co., com. (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
Preferred (quar.)	4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
Hercules Powder, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
Homesite Mining (monthly)	50c	Dec. 28	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Hood Rubber, com. (quar.)	*\$1	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Hoover Steel Ball, common	*2	Dec. 22	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Indian Head Mills of Wisconsin	5	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Ingersoll-Rand Co., preferred	*3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Internat. Button Hole Sew. Mach. (qu.)	10c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Intertype Corp., 1st pref. (quar.)	*\$2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Second preferred (quar.)	*\$3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Kelly-Springfield Tire, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Kelsey Wheel, common (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Kennecott Copper Corp. (quar.)	*76c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
King Philip Mills (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Extra	*25	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
Kress (S. H.) & Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Loose-Wiles Biscuit, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16a
Second preferred (annual)	7	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Lorillard (P.) Co., com. (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Mallinson (H. B.) & Co., Inc., pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Manati Sugar, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Manhattan Electrical Supply (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Manhattan Shirt, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
Mexican Crude Rubber	*2 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 25
Michigan Stamping (quar.)	*2 1/2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Extra	*2	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Motor Wheel Corp., com. (quar.)	*20c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Mountain Producers (quar.)	20c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Murray Mfg., com. (in common stock)	*750	Dec. 21	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Montgomery Ward & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Nat. Breweries (Canada), com. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
National Lamp, pref.	*3	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
N. Y. Plate Glass Ins. (stk. dividend)	63 1/3-1	Subject	to stockholders meet. Dec. 15
Orpheum Circuit, Inc. pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Pacific Hart Co., common	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Patco-Detroit Motor, com. (quar.)	*7100	Dec. 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Common (payable in common stock)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Park Utah Mining (quar.)	15c	Dec. 21	Holders of rec. Dec. 11
Penney (J. C.) Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Pettibone, Milliken Co., 1st & 2d pf. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Pierce Manufacturing Co. (quar.)	*8	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Extra	*18	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Provincial Paper Mills, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Common (special)	1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Reece Buttonhole Machine (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Reece Folding Machine (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Reynolds (H. J.) & Co., com. & pref. (qu.)	*75c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
Safety Car Heat & Ltg. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 23	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Sagamore Mfg. (stock dividend)	66 2/3-3	Subj. to	stockholders meet. Dec. 15
St. L. Rocky Mt. & Pac. Co., com. (qu.)	1	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Seaton-Dillon Co. (quar.)	*3	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Extra	*10	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Scott & Williams, Inc., com. (in stock)	63 1/3-1	Dec. 18	Holders of rec. Dec. 8
Shell Union Oil, common (quar.)	*60	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Sherwin, Williams Co., Can., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Standard Oil (Kansas) (stock dividend)	*6300	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Sterling Salt (stock dividend)	*25	Subj. to	stockholders meet. Dec. 20
Stromberg Carburetor (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Studebaker Corp., com. (in com. stock)	*725	Dec. 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
United Dyewood, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
U. S. Tobacco, common (quar.)	75c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
Vacuum Oil (stock dividend)	*6000	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Van Zandt, Inc. (stock dividend)	*\$114	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Wamsutter Mfg. (stock dividend)	*60c	Subj. to	stockholders meet. Dec. 20
West Point Manufacturing	3	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Western Electric Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Western Grocer, preferred	*35c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg., com. (qu.)	*\$1	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Wisconsin Mills (stock dividend)	*\$200	Subj. to	stockholders meet. Dec. 19
Worcester Salt (stock dividend)	*\$100	Subj. to	stockholders meet. Dec. 23
Wrightley (Wm.) Co. (stock dividend)	*\$2	Jan. 12	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Wyoming Associated Oil (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Yale & Towne Manufacturing Co.	\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14

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<b>Railroads (Steam).</b>			
Alabama Great Southern, ordinary	3 1/2	Dec. 28	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
Preferred	3 1/2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 19
Albany & Susquehanna	3 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Ashland Coal & Iron Ry. (quar.)	4 1/2	Dec. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
Atlanta & West Point	3	Dec. 30	Dec. 19 to Jan. 1
Atlantic Coast Line Company (quar.)	\$1.50	Dec. 9	Dec. 1 to Dec. 10
Atlantic Coast Line RR., common	3 1/2	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Boston & Albany (quar.)	2 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 30a
Boston & Providence (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Buffalo & Susquehanna, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
Common (special)	10	Dec. 30	Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
Preferred	2	Dec. 30	Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
Canadian Pacific, common (quar.)	2 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
Chesapeake & Ohio, common	2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
Preferred (No. 1)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
Chicago & North West, common	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 14a
Preferred	3 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 14a
Chicago Rock Island & Pacific, 7% pref.	3 1/2	Dec. 30	Dec. 9 to Jan. 1
Six per cent preferred	3	Dec. 30	Dec. 9 to Jan. 1
Cin. N. O. & Tex. Pacific, common	3	Dec. 26	Holders of rec. Dec. 5a
Common (extra)	3 1/2	Dec. 26	Holders of rec. Dec. 5a
Colorado & Southern, common	3	Dec. 30	Dec. 17 to Jan. 1
First preferred	2	Dec. 30	Dec. 17 to Jan. 1
Second preferred (annual)	2	Dec. 30	Dec. 17 to Jan. 1
Cuba RR., preferred	3	Feb 15/23	Holders of rec. July 20a
Delaware & Hudson Co. (quar.)	2 1/2	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Nov. 27a
Erie & Pittsburgh (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 9	Holders of rec. Nov. 29a
Fonda Johnstown & Gloversv., pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 5a
Greene Railroad	3	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 4a
Hocking Valley	2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 8a
Lackawanna RR. of N. J. (quar.)	1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 6a
Lehigh Valley, com. (quar.)	\$7 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 9a
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 9a
Mobile & Birmingham, preferred	2	Jan. 1	Dec. 2 to Jan. 1
Morris & Essex	4 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 9a
New York Chicago & St. Louis	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 19a
Common	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 19a
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 19a
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 19a
N. Y. Lackawanna & Western (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14a
New York Philadelphia & Norfolk	\$3	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Norfolk & Western, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 19	Holders of rec. Nov. 29a
Common (extra)	1	Dec. 19	Holders of rec. Nov. 29a
Philadelphia & Trenton (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 10	Dec. 31 to Jan. 11
Pittsburgh & West Virginia, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Rea line Co., 1st preferred (quar.)	50c	Dec. 14	Holders of rec. Nov. 28a
St. Louis Southwestern, pref.	2 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Southern Pacific Co. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
Union Pacific, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
United N. J. RR. & Canal (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 10	Dec. 21 to Dec. 31
Valley RR. (New York)	2 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16a
Western Ry. of Alabama	3	Dec. 30	Dec. 9 to Jan. 1

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<b>Public Utilities.</b>			
American Telephone & Telegraph (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan 15/23	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Quarterly	2 1/2	Apr 18/23	Holders of rec. Mar. 16/23
Quarterly	2 1/2	July 16/23	Holders of rec. June 20/23
Appalachian Power, pref. (quar.) (No. 1)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Associated Gas & Electric, pref. (quar.)	3	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Bangor Ry. & Electric, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
Boston Elevated Ry., common (quar.)	\$3.37	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
First preferred	\$4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Second preferred	\$3.50	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Brazilian Tr. L. & Pow., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Brooklyn City Railroad	30c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 8a
Brooklyn Union Gas (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Cine & Hamilton Tract, common (quar.)	1	Jan. 1	Dec. 21 to Jan. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Dec. 21 to Jan. 1
Cincinnati Street Ry. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Dec. 17 to Jan. 1
Chiliana Pass Ry., Phila. (quar.)	\$3.50	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Colorado Power, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Consol. Gas, El. L. & P. of Balt., com. (qu.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Preferred, Series A (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Preferred, Series B			



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<b>Miscellaneous.</b>				<b>Miscellaneous (Continued).</b>			
Adams Express (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	General Cigar, debenture pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23a
Advance-Rumley, pref. (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	General Motors Corporation, com.	50c.	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Nov. 27a
Amherst Mining	\$1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 27	Glen Alden Coal (No. 1)	\$1.50	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Alliance Realty (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 28	Globe Soap, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Nov. 30 to Dec. 15
Stock dividend	\$25	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	First second & special pref. stks. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Nov. 30 to Dec. 15
Allied Chem. & Dye Corp., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Globe-Wertheke, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 30a
Amer. Art Works, com. & pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Goodrich (B. F. J.), preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23a
Amer. Car & Fdy., com. (extra)	\$10	Jan. 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Goodyear Tire & Rubb. of Can., pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Common (payable in common stock)	1/10	Dec. 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Priority preference (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	75c.	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 9a	Goulds Manufacturing, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
American Beet Sugar, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
American Can, common (quar.) (No. 1)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea, com. (qu.)	50c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Great Northern Iron Ore Properties	\$1	Dec. 21	Holders of rec. Dec. 4
Amer. Car & Fdy., com. (quar.)	3	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Great Northern Paper (in stock)	\$200	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
American Fork & Hoe, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
American Glue, com. (quar.)	1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
American Locomotive, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
American Manufacturing, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
American Millgraph, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
American Piano, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
American Radiator, com. (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Common (payable in common stock)	1/60	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
American Sales Book, common	8	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Preferred (final arrears of dividend)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 20	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
American Screw (in stock)	\$50	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
American Shipbuilding, common (quar.)	2	Feb. 123	Holders of rec. Jan. 15 23	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Common (quar.)	2	May 123	Holders of rec. Apr. 14 23	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
American Smelt. Secur., pref. A (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. July 14 23	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Preferred B (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. July 14 23	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Amer. Steel Foundries, com. (in com. stk.)	1/18	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 9a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
American Stores (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
American Sugar Refining, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
American Tobacco, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 9	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
American Thread, preferred	\$2 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Armour & Co., preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Atlantic Refining, common (quar.)	5	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Atlantic Refining, com. (in com. stock)	1/100	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Atlantic Terra Cotta, pref. (quar.)	3	Dec. 11	Holders of rec. Nov. 29a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Atlas Powder, common (quar.)	3	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 12	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Autoray Co., pref. (quar.)	2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 12	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Babcock & Wilcox (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 2	Holders of rec. Mar. 20	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Stock dividend	\$3 1-3	(u)	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Baldwin Locomotive, com. and pref.	3 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 2a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Beech-Nut Packing, common	4c.	Dec. 9	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Belding-Cortice, Ltd., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Bethlehem Steel, com. & com. B (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Seven per cent cum. preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Seven per cent non-cum. preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Borden Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Borneo Strymer & Co. (in stock)	\$400	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 30	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Boston Woven Hose & Rubber	\$1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Preferred	3	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
British-American Oil (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Extra	50c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Buckeye Pipe Line	\$2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 20	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Extra	\$2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 20	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Buckeye Pipe Line (special)	\$25	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Bucyrus Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Prof. (extra) (acc't accumulations)	\$3 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Prof. (special) (acc't accumulations)	\$3 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Burroughs Adding Machine (quar.)	2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Bush Terminal Bldgs., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
California Oil & Gas	50c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
California Packing Corp., com. (qu.)	\$1.50	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Calumet & Arizona Mining (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 18	Holders of rec. Dec. 2a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Calumet & Hecla Mining	\$5	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 27	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Cartier (William) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 11a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Case (J. I.) Threshing Mach., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Casey Hedges & Co., com. (in com. stk.)	1/20	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Certain-Feed Products Corp.				Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
First and second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 14a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Chesebrough Mfg., com. (quar.)	3 1/2	Dec. 28	Holders of rec. Dec. 12	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 28	Holders of rec. Dec. 12a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Chicago Ry. Equipment (in stock)	0	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 19	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Chicago Yellow Cab (monthly)	\$3 1-3c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Childs Co., common (quar.)	2	Dec. 11	Holders of rec. Dec. 11	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 11	Holders of rec. Dec. 11	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Cities Service				Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Common (monthly pay. in cash scrip)	2 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Common (payable in com. stock scrip)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Prof. and pref. B (payable in cash)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Cleveland Union Stock Yards (quar.)	20	Dec. 23	Holders of rec. Dec. 2	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Special (in cash)	60	Dec. 12	Holders of rec. Dec. 12	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Stock dividend	10	Dec. 12	Holders of rec. Dec. 12	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Coca-Cola Co., common (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Preferred	3 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Colonial Finance Corp., com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Computing-Tabulating-Recording (qu.)	\$1.50	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 22a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Conor (J. T.) Co., com. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Preferred	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Consolidated Car-Heating (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Continental Oil (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Cooper Corporation, Class A (quar.)	37 1/2c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 14	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Cramp (Wm.) & Sons Ship & Eng. Bldg. (qu.)	1	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Crane Co., common (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	75c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Crescent Pipe Line (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Crucible Steel, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Cuban-American Sugar, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Cumberland Pipe Line (annual)	12	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Del. Laek. & West. Coal (in stock)	\$40	Sub. to	stkhldrs' meet. Dec. 18	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Detroit Creamery (payable in stock)	\$50	Dec. 19	Holders of rec. Dec. 30	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Detroit Motor Bus (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Extra	\$25	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 28	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Stock dividend	2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 29a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Diamond Match	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Domination Glass, com. and pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Domination Iron & Steel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Domination Oil (quar.)	20c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10a	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
<b>Miscellaneous (Concluded).</b>			
Standard Milling, com. (In com. stock)	.700	Dec. 22	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Standard Oil (Calif.) (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 15	Nov. 21 to Dec. 5
Standard Oil (Indiana) (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 19a
Standard Oil (Indiana) (In stock)	*\$100	(4)	Nov. 17 to Dec. 13
Standard Oil (Kansas) (quar.)	3	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 25a
Standard Oil (Kentucky) (quar.)	\$1.25	Dec. 30	Dec. 15 to Jan. 2
Standard Oil (Nebraska)	66-2-3	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Standard Oil of N. J., com. (In com. stk.)	7400	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Nov. 25a
Standard Oil of N. J., com. \$25 par (qu)	\$1.25	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Nov. 25a
Common (\$100 par)	5	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 25a
Preferred (quar.)	14	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 25a
Standard Oil of New York (quar.)	\$4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 25a
Standard Oil (Ohio) com. (In com. stock)	7100	Dec. 12	Holders of rec. Nov. 24
Standard Oil (Ohio) common (quar.)	3	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 24
Standard Oil (Ohio) preferred (quar.)	1	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 24
Sterling Products (extra)	75c.	Dec. 22	Holders of rec. Dec. 6a
Stetson (F. B. Co., com.)	15	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 31
Stetson (Preferred)	15	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 31
Stewart-Warner Speedometer (extra)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 31
Stromberg Carburetor (quar.)	*\$1.25	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 24
Submarine Signal (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Swift & Co. (quar.)	2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Texas Chief Oil (quar.)	20c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Texas Company (quar.)	10c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Texas Gulf Sulphur (quar.)	75c.	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
Texas Gulf Sulphur (extra)	\$1.25	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
Texas Pacific Coal & Oil (quar.)	75c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
Timken Roller Bearing (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 9a
Todd Shipyards Corp. (quar.)	75c.	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 5a
Tonopah Extension Mining (quar.)	*\$2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Tonopah Extension Mining (extra)	5c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 11a
Torrington Co., com. (quar.)	82 1/2	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 11a
Common (extra)	\$3.75	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 8
Traylor Engineering & Mfg., pf. (qu.)	*2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Turner Oil (monthly)	1	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
Underwood Typewriter, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 2a
Underwood Typewriter, pref. (qu.)	14	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 2a
Union Carbide & Carbon (quar.)	7100	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 6a
Union Mills, com. (pay. in com. stock)	1	Dec. 2	Nov. 3 to Nov. 30
Union Natural Gas (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
Union Natural Gas (stock dividend)	75c.	Dec. 30	Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
Union Oil of Calif. (payable in stock)	*680	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
United Cigar Stores, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 29a
United Drug, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
United Drug, 2nd pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
United Retail Stores, Class A (cash)	2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 11a
Special (In Un. Ret. Stores Candy stk.)	7	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 11a
U. S. Cast Iron Pipe & Fty., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 5	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
U. S. Gypsum, common (quar.)	710	Dec. 31	Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
U. S. Gypsum, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
U. S. Radiator, pref. (acc. accum. divs)	814	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 1
U. S. Realty & Impt. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
U. S. Realty & Impt. (quarterly)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 8
United States Steel Corp., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
U. S. Title Guaranty Co. (quar.)	2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
Valvoline Oil, common (quar.)	2 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Victor Talking Machine, com. (extra)	*\$5	Dec. 6	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Viridian Iron, Coal & Coke, pref.	2 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Vulcan Detinning, pref. & pref. A	1 1/2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 9a
Walbridge Cotton Co. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Wahl Co., common (monthly)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 22a
Wahl Co., preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 22a
Waldorf System, common (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Waldorf System, preferred (quar.)	20c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Walton Adding Machine, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Walworth Mfg., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Wamsutta Mills (quar.)	2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 14
Wayne Coal (No. 1)	2 1/2	Dec. 30	Nov. 30 to Dec. 30
Wells, Fargo & Co.	2 1/2	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a
Western Canada Flour Mills (quar.)	*2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 2
Western Electric, common (quar.)	2 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 12a
Western Electric, preferred (quar.)	2 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 12a
Western Oil Fields (quar.)	*2 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
White Eagle Oil & Ref. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
White Eagle Oil & Ref. (In stock)	25	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
White Motor (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Williams Tool, preferred	*2 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Woodruff Cotton Mills	10	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Stock dividend	50	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Woolworth (F. W.) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 9a
Worthington Pump & Mach., pf. A (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22a
Preferred Class B (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22a
Wright (Wm.) Co., com. (monthly)	80c.	Jan. 1	Dec. 26 to Dec. 31
Wright (Rudolph) Co.	80c.	Jan. 1	Dec. 26 to Dec. 31
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	Mar 1 '23	Holders of rec. Feb. 10 '23
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	Jan 1 '23	Holders of rec. May 22 '23
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan 1 '23	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr 1 '23	Holders of rec. Mar. 22

\* From unofficial sources. † The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice. ‡ Transfer books not closed for this dividend. § Less British income tax. ¶ Correction.

a Payable in stock. / Payable in common stock. g Payable in scrip. h On account of accumulated dividends. f Payable in Liberty or Victory Loan bonds.

j Payable in New York funds.

k Three shares of Oil Lease Development Co. stock for every 100 shares of Middle States Oil stock.

l In full of all arrears of dividends.

m Ratified by stockholders at meeting on Dec. 6.

n Also all accrued dividends on prior preference stock since Jan. 1 1922.

o Ratified by stockholders at meeting on Dec. 5.

p Ratified by stockholders at meeting on Dec. 5.

q Subject to approval by stockholders at meeting on Dec. 7.

r One-half share (Founders' shares) in com. stock of United Retail Stores Candy Co

s Subject to approval of stockholders.

t Each share of old stock to receive four shares of new pref. (par \$25) and two shares new common (par \$25).

u Subject to approval by stockholders on Dec. 12.

v Subject to approval at stockholders' meeting Dec. 26.

w Less 41 cents per share for 3d and 4th installments of 1921 income tax on cap. stk.

x Ratified at stockholders' meeting on Dec. 1.

y Subject to approval at special meeting of stockholders.

z Subject to approval by stockholders at meeting on Dec. 12.

aa Payable in new Class "B" common stock.

ab N. Y. Stock Exchange rules that Ingersoll-Rand Co. shall sell ex the 100% stock dividend on Dec. 7.

ac The New York Curb Market Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on these dates and not until further notice.

ad Subject to approval by stockholders at meeting on Dec. 21.

ae Erroneously reported last week as second preferred stock.

af In anticipation of and conditioned upon increase in capital stock.

ag Subject to approval by stockholders at meeting on Dec. 27.

**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 Dec. 2. 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	New Capital, Profits		Loans, Discounts, Investments, &c.	Cash in Vault	Reserve with Legal Depositaries	Net Demand Deposits	Time Deposits	Bank Circulation
	Nov. 15	Nov. 15						
Dec. 2 1922	Nov. 15	Nov. 15	Nov. 15	Nov. 15	Nov. 15	Nov. 15	Nov. 15	Nov. 15
(000 omitted.)	Tr. Cos.	Nov. 15						
Members of Fed. Reserve Bank of N. Y. & Trust Co.	4,000	11,841	66,342	1,134	6,567	47,071	6,115	---
Bk of Manhattan	5,000	17,745	126,257	2,163	13,950	101,769	18,815	---
Mech & Met Bk	10,000	17,547	168,308	4,353	20,717	155,621	6,164	999
Bk of America	5,500	4,551	65,806	1,398	8,889	66,540	2,980	---
Nat City Bank	40,000	50,929	502,206	7,113	60,855	\$52,961	63,360	2,135
Chem Nat Bank	4,500	16,004	118,046	1,116	13,299	98,369	11,368	348
Nat Butch & Dr	500	214	5,034	757	567	3,901	---	298
Amer Exch Nat	5,000	7,846	98,467	1,247	11,374	81,335	7,692	4,923
Nat Bk of Com.	25,000	27,778	323,683	776	33,592	255,552	15,209	---
Pacific Bank	1,000	1,701	23,304	1,201	3,514	12,749	24,072	5,726
Chat & Phen Nat	10,500	9,810	150,105	6,409	17,052	121,749	22,268	100
Hanover Nat Bk	5,000	20,529	113,422	362	13,390	100,427	---	---
Corn Exchange	3,250	11,553	168,395	6,965	21,808	152,764	22,268	---
Imp & Trad Nat	1,500	8,627	32,739	598	3,350	24,703	793	51
National Park	10,000	23,757	153,923	1,179	16,095	121,385	5,248	5,431
East River Nat	1,000	834	14,710	410	1,784	12,879	1,933	60
First National	10,000	47,398	310,116	4,187	24,882	184,593	28,790	7,241
Irving National	12,500	11,027	185,773	4,280	24,705	182,699	8,039	2,522
Continental Bk	1,000	920	7,274	148	1,073	6,153	360	---
Chase National	20,000	21,787	329,946	4,214	39,561	299,404	32,262	1,092
Fifth Avenue	500	2,430	22,911	623	2,640	20,357	---	---
Commonwealth	400	975	9,125	477	1,449	8,685	---	---
Garfield Nat.	1,000	1,621	14,973	426	2,047	13,962	33	397
Fifth National	1,200	1,058	17,934	264	2,221	16,712	677	248
Seaboard Nat.	4,000	6,934	76,992	1,156	9,501	71,274	1,820	615
Coal & Iron Nat	1,500	1,339	15,656	821	2,571	13,417	824	412
Bankers Tr Co	20,000	25,039	256,117	1,097	28,792	\$225,201	20,302	---
U S Mfg & Tr.	3,000	4,419	33,921	254	9,316	46,823	5,362	---
Guaranty Trust	25,000	17,654	390,925	1,363	40,310	\$383,354	29,649	---
Fidel-Inter Tr	1,500	1,836	19,641	388	2,378	17,859	647	---
Columbia Trust	5,000	8,003	80,260	822	10,138	75,649	542	---
N Y Trust Co.	10,000	17,696	147,197	440	16,007	122,992	11,212	---
Metropolitan Tr	2,000	3,894	39,043	565	4,430	33,178	4,112	---
Farm Loan & Tr	5,000	15,965	133,844	562	13,303	\$94,131	28,119	---
Columbia Bank	2,000	2,146	29,315	720	3,770	28,904	2,052	---
Equitable Trust	12,000	15,754	141,988	1,412	21,447	\$186,213	12,440	---
Total averages	274,350	448,519	4,384,098	67,337	503,505	\$3,737,063	379,629	32,048
Totals, actual condition	Dec. 2	2,438,558	56,250,491	309	3,757,311	379,496	32,112	---
Totals, actual condition	Nov. 2	4,386,298	56,251,488	304	3,718,493	385,285	31,971	---
Totals, actual condition	Nov. 18	4,381,753	55,675,471	274	3,692,704	382,790	32,128	---
State Banks	Not Members of Fed'l Reserve Bank.							
Greenwich Bank	1,000	2,119	18,560	1,036	1,739	18,750	50	---
Bovary Bank	250	877	5,567	340	362	2,797	2,088	---
State Bank	2,500	4,684	82,937	3,411	1,903	28,863	51,291	---
Total averages	3,750	7,681	107,064	5,437	4,004	50,406	53,435	---
Totals, actual condition	Dec. 2	108,477	5,487	4,103	49,836	53,424	---	---
Totals, actual condition	Nov. 25	108,974	5,528	4,048	50,559	53,400	---	---
Totals, actual condition	Nov. 18	108,063	5,447	4,093	49,596	53,239	---	---
Trust Companies	Not Members of Fed'l Reserve Bank.							
Title Guar & Tr	7,500	15,066	53,091	1,499	3,828	35,090	1,051	---
Lawyers Tit & T	4,000	6,633	27,126	944	1,862	17,840	982	---
Total averages	11,500	21,999	80,217	2,445	5,690	52,930	2,033	---
Totals, actual condition	Dec. 2	77,861	2,510	5,559	50,896	2,042	---	---
Totals, actual condition	Nov. 25	80,669	2,356	5,793	53,565	1,886	---	---
Totals, actual condition	Nov. 18	81,091	2,416	5,723	54,214	1,866	---	---
Gr'd agr. av'ge	289,600	478,096	4,571,379	65,218	513,229	3,840,399	435,097	32,048
Comparison with prev. week	+14,262	+55	-1,908	+31,144	-7,818	+95	---	---</



	Actual Figures.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve banks	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks*	5,487,000	4,108,000	9,595,000	8,970,480	619,520
Trust companies	2,510,000	5,559,000	8,069,000	7,634,400	434,600
Total Dec. 2	7,997,000	9,667,000	17,664,000	16,604,880	1,059,120
Total Nov. 25	7,885,000	9,645,000	17,530,000	16,508,010	1,021,990
Total Nov. 18	7,862,000	9,590,000	17,452,000	16,482,000	970,000
Total Nov. 11	7,950,000	9,538,000	17,488,000	16,482,000	1,006,000

\* 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: Dec. 2, \$11,384,880; Nov. 25, \$11,558,550; Nov. 18, \$11,483,700; Nov. 11, \$11,459,970.

**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.)

	Dec. 2	Differences from previous week
Loans and investments	\$756,524,200	Dec. \$1,045,300
Gold	4,128,100	Dec. 42,100
Currency and bank notes	19,608,700	Inc. 634,000
Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York	68,344,400	Dec. 303,800
Total deposits	801,862,800	Inc. 1,959,300
Deposits, all other amounts due from reserve depositories and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City exchanges and U. S. depositories	751,730,500	Dec. 430,600
Reserve on deposits	122,794,000	Inc. 1,816,400
Percentage of reserve, 20.1%		

	RESERVE.	
	State Banks	Trust Companies
Cash in vault	\$28,298,900	16.45%
Deposits in banks and trust cos.	7,557,300	4.40%
Total	\$35,856,200	20.85%

\* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on Dec. 2, were \$68,344,400.

**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.
Aug. 12	5,383,432,700	4,648,854,700	89,403,600	622,177,400
Aug. 19	5,372,803,000	4,613,652,400	86,499,800	618,135,000
Aug. 26	5,334,972,100	4,599,909,500	86,402,800	609,486,700
Sept. 2	5,311,517,600	4,597,237,500	86,259,400	619,063,200
Sept. 9	5,297,744,400	4,566,272,800	88,946,400	616,544,100
Sept. 16	5,297,309,200	4,615,836,300	90,326,700	625,919,600
Sept. 23	5,335,205,100	4,640,919,300	86,359,200	689,815,100
Sept. 30	5,317,017,500	4,634,695,300	88,271,200	616,438,800
Oct. 7	5,328,359,700	4,649,378,900	86,018,300	624,721,000
Oct. 14	5,305,281,600	4,628,354,800	90,361,200	623,583,900
Oct. 21	5,397,918,900	4,699,087,600	89,798,300	642,922,400
Oct. 28	5,402,995,200	4,680,020,500	88,484,300	616,226,400
Nov. 4	5,394,373,600	4,623,416,200	87,350,900	623,119,700
Nov. 11	5,348,725,300	4,573,740,400	91,084,000	614,915,700
Nov. 18	5,331,639,900	4,569,953,000	89,248,900	617,659,300
Nov. 25	5,314,686,500	4,561,416,100	87,309,000	613,976,600
Dec. 2	5,327,903,200	4,592,129,500	88,954,800	612,086,200

\* This item includes gold, silver, legal tenders, national bank and Federal Reserve notes.

**New York City Non-Member Banks and Trust Companies.**—The following are the returns to the Clearing House by clearing non-member institutions and which are not included in the "Clearing House Returns" in the foregoing:

**RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.**  
 (Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers (000) omitted.)

CLEARING NON-MEMBERS	Capital.	Prof. Net.	Loans Dis-counts, Invest-ments, &c.	Reserve with Legal De-posits.	Net Demand De-posits.	Net Time De-posits.	Nat'l Bank Cir-cu-lation.	Average	
								Average	Average
Members of Fed'l Res. Bank.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Battery Park Nat.	1,500	1,219	11,027	159	1,234	8,070	439	198	
W. R. Grace & Co.	500	1,339	13,448	24	582	1,015	11,389		
Total	2,000	2,559	24,475	183	1,816	9,085	11,828	198	
State Banks	Not Members of Fed. Res'v Bank.								
Bank of Wash. Hts.	200	329	5,239	622	299	4,989	716		
Colonial Bank	800	1,870	19,058	2,400	1,354	19,985			
Total	1,000	2,208	24,297	3,022	1,653	24,974	716		
Trust Companies	Not Members of Fed. Res'v Bank.								
Mech. Tr., Bayonne	200	667	9,815	346	296	4,232	5,493		
Total	200	667	9,815	346	296	4,232	5,493		
Grand aggregate	3,200	5,435	58,587	3,551	3,765	438,291	18,036	198	
Comparison with previous week			-689	-92	+64	-395	-397	+2	
Gr'd asgr. Nov. 25	3,200	5,295	59,276	3,643	3,701	438,686	18,433	196	
Gr'd asgr. Nov. 18	3,200	5,295	60,198	3,734	3,653	439,198	18,279	196	
Gr'd asgr. Nov. 11	3,200	5,295	58,664	3,805	3,756	439,018	17,873	193	
Gr'd asgr. Nov. 4	3,200	5,295	58,052	3,663	3,498	437,463	17,841	196	

a U. S. deposits deducted, \$326,000.  
 Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$1,432,000.  
 Excess reserve, \$57,800; increase.

**Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.**—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

	BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.			
	Dec. 6 1922.	Changes from previous week.	Nov. 29 1922.	Nov. 22 1922.
Capital	\$	\$	\$	\$
Surplus and profits	59,100,000		59,100,000	59,100,000
Loans, disc'ts & investments	85,928,000		85,928,000	85,928,000
Individual deposits, incl. U. S.	848,579,000	Dec. 1,253,000	849,832,000	859,035,000
Due to banks	613,805,000	Inc. 2,102,000	611,703,000	624,859,000
Time deposits	115,174,000	Inc. 8,789,000	106,355,000	109,361,000
Exchanges for Clearing House	112,759,000	Dec. 77,000	112,682,000	113,686,000
Due from other banks	14,167,000	Dec. 630,000	14,787,000	15,952,000
Reserve in Fed. Res. Bank	28,009,000	Inc. 5,942,000	22,167,000	23,382,000
Cash in bank and F. R. Bank	75,359,000	Inc. 7,355,000	67,824,000	73,862,000
Reserve excess in bank and Federal Reserve Bank	68,698,000	Dec. 196,000	68,894,000	69,576,000
	9,994,000	Inc. 710,000	9,284,000	9,609,000
Total	2,480,000	Inc. 23,000	2,457,000	2,129,000

**Philadelphia Banks.**—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Dec. 2, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is 10% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositories" and "Cash in vaults."

Two Ciphers (00) omitted.	Week ending Dec. 2 1922.			Nov. 25 1922.	Nov. 18 1922.
	Members of F. R. System	Trust Companies	Total.		
Capital	\$35,175.0	\$4,500.0	\$39,675.0	\$39,675.0	\$39,675.0
Surplus and profits	98,838.0	14,617.0	113,455.0	113,455.0	113,455.0
Loans, disc'ts & investm'ts	648,827.0	41,666.0	690,493.0	692,322.0	690,902.0
Exchanges for Clear. House	30,607.0	629.0	31,236.0	26,409.0	32,149.0
Due from banks	97,787.0	21.0	97,783.0	94,457.0	110,552.0
Bank deposits	113,577.0	664.0	114,241.0	114,290.0	118,440.0
Individual deposits	530,783.0	26,685.0	557,468.0	555,151.0	567,601.0
Time deposits	21,249.0	558.0	21,807.0	23,191.0	22,892.0
Total deposits	665,609.0	27,907.0	693,516.0	692,662.0	708,933.0
U. S. deposits (not incl.)	9,256.0	9,256.0	9,256.0	9,256.0	10,628.0
Res'v with legal deposit'rs	3,197.0	3,197.0	3,197.0	3,197.0	3,316.0
Reserve with F. R. Bank	53,708.0		53,708.0	54,965.0	54,594.0
Cash in vault*	10,832.0	1,138.0	11,970.0	11,764.0	11,721.0
Total reserve and cash held	64,540.0	4,335.0	68,875.0	70,003.0	69,631.0
Reserve required	54,682.0	4,031.0	58,713.0	58,531.0	59,428.0
Excess res. & cash in vault.	9,858.0	1,442.0	11,300.0	11,772.0	10,205.0

\* 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 Dec. 6 1922 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

	Dec. 6 1922.	Nov. 29 1922.	Dec. 7 1921.
<b>Resources—</b>			
Gold and gold certificates	138,892,998	168,941,219	398,172,000
Gold settlement fund—F. R. Board	194,562,420	224,522,454	29,911,000
Total gold held by bank	333,455,418	393,463,674	428,083,000
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent	659,653,228	659,849,798	593,784,000
Gold redemption fund	10,738,267	12,250,757	15,000,000
Total gold reserves	1,003,846,914	1,065,564,230	1,026,867,000
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.	32,161,645	31,983,213	46,543,000
Total reserves	1,036,008,560	1,097,547,444	1,073,410,000
Bills discounted; secured by U. S. Government obligations—for members	177,084,210	108,933,353	124,723,000
For other F. R. banks	30,961,342	28,087,543	102,331,000
All other—for members	58,925,384	56,374,997	38,531,000
For other F. R. banks			
Bills bought in open market			
Total bills on hand	266,970,937	193,395,805	265,585,000
U. S. bonds and notes	35,264,450	28,952,750	
U. S. certificates of indebtedness—			
One-year certificates (Pittman Act)	4,500,000	5,600,000	36,400,000
All other	24,962,500	24,590,000	38,398,000
Total earning assets	331,697,887	252,338,645	340,383,000
Bank premiums	10,324,975	10,324,975	6,370,000
5% redemp. fund agst. F. R. bank notes	234,060	274,060	1,580,000
Uncollected items	130,803,509	124,769,653	195,406,000
All other resources	1,809,781	1,769,409	3,548,000
Total resources	1,519,868,776	1,487,050,187	1,532,697,000
<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Capital paid in	28,680,950	28,673,100	27,110,000
Surplus	60,197,127	60,197,127	59,318,000
Deposits:			
Government	18,145,245	7,272,780	21,789,000
Member banks—Reserve account	704,183,456	679,289,447	640,045,000
All other	10,725,379	10,935,319	14,687,000
Total deposits	733,054,081	697,497,546	676,521,000
F. R. notes in actual circulation	593,519,743	594,002,731	641,716,000
F. R. bank notes in circula'n—net liability	3,818,200	4,837,200	18,327,000
Deferred availability items	94,702,407	96,172,494	84,392,000
All other liabilities	5,896,266	5,669,988	25,313,000
Total liabilities	1,519,868,776	1,487,050,187	1,532,697,000
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	78.1%	85.0%	81.6%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	11,613,670	11,732,873	12,056,783

**CURRENT NOTICES.**

—John Nickerson Jr. announces that the business heretofore conducted by him at 61 Broadway, New York City, will be continued at the same address as a joint stock association under the name of John Nickerson & Co. as of Dec. 1 1922.  
 —Lieut. J. Barthell Joseph, U. S. A., formerly stationed at New Cum-orland, Pa., has become associated with H. L. Allen & Co. as their representative in the State of Pennsylvania.

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Dec. 7, 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 2520 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 DEC. 6 1922.

	Dec. 6 1922.	Nov. 29 1922.	Nov. 22 1922.	Nov. 15 1922.	Nov. 8 1922.	Nov. 1 1922.	Oct. 25 1922.	Oct. 18 1922.	Dec. 7 1921.
<b>RESOURCES.</b>									
Gold and gold certificates	298,094,000	303,219,000	289,750,000	276,414,000	267,207,000	266,718,000	277,629,000	257,920,000	484,048,000
Gold settlement, F. R. Board	618,574,000	644,959,000	651,862,000	661,930,000	648,429,000	618,727,000	615,868,000	594,159,000	457,292,000
Total gold held by banks	916,668,000	948,178,000	941,612,000	938,344,000	915,636,000	885,445,000	893,495,000	852,079,000	941,340,000
Gold with Federal Reserve agents	2,045,210,000	2,048,084,000	2,077,582,000	2,078,901,000	2,094,050,000	2,126,535,000	2,124,432,000	2,163,465,000	1,787,724,000
Gold redemption fund	85,914,000	76,396,000	69,131,000	66,603,000	71,069,000	66,269,000	67,155,000	71,269,000	122,953,000
Total gold reserves	3,047,792,000	3,072,658,000	3,088,325,000	3,073,848,000	3,080,755,000	3,078,249,000	3,085,083,000	3,086,813,000	2,851,027,000
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.	127,189,000	129,952,000	130,358,000	130,912,000	130,527,000	133,696,000	126,835,000	127,384,000	139,606,000
Total reserves	3,174,981,000	3,202,610,000	3,218,683,000	3,204,760,000	3,211,282,000	3,211,945,000	3,211,918,000	3,214,197,000	2,990,633,000
Bills discounted:									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	374,409,000	315,280,000	307,976,000	330,285,000	300,337,000	271,497,000	195,510,000	194,155,000	457,618,000
All other	330,536,000	334,310,000	306,215,000	322,530,000	340,075,000	318,267,000	273,889,000	316,944,000	713,941,000
Bills bought in open market	266,827,000	259,226,000	257,405,000	280,894,000	258,656,000	260,668,000	257,691,000	256,815,000	81,784,000
Total bills on hand	971,772,000	909,322,000	871,596,000	913,699,000	899,068,000	848,422,000	727,090,000	767,914,000	1,251,443,000
U. S. bonds and notes	169,413,000	162,336,000	151,731,000	171,732,000	188,821,000	191,095,000	206,060,000	226,210,000	34,731,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness:									
One-year certificates (Pittman Act)	21,500,000	23,500,000	28,500,000	31,500,000	34,500,000	38,000,000	41,000,000	43,000,000	124,500,000
All other	120,889,000	118,625,000	114,888,000	122,482,000	123,268,000	131,210,000	161,576,000	177,191,000	43,168,000
Municipal warrants	26,000	24,000	27,000	27,000	27,000	24,000	27,000	27,000	227,000
Total earning assets	1,283,600,000	1,213,807,000	1,169,742,000	1,239,440,000	1,245,684,000	1,208,757,000	1,135,753,000	1,214,842,000	1,455,069,000
Bank premises	46,394,000	46,282,000	46,204,000	45,650,000	45,429,000	43,235,000	45,221,000	45,099,000	33,384,000
5% redemp. fund agst. F. R. bank notes	2,780,000	3,130,000	3,410,000	3,335,000	3,635,000	3,633,000	3,750,000	3,750,000	7,854,000
Uncollected items	660,119,000	599,309,000	634,519,000	821,132,000	583,827,000	667,179,000	633,492,000	798,439,000	510,961,000
All other resources	15,379,000	15,050,000	14,605,000	15,056,000	15,611,000	15,358,000	14,920,000	14,782,000	19,476,000
Total resources	5,181,253,000	5,080,905,000	5,134,163,000	5,329,573,000	5,105,459,000	5,142,169,000	5,065,095,000	5,291,114,000	5,017,377,000
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>									
Capital paid in	107,265,000	107,267,000	106,495,000	106,448,000	106,355,000	106,292,000	106,277,000	106,327,000	103,089,000
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
Reserved for Govt. franchise tax									
Deposits—Government	46,976,000	33,449,000	35,198,000	77,252,000	26,402,000	36,947,000	23,659,000	19,845,000	52,337,000
Member banks—reserve account	1,843,601,000	1,807,631,000	1,829,069,000	1,859,652,000	1,812,051,000	1,847,693,000	1,799,931,000	1,921,277,000	1,640,445,000
All other	19,827,000	19,143,000	20,721,000	22,606,000	24,235,000	30,508,000	18,150,000	22,885,000	25,501,000
Total	1,910,104,000	1,860,223,000	1,894,988,000	1,939,510,000	1,862,688,000	1,914,248,000	1,841,270,000	1,956,107,000	1,718,233,000
F. R. notes in actual circulation	2,361,222,000	2,329,314,000	2,299,391,000	2,321,219,000	2,340,074,000	2,309,265,000	2,298,536,000	2,315,437,000	2,373,355,000
F. R. bank notes in circulation—net liab.	19,259,000	20,868,000	26,220,000	29,313,000	32,441,000	35,573,000	37,995,000	40,613,000	27,014,000
Deferred availability items	540,233,000	520,497,000	594,796,000	691,406,000	622,564,000	636,140,000	539,773,000	632,430,000	450,792,000
All other liabilities	27,772,000	26,898,000	26,875,000	26,279,000	25,939,000	25,233,000	25,346,000	24,802,000	81,020,000
Total liabilities	5,181,253,000	5,080,905,000	5,134,163,000	5,329,573,000	5,105,459,000	5,142,169,000	5,065,095,000	5,291,114,000	5,017,377,000
Ratio of gold reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	71.7%	73.3%	73.6%	72.1%	73.3%	72.9%	74.5%	73.3%	69.6%
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	74.3%	76.4%	76.7%	75.2%	76.4%	76.0%	77.6%	75.2%	73.1%
<b>Distribution by Maturity—</b>									
1-15 days bills bought in open market	71,874,000	60,451,000	61,797,000	66,127,000	63,762,000	64,162,000	65,797,000	69,241,000	45,982,000
1-15 days bills discounted	409,832,000	445,401,000	418,318,000	444,246,000	449,209,000	397,712,000	288,140,000	317,057,000	691,836,000
1-15 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	2,258,000	3,484,000	2,471,000	1,933,000	733,000	2,806,000	5,805,000	27,161,000	37,500,000
1-15 days municipal warrants							3,000	3,000	
16-30 days bills bought in open market	53,195,000	44,747,000	42,731,000	42,040,000	43,127,000	39,272,000	35,594,000	39,106,000	13,252,000
16-30 days bills discounted	58,631,000	56,419,000	50,636,000	62,840,000	52,444,000	45,506,000	47,353,000	48,671,000	138,785,000
16-30 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	720,000	1,007,000	807,000	1,086,000	1,398,000	599,000	100,000		
16-30 days municipal warrants									
31-60 days bills bought in open market	83,830,000	88,869,000	92,365,000	87,143,000	76,499,000	74,632,000	69,765,000	60,345,000	15,332,000
31-60 days bills discounted	69,028,000	73,103,000	74,186,000	77,989,000	74,174,000	74,832,000	73,473,000	76,228,000	161,582,000
31-60 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	1,000,000	1,720,000	4,220,000	5,720,000	6,726,000	6,437,000	42,699,000	45,628,000	5,409,000
31-60 days municipal warrants	26,000	24,000	27,000	24,000	24,000				168,000
61-90 days bills bought in open market	47,247,000	47,121,000	49,383,000	52,642,000	64,749,000	69,691,000	74,176,000	68,183,000	7,187,000
61-90 days bills discounted	48,689,000	45,218,000	42,694,000	41,492,000	39,838,000	43,190,000	39,180,000	49,570,000	129,187,000
61-90 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	576,000	76,000	76,000		500,000	3,220,000	5,320,000	15,685,000	6,887,000
61-90 days municipal warrants									
Over 90 days bills bought in open market	10,681,000	15,038,000	11,127,000	12,942,000	10,319,000	12,899,000	12,371,000	13,940,000	31,000
Over 90 days bills discounted	28,715,000	29,955,000	25,348,000	26,244,000	24,747,000	23,534,000	20,623,000	19,573,000	57,864,000
Over 90 days cert. of indebtedness	137,835,000	135,835,000	136,114,000	145,243,000	148,411,000	156,134,000	148,751,000	132,317,000	116,181,000
Over 90 days municipal warrants									
<b>Federal Reserve Notes—</b>									
Outstanding	2,730,882,000	2,718,471,000	2,694,644,000	2,699,633,000	2,695,470,000	2,683,851,000	2,688,822,000	2,722,446,000	2,691,689,000
Held by banks	369,660,000	388,657,000	395,258,000	378,414,000	355,396,000	374,686,000	390,286,000	407,009,000	318,334,000
In actual circulation	2,361,222,000	2,329,814,000	2,299,391,000	2,321,219,000	2,340,074,000	2,309,265,000	2,298,536,000	2,315,437,000	2,373,355,000
Amount chargeable to Fed. Res. Agent in hands of Federal Reserve Agent	3,609,113,000	3,609,182,000	3,583,482,000	3,561,781,000	3,547,643,000	3,544,204,000	3,531,074,000	3,516,888,000	3,553,391,000
Issued to Federal Reserve banks	2,730,882,000	2,718,471,000	2,694,644,000	2,699,633,000	2,695,470,000	2,683,851,000	2,688,822,000	2,722,446,000	2,691,689,000
<b>How Secured—</b>									
By gold and gold certificates	346,292,000	346,317,000	376,317,000	376,367,000	391,367,000	386,467,000	386,507,000	416,507,000	450,162,000
By eligible paper	688,672,000	670,387,000	617,082,000	620,732,000	601,420,000	557,316,000	564,390,000	558,951,000	903,965,000
Gold redemption fund	131,716,000	131,500,000	128,489,000	126,496,000	134,744,000	132,629,000	127,104,000	133,925,000	112,651,000
With Federal Reserve Board	1,567,202,000	1,570,207,000	1,572,776,000	1,576,638,000	1,577,939,000	1,617,439,000	1,610,821,000	1,613,033,000	1,224,911,000
Total	2,730,882,000	2,718,471,000	2,694,644,000	2,699,633,000	2,695,470,000	2,683,851,000	2,688,822,000	2,722,446,000	2,691,689,000
Eligible paper delivered to F. R. Agent	924,788,000	867,683,000	835,535,000	878,995,000	857,826,000	817,731,000	706,102,000	740,927,000	1,290,601,000

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DEC. 6 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	19,138,000	138,893,000	27,254,000	13,798,000	5,206,000	5,628,000	45,407,000	3,218,000	7,650,000	2,790,000	9,850,000	19,262,000	298,094,000
Gold settlement fund—F. R. B'd	47,871,000	194,562,000	21,400,000	67,007,000	34,118,000	25,770,000	83,887,000	25,624,000	30,024,000	30,176,000	11,551,000	44,534,000	616,574,000
Total gold held by banks	67,0												



RESOURCES (Concluded)— Two ciphers (00) omitted.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Bank premises	\$ 5,251.0	\$ 10,325.0	\$ 624.0	\$ 6,937.0	\$ 2,571.0	\$ 1,997.0	\$ 7,765.0	\$ 971.0	\$ 1,020.0	\$ 5,136.0	\$ 2,094.0	\$ 1,703.0	\$ 46,394.0
5% redemption fund against Federal Reserve bank notes	422.0	224.0	75.0	89.0	98.0	468.0	665.0	103.0	196.0	200.0	146.0	64.0	2,780.0
Uncollected items	60,665.0	139,803.0	50,904.0	60,775.0	57,769.0	28,116.0	80,267.0	43,759.0	19,523.0	44,333.0	27,830.0	46,355.0	660,119.0
All other resources	495.0	1,810.0	669.0	780.0	539.0	349.0	772.0	501.0	1,679.0	913.0	1,913.0	4,965.0	15,379.0
<b>Total resources</b>	<b>493,304.0</b>	<b>1,519,868.0</b>	<b>398,654.0</b>	<b>475,510.0</b>	<b>229,930.0</b>	<b>219,766.0</b>	<b>783,709.0</b>	<b>224,901.0</b>	<b>141,049.0</b>	<b>214,631.0</b>	<b>137,567.0</b>	<b>432,374.0</b>	<b>5,181,253.0</b>
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>													
Capital paid in	\$ 8,144.0	\$ 28,681.0	\$ 9,326.0	\$ 11,708.0	\$ 5,598.0	\$ 4,309.0	\$ 14,743.0	\$ 4,812.0	\$ 2,533.0	\$ 4,631.0	\$ 4,204.0	\$ 7,576.0	\$ 107,265.0
Surplus	16,483.0	60,197.0	17,945.0	22,509.0	11,030.0	9,214.0	29,025.0	9,388.0	7,468.0	9,646.0	7,394.0	15,199.0	215,398.0
Deposits: Government	5,072.0	18,145.0	1,810.0	1,160.0	1,818.0	3,194.0	4,871.0	3,129.0	1,851.0	2,191.0	1,422.0	2,313.0	46,076.0
Member bank—reserve acct.	122,709.0	704,193.0	112,585.0	148,260.0	60,661.0	52,519.0	201,045.0	66,913.0	50,624.0	70,539.0	53,653.0	130,910.0	1,843,601.0
All other	211.0	10,725.0	247.0	1,344.0	132.0	172.0	1,190.0	510.0	385.0	968.0	323.0	3,320.0	10,527.0
<b>Total deposits</b>	<b>127,992.0</b>	<b>733,053.0</b>	<b>114,642.0</b>	<b>150,764.0</b>	<b>62,611.0</b>	<b>55,885.0</b>	<b>267,106.0</b>	<b>70,552.0</b>	<b>52,860.0</b>	<b>82,698.0</b>	<b>55,398.0</b>	<b>136,543.0</b>	<b>1,010,104.0</b>
F. R. notes in actual circulation	202,145.0	593,520.0	209,098.0	234,555.0	97,918.0	125,432.0	405,704.0	94,451.0	58,005.0	69,501.0	39,938.0	230,955.0	2,361,232.0
F. R. bank notes in circulation	646.0	3,818.0	1,008.0	931.0	1,441.0	1,268.0	1,882.0	1,456.0	963.0	3,469.0	2,302.0	75.0	19,259.0
Deferred liability items	45,931.0	94,703.0	44,503.0	52,240.0	60,042.0	23,378.0	61,627.0	43,122.0	16,675.0	43,198.0	26,491.0	39,323.0	540,233.0
All other liabilities	1,965.0	5,896.0	2,132.0	2,803.0	1,290.0	1,376.0	3,622.0	1,120.0	1,545.0	1,488.0	1,840.0	2,703.0	27,772.0
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>403,304.0</b>	<b>1,519,868.0</b>	<b>398,654.0</b>	<b>475,510.0</b>	<b>229,930.0</b>	<b>219,766.0</b>	<b>783,709.0</b>	<b>224,901.0</b>	<b>141,049.0</b>	<b>214,631.0</b>	<b>137,567.0</b>	<b>432,374.0</b>	<b>5,181,253.0</b>
<b>Memoranda.</b>													
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, per cent.	66.9	78.1	74.0	70.8	74.0	77.9	79.9	70.4	77.2	60.9	57.9	70.0	74.3
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	2,228.0	11,614.0	2,095.0	2,556.0	1,534.0	1,127.0	3,724.0	1,471.0	845.0	1,502.0	814.0	1,440.0	31,050.0

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 6 1922.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleve.	Richm'd	Atlanta	Chicago.	St. Louis	Minn.	K. City.	Dallas.	San Fr.	Total.
<b>Resources—</b> (In Thousands of Dollars)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Federal Reserve notes on hand	88,100	399,610	42,360	27,840	24,340	71,999	92,800	25,220	11,753	15,560	18,079	67,570	875,231
Federal Reserve notes outstanding	218,178	795,120	229,569	252,937	108,258	130,381	437,930	112,928	60,689	78,785	44,068	262,039	2,730,882
Collateral security for Federal Reserve notes outstanding	15,300	283,184	13,275	13,275	13,275	2,400	11,610	13,052	11,610	13,052	7,471	11,610	346,292
Gold and gold certificates	16,891	35,469	13,872	13,204	3,964	4,061	14,191	3,943	2,999	4,548	3,523	15,051	131,716
Gold redemption fund	93,000	341,000	155,889	155,000	60,795	94,500	346,044	58,300	28,000	48,360	15,000	170,714	1,567,203
Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board	92,987	135,467	59,808	71,458	43,499	29,420	77,095	39,075	16,633	25,877	18,074	76,274	685,672
Eligible paper (Amount required)	3,972	108,327	3,861	29,174	1,739	14,095	36,865	3,125	3,382	6,239	18,960	9,074	239,116
Excess amount held													
<b>Total</b>	<b>528,428</b>	<b>2,098,677</b>	<b>505,159</b>	<b>562,888</b>	<b>242,595</b>	<b>346,856</b>	<b>1,005,525</b>	<b>254,201</b>	<b>136,516</b>	<b>179,369</b>	<b>125,175</b>	<b>590,722</b>	<b>6,576,111</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>													
Net amount of Federal Reserve notes received from Comptroller of the Currency	306,278	1,194,730	271,929	280,777	132,598	202,380	530,730	138,145	72,442	94,345	62,147	319,609	3,606,115
Collateral received from Gold	125,191	659,633	169,761	181,479	64,759	100,961	360,835	73,853	44,051	52,905	25,094	185,765	2,045,210
Federal Reserve Bank Eligible paper	96,959	244,294	63,469	100,632	45,238	43,515	113,960	42,200	20,923	32,116	37,034	85,344	924,788
<b>Total</b>	<b>528,428</b>	<b>2,098,677</b>	<b>505,159</b>	<b>562,888</b>	<b>242,595</b>	<b>346,856</b>	<b>1,005,525</b>	<b>254,201</b>	<b>136,516</b>	<b>179,369</b>	<b>125,175</b>	<b>590,722</b>	<b>6,576,111</b>
Federal Reserve notes outstanding	218,178	795,120	229,569	252,937	108,258	130,381	437,930	112,928	60,689	78,785	44,068	262,039	2,730,882
Federal Reserve notes held by banks	16,033	201,600	20,471	18,382	10,340	4,949	32,226	18,477	2,684	9,284	4,130	31,084	369,660
Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation	202,145	593,520	209,098	234,555	97,918	125,432	405,704	94,451	58,005	69,501	39,938	230,955	2,361,232

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 784 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 Oct. 18 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 2520.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business November 29 1922. Three ciphers (000) omitted.

Federal Reserve District.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richm'd.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Number of reporting banks	46	105	56	84	78	41	109	37	31	79	52	66	784
Loans and discounts, including bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank:													
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	\$ 15,007	\$ 109,794	\$ 18,532	\$ 31,115	\$ 12,552	\$ 7,732	\$ 43,521	\$ 18,269	\$ 8,318	\$ 10,032	\$ 4,926	\$ 28,887	\$ 310,485
Secured by stocks and bonds	235,486	1,667,940	247,134	356,123	116,837	56,531	543,436	136,491	45,139	75,828	54,807	136,531	3,675,373
All other loans and discounts	576,946	2,004,537	337,598	446,873	315,793	339,764	1,012,043	289,115	198,098	390,078	213,149	738,879	7,232,873
<b>Total loans and discounts</b>	<b>831,339</b>	<b>3,982,271</b>	<b>603,504</b>	<b>1,034,111</b>	<b>445,182</b>	<b>404,027</b>	<b>1,599,000</b>	<b>443,875</b>	<b>251,555</b>	<b>446,538</b>	<b>272,672</b>	<b>904,297</b>	<b>11,218,731</b>
U. S. bonds	102,076	618,369	62,505	178,280	65,631	28,011	139,610	52,707	26,007	64,325	35,657	137,462	1,610,540
U. S. Victory Notes	651	12,188	848	1,647	482	1,409	4,458	2,755	719	1,719	657	632	34,185
U. S. Treasury notes	21,882	410,902	25,894	33,916	3,828	3,950	83,278	10,562	10,029	14,791	7,900	25,024	651,292
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	4,630	12,755	3,267	3,940	3,283	7,519	29,007	5,397	4,387	6,808	3,902	12,033	96,934
Other bonds, stocks and securities	171,071	763,214	183,495	282,410	56,740	35,298	419,044	87,419	28,845	59,216	8,651	163,638	2,249,041
<b>Total loans &amp; disc'ts &amp; invest'mts, incl. bills redisc'd with F. R. Bk.</b>	<b>1,131,649</b>	<b>5,789,699</b>	<b>879,543</b>	<b>1,534,310</b>	<b>575,146</b>	<b>480,214</b>	<b>2,274,397</b>	<b>602,715</b>	<b>321,542</b>	<b>593,397</b>	<b>329,639</b>	<b>1,240,086</b>	<b>15,761,337</b>
Reserve balance with F. R. Bank	81,516	614,170	68,694	104,444	35,732	32,418	198,363	37,793	20,554	45,104	26,043	91,298	1,356,129
Cash in vault	17,689	89,219	17,468	29,464	13,540	9,979	54,077	6,064	5,769	11,762	9,687	19,745	286,463
Net demand deposits	798,593	4,831,684	692,601	861,747	332,001	271,683	1,434,473	337,315	203,471	437,060	240,187	653,246	11,094,036
Time deposits	238,964	774,307	58,116	519,322	147,065	159,189	732,092	178,291	82,988	122,384	69,408	565,981	3,647,977
Government deposits	17,648	73,911	15,284	11,362	5,836	5,472	15,393	12,145	2,739	3,348	2,010	5,490	170,637
Bills payable with F. R. Bank:													
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	13,639	87,301	16,362	21,186	12,550	1,624	19,535	6,583	703	5,931	425	18,175	204,014
All other				20	500								141
<b>Bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank:</b>													
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	203	408	125	207	147	203	162	92	1	27	9	56	1,640
All other	40,087	22,847	14,452	13,467	12,341	15,807	20,663	9,278	2,816	8,548	3,232	12,340	175,578

2. Data of reporting member banks in Federal Reserve Bank and branch cities and all other reporting banks.

Three ciphers (000) omitted.	New York City.		City of Chicago.		All F. R. Bank Cities.		F. R. Branch Cities.		All Other Report. Bks.		Total.	
	Nov. 29.	Nov. 22.	Nov. 29.	Nov. 22.	Nov. 29.	Nov. 22.	Nov. 29.	Nov. 22.	Nov. 29.	Nov. 22.	Nov. 29	Nov. 22
Number of reporting banks	64	64	50	50	264	264	209	208	311	312	784	784
Loans and discounts incl. bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank:												
Loans sec. by U. S. Govt. obligat'ns	\$ 99,765	\$ 104,238	\$ 33,299	\$ 34,253	\$ 217,002	\$ 209,717	\$ 50,421	\$ 50,204	\$ 43,062	\$ 42,428	\$ 310,485	\$ 302,349
Loans secured by stocks & bonds	1,495,796	1,457,015										

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Wall Street, Friday Night, Dec. 8 1922.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The upward swing of security prices noted as in progress at the close of the market last week did not continue over the week end. On Monday stocks were heavy from the opening of business and so continued until Wednesday at which time a long list of railway shares had dropped 2 to 6 points. From the low quotations then recorded there has been irregular and intermittent recovery. The change in tone was attributed in some quarters to Sec'y. Mellon's statement that Treasury deficiencies will be made up, without additional taxation, and his issuance of \$700,000,000 Treasury Certificates.

The bond market, however, has been relatively strong. Some of the low priced railway and industrial issues have shown symptoms of weakness.

The foreign exchange market has attracted a good deal of attention this week. Sterling advanced day by day, reaching \$4 57 1/2 on Thursday, the highest price recorded since 1915, and some of the Continental rates have been above par. Evidently in several European countries economic conditions are improving.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week ending Dec. 8, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Buff Roch & Pitts, Ches & Ohio, etc.

\* No par value.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Table showing transactions at the New York Stock Exchange. Columns: Week ending Dec. 8 1922, Stocks (Shares, Par Value), Railroad & Foreign Bonds, State, Mun. and Foreign Bonds, U. S. Bonds.

Table showing sales at the New York Stock Exchange. Columns: Week ending Dec. 8, 1922, 1921, Jan. 1 to Dec. 8, 1922, 1921. Rows: Stocks—No. shares, Par value, Bonds (Government, State, mun. &c., R.R. and misc.).

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table showing daily transactions at the Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore exchanges. Columns: Week ending Dec. 8 1922, Boston (Shares, Bond Sales), Philadelphia (Shares, Bond Sales), Baltimore (Shares, Bond Sales).

\* In addition there were sales of rights Saturday, 5,331; Monday, 7,572; Tuesday, 5,194; Wednesday, 9,835; Thursday, 5,688.

Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices.

Table showing daily record of U.S. bond prices. Columns: Dec. 2, Dec. 4, Dec. 5, Dec. 6, Dec. 7, Dec. 8. Rows: First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, Fourth Liberty Loan, Victory Liberty Loan, Treasury.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Table showing transactions in registered bonds. Columns: Maturity, Rate, Bid, Asked. Rows: 10 1st 3 1/2s, 1 1st 3s, 3 1st 4 1/2s, 1 2d 4s.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table showing quotations for U.S. Treasury certificates of indebtedness. Columns: Maturity, Rate, Bid, Asked. Rows: June 15 1924, Mar. 15 1923, Mar. 15 1922.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 2545.

Foreign Exchanges.—Sterling exchange was strong.

Today's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 54 1-16@ 4 54 13-16 for sixty days, 4 56 3-16@ 4 56 15-16 for checks and 4 56 7-16@ 4 57 3-16 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4 55 15-16@ 4 56 11-16, sixty days 4 53 3-16@ 4 53 15-16, ninety days 4 52 13-16@ 4 52 15-16 and documents for payment (sixty days) 4 53 9-16@ 4 54 15-16. Cotton for payment, 4 55 15-16@ 4 56 11-16 and grain for payment 4 55 15-16@ 4 56 11-16.

Today's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 7.02@ 7.07 for long and 7.05@ 7.07 for short. Germany bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 39.38@ 39.48 for long and 39.69@ 39.79 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London 64.40; week's range, 64.40 high and 65.25 low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Table showing the range for foreign exchange for the week. Columns: Sterling, Actual, Sixty Days, Checks, Cables. Rows: High for the week, Low for the week, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders, Domestic Exchange.



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## HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NET PER CENT.

Saturday, Dec. 2.	Monday, Dec. 4.	Tuesday, Dec. 5.	Wednesday, Dec. 6.	Thursday, Dec. 7.	Friday, Dec. 8.
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
*11 18	*11 20	*11 20	*11 20	*11 18	*11 20
*32 35	*31 35	*31 35	*32 32 1/2	32 32	32 32
101 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	91 1/2	90 1/2
1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
114 1/4	113 1/4	113 1/4	113 1/4	114 1/4	114 1/4
43 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
*58 59	*58 1/2	*58 1/2	*57 1/2	*57 1/2	*57 1/2
*62 1/2	*62 1/2	*62 1/2	*62 1/2	*62 1/2	*62 1/2
17 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
14 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
140 1/2	140 1/2	139 1/2	139 1/2	141 1/2	140 1/2
*205 215	*215 215	*210 215	*210 215	*210 215	*210 215
67 67 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2
31 31	30 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	27 3/4	27 3/4
54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
5	5	5	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
10 10 1/4	9 1/4	9 1/4	10 1/4	9 1/4	9 1/4
25 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
38 38 1/2	36 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2
83 1/2	82 1/2	84 1/2	81 1/2	80 1/2	81 1/2
*121 1/4	*123 1/4	*122 1/4	*122 1/4	*123 1/4	*123 1/4
33 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
87 1/2	88 1/2	87 1/2	86 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
75 75	73 75	74 75	74 75	73 75	73 75
*70 78	*70 78	*72 78	*72 78	*70 78	*70 78
99	99	99	99	99	99
44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2
*59 60 1/2	*59 63	*59 63	*59 63	*59 62	*59 62
122 122 1/2	123 1/2	122 1/2	120 120 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2
132 1/2	135 1/2	133 1/2	132 1/2	133 1/2	132 1/2
3	3	3	3	3	3
4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
83 1/4	81 1/4	83 1/4	82 1/4	80 1/4	81 1/4
31 31	30 30 1/2	30 30 1/2	30 30 1/2	30 31	30 31
*14 15	*13 1/2	13	13	14	13 1/2
*42 45 1/2	*43 1/2	45 1/2	42 1/2	45 1/2	41 1/2
109 109 1/2	109 109 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
54 54	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
*4 10	*3 10	*3 10	*3 10	*3 10	*3 10
32 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	35 35 1/2	36 37 1/2	35 35
75 75	*73 77	*76 77	*76 77	*70 74	*73 77
64 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	62 1/2	64 1/2	63 1/2
133 133	134 1/2	133 1/2	133 1/2	133 1/2	133 1/2
*46 1/2	*49 1/2	*48 1/2	*49 1/2	*50 1/2	*50 1/2
*8 1/2	*8 1/2	*8 1/2	*8 1/2	*8 1/2	*8 1/2
*27 45	*27 46	*27 46	*27 45	*27 45	*27 45
*68 1/2	*68 1/2	*69 1/2	*69 1/2	*69 1/2	*69 1/2
*23 1/2	*23 1/2	*23 1/2	*23 1/2	*23 1/2	*23 1/2
*66 67	*66 67	*63 1/2	*63 1/2	*63 1/2	*63 1/2
8 11	9 11	10 10 1/2	8 10 1/2	9 11	10 11
15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
41 41 1/2	39 1/2	40 1/2	39 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
17 1/2	17 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
44 1/2	43 44 1/2	42 43	41 42 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2
24 24	23 24	23 24	23 24	24 24	24 24
83 83 1/2	82 82 1/2	81 82 1/2	81 82 1/2	82 82 1/2	82 82 1/2
90 90 1/2	90 1/2	94 1/2	93 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
80 80	85 80	84 80	83 80	84 80	85 80
*87 88	*80 1/2	*80 1/2	*87 87	*85 85	*85 85 1/2
22 1/2	21 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
*21 22 1/2	*20 1/2	*20 1/2	*20 1/2	*20 1/2	*20 1/2
13 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
112 1/2	113 1/2	110 1/2	109 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2
*106 106	*72 77	74 74 1/2	74 74 1/2	74 74 1/2	75 75
78 78 1/2	76 77 1/2	74 74 1/2	74 74 1/2	75 75 1/2	75 75 1/2
46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2
15 1/2	15 1/2	16 14 1/2	14 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
33 1/2	33 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
*72 76	*73 1/2	*70 75	*70 74	*71 75	*73 1/2
65 65 1/2	65 65 1/2	64 65	66 66	64 65	63 65
35 1/2	35 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2
*90 1/2	*90 1/2	*90 1/2	*90 1/2	*90 1/2	*90 1/2
77 1/2	76 1/2	77 1/2	75 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2
60 50	50 53	49 1/2	51 1/2	49 1/2	50 50
*50 1/2	*50 1/2	*50 1/2	*50 1/2	*50 1/2	*50 1/2
31 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
23 1/2	22 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
31 1/4	31 1/4	30 1/4	29 1/4	30 1/4	29 1/4
58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	57 1/2	58 1/2	57 1/2
*54 5 1/2	*5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
8 8	8 8	8 8	8 8	8 8	8 8
88 80 1/2	87 80 1/2	86 80 1/2	87 80 1/2	86 80 1/2	87 80 1/2
24 24 1/2	23 24 1/2	23 24 1/2	23 24 1/2	23 24 1/2	23 24 1/2
63 1/4	63 1/4	64 63 1/4	64 64 1/4	64 64 1/4	64 65
22 1/2	22 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
16 1/4	17 1/4	16 1/4	16 1/4	16 1/4	16 1/4
140 1/2	140 1/2	139 1/2	139 1/2	140 1/2	140 1/2
73 74	74 74	74 74 1/4	74 74 1/4	74 74 1/4	74 74 1/4
12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
*26 1/2	*26 1/2	*25 1/2	*26 1/2	*26 1/2	*25 1/2
9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
15 18 1/2	17 18 1/2	16 18 1/2	16 18 1/2	16 18 1/2	16 18 1/2
12 13	12 12 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
24 1/2	24 25 1/2	24 24 1/2	24 24 1/2	24 24 1/2	24 24 1/2
16 1/2	16 16 1/2	16 16 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
*69 60	*58 58 1/2	58 58 1/2	56 57	57 1/2	57 1/2
9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
16 16 1/2	15 16 1/2	15 16 1/2	16 16 1/2	16 16 1/2	16 16 1/2
*28 30	*27 29	*27 28	*27 28	*28 28	*28 28

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE	Shares	PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1 1922. On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for previous year 1921	
		Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
Railroads	Par				
Ann Arbor	100	10 1/2	24	8	30
Preferred	100	28 1/2	52	20	32 1/2
Ach Topoka & Santa Fe	100	9 1/4	10 1/2	7 1/2	9 1/2
Do prof.	100	8 1/2	9 1/2	7 1/2	8 1/2
Atlanta Birm & Atlantic	100	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2
Atlantic Coast Line RR	100	83	124 1/2	77	101
Baltimore & Ohio	100	33 1/2	40 1/2	30 1/2	36 1/2
Do prof.	100	52 1/2	64 1/2	47	55 1/2
Buffalo R.R. & P.	100	50	73	49 1/2	72 1/2
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	100	15,000	29	6	5
Certificates of deposit	100	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Canadian Pacific	100	119 1/2	151 1/2	101	123 1/2
Central R.R. of N.J.	100	184	245	156	209
Chesapeake & Ohio	100	54	79	46	65 1/2
Chicago & Alton	100	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Preferred	100	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2
Chlo & East Ill RR (new)	100	12 1/2	12 1/2	13 1/2	16 1/2
Do prof.	100	32	44 1/2	23 1/2	37
Chicago Great Western	100	4	10 1/2	6 1/2	9 1/2
Do prof.	100	8	24 1/2	14	20 1/2
Chicago Milw & St Paul	100	17 1/2	36 1/2	17 1/2	31
Do prof.	100	29	55	29 1/2	46 1/2
Chicago & North Western	100	59	93 1/2	60 1/2	71 1/2
Do prof.	100	100	125	95	110
Chic Rock Isl & Pac	100	30 1/2	50	22 1/2	35
7 1/2 preferred	100	3 1/2	5 1/2	3 1/2	5 1/2
Chic St P Minn & Om.	100	51	100	50	63 1/2
Clev Clin Ch & St Louis	100	54	80 1/2	32	57 1/2
Do prof.	100	72 1/2	100 1/2	60	75
Colorado & Southern	100	38	53 1/2	27	46 1/2
Do prof.	100	55	66	49	59
Delaware & Hudson	100	106 1/2	141 1/2	90	110 1/2
Delaware Lack & Western	50	108	143	93	110 1/2
Duluth S S & Atlantic	100	2 1/2	6	1 1/2	4 1/2
Do prof.	100	3 1/2	10 1/2	3 1/2	7 1/2
Erie	100	7	19 1/2	5 1/2	15 1/2
Do prof.	100	11 1/2	28 1/2	10	22 1/2
Do 2d prof.	100	7 1/2	20 1/2	10	15 1/2
Great Northern pref.	100	70 1/2	95 1/2	60	79 1/2
Iron Ore properties, No par	7,400	28 1/2	45 1/2	25 1/2	34 1/2
Gulf Mob & Nor tr csta	100	5	19	4 1/2	11 1/2
Do prof.	100	16	47	15	26 1/2
Illinois Central	100	97 1/2	116 1/2	85 1/2	100 1/2
Interboro Cons Corp., No par	4,500	4	6	3 1/2	5 1/2
Do prof.	100	1 1/2	12 1/2	1 1/2	16 1/2
Kansas City Southern	100	17	30 1/2	18	

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 Dec. 2 to Friday Dec. 8), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE (Lowest and Highest), and PER SHARE (Lowest and Highest) Ranges since Jan. 1, 1922, and Ranges for previous year 1921. Includes various stock listings like American Locomotive, American Radiator, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. d Ex-dividend and rights. \* Assessment paid. Ex-rights. \* Ex-dividend. \* Par value \$10 per share.



For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see third page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT., and PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1 1922. Rows include various stock symbols and company names like Electric Storage Battery, Elk Horn Coal Corp, Emerson-Brantingham, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-dividend and rights. § Ex-dividend. \*\* Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fourth page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and price ranges for various stocks.

Main table listing stocks under 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for 'PER SHARE' (Lowest, Highest) and 'PER SHARE Range for previous year 1921' (Lowest, Highest). Includes stock names like Pacific Mail, Phillips Petroleum, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights. § Ex-dividend and rights. ¶ Ex-dividend. \* Reduced to basis of \$25 par. † Range since merger (July 15) with United Retail Stores Corp.





BONDS		Interest		Price		Week's		Range		Range	
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE		Payable		Friday		Range		Since		Since	
Week ending Dec 8		Dec 8		Last		Last		Jan. 1		Jan. 1	
		Bid	Ask	Low	High	No	Low	High		Low	High
Cleve Clin Ch & St L gen 4s	1933	J	D	79 1/2	80	79 1/2	81 1/2	19	76 1/2	84 1/2	
20-year deb 4 1/2	1931	J	D	90	91	90	92	4	85	92 1/2	
General 5s Series B	1929	J	D	107 1/2	100	99 1/2	Oct 22	85	86 1/2	102	
Ref & Imp 6s Series A	1929	J	D	86 1/2	85	87	101 1/2	85	95	103 1/2	
Calvo Div 1st gold 4s	1939	J	J	77 1/2	79	77 1/2	Nov 22	77 1/2	79 1/2	92	
Cin W & M Div 1st 4s	1931	J	J	77 1/2	79	77 1/2	Nov 22	77 1/2	79 1/2	82 1/2	
St L Div 1st coll tr 4s	1930	M	N	79	81 1/2	79	Nov 22	77 1/2	82 1/2		
Spr & Col Div 1st 4s	1940	M	N	82 1/2	84 1/2	82 1/2	Aug 22	85 1/2	35 1/2		
W W Val Div 1st 4s	1940	J	J	81 1/2	86 1/2	81 1/2	Nov 22	81	85 1/2		
C I S L & C 1st 4s	1936	Q	F	87 1/2	88 1/2	91 1/2	Oct 22	83	91 1/2		
Registered	1938	Q	F	90 1/2	91 1/2	90 1/2	Oct 22	88 1/2	90 1/2		
Cin S & C 1st 6s	1928	J	J	98 1/2	100	99	Aug 22	94	99		
O C & I gen cons 6s	1934	J	J	105 1/2	108 1/2	105 1/2	May 22	104	107		
Ind B & W 1st pref 4s	1940	A	O	90 1/2	92	90	June 22	90	90		
Peoria & East 1st cons 4s	1940	O	O	75	76 1/2	75	77 1/2	5	70 1/2	84	
Income 4s	1930	A	O	25 1/2	25 1/2	25	26	8	22 1/2	30 1/2	
Cleve Shor Line 1st gu 4 1/2	1961	A	O	96	97	96	96	20	100 1/2	107	
Cleve Union Term 5 1/2	1972	A	O	103 1/2	103 1/2	103	103 1/2	20	100 1/2	107	
Colorado & South 1st 4s	1939	F	A	91 1/2	92 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	14	84 1/2	94	
Refunding & extn 4 1/2	1935	M	N	86 1/2	87	86 1/2	87 1/2	33	81 1/2	92	
Fl W & Den C 1st 5 1/2	1961	J	D	103	104 1/2	104	104	1	101 1/2	105 1/2	
Cuba RR 1st 50-year 5s	1962	J	D	84	84 1/2	83	85 1/2	24	77	85 1/2	
1st ref 7 1/2	1936	J	D	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105	23	100	107 1/2	
D L & W—M & E 1st gu 3 1/2	2000	J	D	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	76 1/2	81 1/2	
N Y Lack & Western 5s	1923	F	A	99 1/2	100	99	Nov 22	98 1/2	103 1/2		
Terminal & Improve 1 1/2	1923	M	N	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	Nov 22	97	99 1/2		
Warren 1st ref gu 3 1/2	2000	F	A	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	Nov 22	74 1/2	78		
Delaware & Hudson	1943	M	N	88 1/2	89 1/2	87 1/2	89	25	83 1/2	94	
1st & ref 4s	1935	A	O	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	34	80 1/2	103 1/2	
50-year convy 5s	1935	A	O	101	101	101 1/2	101 1/2	23	99	103 1/2	
10-year secured 7s	1930	J	D	112	112 1/2	112	112	34	107	113 1/2	
Alb & Susc conv 3 1/2	1946	A	O	80	82	80	80	1	76 1/2	84	
Renna & Saratoga 20-yr 6s	1941	M	N	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	1	106 1/2	110 1/2	
Den & R Gr—1st cons 4s	1938	J	J	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	37	72 1/2	82 1/2	
Consolid gold 4 1/2	1936	J	J	79	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	84	76 1/2	84	
Improvement gold 6s	1928	J	D	83 1/2	84 1/2	83 1/2	84 1/2	93	74 1/2	85	
1st & refunding 5s	1955	F	A	45 1/2	47	46 1/2	47	85	42	52 1/2	
Trust Co certifs of deposit	1939	J	D	43 1/2	43	42	43	2	40 1/2	48 1/2	
Rio Gr 1st gu 5s	1939	J	D	104	104	104	104	1	101 1/2	106 1/2	
Rio Gr Sou 1st gold 4s	1940	J	D	104	104	104	104	1	101 1/2	106 1/2	
Guaranteed	1940	J	D	104	104	104	104	1	101 1/2	106 1/2	
Rio Gr West 1st gold 4s	1939	J	D	77 1/2	79 1/2	77 1/2	79 1/2	5	74	81 1/2	
Mtge & coll trust 4s	1949	A	O	65 1/2	65	65	65	5	63 1/2	71	
Det & Mack—1st lien 4s	1905	J	D	75	75	75	75	77	74	78	
Gold 4s	1905	J	D	75	75	75	75	77	74	78	
Oet Riv Ter Tun 4 1/2	1961	M	N	88 1/2	90	88 1/2	88 1/2	11	82	93	
Dul Miss & Nor gen 6s	1941	J	J	99 1/2	99 1/2	100	Oct 22	95 1/2	100		
Dul & Iron Range 1st 6s	1937	A	O	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	97 1/2	3	95 1/2	102 1/2	
Registered	1937	A	O	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	97 1/2	3	95 1/2	102 1/2	
Dul Sou Shore 1st 5s	1937	J	J	74	80	79	79	1	77 1/2	87	
Elgin Joliet & East 1st 5s	1941	M	N	98 1/2	100	98 1/2	100	1	95 1/2	104 1/2	
1st consold gold 7s ext	1939	J	D	102 1/2	103	102 1/2	103	2	100 1/2	107	
N Y & Erie 1st ext 4s	1947	M	N	88	92	87	92	2	80 1/2	97	
3rd ext gold 4 1/2	1943	M	N	88	92	87	92	2	80 1/2	97	
4th ext gold 4s	1930	A	O	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	2	88 1/2	95 1/2	
5th ext gold 4s	1928	J	D	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	2	88 1/2	95 1/2	
N Y L E & W 1st ext	1930	M	N	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	7	102 1/2	102 1/2	
Erie 1st cons 4s pr	1906	J	J	55	55	57	58	86	53 1/2	71	
Registered	1906	J	J	57	57	57	57	86	53 1/2	71	
1st consold gen lien 4s	1906	J	J	44	44	43 1/2	43 1/2	371	39 1/2	58	
Registered	1906	J	J	44	44	43 1/2	43 1/2	371	39 1/2	58	
Penn coll trust gold 4s	1951	F	A	82	84	81	82	22	79	91	
50-year conv 4s Ser A	1953	A	O	40 1/2	41 1/2	40 1/2	41 1/2	32	34 1/2	57	
Gen conv 4s Series D	1953	A	O	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	32	34 1/2	57	
Gen conv 4s Series A	1953	A	O	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	32	34 1/2	57	
Chle & Erie 1st gold 5s	1932	M	N	94	95	94	96	6	90	99	
Cleve & Mahon Vall 4s	1938	M	N	90	96 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	20	80 1/2	92 1/2	
Erie & Jersey 1st s f 6s	1955	J	J	90 1/2	90	90 1/2	90 1/2	3	88 1/2	98 1/2	
Genessee River 1st s f 6s	1955	J	J	89	90 1/2	89	89	5	79 1/2	97 1/2	
Long Dock consold 6s	1935	A	O	102	110	108 1/2	Nov 22	108 1/2	109		
Dock & Imp 1st ext 5s	1943	J	J	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	21	80 1/2	91 1/2	
N Y & Green L gu 5s	1946	M	N	84	84	80 1/2	Nov 22	86	88		
N Y Susq & W 1st ref 5s	1937	J	J	59	60	61	61	1	54	72	
2d gold 4 1/2	1937	F	A	45	45 1/2	47	47	2	47	56	
General gold 5s	1940	F	A	45	47 1/2	48	Nov 22	38 1/2	40		
Terminal 1st gold 5s	1943	M	N	84 1/2	90	90	Sept 22	83 1/2	90		
Mid of N J 1st ext 5s	1940	A	O	97	97	95	Nov 22	93	95		
Wilk & East 1st gu 5s	1943	D	D	69 1/2	60 1/2	58	58	1	53	73	
Evans & T H 1st gen 6s	1942	A	O	88	88	88	88	1	88	88	
Mt Vernon 1st gold 6s	1923	A	O	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	1	69 1/2	69 1/2	
Sul Co Branch 1st 5s	1930	A	O	89	90	89	89	1	89	89	
Florida E Coast 1st 4 1/2	1930	J	D	89	90	89	89	1	89	89	
Fort St U D Co 1st 4 1/2	1941	J	J	76 1/2	66	66	66	1	66	66	
Ft Worth & Rio Gr 1st 4s	1928	J	J	83	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	1	83 1/2	83 1/2	
Galv Houa & Hend 1st 5s	1933	A	O	85 1/2	89	86	86	431	83	90	
Grand Trunk of Can Deb 7s	1940	A	O	112	112 1/2	111 1/2	113	40	108 1/2	115	
15-year 7s	1930	M	N	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	102	100	108	
Great Nor Cen 7s ext 5s	1937	J	J	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	270	107 1/2	113 1/2	
1st & ref 4 1/2 Series A	1961	J	J	90	90 1/2	89 1/2	91	34	88	96	
Registered	1961	J	J	90	90 1/2	89 1/2	91	34	88	96	
51st	1962	J	J	102	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	25	101 1/2	106	
St Paul M & Man 4s	1933	J	J	92 1/2	95 1/2	93	Nov 22	90 1/2	94 1/2		
1st consold 6s	1933	J	J	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	2	105 1/2	111	
Registered	1933	J	J	110	99	99	99	3	93 1/2	100 1/2	
Reduced to gold 4 1/2	1933	J	J	97	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	3	93 1/2	100 1/2	
Registered	1933	J	J	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	3	93 1/2	100 1/2	
Mont ext 1st gold 4s	1937	J	D	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	88	82 1/2	92 1/2	
Registered	1937	J	D	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	88	82 1/2	92 1/2	
Pacific ext 4s	1940	J	J	84 1/2	85	85	85	14	85	85	
E Minn Nor Div 1st 4s	1948	A	O	119	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2	1	119 1/2	119 1/2	
Mont C 1st gu 6s	1937	J	J	114	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2	1	114 1/2	114 1/2	



Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ending Dec 8, Price Friday Dec 8, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries for N O Texas & Mexico 1st 6s, Non-cum income 5s A, N Y Cent RR conv deb 6s, etc.

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\*No price Friday; latest bid and asked this week. aDue Jan. bDue Feb. cDue June. dDue July. eDue Aug. fDue Oct. gDue Nov. hDue Dec. iOption sale





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All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "ft."

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\*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. d Due April. e Due March. e Due May. g Due June. h Due July. i Due Aug. o Due Oct. l Due Dec. s Option sale.

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\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-rights. ‡ Ex-dividend and rights. § Ex-dividend. ¶ Ex-stock dividend. †† Assessment paid.



Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Dec. 2 to Dec. 8, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Ad Gulf & W I 8 5/8, Carson Hill Gold Co 7%, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange Dec. 2 to Dec. 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Alabama Co. 1st pref., American Wholesale, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange Dec. 2 to Dec. 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like American Gas of N.J., American Milling, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Tono-Belmont Develop., Tonopah Mining, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Dec. 2 to Dec. 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like American Shipbuilding, Armour & Co. pref., etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Dec. 2 to Dec. 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Am Vitified Prod., Am Wind Glass Mach., etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par, Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Range since Jan. 1., Shares, Low, High. Includes items like Mrs Light & Heat, Marlboro Oil, Nat Fireproofing, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Range since Jan. 1., Shares, Low, High. Includes items like Radio Corp of America, Preferred, Ben Motor Car, etc.

New York Curb Market.—Below is a record of the transactions in the New York Curb Market from Dec. 2 to Dec. 8, both inclusive, as compiled from the official lists. As noted in our issue of July 2 1921, the New York Curb Market Association on June 27 1921 transferred its activities from the Broad Street curb to its new building on Trinity Place, and the Association is now issuing an official sheet which forms the basis of the compilations below.

Table with columns: Week ending Dec. 8, Stocks—Par, Price, Week's Range of Prices, Range since Jan. 1., Shares, Low, High. Includes Industrial & Miscell., Aene Coal Mining, Allied Packers, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Range since Jan. 1., Shares, Low, High. Includes Rights—U S Realty & Impt, w l, Former Standard Oil, Anglo-American Oil, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Range since Jan. 1., Shares, Low, High. Includes Other Oil Stocks, Allied Oil Corp, Ark Natural Gas, etc.



Other Oil Stocks (Concluded)	Friday Last Sale. Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range since Jan. 1.		
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	
Texas Oil	1c	1c	1c	1,000	1c	Feb 3c	
Texas Ranger Oil	5c	1c	1c	1,000	1c	Mar 7c	
Texas Oil & Land	34c	34c	35c	110,700	30c	Nov 30c	
Tidal-Ossage Oil	10 1/4	10	10	100	10	Jan 14 1/2	
Non-voting stock	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	7,500	1	July 1 1/2	
Turman Oil	5	25c	25c	1,500	50c	Jan 55c	
Western States O & G	5	20c	20c	2,000	20c	Nov 50c	
Wilcox Oil & Gas	5	5 1/2	5 1/2	16,700	2 1/2	Jan 7	
Woodburn Oil Corp	1	20c	20c	1,000	15c	Nov 1	
Y. Oil & Gas	1	8c	8c	10,000	7c	Aug 38c	
<b>Mining Stocks</b>							
Alaska Brit.-Col Metals	10	2 1/4	2 1/4	1,300	1 1/4	Jan 5 1/4	
Alvardo Mts & Mill	20	4	5	100	3 1/2	Nov 8	
Anglo-Amer Corp of So Afr	25	23	25	400	11 1/4	Apr 28	
Belcher Divd	10c	1c	1c	28,000	1c	Jan 3c	
Belcher Extension	10c	5c	6c	64,000	2c	Mar 9c	
Big Ledge Copper Co.	5c	4c	5c	30,000	4c	Dec 20c	
Bison Gold Inc.	10c	18c	26c	25,000	14c	Nov 17c	
Caladonia Mining	1	8c	8c	4,000	4c	Feb 20c	
Calumet & Jerome Copper	1	11c	11c	2,000	8c	Oct 30c	
Canada Copper Co.	5	2c	2c	5,000	1c	Sept 65c	
Canario Copper	10	2 1/2	2 1/2	2,700	1 1/4	July 3 1/4	
Candelaria Silver	1	33c	33c	55,100	10c	Jan 71c	
Cash Consol Mining	1	4 1/2	4 1/2	13,000	4c	Feb 13c	
Consol Copper Mines new	3 1/2	3 1/2	4	2,900	4 1/2	May 5 1/2	
Consol Nevada-Utah Cop.	7c	7c	7c	4,000	2c	Feb 9c	
Continental Mines Ltd.	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	5,200	4 1/2	Oct 5	
Cork Province Mines	1	17c	17c	11,000	15c	Sept 22c	
Cortez Silver	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	15,100	84c	Jan 1 1/2	
Cresson Con Gold M & M	1	2 1/2	2 1/2	4,700	2 1/2	Oct 3	
Crown Reserve	1	27c	27c	1,000	11c	Jan 28c	
Dean Consolidated Corp.	1	74c	69c	43,900	46c	Aug 75c	
Dolores Extension	1	12c	13c	3,000	10c	Apr 21c	
Dolores Esperanza	5	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,400	82c	Feb 3 1/4	
Dryden Gold Corp	10	0 1/2	1	500	8 1/2	Sept 10	
El Salvador Silver Mines	1	3c	3c	24,000	2c	Mar 22c	
Emma Silver	1	2c	2c	19,000	1c	Mar 5c	
Eureka Croesus	1	30c	27c	112,000	18c	Jan 41c	
Fortuna Con Mining	1	17c	14c	111,000	5c	Oct 26c	
Goldfield Blue Bell	1	1c	1c	5,000	1c	Aug 3c	
Goldfield Deep	1	11c	9c	91,000	1c	Jan 12c	
Goldfield Development	1	3c	3c	1,000	3c	June 60c	
Goldfield Florence	1	11c	12c	5,000	9c	July 30c	
Goldfield Oro	1	1c	1c	7,000	1c	June 4c	
Gold Zone Divd.	1	9c	9c	2,000	7c	May 14c	
Green Monster Mining	50c	7c	7c	1,000	7c	Sept 22c	
Hard Shell Mining	1	4c	4c	15,000	3c	Nov 48c	
Harmill Divd.	10c	6c	7c	17,000	6c	Aug 18c	
Hecla Mining	2 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	1,400	4 1/2	Jan 9	
Henrietta Silver	50c	42c	50c	11,100	30c	Aug 1.12	
Hilltop Nevada Mining	94c	89c	94c	3,900	75c	Jan 1 1/2	
Hollinger Cons Gold Min	5	11 1/2	11 1/2	7,700	7 1/2	Jan 14 1/2	
Howe Sound Co.	1	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,900	2 1/2	Jan 3 1/2	
Independence Lead Mining	1	33c	27c	103,500	6c	Jan 76c	
Jerome Verde Devd.	1	2 1/2	2c	1,000	2	Dec 5	
Jim Butler Tonopah	1	6c	6c	4,000	4c	July 12c	
Kerr Lake	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	400	3	Mar 4 1/2	
Knox Divd.	5	4 1/2	4 1/2	6,000	2c	Dec 7c	
La Rose Consol.	5	2 1/2	2 1/2	2,000	25c	Jan 63c	
Lone Star Consol.	5	5c	5c	74,000	1c	Jan 14c	
MacNamara Creek Min.	1	5c	5c	17,000	1c	Feb 14c	
MacNamara Mining	1	7c	7c	15,000	5c	Jan 14c	
Magma Chief	1	1c	1c	7,000	1c	Dec 7c	
Marsh Mining	1	7c	7c	15,000	4c	Jan 31c	
Mason Valley Mines	5	1 1/2	1 1/2	500	1	Oct 3 1/2	
McKinley-Darrago Sav.	1	20c	20c	2,000	8c	June 4c	
National Tin Corp.	50c	24c	30c	82,000	20c	Sept 67c	
Nevada Consol.	1	12c	9c	25,000	8c	Nov 52c	
Nevada Silver Horn	1	15c	1c	1,000	1c	Nov 14c	
New Cornelia	1	15 1/2	1c	300	15	Oct 20	
New Dominion Copper	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	5,500	2	Jan 3 1/2	
New Jersey Zinc	100	169	174 1/2	1,000	141	Jan 172	
Nipissing Mines	5	5 1/2	5 1/2	1,200	5 1/2	July 6 1/2	
Ohio Copper	10	47c	42c	49c	37,200	6c	Aug 59c
Park Utah Mining	1	5	5	100	5	Dec 5 1/2	
Ray Hercules, Inc	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	17,000	1	Feb 2 1/2	
Red Hills Florence	1	2c	3c	10,000	1c	July 8c	
Rex Consolidated Mining	1	5c	5c	6,000	5c	Jan 12c	
Richmont Cop M & Dev.	25c	25c	29c	58,000	23c	Nov 46c	
Ruby Rand Mines	1	25c	29c	20,000	26c	Oct 46c	
Sandstorm Mining	1	1c	2c	5,200	1c	Aug 6c	
Silver King Divd Reorg.	10c	10c	11c	15,500	8c	Nov 20c	
Silver Mines of Amer.	16c	16c	19c	17,000	10c	Aug 20c	
Simon Silver Lead	1	33c	32c	34c	6,000	29c	Nov 90c
South Amer Gold & Plat.	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	5,100	3 1/2	Jan 5 1/2	
Southwest Metals	1	6	8 1/2	200	6	Dec 16	
Spearshead	4c	3c	4c	15,000	1c	May 19c	
Standard Silver-Lead	1	23c	25c	2,000	10c	Jan 28c	
Stewart Mining	1	6c	6c	5,000	2c	Jan 16c	
Success Mining	1	43c	43c	50c	6,100	1c	Mar 70c
Sutherland Divd.	1	2c	1c	2c	4,000	1c	Sept 2c
Teck-Hughes	1	84c	79c	86c	14,900	20c	Jan 99c
Tomskian Mining	1	31c	31c	1,000	27c	July 35c	
Tonopah Belmont Dev.	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	Jan 1 1/2	
Tonopah Divd.	1	72c	72c	75c	15,500	46c	Mar 96c
Tonopah Extension	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	29,050	1 1/2	Feb 4 1/2
Tonopah Mining	1	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	2,900	1 1/2	Jan 2 1/2
Tonopah North Star	1	7c	7c	3,000	2c	Feb 12c	
Tuohimie Copper	1	60c	42c	60c	70,000	35c	Nov 1
United Eastern Mining	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	22,411	1 1/2	Apr 2 1/2	
United Verde Extension	1	26 1/2	26 1/2	300	25 1/2	Oct 30 1/2	
United Zinc Smelters	1	50c	56c	2,500	50c	Nov 1 1/2	
U S Cont. Mines, new	20	20c	25c	12,000	9c	Oct 55c	
Utah Gold Mines	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	3,300	2 1/2	Mar 5 1/2	
Utah Apex	1	3	3	500	3	Mar 3	
Victory Divd.	10c	1c	1c	2,000	1c	Nov 6c	
West End Consolidated	5	13 1/2	13 1/2	15,500	70c	Feb 1 1/2	
West End Extension Mg.	4c	4c	4c	9,500	3c	Nov 8c	
White Caps Extension	10c	10c	10c	2,000	4c	Nov 8c	
Yukon Gold Co.	5	65c	65c	65c	1,800	50c	Nov 1 1/2

Bonds (Concluded)	Friday Last Sale. Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range since Jan. 1.	
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Column Graphophone 8 1/2 '25	32	31 1/2	32	11,000	22 1/2	Jan 49
Certificates of deposit		25	30	13,000	23	Nov 40
Cons G E L & P Balt 6 1/2 '49		102 1/2	103 1/2	64,000	99 1/2	Jan 107 1/2
5 1/2 Series E	1922	90	93 1/2	25,000	93 1/2	Nov 101 1/2
7 1/2	1931	107 1/2	107 1/2	1,000	102 1/2	June 110
Consol Textile 8 1/2	1941	99 1/2	99 1/2	21,000	94	Feb 100 1/2
Copper Export Assn 8 1/2 '25		103 1/2	103 1/2	9,000	101 1/2	Nov 105
6 1/2	1924	101 1/2	101 1/2	6,000	101 1/2	Nov 103 1/2
Cuban Tel Int 7 1/2	1941	105	105	3,000	102 1/2	Jan 107 1/2
Cudahy Packing 7 1/2	1931	101 1/2	101 1/2	6,000	100 1/2	Jan 102 1/2
Deere & Co 7 1/2	1931	102 1/2	102 1/2	17,000	95	Feb 103
Detroit City Gas 6 1/2	1947	100 1/2	101	40,000	99 1/2	Nov 103
Dominion 1 & Steel 6 1/2 1939		100	100	3,000	100	Dec 105
Gar (Robert) Co 7 1/2	1937	96 1/2	97	6,000	95	Feb 100
Galena Signal Oil 7 1/2	1930	103	103 1/2	12,000	100 1/2	Jan 107
General Asphalt 8 1/2	1930	103	100	27,000	100	Nov 107
Grand Trunk Ry 8 1/2 1936		105	105 1/2	18,000	102	Jan 103 1/2
Gulf Oil Corp 7 1/2	1933	103 1/2	103 1/2	58,000	102 1/2	Jan 104 1/2
Gulf Oil of Pa 5 1/2	1937	96 1/2	97 1/2	172,000	96 1/2	Nov 97 1/2
Hocking Valley RR 6 1/2 1924		100 1/2	100 1/2	22,000	100 1/2	Apr 101
Hood Rubber 7 1/2 notes '30		98	98 1/2	17,000	95	Jan 102
Inter R T St J P M recs.		97 1/2	98 1/2	122,000	72	Jan 98 1/2
Certificates of deposit		97 1/2	98 1/2	287,000	90 1/2	Jan 98 1/2
Kansas City Pow & Lt 5 1/2 '52		90 1/2	90 1/2	94,000	90	Nov 93 1/2
Kansas City Term 6 1/2 1923		100 1/2	100 1/2	4,000	99 1/2	Jan 101 1/2
Kansas Gas & El 6 1/2	1952	97 1/2	98	33,000	96	Nov 99
Kennecott Copper 7 1/2 1930		104	103 1/2	45,000	101 1/2	Jan 103 1/2
Laclede Gas Light 7 1/2	1930	101 1/2	101 1/2	63,000	94 1/2	Feb 103
Libby McNeill & Libby 7 1/2 '31		101 1/2	101 1/2	6,000	98 1/2	Apr 102 1/2
Liggett-Winchester 7 1/2 1942		101 1/2	101 1/2	4,000	98 1/2	Mar 104 1/2
Louis Gas & Elec 5 1/2 1952		91 1/2	91 1/2	92,000	91 1/2	Nov 91 1/2
Mantoliva Power 7 1/2	1941	98	98 1/2	15,000	89	Jan 100
Missouri Pacific Ry 6 1/2 1949		99 1/2	99	41,000	98 1/2	Nov 100 1/2
Morris & Co 7 1/2	1930	106 1/2	106 1/2	2,000	102 1/2	Jan 107
Nat Acme Co 7 1/2	1931	95	95	11,000	92	Mar 100
Nat Cloak & Suit 8 1/2 1930		105 1/2	105 1/2	6,000	95	Jan 102
National Leather 8 1/2	1925	101 1/2	101 1/2	4,000	95 1/2	Jan 106
Nebraska Power 6 1/2 2022		87 1/2	87 1/2	4,000	87	Oct 90
N Y N H & H 7 1/2 w. l. 1925		77 1/2	78	47,000	77	Mar 92 1/2
500 trans bonds		65 1/2	67 1/2	242,000	64 1/2	Mar 78
Ohio Power & Lt 5 1/2 1952		89 1/2	89 1/2	118,000	89 1/2	Dec 93
Penn Power & Lt 5 1/2 1952		88 1/2	87 1/2	6,000	87 1/2	Dec 93
Philadelphia Elec 6 1/2 1941		105	104 1/2	100,000	100 1/2	Jan 105 1/2
1947		100 1/2	101	3,000	99	June 103
Phila Del Mt 7 1/2	1931	101 1/2	101 1/2	10,000	99	Feb 104 1/2
Without warrants		103 1/2	103 1/2	103,000	98 1/2	Feb 105 1/2
Public Serv Corp 7 1/2 w l 1941		101	101	12,000	97	Jan 102
Sears, Roebuck & Co 7 1/2 '23		104 1/2	104 1/2	21,000	101	Jan 106 1/2
Shawsheen Mills 7 1/2	1931	100 1/2	100 1/2	30,000	100 1/2	Nov 101 1/2
Sheffield Farms 6 1/2 1942		100	100	10,000	93 1/2	Mar 99 1/2
Sloss-Sheffield C & I 6 1/2 '29		97	97 1/2	8,000	93 1/2	Jan 107 1/2
Solvay & Cie 8 1/2	1927	104 1/2	105 1/2	6,000	102 1/2	Jan 107 1/2
South Calif Edison 5 1/2 1944		92	94	63,000	92	Dec 95
South Bell Tel 7 1/2 1925		102 1/2	102 1/2	73,000	100 1/2	Jan 104 1/2
Stand Oil of N Y deb 6 1/2 '33		106 1/2	106 1/2	55,000	103 1/2	Nov 109 1/2
7 1/2 serial gold deb. 1923		103 1/2	103 1/2	6,000	103	Oct 108
7 1/2 serial gold deb. 1926		105 1/2	105 1/2	11,000	104	Jan 108 1/2
7 1/2 serial gold deb. 1927		105 1/2	105 1/2	8,000	104	

## RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS

The following table shows the gross earnings of various STEAM roads from which regular weekly or monthly returns can be obtained. The first two columns of figures give the gross earnings for the latest week or month, and the last two columns the earnings for the period from Jan. 1 to and including the latest week or month. The returns of electric railways are brought together separately on a subsequent page.

ROADS.	Latest Gross Earnings.				Jan. 1 to Latest Date.		ROADS.	Latest Gross Earnings.				Jan. 1 to Latest Date.	
	Week or Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Week or Month.		Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.		
Alcon Canton & Y'n	October	196,796	190,116	1,821,853	1,391,816	Mississippi Central.	October	135,462	136,415	1,231,253	966,725		
Alabama & Vicksb.	October	270,802	367,190	2,470,525	2,177,535	Mo & North Arkan.	October	128,802		491,781	2,111,704		
Ann Arbor.	3d wk Nov	102,531	118,783	4,454,443	4,552,571	Missouri Kan & Tex	October	3,218,571	3,130,751	25,939,290	28,129,286		
Atch Topeka & S Fe	October	19861,746	18691,589	153,656,745	158,448,159	Mo K & T Ry of Tex	October	2,392,221	2,652,735	17,531,249	22,851,279		
Panhandle & S Fe	October	588,765	1,025,406	6,455,816	8,012,410	Mo Kan & Tex Syst	October	5,782,394	6,024,768	44,749,709	53,359,848		
Gulf Coast & S Fe	October	2,571,771	2,564,951	19,158,887	25,056,542	Missouri Pacific.	October	9,187,213	10,099,338	82,310,143	92,725,126		
Atlanta Birm & Atl.	October	282,804	340,392	3,241,862	2,593,420	Mobile & Ohio	4th wk Nov	582,724	433,064	16,295,653	16,284,851		
Atlanta & West Pt.	October	268,757	216,161	2,095,833	2,102,044	Columbus & Greenv	October	145,914	178,053	1,370,384	1,276,625		
Atlantic City.	October	507,113	288,965	4,106,416	4,163,201	Monongahela	October	382,016	545,576	2,900,122	3,522,058		
Atlantic Coast Line.	October	6,111,955	5,543,294	57,583,462	55,333,540	Monongahela Conn	October	162,707	95,978	1,344,688	620,153		
Baltimore & Ohio.	October	19,070,229	19,045,922	160,049,024	167,216,726	Michigan Central	October	213,355	121,681	809,625	1,230,135		
B & O Ch Term.	October	304,063	290,277	2,545,576	2,167,506	Nashv Chatt & St L	October	2,159,604	2,007,371	18,286,321	17,590,850		
Bansor & Aroostook	October	592,857	753,831	6,310,250	6,010,175	Nevada-Cal-Oregon	3d wk Nov	76,176	27,388	463,411	411,354		
Bellefonte Central.	October	12,189	7,104	88,695	62,677	Nevada Northern.	October	171,051	189,318	1,587,965	1,147,888		
Belt Ry of Chicago.	October	610,752	572,241	4,977,828	4,590,300	Newburgh & Sou Sh	October	227,741	220,116	2,111,704	2,160,807		
Bremer & L Erie.	October	2,176,595	1,320,693	11,732,576	11,950,996	New Or Great Nor.	October	329,184	304,780	2,290,616	2,220,631		
Bingham & Garfield	October	27,094	11,302	181,328	153,956	N O Texas & Mex.	October	209,900	183,603	1,677,317	1,830,612		
Boston & Maine.	October	7,474,118	7,314,654	65,949,045	65,245,877	Beaun S L & W	October	375,316	459,038	4,334,677	5,070,566		
Bklyn E D Term.	October	123,582	124,066	1,309,776	1,099,893	St L Brown & M	October	357,337	303,856	29,174,285	28,299,130		
Buff Roch & Pittsb.	November	2,287,604	1,281,977	14,689,407	13,294,254	Ind Harbor Belt.	September	998,465	836,281	7,303,536	6,670,869		
Buffalo & Susq.	October	175,548	221,281	1,213,120	1,706,813	Michigan Central	October	8,255,638	6,983,135	67,610,184	61,090,774		
Canadian Nat Ry.	4th wk Nov	1,324,631	3,851,732	10,057,932	11,536,757	Clev C & St L	October	7,815,864	7,331,709	69,195,581	67,370,567		
Canadian Pacific.	4th wk Nov	5,807,000	4,896,000	16,534,000	15,787,000	Cincinnati North.	October	8,564,696	8,766,639	77,666	3,248,820		
Caro Clinch & Ohio.	October	833,332	734,662	6,293,875	6,219,053	Pitts & Lake Erie	October	3,338,714	1,977,447	22,258,238	19,273,208		
Central of Georgia.	October	2,194,087	2,025,083	18,913,301	18,835,161	Tol & Ohio Cent.	September	1,385,296	1,015,227	6,097,583	7,987,016		
Central RR of N J.	October	5,152,697	4,878,801	40,105,672	44,347,958	Kanawha & Mich	September	448,560	452,368	2,577,481	3,644,106		
Cent New England.	October	669,220	781,518	5,539,200	6,963,639	N Y Chic & St Louis	October	3,697,433	3,305,965	32,337,457	30,128,540		
Central Vermont.	October	791,590	676,838	6,006,912	5,933,207	N Y Connecting.	October	313,430	254,984	2,459,227	2,828,389		
Charleston & W C.	October	267,945	297,780	2,688,061	2,751,618	N Y N H & Hartf.	October	115,427,113	10,659,735	10,487,175	96,235,391		
Ches & Ohio Lines.	October	6,693,743	7,597,616	69,198,700	71,571,929	N Y Ont & Western	October	1,106,625	1,113,052	10,309,579	12,035,548		
Chicago & Alton.	October	2,439,707	2,958,277	22,136,817	26,028,751	N Y Susq & West.	October	431,782	380,933	3,364,808	3,596,496		
Chicago & Quincy.	October	1,708,728	1,699,375	13,423,909	14,724,841	Norfolk Southern.	October	770,174	757,180	6,893,007	6,626,204		
Chicago & East Ill.	October	2,371,433	2,701,931	19,936,499	22,896,018	Norfolk & Western.	October	7,302,396	7,249,808	76,637,774	66,602,096		
Chicago Great West.	October	2,345,274	2,383,812	19,925,452	20,631,130	Northern Pacific.	October	10,005,154	11,027,033	78,299,800	78,117,319		
Chicago Ind & Louisv.	October	292,669	409,419	2,045,955	2,042,578	Northwestern Pac.	October	791,137	911,622	6,817,526	7,389,364		
Chicago Junction.	May	158,885	140,844	1,284,343	1,336,608	Pennsylv RR & Co.	October	8,250,906	5,657,009	52,949,176	51,628,433		
Chic Milw & St Paul	October	14,864,079	14,630,349	121,255,175	123,339,924	Balt Ches & Atl.	October	130,886	110,345	1,354,828	1,404,292		
Chic & North West.	October	178,033	207,834	1,747,642	1,738,359	Cinc Leb & North	August	97,728	104,402	707,715	747,173		
Chic Peoria & St L.	October	632,595		3,090,928		Long Island.	October	2,608,122	2,435,866	26,195,602	24,660,654		
Chic River & Ind.	October	112,491	125,194	98,841,937	117,753,215	Mary Del & Va.	October	101,979	98,970	996,966	1,073,212		
Chic R I & Gulf.	October	505,847	611,724	4,813,605	4,475,952	N Y Phila & Norf	September	953,337	518,138	6,120,180	4,668,250		
Chic St P & Om.	October	2,537,968	2,877,077	23,146,827	23,694,228	Tol Poor & West.	October	166,495	175,260	1,376,997	1,420,451		
Cinc Ind & Western.	October	460,556	368,032	3,538,558	3,058,293	W Jersey & Seash	October	1,168,692	974,731	12,058,932	11,303,309		
Cinc & Southern.	October	1,263,578	1,336,780	10,819,039	10,973,339	Pennsylv RR Syst.	October	67,176,955	59,585,579	572,213,174	558,804,114		
Ft W & Den City.	October	1,237,233	1,115,749	7,848,756	9,471,516	Peoria & Pekin Un.	October	180,995	184,576	1,600,274	1,399,427		
Trin & Brazos Val.	October	237,333	365,041	2,352,150	2,575,636	Peru Marquette.	October	6,429,698	4,002,832	31,587,065	35,742,139		
Wichita Valley.	October	173,538	210,968	1,055,720	1,011,655	Parkinson.	October	117,465	102,536	1,074,344	1,055,552		
Cumb Val & Martin	September	83,916	90,239	673,592	1,064,745	Phila & Reading.	October	8,862,660	9,448,308	64,554,342	70,705,677		
Delaware & Hudson	October	3,972,663	4,002,492	30,432,304	38,357,067	Pittsb & Shawmut.	October	69,830	136,445	835,478	1,059,916		
Del Lack & Western	October	7,475,022	7,548,162	61,245,545	72,430,985	Pitts Shaw & North	October	146,162	111,535	976,926	991,018		
Deny & Rio Grande	October	3,397,224	3,784,315	27,218,180	27,417,892	Pittsb & West Va.	October	252,064	271,252	2,301,210	2,399,982		
Denver & Salt Lake	October	233,764	330,356	1,178,978	1,423,381	Port Reading.	October	166,059	202,136	1,462,264	1,860,799		
Detroit & Mackinac	October	190,387	181,333	1,580,725	1,674,155	Pullman Company.	September	5,912,208	5,748,168	48,759,023	49,918,058		
Detroit & Toi Shore	October	780,033	630,108	7,467,782	5,411,318	Quincy Om & K C.	October	153,186	118,282	975,223	1,093,433		
Dul & Iron Range.	October	332,705	349,345	2,939,832	2,370,880	Rich Fred & Potom.	October	965,594	773,596	9,050,343	8,313,282		
Dul Missabe & Nor.	October	1,775,056	1,415,027	6,317,042	7,782,240	Ruland.	October	509,138	519,296	4,789,973	4,101,675		
Dul Sou Shore & At.	3d wk Nov	83,704	1,313,326	13,687,250	12,086,035	Ryland Grand Isl.	October	305,393	398,373	2,594,241	2,847,628		
Duluth Wynn & Pac	October	170,997	190,718	1,612,707	1,980,733	St Louis San Fran.	October	1,408,837	7,721,301	65,320,897	68,963,217		
East St Louis Conn.	October	192,530	168,038	1,697,076	1,360,345	Ft W & Rio Gr'de	October	195,303	147,188	1,124,344	1,450,329		
Eastern SS Lines.	October	548,465	495,889	5,141,941	4,661,058	St L-S-F of Texas	October	158,031	173,923	1,406,885	1,616,993		
Elgin Joliet & East.	October	2,005,680	1,630,107	17,140,196	16,186,969	St Louis Southwest.	November	2,549,887	2,337,638				
El Paso & Sou West.	October	902,851	894,173	9,251,820	9,549,965	St L S W of Texas	October	796,552	844,183	6,155,745	6,396,575		
Erie Railroad.	October	9,594,959	10,540,392	75,588,414	87,295,056	Total system.	November	2,549,887	2,337,638	24,590,250	24,043,646		
Chicago & Erie.	October	1,146,951	1,044,077	9,265,339	9,022,218	St Louis Transfer.	October	68,292	122,994	614,688	952,994		
N J & N Y RR.	October	930,555	125,851	1,249,242	1,247,771	San Ant & Aran Pass	October	649,115	630,403	4,792,782	5,306,263		
Florida East Coast.	October	129,920	980,711	11,147,440	11,376,884	San Ant Uvalde & G	October	88,638	84,514	889,286	1,016,878		
Florida Johns & Glov	October	139,920	17,598	1,148,763	1,130,537	Seaboard Air Line.	October	4,203,614	8,878,118	36,998,334	35,535,577		
Ft Smith & Western	October	173,722	192,431	1,548,306	1,486,559	Southern Pac.	October	1,199,481	963,433	9,758,618	8,714,094		
Galveston Wharf.	October	223,403	190,887	2,205,365	2,283,500	Atlantic S S Lines	October	286,117	194,823	2,935,584	3,114,979		
Georgia Railroad.	October	541,319	484,785	4,226,140	4,438,368	Arizona Eastern.	October	2,154,831	2,153,412	18,127,408	21,033,905		
Georgia & Florida.	October	128,726	121,645	1,111,583	1,170,479	Galv Harris & S A	October	1,596,878	1,818,411	12,235,944	11,995,923		
Grand Trunk Syst.	4th wk Nov	2,947,175	2,569,162	96,909,551	95,351,876	Hous E & W Tex.	October	308,534	305,612	2,594,547	2,472,008		
Atl & St Lawrence.	October	239,532	175,949	2,257,076	2,283,930	Louisiana West.	September	355,079	348,224	3,064,744	3,256,859		
Chic Det Can O T Jet	October	208,583	205,813	1,837,427	1,644,072	Morg La & Tex.	September	748,663	704,658	5,761,891	6,398,994		
Det Gt W.	October	576,737	537,645	4,427,924	3,709,695	Texas & New Or.	October	772					



**Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.**—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the fourth week of November. The table covers 15 roads and shows 9.95% increase over the same week last year.

Fourth week November.	1922.	1921.	Increase.	Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ann Arbor	127,500	133,395	—	5,894
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh	788,728	348,593	404,135	—
Canadian National Railways	3,781,736	3,851,732	69,996	—
Duluth South Shore & Atlantic	132,990	106,409	26,581	—
Grand Trunk System	—	—	—	—
Canada Atlantic	2,947,175	2,569,162	378,013	—
Detroit Grand Hav & Milw.	—	—	—	—
Grand Trunk Western	—	—	—	—
Mineral Range	8,903	3,831	5,072	—
Minneapolis & St Louis	315,365	340,946	—	25,581
St Louis Southwestern system	742,295	676,535	65,760	—
Southern Railway	4,458,015	4,194,012	304,003	—
Mobile & Ohio	582,724	433,064	149,660	—
Texas & Pacific	859,107	917,405	—	58,298
Western Maryland	553,654	392,036	161,618	—
Total (15 roads)	15,338,192	13,967,120	1,491,741	159,769
Net increase (9.95%)	—	—	1,334,972	—

**Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.**—The table following shows the gross and net earnings with charges and surplus of STEAM railroad and industrial companies reported this week:

	Gross from Railway	Net from Railway	Net after Taxes	Taxes
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Atchison Topeka &amp; Santa Fe</b>				
October	2,571,476	2,564,951	966,243	875,333
From Jan 1	19,158,857	25,056,542	3,799,103	7,347,860
<b>Buffalo Rochester &amp; Pittsburgh</b>				
October	788,728	348,593	882,618	794,235
From Jan 1	19,158,857	25,056,542	3,799,103	7,347,860
<b>Canadian National Railways</b>				
October	3,781,736	3,851,732	3,066,071	6,610,467
From Jan 1	19,158,857	25,056,542	3,799,103	7,347,860
<b>Duluth South Shore &amp; Atlantic</b>				
October	132,990	106,409	307,397	2,137,991
From Jan 1	6,455,876	8,012,410	534,184	2,343,478
<b>Grand Trunk System</b>				
October	—	—	153,090	441,554
From Jan 1	—	—	307,397	2,137,991
<b>Canada Atlantic</b>				
October	2,947,175	2,569,162	378,013	—
From Jan 1	—	—	—	—
<b>Detroit Grand Hav &amp; Milw.</b>				
October	—	—	—	—
From Jan 1	—	—	—	—
<b>Grand Trunk Western</b>				
October	—	—	—	—
From Jan 1	—	—	—	—
<b>Mineral Range</b>				
October	8,903	3,831	5,072	—
From Jan 1	—	—	—	—
<b>Minneapolis &amp; St Louis</b>				
October	315,365	340,946	—	25,581
From Jan 1	—	—	—	—
<b>St Louis Southwestern system</b>				
October	742,295	676,535	65,760	—
From Jan 1	—	—	—	—
<b>Southern Railway</b>				
October	4,458,015	4,194,012	304,003	—
From Jan 1	—	—	—	—
<b>Mobile &amp; Ohio</b>				
October	582,724	433,064	149,660	—
From Jan 1	—	—	—	—
<b>Texas &amp; Pacific</b>				
October	859,107	917,405	—	58,298
From Jan 1	—	—	—	—
<b>Western Maryland</b>				
October	553,654	392,036	161,618	—
From Jan 1	—	—	—	—
<b>Total (15 roads)</b>	15,338,192	13,967,120	1,491,741	159,769
<b>Net increase (9.95%)</b>	—	—	1,334,972	—

	Gross from Railway	Net from Railway	Net after Taxes	Taxes
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Gulf Mobile &amp; Northern</b>				
October	403,782	391,012	118,267	107,307
From Jan 1	3,674,169	3,409,190	974,170	316,015
<b>Gulf &amp; Ship Island</b>				
October	248,738	278,205	55,667	84,773
From Jan 1	2,464,983	2,403,483	691,467	428,070
<b>Hoeking Valley</b>				
October	1,503,820	1,655,527	171,509	676,225
From Jan 1	11,174,715	12,079,665	2,773,457	1,906,148
<b>Illinois Central</b>				
October	15,595,017	13,967,300	3,747,305	10,910,177
From Jan 1	126,023,625	118,916,572	29,434,416	21,707,153
<b>International &amp; Great Northern</b>				
October	1,654,293	1,435,655	342,570	145,614
From Jan 1	12,016,867	15,311,204	2,107,014	1,274,346
<b>International Ry in Maine</b>				
October	169,852	213,250	—6,449	27,350
From Jan 1	2,122,574	2,310,044	224,581	122,496
<b>Kansas City Mexico &amp; Orient</b>				
October	102,335	148,376	—15,709	—3,226
From Jan 1	1,109,348	1,537,504	—86,118	—161,059
<b>Kan City Mex &amp; Orient of Texas</b>				
October	145,656	209,434	18,612	16,982
From Jan 1	1,226,105	1,823,201	—139,847	—306,370
<b>Kansas City Southern</b>				
October	221,625	198,790	111,530	90,701
From Jan 1	1,736,564	1,859,729	718,470	674,420
<b>Kansas Oklahoma &amp; Gulf</b>				
October	275,280	220,080	92,531	62,636
From Jan 1	2,362,475	1,930,645	680,147	128,943
<b>Lake Superior &amp; Ishpeming</b>				
October	122,872	97,428	57,024	50,901
From Jan 1	1,020,337	378,528	464,845	—104,582
<b>Lake Terminal</b>				
October	100,498	89,105	32,145	36,623
From Jan 1	879,486	1,019,491	232,735	139,378
<b>Lehigh &amp; Hudson River</b>				
October	284,826	319,166	75,702	81,465
From Jan 1	1,974,461	2,705,288	357,805	709,517
<b>Lehigh &amp; New England</b>				
October	555,834	538,286	244,089	123,817
From Jan 1	3,437,504	4,081,205	467,379	927,662
<b>Los Angeles &amp; Salt Lake</b>				
October	1,894,327	1,828,264	384,096	443,009
From Jan 1	16,147,335	16,503,170	2,560,247	2,576,019
<b>Louisville Henderson &amp; St Louis</b>				
October	299,341	268,165	93,764	84,007
From Jan 1	2,723,475	2,424,924	790,347	478,060
<b>Minn St Paul &amp; Sault Ste Marie</b>				
October	5,025,531	4,633,766	1,162,583	1,077,289
From Jan 1	38,322,298	35,894,684	8,708,339	2,638,110
<b>Missouri Kansas &amp; Texas</b>				
October	3,218,571	3,130,751	981,662	724,644
From Jan 1	25,939,290	28,129,286	8,593,051	5,700,546
<b>Mo Kan &amp; Tex Ry of Texas</b>				
October	2,302,821	2,652,735	638,691	1,005,904
From Jan 1	17,531,249	22,851,279	3,778,763	5,156,388
<b>Missouri &amp; North Arkansas</b>				
October	128,802	—	47,275	—
From Jan 1	491,781	—	104,751	—
<b>Monongahela</b>				
October	352,016	545,576	128,651	283,689
From Jan 1	2,900,122	3,522,958	1,040,232	1,006,431
<b>Nevada Northern</b>				
October	76,176	27,385	43,556	5,313
From Jan 1	463,411	290,901	202,095	—32,920
<b>New York Central</b>				
October	1,168,737	950,255	425,253	330,256
From Jan 1	8,472,273	7,621,124	2,060,750	1,962,017
<b>Michigan Central</b>				
October	8,255,638	6,983,138	2,234,608	2,489,088
From Jan 1	67,610,184	61,090,774	19,087,403	14,340,133
<b>N Y Chicago &amp; St Louis</b>				
October	3,697,433	3,305,965	838,794	784,433
From Jan 1	32,337,457	30,128,540	7,786,907	5,690,526
<b>Northwestern Pacific</b>				
October	791,157	911,622	277,203	289,842
From Jan 1	6,817,526	7,389,864	2,098,348	2,093,018
<b>Pennsylvania RR &amp; Co</b>				
October	62,950,906	55,678,009	8,714,368	9,166,102
From Jan 1	539,971,716	516,281,533	93,983,646	62,497,594
<b>Baltimore Chesapeake &amp; Atlantic</b>				
October	130,886	119,345	—8,263	15,859
From Jan 1	1,364,628	1,404,029	24,464	130,314
<b>Long Island</b>				
October	2,608,127	2,435,566	438,369	536,201
From Jan 1	26,195,602	24,560,654	6,940,044	5,696,383
<b>Maryland Delaware &amp; Virginia</b>				
October	101,979	98,970	—16,744	—11,972
From Jan 1	996,696	1,073,212	—52,811	1,917
<b>Toledo Peoria &amp; Western</b>				
October	166,495	175,260	1,063	23,359
From Jan 1	1,376,997	1,410,451	—23,721	—248,757
<b>West Jersey &amp; Seashore</b>				
October	1,168,692	974,731	132,082	—12,861
From Jan 1	12,058,932	11,403,309	2,291,418	1,482,393
<b>Peoria &amp; Pekin Union</b>				
October	180,995	164,576	47,912	8,836
From Jan 1	1,500,624	1,399,427	375,384	85,677
<b>Pittsburgh &amp; Shawmut</b>				
October	69,836	136,845	—28,744	39,128
From Jan 1	835,478	1,059,916	—138,562	—20,239
<b>Pittsburgh Shawmut &amp; Northern</b>				
October	146,162	111,535	11,830	17,236
From Jan 1	976,926	991,018	—170,331	—256,295
<b>Pittsburgh &amp; West Virginia</b>				
October	252,036	270,110	37,247	—385,542
From Jan 1	2,299,579	2,343,938	493,843	—631,778
<b>Quincy Omaha &amp; Kansas City</b>				
October	153,186	118,282	16,528	—4,691
From Jan 1	975,427	1,093,433	—7	—117,577
<b>St Joseph &amp; Grand Island</b>				
October	305,303	398,373	29,370	116,748
From Jan 1	2,594,241	2,847,628	308,162	353,574
<b>St Louis San Francisco</b>				
October	149,831	147,018	8,850	7,785
From Jan 1	1,124,344	1,450,829	—123,389	—48,614
<b>St Louis San Fran of Texas</b>				
October	158,031	173,923	40,123	27,531
From Jan 1	1,496,885	1,615,993	205,958	189,244
<b>St Louis Southwestern</b>				
October	796,552	844,183	—26,055	122,018
From Jan 1	6,155,746	6,396,575	—763,323	—698,826
<b>St Louis Transfer</b>				
October	68,292	122,994	17,422	72,786
From Jan 1	614,688	952,994	117,506	440,650
<b>San Antonio &amp; Aransas Pass</b>				
October	646,115	630,403	159,415	126,362
From Jan 1	4,792,782	5,306,263	439,598	254,118

	Gross from Railway		Net from Railway		Net after Taxes		Gross Earnings	Net after Taxes	Fixed Charges	Balance, Surplus
	1922	1921	1922	1921	1922	1921				
<b>San Antonio Uvalde &amp; Gulf</b>										
October	88,638	84,514	13,589	10,264	9,564	7,351				
From Jan 1	889,286	1,016,878	188,981	225,411	158,190	195,864				
<b>Southern Pacific</b>										
<b>Arizona Eastern</b>										
October	286,117	194,812	108,505	18,507	84,133	-5,100				
From Jan 1	2,592,584	2,314,979	972,216	321,412	729,353	95,719				
<b>Galveston Harrisburg &amp; San Antonio</b>										
October	2,158,831	2,153,412	525,698	358,010	454,964	315,978				
From Jan 1	18,127,408	21,033,905	2,718,385	3,159,319	2,377,776	2,726,727				
<b>Houston &amp; Texas Central</b>										
October	1,596,878	1,818,411	506,131	784,797	456,733	756,333				
From Jan 1	12,235,944	11,495,923	2,854,987	1,964,288	2,405,194	1,611,865				
<b>Houston E &amp; W Texas</b>										
October	308,534	305,612	85,108	91,965	75,816	84,935				
From Jan 1	2,594,547	2,472,608	451,786	404,636	385,421	357,379				
<b>Texas &amp; New Orleans</b>										
October	772,937	834,927	115,042	178,882	83,351	160,725				
From Jan 1	7,177,702	7,184,058	698,935	189,794	455,406	-1,920				
<b>Southern Pacific Co</b>										
October	18,593,941	18,810,117	7,273,665	7,453,986	6,266,413	6,207,499				
From Jan 1	151,278,291	162,051,292	45,469,409	43,902,889	33,100,705	33,557,984				
<b>Southern Railway</b>										
<b>Georgia Southern &amp; Florida</b>										
October	371,733	389,791	61,200	5,197	40,522	-11,906				
From Jan 1	3,730,676	3,741,277	695,059	-205,351	411,876	-376,835				
<b>Spokane International</b>										
October	110,241	105,188	43,637	17,648	38,037	10,317				
From Jan 1	980,494	1,081,632	306,408	289,018	251,397	215,136				
<b>Spokane Portland &amp; Seattle</b>										
October	662,128	934,480	235,537	465,803	175,498	370,751				
From Jan 1	5,985,889	6,647,478	2,119,850	2,805,601	1,326,020	1,418,192				
<b>Staten Island Rapid Transit</b>										
October	193,720	225,684	-42,480	-25,220	-63,575	-46,898				
From Jan 1	2,044,135	2,136,146	-164,112	3,013	-340,918	-157,376				
<b>Tennessee Central</b>										
October	264,313	-----	48,940	-----	43,832	-----				
From Jan 1	1,577,872	-----	365,737	-----	328,494	-----				
<b>Texas &amp; Pacific</b>										
October	3,022,568	3,244,192	576,139	980,520	475,641	850,311				
From Jan 1	25,944,162	29,445,735	4,481,344	5,401,380	3,403,171	4,169,643				
<b>Toledo St Louis &amp; Western</b>										
October	1,289,499	1,003,333	410,363	361,318	348,638	325,318				
From Jan 1	9,231,973	7,777,142	3,036,072	1,781,058	2,492,472	1,430,040				
<b>Union Pacific</b>										
October	12,688,907	13,890,798	4,564,122	5,655,052	3,970,259	5,027,649				
From Jan 1	87,701,996	96,681,680	27,114,543	32,027,081	21,305,775	26,630,173				
<b>Oregon Short Line</b>										
October	4,146,858	4,594,708	1,546,716	1,846,956	1,288,540	1,534,443				
From Jan 1	29,837,593	30,572,694	7,560,496	7,674,702	4,830,118	4,905,796				
<b>Oregon-Wash RR &amp; Nav</b>										
October	2,903,010	3,192,270	393,532	685,973	212,398	448,039				
From Jan 1	23,492,733	24,797,535	1,399,404	2,017,316	-412,040	749,685				
<b>Utah</b>										
October	160,688	127,077	35,522	38,248	29,378	27,405				
From Jan 1	1,404,635	980,811	389,355	136,905	325,926	49,753				
<b>Western Pacific</b>										
October	1,509,773	1,326,053	506,093	387,426	489,584	292,563				
From Jan 1	10,299,018	10,419,143	2,125,456	1,782,117	1,301,710	912,124				
<b>Wichita Falls &amp; Northwestern</b>										
October	171,002	241,281	62,427	94,230	51,538	83,537				
From Jan 1	1,279,182	2,379,283	214,250	818,690	97,541	709,623				

**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		Fixed Charges	Balance, Surplus
	Current Year	Previous Year	Current Year	Previous Year		
Arkansas Light & Power Oct	101,629	89,629	40,174	32,184		
12 mos ending Oct 31	1,204,070	1,123,869	458,891	309,901		
Barcelona Tr. Lt & Pr. Oct	4,081,364	3,185,930	2,628,952	1,958,306		
10 mos ending Oct 31	37,715,045	30,218,832	22,892,829	18,968,061		
Beaver Valley Trac. Oct	55,275	50,738	14,909	11,051		
10 mos ending Oct 31	525,867	557,226	132,565	57,919		
Brazilian Trac Lt & Pr. Oct	18,231,000	15,016,090	11,900,000	9,161,000		
10 mos ending Oct 31	162,411,000	149,097,000	101,863,000	75,331,000		
Columbus El Lt & Pr. Oct	179,339	163,754	83,929	77,265		
12 mos ending Oct 31	1,939,664	1,722,216	987,259	893,492		
Idaho Power Co. Oct	186,406	166,285	102,294	97,413		
12 mos ending Oct 31	2,424,076	2,279,100	1,372,262	1,331,995		
Indiana Service Corp. Oct	179,498	158,674	51,540	40,710		
From Jan 1	2,497,568	2,381,209	745,138	592,812		
No Carolina Pub Serv. Oct	108,461	101,534	27,575	32,869		
12 mos ending Oct 31	1,211,500	1,115,295	322,635	311,577		
Pennsylvania Edison Oct	253,072	211,625	84,199	67,380		
12 mos ending Oct 31	2,597,748	2,527,159	824,432	700,275		
Puget Sound Pr & L. Oct	878,635	819,944	349,855	358,577		
12 mos ending Oct 31	10,351,213	10,086,462	4,457,597	4,179,068		
Southern Colorado Pr. Oct	1,823,146	1,780,561	696,165	564,993		
Utah Power & Light Oct	633,732	569,894	324,555	292,905		
12 mos ending Oct 31	6,658,094	6,919,936	3,630,221	3,463,689		
Western Gas & El Lt. Oct	2,658,432	2,494,601	856,087	849,666		
Abington & Rock-land Lt & Pr Co. Oct	34,698	7,557	635	6,922		
12 mos ending Oct 31	31,584	7,346	558	6,788		
Amer Water Wks & Electric Oct	2,483,720	849,306	730,081	17,432		
12 mos ending Oct 31	1,632,392	543,150	492,878	118,757		
Baton Rouge El Lt Oct	47,998	15,496	3,383	12,213		
12 mos ending Oct 31	48,860	18,714	4,344	14,420		
Binghamton Light, Heat & Power Oct	578,604	213,225	46,347	166,878		
12 mos ending Oct 31	550,714	176,834	52,297	124,537		
Blackstone Valley Gas & El Co. Oct	357,024	128,883	27,649	101,234		
12 mos ending Oct 31	3,926,015	1,426,209	333,602	1,092,697		
Brooklyn City RR Oct	1,054,440	745,348	54,155	154,937		
4 mos ending Oct 31	1,096,527	776,808	56,412	116,895		
Cape Breton El Co Ltd Oct	4,052,936	3,029,051	204,317	515,248		
12 mos ending Oct 31	3,908,678	2,931,531	214,860	447,427		
Central Miss Valley Oct	57,789	12,722	5,654	7,008		
12 mos ending Oct 31	62,182	9,838	6,056	4,180		
Com'wealth Power & Light Oct	827,238	72,033	67,340	4,603		
12 mos ending Oct 31	694,205	119,048	68,868	50,182		
Conn Power Co. Oct	46,792	14,357	3,656	10,701		
12 mos ending Oct 31	540,756	12,749	3,631	9,109		
12 mos ending Oct 31	515,858	130,230	43,467	86,763		
Com'wealth Power & Light Oct	2,823,303	698,277	665,227	322,285		
10 mos ending Oct 31	26,311,730	68,988,609	6,577,319	2,411,090		
12 mos ending Oct 31	25,749,569	68,388,671	6,245,181	2,145,490		
Conn Power Co. Oct	163,750	41,817	17,087	24,330		
12 mos ending Oct 31	1,693,166	621,088	213,664	407,424		
Consumers Power Co. Oct	1,324,767	660,842	201,509	401,332		
10 mos ending Oct 31	11,844,492	647,479	208,174	266,545		
East Texas El Co. Oct	140,076	49,240	17,592	31,678		
12 mos ending Oct 31	1,738,201	595,164	200,974	394,190		
Edison El Illum. Oct	129,457	51,247	835	50,412		
12 mos ending Oct 31	1,354,031	485,310	10,811	474,499		
El Paso Elec Co. Oct	192,912	73,824	16,932	56,892		
12 mos ending Oct 31	2,281,237	813,004	209,707	603,297		
Fall River Gas Wks. Oct	98,258	33,469	14	33,455		
12 mos ending Oct 31	997,127	252,619	1,644	250,975		
Federal Light & Traction Co. Oct	422,391	276,227	146,164	89,748		
10 mos ending Oct 31	4,058,723	2,697,324	1,136,399	803,870		
Galveston-Houston Electric Co. Oct	275,547	56,409	30,190	17,219		
12 mos ending Oct 31	3,300,945	665,691	457,539	366,698		
General Gas & Electric Oct	1,129,221	288,805	256,641	208,152		
12 mos ending Oct 31	12,105,941	3,326,842	-----	569,834		
Georgin Ry & Power Co. Oct	1,261,569	378,701	253,901	124,890		
12 mos ending Oct 31	14,806,015	5,013,548	3,175,037	1,838,511		
Havana Electric Oct	1,065,144	560,299	118,295	442,004		
10 mos ending Oct 31	10,888,372	5,548,624	1,194,129	414,085		
Haverhill Gas & Electric Oct	49,043	9,595	11	9,584		
12 mos ending Oct 31	538,244	131,666	2,547	129,119		
Houghton County Electric Light Oct	45,935	12,540	4,399	8,141		
12 mos ending Oct 31	547,376	150,302	56,078	94,224		
Key West Elec Co. Oct	21,718	9,567	2,651	6,916		
12 mos ending Oct 31	248,976	81,980	30,060	51,920		
Keokuk Elec Co. Oct	34,015	10,423	3,648	6,774		
12 mos ending Oct 31	383,818	99,801	43,759	56,042		
Lowell Elec Light & Power Oct	123,484	7,557	635	6,922</		



		Gross Earnings.	Net after Taxes.	Fixed Charges.	Balance, Surplus.
Vermont Hydro-El	Oct '22	63,017	31,876	-----	-----
Corp	'21	56,064	8,711	-----	-----
12 mos ending Oct 31	'22	570,554	223,753	137,861	85,892
	'21	521,475	176,523	130,013	46,509
Western Penn and subsidiaries	Oct '22	1,738,056	575,865	389,262	186,603

FINANCIAL REPORTS.

**Financial Reports.**—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, street railway and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the last Saturday of each month. This index will not include reports in the issue of the "Chronicle" in which it is published. The latest index will be found in the issue of Nov. 25. The next will appear in that of Dec. 30.

Mexico Tramways Company.

(8th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1921.)

EARNINGS YEARS ENDING DEC. 31 1921 (MEXICAN CURRENCY).			
	1919.	1920.	1921.
Car earnings:	1919.	1920.	1921.
Passengers	\$6,901,436	\$8,923,324	\$10,546,537
Monthly tickets	1,419,210	1,177,271	1,521,054
Chartered cars	62,177	74,438	76,957
Freight	246,218	278,258	301,213
Baggage and parcels	150,829	238,054	296,674
Funeral	174,088	209,570	201,360
Total	\$8,653,958	\$10,900,914	\$12,943,795
Miscellaneous earnings	98,361	105,217	131,490
Total earnings	\$8,752,319	\$11,006,131	\$13,075,291
Expenses—Operation	\$3,789,851	\$5,434,550	\$5,986,229
Maintenance	2,987,468	3,283,620	3,422,094
Total	\$6,777,320	\$8,718,176	\$9,408,322
Net operating revenue	\$1,974,999	\$2,287,955	\$3,666,969
Taxes	547,229	634,363	731,533
Depreciation	\$1,427,770	\$1,653,592	\$2,935,436
Net operating income	\$1,427,770	\$1,653,592	\$2,335,436

Algoma Central & Hudson Bay Ry.—Algoma Central Terminals, Ltd.

(Report of Bondholders' Committee for Year ended June 30 1922.)

E. E. Ford, Secretary of the committee of holders of 5% 1st Mtge. 50-Year gold bonds of these companies in report dated 80 Dashwood House, 9 New Broad St., E. C. 2, London, Oct. 17 1922, says in brief:

**Results.**—The receipts were \$1,722,949, contrasting with \$2,819,892 in 1920-21, expenses \$1,818,352, against \$2,660,466, resulting in a net loss of \$95,403, against a net earnings of \$159,426 in 1920-21.

**Net Earnings for Past Eight Years ended June 30 after Writing Off Depreciation**

Year	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.
23,127	162,463	281,936	439,219	263,294	169,071	159,426	108,953	403

Amount required to pay full interest on both ry. & term'l bonds. \$753,435  
 Deficit for the past year amounts to. \$49,039  
 Amount brought forward from previous year. \$4,938  
 Net loss for past year. \$95,403

Net loss carried forward. \$10,466

**Interest on Bonds.**—From the above it will be seen that the company is not in a position to pay interest to either the railway or terminal bondholders in respect of the year out of earnings.

Under the scheme of arrangement entered into in 1916 interest on the railway and terminal bonds was only payable out of the joint net earnings of the companies up to Aug. 1 1921, but after that date 1 1/2% int. is payable upon the terminal bonds in each half-year on May 1 and Nov. 1, whether or not the joint net earnings are sufficient to pay the same. Accordingly, 1 1/2% was paid to the terminal bondholders on May 1 last (coupon No. 5) and 1 1/2% on coupon No. 6 will be paid on Nov. 1 next.

**Depreciation.**—The sum of \$102,149 has been added to depreciation reserve for the past year, making a total of \$938,810, which has been charged to revenue since June 30 1914.

**Equipment Notes.**—The balance (\$48,000) of the Equip. Trust notes amounting in all to \$558,000 has now been paid off, and the whole of the railway rolling stock is now free from any encumbrance.

**Other Departments.**—A year ago the committee feared that the general trade depression would adversely affect the results for 1921-22, and both the railway and the steamship departments have suffered as anticipated. The operations of the Algoma Steel Corp., which remains the principal customer, have been seriously curtailed during the past year owing to decreased orders. Carriage of pulpwood also showed a considerable falling off. The steamship department throughout the Lake season has experienced low rates and a steady scarcity of cargoes.

**Outlook.**—Canada has secured a good harvest, and reports from the United States point to a revival of trade; but the long continued coal and railway strikes in the United States will retard both the movement of crops and the revival of trade, and it is difficult to regard the immediate outlook as encouraging.

**Land Sales.**—Land sales to the amount of \$10,938 were made during the year, and there is some prospect of further sales.

**Lake Superior Corp.**—The position with regard to the guarantee of the Lake Superior Corp. has not materially altered since the last report of the committee. Its subsidiaries, from whom it derives practically the whole of its income, have suffered in common with other concerns, and the committee is satisfied that the Lake Superior Corp. is not at present in a position to contribute towards the guarantee of the railway and terminal bonds.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED JUNE 30.

	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.	1918-19.
Railway receipts	\$1,090,591	\$1,947,682	\$1,424,838	\$1,618,743
Steamship receipts	635,008	797,997	529,607	667,114
Gross revenue	\$1,616,199	\$2,715,679	\$1,954,445	\$2,285,857
Railway working exp.	\$1,252,688	\$2,061,635	\$1,694,995	\$1,590,848
Steamship working exp.	433,089	454,817	372,069	330,104
General management	85,622	85,343	85,847	86,031
Taxes	34,805	34,293	33,342	33,322
Net income	def. \$190,006	\$79,691	def. \$232,708	\$245,753
Other income				
Int. A. E. T. bonds	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
Int. on inv. & dep.	58,151	54,685	56,406	67,573
Miscellaneous	3,569	4,528	3,736	2,069
Gross income	def. \$83,256	\$183,904	def. \$127,565	\$360,394
Int. equip. trust bonds	12,148	6,825	12,480	17,100
Miscellaneous expenses	12,148	17,653	29,026	80,000
Joint net	def. \$95,404	\$159,426	def. \$169,071	\$263,294
Int. on A. C. & H. B. Ry. bonds (5%)	504,000	504,000	504,000	504,000
Rent A. C. Terminal	249,636	249,636	247,961	249,976
Net deficit	\$849,039	\$594,210	\$921,032	\$490,682

ALGOMA CENT. & HUD. BAY RY. CO. BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
<b>Assets—</b>			<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Prop. invest. in affil. cos., bond discounts, &c.	23,527,997	23,550,163	Preferred stock	5,000,000
Mat'ls & supplies	450,683	572,363	Common stock	5,000,000
Debtors and debit balances	413,538	539,077	1st M. 5% bonds	10,080,000
Cash	230,918	201,278	2d M. 6% bonds	318,800
Profit & loss debit balance	5,992,632	5,143,593	Equip. tr. oblig's	48,000
			Creditors' & credit balances	1,045,703
			Acer. rent Algoma Cent. Ter., Ltd.	1,015,185
			Acer. Int. 1st M. bds.	3,271,600
			Govt. grants in aid of construction:	
			Cash grant	1,659,722
			Land grant (after expenses)	1,372,705
			Depreciation	1,452,032
Total each side	30,615,768	30,006,473		1,271,120

Note.—The rental of Algoma Central Terminals, Ltd., and the interest on the 1st Mtge. bonds are payable as set forth in the scheme of arrangement. Contingent Liability.—In respect of—prior to scheme—participation in Charbonnages du Kent Syndicate—25,000 francs.

ALGOMA CENTRAL TERMINALS, LTD., BAL. SHEET JUNE 30.

	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
<b>Assets—</b>			<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Property, invest. in affil. cos., bond discounts, &c.	4,130,594	4,124,574	Capital stock	100,000
Invest. at cost	1,088,957	1,048,157	1st M. 5% 50-year gold bonds	4,992,713
Acer. rent of prop.	1,015,185	840,440	Accrued int. on 1st M. bonds	1,015,185
Debtors & debit bal.	66,058	129,955	Creditors' & credit balances	253,215
Cash, int. & divs. rec.	60,409	59,983		269,956
Total	6,361,113	6,203,110	Total	6,361,113

Note.—The interest on the 1st Mtge. bonds is payable as set forth in the scheme of arrangement.—V. 115, p. 2157.

Chicago Elevated Railways Collateral Trust.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1921.)

CHIC. ELEV. RYS. COLL. TRUST INCOME ACCT. FOR CAL. YEARS.

	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Income—Dividends	-----	-----	-----	\$1,176,572
Interest	\$194,251	\$104,507	\$194,231	195,439
Other income	4,755	7,587	33,676	-----
Gross income	\$199,006	\$202,004	\$227,907	\$1,372,011
Int. on notes & debens.	\$1,256,260	\$1,256,260	\$1,256,260	\$1,256,260
Other interest	72,492	72,492	72,493	72,493
General expense	19,468	22,022	21,770	42,759
Balance, deficit	\$1,149,215	\$1,148,880	\$1,122,622	sur. \$498

CHICAGO ELEV. RYS. COLLATERAL TRUST BAL. SHEET DEC. 31.

	1921.	1920.	1921.	1920.
<b>Assets—</b>			<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Cap'l stock, bonds, &c., pledged, offsetting outstanding notes, debentures & particip. shares (see contra)	(x See note.)		\$14,000,000 2-year 5% Secured Notes	x
Cash	\$148,966	\$170,812	7,000,000 10-year 6% debentures	x
Notes receivable	1,070,000	1,070,000	160,000 pref. participation shares	x
Other inv. (cost)	2,058,426	2,058,428	350,000 common particip. shares	x
Accrued interest	449,933	305,569	Notes payable	\$1,300,000
Acc'ts receivable	4,220	2,111	Acc'ts payable	169
Excess curr. liabil. over curr. assets	1,431,867	282,629	Mat'd int. unpaid	3,140,650
			Accrued interest	722,596
				699,991
Total (each side)	\$5,163,413	\$3,889,548		

x The assets pledged under the \$14,000,000 Secured Gold Notes are shown in the following compilation. The value of these assets is omitted from the foregoing balance sheet, but as a matter of fact it was against the same that the outstanding notes, debentures and participation shares (see above) were issued under the terms of the trust agreements.

Stocks & Bonds (Par Val.)	x Pledged.	Other Assets in Pledged.	Pledged.
Metrop. W. S. El. Ry., pref.	\$8,707,500	Investments in securities of & claims against Chic. & Oak Park (not incl. \$1,362,363 receiver's certificates, equip. notes, &c., carried among "other investments")	\$1,709,373
Common	7,462,500		
Northwest Elev. RR., pref.	4,944,400		
Common	4,946,400		
First Mortgage ss.	12,500,000		
South Side Elev. RR. stock	10,231,400		

COMBINED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.	1918-19.
Operating revenue	\$17,529,020	\$17,788,956	\$15,097,812	\$10,587,462
Operating expenses	13,546,015	13,872,726	11,339,765	6,839,464
Taxes, &c.	1,316,707	1,056,124	917,655	1,031,103
Operating income	\$2,766,298	\$2,860,106	\$2,840,391	\$2,716,896
Non-operating income	\$147,321	\$112,457	\$89,870	\$141,464
Interest and rents	2,909,358	2,870,577	2,832,444	2,413,832
Dividends	-----	-----	-----	\$590,040
Surplus	\$4,261	\$102,016	\$97,817	def. \$145,513

x These dividends were paid to Chicago Elevated Rys. and used by it to pay interest on its notes and debentures.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
<b>Assets—</b>			<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Road & equip't	114,417,497	114,028,195	Capital stock	46,197,546
Sinking fund	611,386	400,878	Funded debt	62,034,600
Depos. in lieu of int'd. prop'y	-----	-----	Bills pay. with Chic. El. Rys.	4,725,128
Other invest'ns	558,095	542,397	Loans and notes payable	132,974
Cash	82,140	87,629	Aud. acc'ts and wages payable	3,872,677
Special deposits	1,716,685	1,271,241	Oth. curr. liabil.	1,234,665
Material & sup.	25,451	25,891	Tax liability	581,424
Material & sup.	531,319	693,440	Reserves	1,983,391
Oth. curr. assets	861,702	1,249,642	Oth. unadj. cred.	7,989
Unadj. debits	233,131	368,377		8,595
Corp. deficit	1,692,889	1,366,076		
Total	120,780,299	120,012,768	Total	120,780,299

x Bonds at par and cash.—V. 115, p. 247.6, 1531, 1428.

Central Teresa Sugar Co. of Maryland.

(Report for Year ended July 31 1922.)

Pres. A. W. Gieske, Nov. 15 1922, reports in substance:

The year includes the liquidation of the unsold portion of the 1920-21 crop, which was under control of the Cuban Sugar Finance Commission until that Commission was dissolved at Dec. 31 1921; also the portion of the 1921-22 crop marketed within the year. The average price obtained on total sales within the year was at the rate of 1.89c. per lb. As the sugars of the 1920-21 crop were made during a period of considerably higher price levels (about 4.4c. cost and freight), the loss on the liquidation of that portion of sugars was correspondingly large.

The outlook in the raw sugar market at the beginning of 1922 was far from favorable. There was a large carry-over from the old crop, estimated at 1,225,000 tons, which, with the new crop beginning, had a very depressing effect upon prices, and left little encouragement for any improvement in raw sugar prices for a long time to come.

In spite of this large carry-over, and a record production for the island in 1922, amounting to 3,996,357 tons, there has been a slow and gradual rise in prices from below 2c. per lb., cost and freight, at the beginning of

the year, to 31% cost and freight, at the present time, which demonstrates the absorptive power of the market, and gives considerable encouragement to the sugar industry for the coming crop year.

For purposes of comparison, at this time last year (Nov. 15 1921) there were 1,684,000 tons of sugar on hand in Cuba as against 191,000 tons this year. The latter represents only a normal supply for the season, and will doubtless be exhausted before the grinding of the new crop begins.

Company has been able to steadily reduce its production costs, and during the period has made considerable progress in new plantings, which policy, now that operating conditions are becoming normal, will be actively pursued during the coming year.

Taken as a whole, the sugar industry faces a more hopeful situation than at any time during the past two years.

The income account was published in V. 115, p. 2481. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JULY 31.

Table with columns for 1922 and 1921, split into Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Property & plant, Cash, Advances to planters, etc. Liabilities include Preferred stock, Common stock, Bank loans, etc.

Total 5,204,816 5,377,801. x Molasses on hand sold but undelivered. y Sugar on hand (at cost). -V. 115, p. 2481.

Cuba Cane Sugar Corporation, New York.

(Seventh Annual Report—Year ended Sept. 30 1922.)

The remarks of President W. E. Ogilvie will be given fully another week.

INCOME AND SURPLUS ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING SEPT. 30.

Table with columns for 1921-22, 1920-21, 1919-20, 1918-19. Rows include Product raw sugar, Sugar sales, Molasses sales, Other earnings, Total earnings, Operating expenses, Gross oper. profit, Interest, Deduct, Cuban taxes, Reserve for taxes, Capital stock, Income U. S. & Cuba, Reserve for bad debts, Written off to cover dismantling, Sundry adjustments and charges, Amt. transferred from sur. to declared capital, Depreciation, Preferred dividends.

Balance, surplus \$3,757,210. Includes (1) balance of reserve in respect of materials and supplies on hand and for custom duties Sept. 30 1921 no longer required, \$673,184; (2) sugar realizations in excess of net balance sheet, valuation thereof as at Sept. 30 1921, \$2,375,936; and (3) balance of reserve for liquidation of crop 1920-21 no longer required, \$180,390.

BALANCE SHEET SEPT. 30.

Table with columns for 1922, 1921, 1920. Rows include Properties, plants, &c., Investments at cost, Cane cultivations, Materials and supplies, Advances to Colonos, Stores and sundry adv., Mlges. rec. & options to purch. lands, Molasses on hand, Sugar on hand, Sugar Finance Committee, Accounts and bills receivable, Cash, U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness, Securities for lien redemption, &c., Prepaid insurance, rents, &c., Interest paid in advance, Discount and expenses.

Table with columns for 1922, 1921, 1920. Rows include Total, Declared capital, Bills and notes payable, Ten-Year 7% bonds, 10-year 8% conv. debentures, 15-year 7 1/2% Preferred dividend due, First Mlge. bonds Violet Sugar Co., Accounts payable and accr. charges, Accrued interest, Liens on properties, Reserved for taxes, &c., Depreciation reserve, Res. for adjust. in val. of unsold sugar, Deferred liabilities, Surplus account.

Total \$118,955,708 \$135,694,061 \$124,081,670. x Declared capital: Represented by 500,000 shares of 7% Cumul. Pref. stock, par \$100, and 500,000 shares Common stock, no par value (out of the authorized issue of 1,600,000 Common shares, there are reserved unused Common shares sufficient for the conversion of the Convertible Deb. bonds of the Cuba Cane Sugar Corp. and the exchange of the bonds of the Eastern Cuba Sugar Corp.)

Reo Motor Car Co., Lansing, Mich. (Annual Report—Year Ended Aug. 31 1922.)

Pres. R. E. Olds, Lansing, Mich., Nov. 23 1922, reports in substance:

Amounts due the company on notes and open accounts show a substantial reduction over the previous year. Inventories of raw material and finished product at the plant and in stock at the branches are priced, as in prior years, on a conservative basis. These show a slight increase over the previous year. No profit has been taken on merchandise transferred to branches and subsidiary companies. Extensions to buildings and plant equipment have been made as required, these, without the issue of bonds or preferred stock.

No attempt has been made to state the value of the company's good will, trade name, or patent rights which have a substantial value to a going corporation. Exclusive of these, however, the common stock is shown to have a book value of \$14 1/2.

Net profits for the year, after providing for current Federal taxes, amount to \$3,140,530. During the year, in addition to cash dividends, \$6,937,250 was transferred from surplus account to permanent investment and paid to stockholders as a 100% stock dividend, thereby leaving a surplus of \$5,719,914.

The Reo Speed Wagon has a world-wide reputation as the best commercial motor vehicle produced and stands alone in the enviable position which it occupies. New types of open and closed cars have been added to the already well-established line of passenger vehicles. These have been accorded an unprecedented reception by the automobile purchasing public, which argues well for the future plans of the company.

That the company has emerged from a period of general financial depression stronger than ever before should be most gratifying to its stockholders.

INCOME STATEMENT YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31.

Table with columns for 1921-22, 1920-21, 1919-20, 1918-19. Rows include Gross sales, Net profit aft. Fed. taxes, Dividends paid (100%), Balance, surplus, Profit and loss, surplus.

x After payment of \$6,937,250 as a 100% stock dividend (V. 115, p. 190).

BALANCE SHEET AUGUST 31.

Table with columns for 1922, 1921, split into Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Land, buildings, machinery, &c., Int. in other cos., Cash, Sight drafts outstanding, Receivables, U. S. Lib. bonds, Inventories, Deferred charges. Liabilities include Capital stock, Accounts payable, Accrued pay-roll, Reserve for taxes, Other reserves, Deferred profits, Surplus.

a Includes in 1922: Land, \$278,891; buildings, \$2,026,009; machinery and equipment, \$6,301,320; total, \$8,327,320; less reserve for depreciation, \$2,825,294. c Total authorized stock is \$15,000,000; unissued, \$1,125,500; balance as above, \$13,874,500. The outstanding stock was increased during the year from \$6,937,250 by the payment of a 100% stock dividend (V. 115, p. 190) -V. 115, p. 769, 190.

Sherwin-Williams Co. of Canada, Ltd. (Annual Report—Year ended Aug. 31 1922.)

President Walter H. Cottingham, Montreal, Nov. 28 1922, reports in brief:

According to our usual custom, all renewals and repairs to properties have been charged to operating expenses, and the sum of \$79,017 has been written off to reserve for depreciation. The reserve now amounts to \$907,330.

Inventories have been priced on the basis of cost or market, whichever proved to be the lower. Directors consider the outlook for the present year as favorable. Earnings for the past year before providing for depreciation, interest on bonds and income tax amounted to \$952,635.

The income account was given in V. 115, p. 2487.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AUG. 31.

Table with columns for 1922, 1921, split into Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Property account, Investments, Other investments, Sinking fund deposits, Inventories, Accts. & bills rec., Cash, Insurance & taxes prepaid, &c. Liabilities include Pref. 7% cum. stk., Common stock, 6% 1st Mtge. sinking fund bonds, Mtge. bds. of Can., Paint Co., Ltd., Bills payable, Accts. payable, Int. accr. on bonds, Bal. pay. to assoc. cos. on curr. acct., Deprec. & renewal reserve, Surplus.

Total 15,378,049 15,555,535. x Land and buildings, leaseholds, machinery and equipment, formulae, trade marks and goodwill. y Inv. in Pref. stock of Lewis Berger & Sons, Ltd., £367,799 @ 4.86 2-3. z 6% 1st Mtge. sinking fund gold bonds, due July 1 1941, authorized, \$4,000,000; issued, \$2,450,000; less bonds deposited with trustees for redemption of bonds of Canada Paint Co., Ltd. and Lewis Berger & Sons, Ltd., \$290,600; bonds deposited with trustees for sinking fund purposes and canceled, \$373,600; bonds held in treasury, \$84,300. -V. 115, p. 2487.

Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada, Ltd. (11th Annual Report—Year ended Sept. 30 1922.)

The report, dated at Montreal, Nov. 23, says in substance:

Dividend—During the year dividends amounting to 6% were paid upon the Preference shares and four interim dividends of 1 1/2% each were paid on the Ordinary shares, leaving a balance of \$5,364,470 (£1,102,288). Results—The net profits for the year after deducting all charges and expenses for management, interest on bonds and providing for income war tax (1922) were \$3,630,976.

To this must be added the amount brought forward from last year (less final dividend of 1% for year ended Sept. 30 1921, paid Dec. 30 1921, \$314,304), \$4,059,166, making a total of \$7,690,142. Deduct dividends paid, 6% on Pref. shares, \$443,542, and 6% on Ordinary shares, \$1,852,130, leaving available balance of \$5,364,470, out of which the directors recommended the payment of a final dividend on the Ordinary shares of 1%, absorbing \$314,304, and that the balance of \$5,050,166 be carried forward.

The above figures do not include the company's proportion of undivided profits of the associated companies, and which they have not thought fit to declare as dividends.

INCOME ACCOUNT YEARS ENDING SEPT. 30.

Table with columns for 1921-22, 1920-21, 1919-20, 1918-19. Rows include Net profits, Preferred dividends (6%), Ordinary dividends (6%), Balance, surplus, Profit and loss, surplus.

x After all expenses, charges and income war tax.

BALANCE SHEET SEPTEMBER 30.

Table with columns for 1922, 1921, split into Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Real estate & bldgs, Plant, mach'y, &c., Good will, trade marks & patents, Shares in assoc. cos., Cash, Discount & expense of bond issue, Stock in trade and leaf funds, Sundry debtors, &c. Liabilities include Preference shares, Ordinary shares, Bonds, Sundry credit, &c., Bills payable, Capital surplus, Reserve funds, General reserve, Profit and loss.

Total 56,401,017 57,833,735. -V. 115, p. 2484, 1328.



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."

Pennsylvania RR. Lifts Freight Embargo for 72 Hours, But Replaces Restrictions Midnight Dec. 5.—"Financial America" Dec. 6, p. 2. Railroads Operating in Alabama Must Establish Pre-War Intra-State Rate of 3 Cents per Mile Dec. 15.—P. S. Commission refuses to extend time further, after agreeing to postponement from Aug. 15 because of shopmen's and coal strikes. Birmingham "Age-Herald" Dec. 2.

I.-S. C. Commission Expected To Order Payment of Half of RR.'s Net Operating Expenses Over 6%.—In compliance with Esch-Cummins Railroad Law, New York "Commercial" Dec. 4.

Railroads Have No Profits To Share, Declare Rail Heads.—Roads have never earned as much as 6% since enactment of Transportation Act, say officials of Illinois Central, Chicago Great Western, Chicago Burlington & Quincy, Chicago & North Western and Atchafalpa lines. "Times" Dec. 2, p. 20.

Ben. W. Hooper, Chairman U. S. RR. Labor Board, Declares Union Strike To Kill Roads and Force Government Ownership.—"Times" Dec. 3, p. 18. Railroads of U. S. Represent Investment of \$20,000,000,000 by 40,000,000 Stock and Bond Holders.—"Times" Dec. 4, p. 27.

U. S. RR. Labor Board Asked To Restore High Wages to Clerks and Freight Handlers.—"Railway Age" Dec. 2, p. 1057.

No Further Railroad Legislation Contemplated in This Session of Congress.—Senator Cummins, Chairman I.-S. C. Committee, would withhold bills until the next Congress convenes. "Railway Age" Dec. 2, p. 1063.

U. S. Supreme Court Dismisses Minnesota Rate Case.—For want of jurisdiction, the U. S. Supreme Court has dismissed three cases brought by Minnesota to test the jurisdiction of the I.-S. C. Commission to authorize increased passenger fares and excess baggage charges on strictly State transportation. In the New York, Wisconsin, Texas cases, the Court had sustained the Commission. "Railway Review" Dec. 2, p. 801.

Canadian Board of Conciliation Reduces Average of Grand Trunk Ry. Wage Cut.—Cut in wages of clerks, freight handlers and station men averaging from 3 to 5 cents an hour, imposed last July, reduced to flat average of 3 cents an hour. "Boston Financial News" Dec. 6, p. 3.

Union Pacific RR. Restores Wages.—Agrees with newly formed Miscellaneous Employees' Association for wages 2 to 10c, an hour higher for highly skilled workmen than those established by U. S. RR. Labor Board. "Financial America" Dec. 8.

Pennsylvania RR. Way Men Win 2c. an Hour Wage Increase, Retroactive to Nov. 1.—Philadelphia "News Bureau" Dec. 7, p. 1.

Car Loadings.—Total loading for week ended Nov. 25 was 955,495 cars, an increase of 282,030 cars over the corresponding week last year and an increase of 151,794 cars compared with the corresponding week in 1920.

The total for the week of Nov. 25, however, was a decrease of 13,599 cars compared with the preceding week. This decrease, however, was almost entirely due to a seasonal falling off in ore shipments resulting from the cessation of navigation on the Great Lakes.

Principal changes compared with week ending Nov. 18 were: Merchandise and miscellaneous freight, which includes manufactured products, 564,124 cars, increase 2,607; grain and grain products 64,790 cars, decrease 414 (reduction seasonal); live stock 40,217 cars, decrease 518; coal loading 202,032 cars, decrease 2,992; coke loadings 13,234 cars, increase 803; forest products 66,046 cars, increase 4,043; ore 15,052 cars, decrease 17,728.

Car Shortage.—Demand for freight cars in excess of the current supply totaled 152,565 on Nov. 23, a decrease of 5,671 compared with the total on Nov. 15.

The shortage in each case compared with that of previous week was: Box cars 79,037, decrease 3,486; coal cars 43,083, increase 856; stock cars 14,047, decrease 1,807; refrigerator cars 7,616, decrease 903; coke cars 309, increase 30.

Locomotive Repairs.—Locomotives in need of repairs on Nov. 15 totaled 18,356, or 28.5% of the number on line, according to reports just filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was a decrease of 10 locomotives compared with the number on Nov. 1.

Locomotives in need of heavy repairs totaled 15,120, an increase within 15 days of 19, while those in need of light repairs amounted to 2,236, which was a decrease of 29 within the same period.

From Nov. 1 to Nov. 15 the railroads turned out of their shops 12,139 locomotives. The number of serviceable locomotives on American railroads totaled 46,101, compared with 46,096 on Nov. 1.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Dec. 2.—(a) Chairman Cummins of Senate Inter-State Commerce Committee announces plans for railroad legislation this session have been dropped, p. 2445. (b) Railroads co-operating with Port Authority, says N. Y. Central official, p. 2445. (c) Railroads tell Labor Board conditions do not warrant wage increases, p. 2446.

Asheville & East Tennessee RR.—Sale.—

Service was suspended Nov. 29 by S. Sternberg, whose offer of \$19,000 for the line and all equipment was confirmed by Judge Henry P. Lane in the Superior Court.—V. 115, p. 2476, 2045.

Atlanta Birmingham & Atlantic RR.—Receiver's Cfs.—

The petition filed by B. L. Hugg, receiver, asking for authority to issue \$80,000 receiver's notes to put 400 gondola cars in running order, has been granted by Judge S. H. Sibley in U. S. District Court at Atlanta.—V. 115, p. 2377.

Barcelona Trac. Light & Power Co. Ltd.—Coupons.—

The holders of the 7% Prior Lien "A" bonds are notified that interest coupon No. 15, due and payable Dec. 1 1922, will be paid on or after that date at the Bank of Scotland, 30 Bishopsgate, London, England, and at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, 23 King St. West, Toronto. Payment will be made in Toronto in Canadian currency at the current rate of exchange. (See also V. 115, p. 2377.)

The holders of the 6% First Mfg. bonds are notified that in respect of the interest due and payable, 1% will be paid at the Bank of Scotland, England, and at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto, on or after Dec. 1 1922, in full discharge of the half-year's interest due on that date, against surrender of Coupon No. 22.

Coupons of the face value of 10s. will accordingly entitle holders to receive 4s. and coupons of the face value of £2 10s. will entitle holders to receive £1. Payments will be made in Toronto in Canadian currency at the current rate of exchange.—V. 115, p. 2377.

Boston Elevated Ry.—Elevated Act Held Legal by U. S. Supreme Court—Boston Loses Fight to Recover \$2,909,930.—

The U. S. Supreme Court on Dec. 4 announced its decision that the Massachusetts Supreme Court was right in upholding the constitutionality of the Act of 1918 under which the State of Massachusetts took over operation of the Boston Elevated Street Ry. and placed it in charge of State trustees.

Chief Justice Taft, in handing down the decision, stated that the special Act of 1918 did not violate the Fourteenth Amendment of the Federal Constitution, as was contended by the city of Boston.

The decision, it is said, ends Boston's legal efforts to recover the \$2,909,930 which the city, under protest, paid as the city's share of the \$3,980,161 deficit declared by the trustees in 1919. The Elevated, however, has already paid back \$372,034 of the sum received from Boston, and another payment will be made next July. The other communities which were assessed to make good deficit also received part reimbursement last July.

Under the Public Control Act of 1918 the State took over the operation of the railway, and the Act also provided that any deficit in operation must be made up by the taxation of the cities and towns served. In 1919, when the trustees announced a deficit of \$3,980,000 and the towns and cities served by the railway were called on to make up this sum, there was general protest, and Boston's legal representative took the fight into the Massachusetts Supreme Court.

Boston contended that such taxation was not for a public purpose, and therefore illegal, but the Court decided that it was legal and upheld the constitutionality of the law.

Then the litigation was carried into the U. S. Supreme Court. The brief filed by the city maintained that the State Control Act, by which the State took over operation of the railway for a period of ten years, was unconstitutional in that it impaired the city's contract with the railway company previously made, under which the railway used subways and tunnels owned by the city.

The city further contended that while a deficit of \$3,980,000 was shown in operating revenues during the year ending June 30 1919, there had been charged in the cost of service approximately \$2,000,000 for depreciation and \$2,300,000 for maintenance and repairs, showing that "the sums charged were in the large part to make up for the neglect in the past."

[The U. S. Supreme Court decision is given in full in the "Boston Herald" Dec. 5.]

Pres. Shine of the Boston Carmen's Union says appeal has been made to the trustees of the railway to postpone the wage reduction of 2 cents an hour, scheduled to go into effect Jan. 1 because of increased cost of living since agreement for this reduction was signed.—V. 115, p. 2378, 2158.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.—Reorganization Outlook.—The report circulated early this week that the receivership would probably be terminated and the property returned to the stockholders before Jan. 1 next, has been denied by officials, who said that, owing to the financial condition of the firm, it would not be possible to lift the receivership before five or six months. Negotiations towards a reorganization have been going on for some time.—V. 115, p. 2045.

Central RR. Co. of N. J.—Hearing.—

The Federal District Court at Philadelphia has fixed Jan. 3 as the date for hearing the protest of the sale of the company's holdings of Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co. stock to the Reynolds syndicate.—V. 115, p. 2378, 2266.

Chicago Attica & Southern RR.—Acquisition.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Nov. 27 issued a certificate authorizing the acquisition and operation of a line of railroad in Indiana. The report of the Commission says in brief:

The company was organized to acquire and operate a line of railroad in inter-State commerce and on Oct. 9 1922 filed an application for a certificate that the present and future public convenience and necessity require the acquisition and operation by the applicant of a line of railroad which extends from LaCrosse, LaPorte County, Ind., in a southerly direction through the counties of Porter, Jasper, Newton, Benton, Warren, Fountain and Parke to a point 25.72 miles north of Brazil, Ind., at a connection with the Chicago Indianapolis & Western RR., and of a branch line extending from Percy Jet., in Newton County, to the Illinois State line. The total length of both lines is 145 miles.

The lines in question form a part of what is known as the Coal Railway Division of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois RR., and were recently abandoned as to inter-State and foreign commerce (V. 115, p. 1631). The Coal Railway was ordered sold separately from the remainder of the property of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois RR., and on April 28 1922, a sale of the Coal Railway to Edmund P. Kelly was confirmed by the Court.

The applicant proposes to acquire title to the portion above described through Mr. Kelly. The southerly 25 miles of the road has heretofore been acquired by the Chicago Indianapolis & Western RR. The applicant proposes to pay \$250,000 for the 145 miles of line, of which amount \$110,700 has been subscribed by persons who are dependent upon the road for transportation.

The applicant does not state what arrangements have been made for funds with which to rehabilitate the property, or what securities it proposes to issue, and no application for authority to issue securities has been filed with us. By making use of motorized equipment for passenger service and by operating with the utmost economy, the applicant expects to be able to operate at a small margin of profit.

While the record does not indicate affirmatively that the property can be operated at a profit, yet the road is in existence and capable of supplying an urgent public need. If it shall be found that it can not be made self-sustaining the worst that can happen will be its eventual abandonment, which is an exigency now faced by the patrons of the line.—V. 115, p. 1631.

Chicago & Indiana Coal RR.—Sale, &c.—

See Chicago Attica & Southern RR.—V. 115, p. 1631.

Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville Ry.—Dividend Declared on Both Classes of Stock.—

A dividend of 1 1/2% has been declared on the Common stock in addition to the regular semi-annual dividend of 2% of the Prof. stock, both payable Jan. 10 to holders of record Dec. 30. Last dividend on the Common stock was 1 1/2%, paid on July 10 1922.—V. 115, p. 1837, 1631.

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—Acquisition &c.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Dec. 1 authorized: (1) Chicago Terre Haute & Southeastern Ry. to issue \$713,000 5% 1st & Ref. Mfg. gold bonds, to be delivered to the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. to reimburse the latter for the terms of the lease, for the payment of \$262,400 of certain other obligations of the Southeastern and for the payment of \$385,518 by the St. Paul for additions, betterments, &c., to the property of said Southeastern; (2) Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. to assume, as lessee, \$713,000 Chicago Terre Haute & Southeastern Ry. 1st & Ref. Mfg. gold bonds, in respect of payment of principal and interest.

The report of the Commission says in brief: "By our order of June 28 1921 (V. 113, p. 70) we authorized the acquisition by the St. Paul of control of the Southeastern by the purchase of capital stock and by a 999-year lease. We deferred consideration of that part of the application in which the Southeastern asked for authority to deliver to the St. Paul \$2,090,000 of the former's 5% 1st & Ref. Mfg. gold bonds, and the St. Paul sought authority to assume, as lessee, and as part consideration for the lease, the obligation or liability of the Southeastern in respect of those bonds. Consideration was deferred for the reason that no present delivery of the bonds or assumption of obligation in respect thereto was to be undertaken at that time, and because the price at which the bonds were to be taken by the St. Paul was uncertain.

"By supplemental order of Nov. 4 1921 (V. 113, p. 2078) we authorized the issue by the Southeastern of \$310,571 1st & Ref. Mfg. gold bonds and the assumption of obligation or liability in respect thereto by the St. Paul.

Both applicants now represent that the St. Paul is entitled, under provisions of the lease, to have delivered to it \$262,400 bonds of the Southeastern to reimburse it for the payment of certain obligations of the Southeastern, as follows:

"5% Equipment gold bonds matured April 1 1922..... \$40,000  
"5% Equipment gold bonds matured July 1 1922..... 10,000  
"5% Equipment gold bonds matured Oct. 1 1922..... 45,000  
"One-fifth of the total amount of \$837,000 of promissory notes, representing an installment of the principal which became due in accordance with the terms of the lease on Oct. 2 1922..... 167,400

"Both applicants state that they have agreed upon a price of 80 for such bonds. At such price the St. Paul is entitled to receive \$328,000 bonds. It is further represented that the St. Paul has made expenditures amounting to \$385,518 for additions, &c., to the leased property, the title to which is vested in the Southeastern, and that for these expenditures the St. Paul is entitled to receive, under the terms of the lease, 1st & Ref. Mfg. gold bonds of the Southeastern in a principal amount not in excess of the actual amount of money so expended.—V. 115, p. 2045.

Chicago Terre Haute & Southeastern Ry.—Bonds, &c.—

See Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. above.—V. 115, p. 2266, 1941.

Continental Passenger Railway Co.—Dividend.—

The Philadelphia Stock Exchange on Dec. 2 announced the declaration of the semi-annual dividend of \$3 per share, payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Nov. 29, less 41 cents per share to cover third and fourth quarterly installments of the 1921 income tax.—V. 114, p. 2379.

Denver & Rio Grande Western RR.—Financing Plan.—

According to dispatches from Denver, Federal Judges Symes and Lewis and officials of the road have agreed upon the \$10,000,000 financing plan of Special Master C. F. Herrington. The plan, it is said, is to go into effect immediately and the order of the Court permits it to be carried out as already announced. (See also V. 115, p. 2477, 2374.)

Detroit Toledo & Ironton RR.—Oppose Lease.—

Justice Gagevan, of the New York Supreme Court, has reserved decision in the application of Leon Tanenbaum, representing minority stockholders, for an examination prior to the trial of a suit against Henry Ford to restrain the company from executing a lease for 75 years to the Detroit & Ironton RR. This latter company was organized in Delaware by Henry and Edsel Ford, who own almost the entire stock.

Tanenbaum, who alleges that he invested \$10,000 in the old company, charges that the lease to Ford interests would deprive the minority stockholders from sharing in any of the profits that might be derived from the lease.—V. 115, p. 2378.

#### Empire State R.R. Corp.—New Control.—

See Rochester & Syracuse RR. below.—V. 114, p. 2579.

#### Georgia Ashburn Sylvester & Camilla Ry.—Stock Auth.

The I.-S. C. Commission on Nov. 27 authorized the company to issue \$405,000 Common stock, par \$100, for the purpose of acquiring and rehabilitating a certain line of railroad. The report of the Commission says in brief:

The property purchased was formerly owned by the Hawkinsville & Florida Southern Ry. (V. 114, p. 2359), and consists of a line of road approximately 51 miles in length, extending from Ashburn to Camilla, Ga., together with the franchises, rights and other property appurtenant thereto, or used in connection therewith, including 2 steam locomotives, one passenger coach and 2 combination coaches.

On May 9 1922 J. N. Piddock and T. G. Jeffords purchased this property for \$125,000, and for a decree of foreclosure and sale entered in the Superior Court of Bibb County, Ga. The sale was confirmed on May 13 1922. Prior to the date of sale the applicant had been organized and on May 10 1922 was authorized by the I.-S. C. Commission to acquire and operate the line of railroad under consideration. The property was valued by the purchasers at \$395,000 and was sold to the applicant at that price.

The applicant has an authorized capital stock of \$405,000, par \$100. Of this stock, it proposes to issue at par, to its organizers and incorporators, 3,950 shares in payment for the property and 100 shares for \$10,000 cash. The cash is to be used in rehabilitating the railroad and equipment.

In addition to the line of railroad in payment for which the applicant proposes to issue its capital stock, the Hawkinsville owned a line of railroad extending from Hawkinsville to Worth, Ga., a distance of 42.32 miles, making a total of approximately 93 miles of line owned by that company.—V. 114, p. 2359.

#### Georgia RR.—Tentative Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$17,521,976 on the property as of June 30 1916.—V. 113, p. 1471.

#### Grand Trunk Pacific Ry.—Debentures Not Affected

By Grand Trunk Ry. Court Decision.—

London advisers state that the committee of Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. 4% debenture holders, headed by Sir Francis Harrison Smith, who are disputing the terms under which the Grand Trunk Pacific was taken over by the Canadian Government, have published a statement to the effect that the recent judgment of the Privy Council against the Grand Trunk Railway shareholders' appeal in the matter of the arbitrators' award had nothing to do with the debentures in question.

The Privy Council's decision, the debenture holders say, had nothing whatever to do with the debentures, unless the saving of £37,000,000 to Canada should be regarded by the Dominion Government as a reason for generous treatment of the Grand Trunk Pacific debenture holders, whose total amount of security is only £7,000,000.

The statement proceeds to announce that the debenture holders recently interviewed W. S. Fielding, Canadian Minister of Finance, in London with reference to the matter. The details as to the outcome of this interview remain unpublished, they state, because Mr. Fielding had made it clear that he spoke entirely as a private citizen to the deputation. He promised, however, to place the case of the debenture holders fully before his colleagues at Ottawa.

The Grand Trunk Pacific debenture holders, in their statement, refer to the appointment of Sir Henry Thornton as President of the Canadian National Railways. This, they think, should result in the more profitable working of the Canadian Government-owned railways, which in turn should mean, apart from the debenture stockholders' agitation, the more profitable working of the Grand Trunk Pacific Ry.—V. 115, p. 2046, 1941.

#### Hawkinsville & Florida Southern Ry.—Sale, &c.—

See Georgia Ashburn Sylvester & Camilla Ry. above.—V. 114, p. 2359.

#### Indiana Railways & Light Co.—Merger.—

See Northern Indiana Power Co. under "Industrials" below.—V. 115, p. 2267, 2159.

#### Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Interborough-Manhattan Readjustment—Notice to Bond & Note Holders.—

The protective committee for the bond and note holders, J. P. Morgan, Chairman, in a notice Dec. 1 says in substance (see also advertising page):

(1) *First & Refunding Mts. 5s*.—On and after Dec. 19 holders of certificates of deposit for these bonds upon the surrender of such certificates will receive bonds (stamped as participating in the Interborough-Manhattan plan of readjustment with modifications) bearing the coupons due Jan. 1 1923 and subsequently. It will aid the depository and facilitate the delivery of the bonds if certificates are surrendered immediately to the depository with which the bonds were originally deposited. The return of the bonds will be made as promptly as possible.

(2) *3-Year Secured Convertible Notes*.—Under the plan each holder of a certificate of deposit for these notes will be entitled to receive 10% in cash and 90% in new 10-year Secured Convertible 7% notes, dated Sept. 1 1923. As \$100 is the smallest denomination of the new notes, there will be deliverable for any amount thereof less than \$100, non-interest bearing scrip exchangeable, with other such scrip in amounts aggregating \$100 and multiples, for a like amount of the new notes.

The committee is undertaking to arrange that any holder of a certificate of deposit may receive, so long as they may be available, new notes for the full amount of the deposited notes, in lieu of receiving new notes of the small denominations, scrip and cash as above scheduled.

Delivery of the new securities or cash will be made in due course to the holders of certificates of deposit upon surrender thereof. Such delivery will be expedited by the immediate surrender of the certificates of deposit to the depository with which the notes were originally deposited.

#### Description of Secured Convertible 7% Notes.—

The \$34,330,000 40-Year Secured Convertible 7% gold notes are dated Sept. 1 1922, due Sept. 1 1932, Int. payable M. & S. in N. Y. City. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c\*). Convertible at the option of the holder into Interborough Rapid Transit Co. 1st & Ref. Mts. 5% bonds at 80% prior to Sept. 1 1925, after that date at 85% prior to Sept. 1 1928, and after that date at 90% prior to Sept. 1 1932, with adjustment of interest. Red all or part on any int. date at a premium equal to 1/4 of 1% for each 6 months elapsing between date of redemption and maturity of notes, accrued int. also being payable in any case. Bankers' Trust Co., trustee. Issuance authorized by N. Y. Transit Commission.

#### Data from Letter of Pres. Frank Hedley to Committee, Dec. 1 1922.

Notes.—Under the Interborough-Manhattan readjustment plan, just declared operative, company is to issue \$34,330,000 10-Year Secured Convertible 7% notes dated Sept. 1 1922, which will be utilized in retiring and refunding 90% of the outstanding issue of \$38,144,000 3-Year Secured Convertible 7% gold notes. These secured convertible notes are to be secured by pledge of \$59,602,000 1st & Ref. Mts. 5% bonds (stamped as participating in the readjustment plan), the bonds being thus pledged at a price of about 57 1/2%.

Fixed Charges Reduced.—Under the plan of readjustment dated May 1 1922, the fixed charges have been materially reduced. The favorable results to the company of the reduction in fixed charges brought about by the operation of the plan of readjustment is best shown by deducting from the known results of operation for the fiscal year ended June 30 1922 the interest (but not the sinking fund) on the Interborough Rapid Transit bonds, the interest on the new Interborough Rapid Transit 7% notes, and the interest on the Manhattan Railway bonds. Such a statement follows:

Results for Year ended June 30 1922 (If Plan Had Been Operative).	
Operating revenue	\$53,540,859
Operating expenses	32,272,509
Taxes and city rentals	5,285,456
Operating income	\$15,982,894
Non-operating income	652,875
Gross income	\$16,635,769
Interest on 1st & Ref. Mts. bonds, on new 10-Year 7% notes, and on Manhattan Railway Co. bonds	12,624,246
Balance	\$4,011,523

This balance of income for 1922 would have been available, under the plan, for additions to property on account of the postponed sinking fund installment, interest on the new Interborough 6% notes, the Manhattan Railway dividend rental at the reduced rate, or other corporate purposes.

After July 1 1926, when the sinking fund payments are resumed under the plan, that obligation at the increased rate provided for will become a part of the company's fixed charges.

Outlook.—In view of the substantial increase in the number of passengers carried on the system during the first five months of the fiscal year and also because of the greater economies of operation which are being obtained, there is every reason to believe that the actual results for the fiscal year ending June 30 1923 will be at least as favorable as those indicated in the table above.—V. 115, p. 2478, 2379.

#### International - Great Northern RR.—Transfer of Property.—

The company, effective Dec. 1, acquired and began the operation of the property formerly owned by the International & Great Northern Ry. and operated by that company and its receiver.

J. W. Kendrick, of Chicago, has been elected Chairman, T. A. Hamilton, President and P. J. Neff, Asst. to Pres. Further elections have been temporarily deferred.—V. 115, p. 2267, 2046.

#### Interoceanic Ry. of Mexico, Ltd.—Earnings, &c.—

The directors report for the fiscal year ending June 30 1922 states that the company's railways and its leased lines have continued to remain in the hands of the Mexican Government. No accounts having been received from Mexico it is not possible to present any revenue statement for the 12 months ended June 30 1922, nor any balance sheet. The reports says:

"At June 30 1920, there was a debit balance against net revenue accounts of £1,917,115, to which must be added: 1 year's interest on the 4% Debenture stock and the 4 1/2% 2d Debenture stock, viz., £104,500, interest on arrears at 5% per annum to June 30 1922, £40,258; 1 year's rental of leased lines, viz., Mexican Eastern Ry., £22,000; Mexican Southern Ry., £95,143; interest on arrears at 5% per annum to June 30 1922, £41,913 administration expenses, legal and other fees, &c., for the year, £6,927; interest credited on outstanding indebtedness, £2,969; cost in connection with schemes £251; increasing the debit balance as on June 30 1922 to £2,231,078. The above figures do not include provision for any liability (if any) on the part of the company toward the Vera Cruz Terminal Co."

"During the year remittances for £2,000 were received from the National Railways of Mexico on account of administration expenses."

"Proposals were placed before the Debenture stockholders in May last for a further two years' extension of the moratorium, but the Debenture stockholders decided to extend the moratorium for a period of 6 months only, to Nov. 29 1922."

The negotiations which took place in New York in June between the international committee of bankers on Mexico and the Mexican Minister of Finance resulted in an agreement for a plan of readjustment of certain of the obligations of the Government of Mexico and of those of the National Railways of Mexico. This agreement has now been approved by Congress and ratified by the President.

"Notwithstanding the efforts of the board, no provision was made in the agreement for dealing with this company's claims or those of its leased lines, and the directors are therefore continuing to press these upon the Mexican Government."

"Having regard to these circumstances, it has become necessary to request the Debenture stockholders and the owners of the leased lines, i.e., Mexican Eastern and Mexican Southern railways, to consent to an extension of the moratorium. The directors therefore conferred with the Debenture stockholders, who, in May last, moved to restrict the period of its operation to Nov. 29 1922 and whilst those holders still object to any long extension, they have agreed to support a proposal to continue the moratorium for a further term of six months."—V. 114, p. 2823.

#### Kansas City Mexico & Orient RR.—No Improvement.—

No improvement in the operating conditions is disclosed in the returns for first 9 months of this year. Expenses continue in excess of gross revenues, and the deficit has reached \$492,834. Last year ended with a deficit of \$506,740. Operating ratio for first 9 months was 110.9%, practically the same as for 1921.

Officials say, however, that the traffic situation shows some improvement. Increases in rates have been granted by the I.-S. C. Commission, as well as an increase in divisions with connecting carriers. The latter, however, have secured a temporary injunction against this order, with the result that the company is now being deprived of the 15 to 30% increase granted. The case will come up soon. Vice-President Histed says there is no shortage of rolling stock, as has been reported, but that the company has sufficient for perhaps twice the amount of business now being carried.

The rumors that British interests were attempting to revive reorganization plans are denied.

The operating results for first 9 months of 1922 show: Gross revenue, \$2,087,462; total operating expense, \$2,316,329; taxes, \$127,008; operating deficit, \$355,875; net operating deficit, \$492,834.—("Wall Street Journal").—V. 115, p. 1731, 1210.

#### Lake Erie & Western RR.—Probable Merger.—

See New York Chicago & St. Louis RR. below.—V. 115, p. 869.

#### Magma Arizona RR.—Bids for Stock.—

Company requests bids for the purchase in a single block of \$800,000 capital stock, par \$100. Bids must be submitted to Charles F. Ayer, Vice-Pres., 14 Wall St., New York City, on or before Dec. 21 1922.

The issuance of the stock and its sale at not less than par to the highest bidder has been authorized by the I.-S. C. Commission and by the Arizona Corporation Commission.

#### Manhattan Ry.—Readjustment Plan Operative.—

The stockholders' committee, Alvin W. Krech, Chairman, in a notice to stockholders and holders of certificates of deposit for stock, Dec. 5 says:

The Interborough-Manhattan plan of readjustment has been declared operative. The transfer books for the certificates of deposit representing deposited stock will close at the office of the depository, Equitable Trust Co., 37 Wall St., New York, Dec. 15 for the following purposes:

(1) On Jan. 2 1923 a distribution will be made, in accordance with the plan, to registered holders of certificates of deposit for shares of stock of Manhattan Ry., of scrip warrants of Interborough Rapid Transit Co., payable on Nov. 1 1923 to the amount of 5 1/4% (\$5.25 per share), being the arrears of dividends at 7% per annum up to and including dividend due July 1 1922.

(2) Payment will be made on Jan. 2 1923 to holders of certificates of deposit of dividends in cash to the amount of 1 1/4% (\$1.50 per share), being the dividends of 1/4 of 1% due Oct. 1 1922 and the dividend for same amount to become due Jan. 1 1923, in accordance with the plan.

Certificates of stock with the form of guaranty provided for in the plan and related papers are being prepared and will be exchanged for certificates of deposit at an early date.

Over 90% of the stock has been deposited. As the committee will soon dissolve, it takes this opportunity again to recommend the plan to all stockholders. Stockholders who have not yet deposited their stock and desire now to participate in the plan and the foregoing distribution of scrip and cash may deposit their shares with the depository on or before Dec. 15.—V. 115, p. 2478, 2159.

#### Maumee Valley Ry., Toledo, O.—New Company.—

See Maumee Valley Ry. & Light Co. below.

#### Maumee Valley Ry. & Light Co.—To Reorganize.—

This company, which was recently sold at a Sheriff's sale to Marlon M. Miller, Chairman of the bondholders' committee, for \$50,000 (V. 115, p. 2374) will be reorganized, it is said, as the Maumee Valley Ry. with an authorized bond issue of \$500,000 (\$350,000 to be outstanding), \$100,000 Pref. stock and \$400,000 Common stock.

The old company had an authorized issue of \$1,000,000 Capital stock (all outstanding), \$300,000 Toledo & Maumee Valley Ry. 1st gold 5s and \$500,000 Maumee Valley Rys. & Light 1st gold 4 1/2s. The new company, it is stated, will seek 20-year franchise in Maumee and Perrysburg, O.—V. 115, p. 2379, 1942.

#### Meridian (Miss.) Light & Ry. Co.—Fare Increased.—

The City Council of Meridian, Miss., recently granted the company permission to charge a 7-cent ticket fare, tickets to be sold in strips of



5 for 35 cents. The present rate of 5 and 6 1/4 cents for tickets will be eliminated.

The cash fare and school-tickets will remain at 10 cents and 3 1/4 cents, respectively.—V. 112, p. 2537.

**Milwaukee Elec. Ry. & Light Co.—Certificates Called.**—All of the outstanding 10-Year 8% Sink. Fd. Equip. Trust gold certificates dated Oct. 1 1920 have been called for payment April 1 1923 at 107 1/2 and int. at Dillon, Read & Co., 28 Nassau St., N. Y. City.—V. 115, p. 2379, 1631.

**Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry.—Dividends of \$2 Per Share Declared on Pref. & Com. Stocks.**—

The directors have declared a dividend of \$2 a share on both the Common and Preferred stocks (from accumulated surplus of 1909 to 1919, incl.), payable Dec. 28 to holders of record Dec. 15.

A like amount was declared in March out of accumulated surplus. The Preferred stockholders, however, took the matter into court, contending that it was illegal to pay any dividend on the Common stock until the full amount for the year had been paid on the Preferred. The company was upheld in the lower courts, but the case was appealed and is still in litigation. See V. 115, p. 1632, 2159.

**Missouri Kansas & Texas RR.—Reorganization Plan Approved.**—The I.-S. C. Commission on Dec. 4 approved the reorganization plan of the Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry. (the old company) and approved the acquisition by the new company of certain lines of road, &c., of the old company and the issuance of new securities as required under the plan. (Compare plan in V. 113, p. 2311, 2505).

The Commission authorized (1) the acquisition and operation of 19 certain lines of railroad, with franchises and property appertaining thereto. (2) The acquisition and operation, under trackage agreements, of 5 certain lines of railroad and terminal companies.

(3) Acquisition of control of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR. Co. of Texas, Texas Central RR., Boonville RR., Bridge Co., Wichita Falls Ry., Wichita Falls & Northwestern Ry. Co. of Texas, Wichita Falls & Wellington Ry. of Texas, Missouri Kansas & Texas Terminal Co. of St. Louis and San Antonio Belt & Terminal Ry., by the purchase of stock of these cos.

(4) Acquisition of certain stock, in amounts less than a majority, of Joplin Union Depot Co., Terminal RR. Association of St. Louis, Missouri & Illinois Bridge & Belt RR., Union Terminal Co. (Dallas), and Galveston Houston & Henderson RR.

(5) Acquisition of control of the lines of railroad and other property embraced in the leasehold created by the lease from the Boonville RR. Bridge Co. to the Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry. Co., dated Nov. 1 1901, and of the lines of railroad and other property embraced in leasehold created by the lease from the Oklahoma Belt Ry., dated April 1 1917, by acquiring said leasehold interests.

Action was deferred on request for authority to acquire the lines of railroad and other properties embraced in leasehold, or owned by Boonville RR. Bridge Co. and on request for authority to acquire the properties of the Missouri Kansas & Texas Terminal Co. of St. Louis.

The Commission granted authority to issue the following securities: (a) Prior Lien Mortgage Gold Bonds, Series A, \$52,942,752 (b) Prior Lien Mortgage Gold Bonds, Series B, 27,235,000 (c) Prior Lien Mtge. Gold Bonds, Series C, of which not exceeding \$8,500,000 are to be pledged with the Director-General of Railroads. 29,121,347 (d) Convertible Adjustment Mtge. Gold Bonds, Series A, 57,500,000 (e) 7% Pref. stock, Series A, 30,000,000 (f) Common stock, without par value, 1,000,000 shs.

\*And such additional amount of Series A, up to \$57,500,000, as may be necessary to effectuate the conversion of \$57,500,000 Conv. Adjust. Mtge. Gold Bonds, Series A, in accordance with the terms of their issue. The report of the Commission will be given more fully another week.

**June 1 1922 Interest.**—

Interest which matured June 1 1922 on the 1st Mtge. 100-year Gold bonds, due 1990, are being paid on presentation of coupons at the office of the agent for the receiver.—V. 115, p. 2478, 2159.

**Municipal Service Co.—Offer to York Railways.**—

The company, which recently acquired a majority of the Common stock of the York Rys. Co. (V. 115, p. 308), has advised the stockholders of the latter company that it is prepared to acquire the remaining shares on the following basis: To give for each 12 shares of Common stock (par \$60) of York Rys. 5 shares of 6% Cum. Pref. stock of Municipal Service Co. (par \$100).—V. 115, p. 308, 988.

**N. Y. Chicago & St. L. RR.—Probable Consolidation.**—

It was reported this week that negotiations are under way whereby the Toledo St. Louis & Western RR., the New York Chicago & St. Louis and the Lake Erie & Western will be consolidated and operated as one system. The consolidation, according to the reports, will probably be completed by Jan. 1. These three roads are controlled by the Van Sweringen interests of Cleveland.

The consolidation, according to the reports, is to be accomplished by the issuance of new 6% stock of the New York Chicago & St. Louis, around which will be built the final plan for the absorption of the securities of the other two roads. The consolidation of the three companies into one large operating system will link together approximately 1,725 miles of track. Approval for this move, it is stated, has been obtained by the Van Sweringens from the I.-S. C. Commission.

The Van Sweringens acquired the N. Y. Chicago & St. Louis in 1916 from the New York Central. The Toledo St. Louis & Western was acquired early this year through the purchase of the holdings of the Edwin F. Searles and Hawley estates (V. 114, p. 1065). The Lake Erie & Western was also purchased from the N. Y. Central in April 1922 (V. 114, p. 1890).

On Aug. 16 1922 the I.-S. C. Commission approved the contract whereby the New York Chicago & St. Louis took over the Lake Erie & Western. (V. 115, p. 869).—V. 115, p. 2159.

**New York New Haven & Hartford RR.—Tentative Valuation.**—E. G. Buckland, V.-Pres. & General Counsel

has issued a statement in which he says that the tentative valuation placed by the Inter-State Commerce Commission recently at \$382,797,066 is as of June 30 1915.

In bringing this value forward to the close of the last fiscal year, Dec. 31 1921, for the purpose of making comparisons with the New Haven's capital structure, it should be borne in mind the value fixed by the Commission applies to property used for transportation service only, and certain adjustments are necessary to produce comparable figures. Mr. Buckland further says:

"The Commission reported a value of \$382,797,066 covering only value of carrier property used. It also reported a value of \$3,600,300 covering carrier property owned by the New Haven and its leased lines, but not used, on account of being leased to other carriers. The Commission also reported a value of non-carrier property for the New Haven and its leased lines in amount of \$17,570,508 which was not included in its figure of \$382,797,066.

"Included in the Commissioner's tentative figures was an amount of \$9,369,342 representing the actual balance of cash and materials and supplies on hand as shown by the carrier's balance sheet of June 30 1915. On Dec. 31 1921 the balance sheet showed cash on hand of \$10,306,046 and materials and supplies of \$14,319,089, a total of \$24,625,135. There was an increase in value on account of these items of \$15,255,793.

"From June 30 1915 to Dec. 31 1921 the New Haven and its leased lines have made net additions and betterments to the investment in road and equipment in the amount of \$50,880,718. The tentative valuation may thus be brought forward as follows:

I.-S. C. tent. value as of June 30 1915, carrier prop. only, \$382,797,066  
Value of carrier prop. owned, leased to others, \$3,600,000; less carrier prop. used, not owned, 932,224. 2,668,076

I.-S. C. valuation of non-carrier property, \$17,570,568  
Inc. in cash and materials on hand as of Dec. 31 1921, 15,255,793  
Net additions and betterments, June 30 1915 to Dec. 31 1921, 50,880,718

Total as of Dec. 31 1921, \$469,172,221

"This valuation of \$469,172,221, as of Dec. 31 1921, is comparable with the road and equipment account and the book value of materials and supplies and cash for the same period amounting to \$398,704,202

"This gives an excess value over the property account of \$70,468,019

"The net capital obligations of the New Haven and its leased lines as of Dec. 31 1921, adjusted to exclude par value of outstanding system obligations held by system companies, amount to \$507,093,465

"The above amount includes capital obligations representing securities issued to acquire so-called outside properties not included in this valuation, carried at a book value of \$155,241,204

"If this last figure be deducted from the \$507,093,665, the net capital obligations comparable to the valuation as of Dec. 31 1921, above worked out would be \$351,852,261

"Giving an excess property value over these net capital obligations, both as of Dec. 31 1921 of \$117,319,960

"This would work out an equity of about \$175 per share for New Haven's \$157,000,000 stock.

"While question may be raised as to the propriety of taking out the full book value of investments in outside properties to arrive at net capital obligation, it should be borne in mind the former large book investment in the Rhode Island is not included in 1921 figures, having previously been written down to a book value of \$300,000. Of the \$155,000,000 outside investments, \$65,000,000 represents investments in other railroad and steamship properties which are under I.-S. C. Commission valuation.

"When the Commission's figures for these properties are announced, it is expected that the New Haven's equity will doubtless be supported. Even if the balance of the outside investments were taken at only 50% of book value, the equity for New Haven stock would still work out about \$146 per share.

"The New Haven's protest to the tentative valuation will be filed with the Commission by the first of the year. It will protest the straight line method of depreciation applied by the Commission, also the omission from the tentative valuation of many of the important elements of value. One of the most important of these omissions is the failure on the part of the Commission to allow any value for the company's rights in perpetuity between Woodlawn, N. Y., and the Grand Central Station and its investment therein.—V. 114, p. 2478.

**North Alabama Traction Co.—Franchise—Sale.**—

The Decatur (Ala.) City Council has granted this company a 30-year franchise to replace the one under which it recently operated. The property of the company was recently sold at public auction to John B. Weakley. Confirmation of the sale by the U. S. Court is expected about Dec. 15.—V. 115, p. 645.

**Pacific Electric Ry.—Fares.**—

The company, effective, No. 27, established a "weekly pass" plan on its local lines in Pasadena, Calif. The pass will cost \$1 weekly, is unlimited and transferable. This pass system is also used by the company on its local lines in Riverside and Pomona, Calif.—V. 115, p. 1838, 1833.

**Pensacola Electric Co.—Tenders.**—

The Old Colony Trust Co., trustee, 17 Court St., Boston, Mass., will until Dec. 11 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 5% 25-year gold bonds, due Aug. 1 1931, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$17,791.—V. 112, p. 653.

**Puget Sound Power & Light Co.—Capital Inc.—Fares.**

The stockholders will vote Jan. 3 on increasing the authorized Pref. stock by \$1,000,000. The official notice to shareholders says:

"The entire authorized amount of 6% Cum. Pref. stock, \$15,000,000, is now outstanding. While the company has available for sale approximately \$4,500,000 of authorized but unissued 7% Cum. Pref. Preference stock, this stock is now selling at a premium, and it is possible that the company may be able to finance advantageously a portion of the cost of additions and new acquisitions in the future through the issue of 6% Pref. stock."

The present authorized capital consists of \$15,000,000 6% Cum. Pref. stock, \$10,000,000 7% Prior Preference stock and \$25,000,000 Com. stock.

The Puget Sound International Ry. & Power Co. has filed a tariff with the Department of Public Works providing for the establishment in Everett, Wash., for 90 days, of a 5-cent street car fare. The tariff also provided for the extension of the weekly pass system for another 90 days from Nov. 25. Heretofore the Everett system has been charging 10 cents cash fare, four tickets for 25 cents.—V. 115, p. 1838, 989.

**Railway & Light Securities Co.—Bond Payment.**—

The company announces that it will purchase a limited amount of Third Series Coll. Trust 5% bonds, due Nov. 1 1933, at par and int. upon presentation at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston.—V. 111, p. 1286.

**Richmond Fredericksburg & Potomac RR.**—

See article entitled "Perishable Freight Service Specialty of R. F. & P." in the "Railway Age" of Dec. 2, pages 1045 to 1049 incl.—V. 114, p. 948.

**Richmond Light & RR., Staten Island.—Reorg.**—

The company, which has been in receivers' hands for several years, is about to be reorganized by the new interests which have incorporated as the Richmond Railways, Inc., and application has been made to the Transit Commission to effect this purpose. While formal steps looking to the reorganization have not yet been taken, if the plan contemplated in the petition to the Commission is approved, the termination of the receivership will be materially advanced.

The new company proposes to take over all the properties of the old company for \$2,000,000 30-year 6% bonds and 20,000 shares of no par capital stock to be issued by the Richmond Railways, Inc., the old company assuming all indebtedness incurred by it, including its own 50-year 6% bonds.

Early in October last it was announced that a group composed of Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co., Spencer Trask & Co., Estabrook & Co., Raymond M. Smith & Co. and associates, and interests connected with the J. G. White Management Corp., had acquired control of the company. This group intends to make every effort to effect a sound plan of reorganization and to give the best possible service to Staten Island.—V. 115, p. 1732.

**Richmond Railways, Inc.—New Company To Be Formed.**

See Richmond Light & Rys. above.

**Rochester & Syracuse RR.—Acquires Empire United.**—

Application for the approval of the purchase of a majority of stock of the Empire State RR. Corp. by the company has been submitted to the New York P. S. Commission. The Rochester company has bought 9,500 shares of the Preferred stock and Class "B" and 10,500 shares of the Common stock of the Empire company, which has outstanding 14,500 Common shares, 2,500 6% Cumul. Pref. "A" shares and 12,500 6% Non-Cumul. Pref. "B" shares (par \$100).—V. 113, p. 634.

**St. Louis Southwestern Ry.—Lease of Valley Term. Ry.**

The I.-S. C. Commission on Nov. 23 authorized the company to acquire control of the Valley Terminal Ry., by lease.

By the terms of the lease, the Valley Terminal leases all of its railway and terminal property for 50 years from Jan. 1 1922 to the Cotton Belt; assigns to the latter all contracts of the former and all sums of money which it now has or which may now be or hereafter become due to it, and agrees to reimburse the Cotton Belt for all amounts expended by it in improving the property, which are chargeable to investment in road and equipment.

The Cotton Belt agrees to maintain the property in good repair; to pay all taxes and assessments against the same and interest on all obligations of the Valley Terminal now existing or which may hereafter be incurred with the Cotton Belt's assent; to observe, keep, do and perform all duties and liabilities imposed upon the Valley Terminal by law or by any franchise, deed or contract; and to pay all sums of money thereunder to be paid by the Valley Terminal; to make such additions and betterments to the property as it shall deem proper and necessary and to indemnify the Valley Terminal against all loss, damage or liability arising in, or due to, the construction, improvement, use or operation of the property.—V. 115, p. 2380, 2159.

**Salt Lake & Utah RR.—Stock & Bonds.**—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Nov. 23 authorized the company: (a) to issue \$600,000 1st Mtge. 6% bonds by pledging them with the Secretary of the Treasury as partial security for a loan of \$700,000 from the United States under Section 210 of the Transportation Act, 1920, as amended; (b) to borrow and pledge with the Secretary of the Treasury for the same purpose, \$500,000 7% Cumulative Preferred stock. The 7% Cumulative Preferred stock so to be pledged is held by the Interurban Construction

Co., a holding company, which owns all of the company's Preferred stock and 90% of its Common stock. It will be borrowed by the company to enable it to make the proposed pledge.—V. 113, p. 2313.

**South Georgia Railway.—Capital Stock.—**

The I-S. C. Commission on Nov. 24 authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$190,000 7% preferred stock, par \$100 each; to be exchanged at par for \$199,000 first mortgage, 5% bonds which will mature Jan. 1, 1923, or to be sold at not less than par and the proceeds devoted to the payment of said bonds.—V. 107, p. 2478.

**Springfield Terminal Ry.—Note.—**

The I-S. C. Commission authorized the company to issue a promissory note for \$25,000, dated Nov. 13, 1922, and payable to Peoples Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, four months after date, with interest at the rate of 5 1/2%. Proceeds will be used for paying, in part, the cost of one locomotive, which the company desires to purchase from the Baldwin Locomotive Works at the price of \$25,500.—V. 115, p. 2268.

**Syracuse (N. Y.) & Suburban R.R.—Reorganization.—**

Edward Powell, Chairman of the bondholders' protective committee, has applied to the New York P. S. Commission for approval of the reorganization plan (V. 114, p. 1064). The name of the new company will be *Syracuse & Eastern R.R.*—V. 114, p. 2117.

**Tacoma (Wash.) Ry. & Power Co.—Fares.—**

The "weekly pass" system has been extended for 90 days from Nov. 26.—V. 115, p. 645.

**Texas & Pacific Ry.—To Amend Charter, &c.—**

In connection with the bill introduced in the United States Senate by Senator Morris Sheppard, asking that certain charter amendments be made in order to make new capital available, J. L. Lancaster, receiver, says: "The company seeks to terminate the receivership in whose hands the property has been since Oct. 1916, without foreclosure. To do this and provide means of financing improvements that must be made to keep the property abreast of the traffic requirements of the rapidly developing territory it serves, the amendment of the charter is unnecessary. By the provisions of the bill the public and investors are amply safeguarded and if enacted it will make possible placing the property among the foremost railroads of the country."

The text of the bill introduced by Senator Sheppard provides (in brief): (1) That in addition to the powers conferred upon or secured to the railway company by the Act of Congress under which it is incorporated, the company, in order to extend and develop the lines of railroad now owned by it shall have power from time to time to lay out, locate, construct, furnish, maintain, operate, purchase or lease and enjoy railroads constituting extensions or branches of its said lines of railroad.

(2) That the company shall have power and authority with the consent of the majority of the outstanding capital stock, to authorize an issue or issues of its bonds for the completion, equipment, maintenance or repair of its lines, the refunding of any debt, the making of any additions, extensions or betterments to its property, or for any other lawful corporate purpose, without limitations in amount to \$40,000 per mile of its lines of railroad, and to secure said bonds, or any of them, by mortgage or other lien upon all or any portion of its franchises and property.

(3) That the capital stock heretofore fixed at \$50,000,000 may be increased with the consent of a majority of the outstanding capital stock.

Any additional shares so authorized shall be entitled to such rights, privileges, &c., as determined by the directors with the consent of the outstanding capital stock, provided that each share of outstanding capital stock, preferred or common, shall be entitled to one vote at every stockholders' meeting, which may be voted in person or by written proxy.

Any stock authorized whether preferred or common, may be issued by the company for the payment of any of its outstanding mortgage bonds or other obligations provided the par amount of preferred or common stock issued for such purpose shall not exceed the principal of and interest due and unpaid upon any mortgage bond or other obligation so paid.

(4) The company for the purposes of all actions at law by or against it, real, personal or mixed, and all suits in equity, shall be deemed a citizen of the State of Texas and an inhabitant of the County of Dallas.—V. 115, p. 2478, 2047.

**Toledo St. Louis & Western R.R.—Probable Merger.—**

See New York Chicago & St. Louis R.R. above.—V. 115, p. 761, 184.

**Toronto Suburban Ry.—Sale to City.—**

The City Council of Toronto, Ont., has passed a by-law authorizing the purchase of the company by the city. For terms of purchase, see V. 114, p. 192, 308.

**United Light & Rys. Co.—Common Dividend Resumed.—**

A quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% and an extra dividend of 1/4 of 1% has been declared on the Common stock, together with the regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% on the 6% Pref. and 1 1/2% on the 7% Pref., all payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 15. Last payment of 1% on com. stock Oct. 1, 1919, none since.—V. 115, p. 2160, 870.

**United Railways Co. of St. Louis.—Valuation.—**

Attorneys for the receiver have filed with the Missouri P. S. Commission at Jefferson City a brief declaring that the valuation of the company's property for rate-making purposes should be fixed at about \$70,000,000. This is \$20,000,000 higher than the tentative valuation put on the property by the Commission in September 1919.—V. 115, p. 2478, 2047.

**Valley Terminal Ry.—Lease to Cotton Belt.—**

See St. Louis Southwestern Ry. above.—V. 111, p. 794.

**Washington (D. C.) Ry. & Elec. Co.—New Director.—**

Eugene E. Thompson (of Crane, Parris & Co., who recently negotiated the purchase of 27,500 shares of common stock), has been elected a director, to succeed Bates Warren (of Continental Trust Co.), who was a member of the noteholders' protective committee which sold the stock, resigned.—V. 115, p. 2380, 2048.

**York (Pa.) Railways.—Offer from Municipal Service Co.—**

See Municipal Service Co. above.—V. 115, p. 1534, 546.

**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 & Iron Production, Prices, &c.**

The "Iron Age" Dec. 7 said: **Iron Prices.**—"The week has been marked by a burst of activity in pig iron in several districts apart from the East, notably at Detroit, prices giving way to an extent indicating that both buyers and sellers are feeling for the bottom of the market."

"In the South, a round tonnage was placed at \$21, but \$23 now prevails, as it did before the \$2 cent advance was made. The raising of \$2 as the base price in the Detroit district found quick response and sales there aggregated 50,000 tons, chiefly to automobile, stove and furnace interests. There was also liberal buying at Buffalo at \$25, but price concessions at Cleveland developed little business. A fair volume of orders was placed at Pittsburgh, the declines ranging from \$2 on basic to \$1 and \$1.50 on foundry grades. The eastern Pennsylvania market showed little change, in contrast with the weakness elsewhere, but sales were not numerous."

**Imports.**—"Arrivals of foreign pig iron at Philadelphia for the week amounted to 30,000 tons, the largest for any week this year. In the past two months the receipts there have been 94,000 tons. Concessions are being made on import iron in the effort to keep up the movement. Eastern pig-iron makers meanwhile plan to go to the President for a 50% increase in the 75-cent duty."

**Output.**—"November pig iron output was the largest since November 1920. At 2,849,703 tons in 30 days, it averaged 94,990 tons a day, against 2,637,844 tons in October, or 85,992 tons a day. The increase was over 11%. The merchant furnaces made the surprising gain of 3,800 tons a day over their October rate and are now producing 10,000 tons a day more than in August, an increase of about 75% in the 3 months."

"The net gain in active furnaces last month was 24. The total on Dec. 1 was 242, with a daily capacity of 97,135 tons, against 87,935 tons a day for 218 furnaces on Nov. 1."

"Pig iron production is now at a yearly rate of 35,500,000 tons. In all last year 16,688,000 tons, or less than half as much, was made. The high record was 39,434,000 tons in 1916."

**Steel Prices.**—"In the steel market the chief new feature was the naming of \$36 50 by the Carnegie Steel Co. as its sheet bar price for the first quarter of 1923. The figure is midway between the \$35 for which buyers have been maneuvering and the \$38 price for which some sellers have been holding. While no formal announcement has been made of a billet price, it is expected to be the same as for sheet bars."

**Orders.**—"It now appears that the Steel Corporation's total purchases of semi-finished steel some weeks ago were no less than 150,000 tons, of which 100,000 tons was for the National Tube Co. and 50,000 tons for the American Sheet & Tin Plate Co."

"In the finished steel the first week of December continues the large-scale output of the second half of November and the minor variations in prices of pipes, shapes and bars. Buyers stress the fact that deliveries by some mills have improved to such an extent that certain consumers are getting deliveries sooner than they expected."

"A few plate mills appear to need orders for immediate rolling, and in one case a 3,000-ton inquiry for plates for a Lake shipyard brought out one bid of 1.80c. at mill."

"Automobile plants are operating at a higher rate than in any previous December. Makers are not hastening to buy steel for the first quarter, their inquiries, which point to liberal buying, being mostly tentative."

"The range of 1.80c. to 2c. on heavier products continues on prompt business as in recent weeks. At Chicago in particular the obligations of the mills are heavy. Rail bookings in that district are well over 800,000 tons. The cars placed there in the past two weeks represent 100,000 tons of rolled steel."

"Awards of 4,200 more cars bring the total so far this year to over 145,000 freight cars. With 25,000 under negotiation (over 10,000 added in the week) the year's car buying will be close to the 170,000 of 1916 and greater than for any other year since 1912. Locomotive business is notably active. Orders were placed for 139, with new inquiries for almost as many."

"Large orders for machine tools have been placed during the past week by the Chicago Burlington & Quincy and the Pennsylvania Lines East. The Burlington orders foot up to \$500,000 and those of the Pennsylvania to about half as much. The Missouri Pacific has an inquiry out for 53 machines."

"The Philadelphia-Camden bridge towers account for half of the 20,000 tons of fabricated steel contracted for in the week, and building work in New York and Chicago furnished much of the 22,000 tons of fresh inquiries."

"The United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry Co. was low bidder on 20,000 tons of cast iron water pipe for San Juan, Porto Rico. South America is inquiring for 50,000 boxes of tin plate."

**Coal Production, Prices, &c.**

The United States Geological Survey Dec. 2, 1922 reported in brief as follows:

"Bituminous coal production appears to have found a temporary level just above 11,000,000 tons per week. The total estimated output in the week ended Nov. 25 including coal coked, mine fuel, and local sales, was 11,038,000 net tons. Preliminary reports of cars loaded during the first 3 days of the week Nov. 27-Dec. 2 indicate that production continued at about the same rate, but on account of the Thanksgiving Day holiday the total output will probably drop to between 9,300,000 and 9,700,000 tons. Production of anthracite decreased slightly in the week ended Nov. 25, but was at a rate in excess of 2 million tons per week. The total estimated output, including coal recovered by washeries and river dredges, was 2,174,000 net tons. In comparison with the corresponding week in 1921 this was an increase of 524,000 tons, or 32%. Preliminary reports of cars loaded during the past three days of the week Nov. 27-Dec. 2 indicate a slightly higher rate of output but on account of Thanksgiving Day the total output will probably be reduced to about 1,800,000 net tons."

**Estimated United States Production in Net Tons.**

Bituminous—	1922		1921	
	Week	Cal. Year to Date	Week	Cal. Year to Date
Nov. 11	10,147,000	332,736,000	8,592,000	354,209,000
Nov. 18	11,215,000	343,952,000	8,871,000	363,080,000
Nov. 25	11,038,000	354,990,000	7,101,000	370,181,000
Anthracite				
Nov. 11	1,863,000	38,845,000	1,350,000	79,817,000
Nov. 18	2,191,000	40,950,000	1,879,000	81,796,000
Nov. 25	2,174,000	43,124,000	1,650,000	83,446,000
Beehive Coke				
Nov. 11	246,000	6,052,000	103,000	4,715,000
Nov. 18	264,000	6,316,000	111,000	4,826,000
Nov. 25	285,000	6,601,000	110,000	4,936,000

The "Coal Trade Journal" Dec. 6 noted the following market conditions: "Bituminous market conditions during Thanksgiving Day week were on a firm basis. Outside of Buffalo-Pittsburgh territory and northern West Virginia, the reaction of prices to the loss of lake business was more than offset by the holiday decline in production, transportation difficulties and a healthier demand. In some markets this demand was on the domestic side; in others, it was the steam division of the trade that showed the greatest activity. During the Thanksgiving Day week, last year the output was only 7,101,000 tons, compared with approximately 9,700,000 tons this year."

"The basic steadiness of the spot market as a whole throughout the week is evident from a comparison of the straight average maximum and minimum prices with those for the preceding week. These averages for the week ended last Saturday, \$3 51 and \$3 96 per ton, show a decline of 4 cents on the minimum and an advance of 5 cents on the maximum over the corresponding figures for the week ended Nov. 25, in spite of the fact that 67.2% of the changes reported (39.9% of the quotations were unchanged) represented reductions. The reductions reported ranged from 1 1/2 to 7 1/2 cents per ton and averaged 32.5 cents. Advances ranged from 10 to 50 cents and averaged 25.6 cents per ton."

"Lake shipments for the week ended Nov. 25 totaled 328,949 tons (including 31,738 tons of bunker coal). The record of cargo dumpings for the season to that date showed a total of 17,636,460 tons, or approximately 21% less than dumped in 1921, 20% less than in 1920 and 16% less than in 1919. These figures, of course, refer only to bituminous coal. Shipments of anthracite from Buffalo to Dec. 1 were 947,080 tons, or approximately 25% of normal. Up to Nov. 1 the aggregate receipts of both kinds of coal at the Head of the Lakes were 61% behind last year, 41% less than in 1920 and 54% under 1919."

"The first of the month ushered in advances of 10 to 20 cents per ton on certain domestic sizes of company coal and increases of 50 cents on independent buckwheat and rice and 25 cents on barley. In a number of cases, purchase of the buckwheats is still required as a condition precedent to shipment of domestic sizes. The general market conditions in anthracite remain unchanged."

"Beehive coke production continues to advance. While the price situation is uneven, Connellsville quotations last week held fairly steady, but coal prices on steam grades in that area broke badly."

**Oil Production, Prices, &c.**

The American Petroleum Institute estimates daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Dec. 2 as follows:

(In Barrels)	Nov. 25 '22	Nov. 18 '22	Nov. 11 '22	Nov. 26 '21
Oklahoma	415,100	410,400	408,000	311,300
Kansas	87,450	87,800	87,700	81,300
North Texas	58,500	58,550	54,900	59,850
Central Texas	129,350	129,400	135,400	164,500
North Louisiana & Arkan.	172,050	179,450	185,700	113,800
Gulf Coast	121,000	121,600	121,300	110,880
Eastern	116,000	117,000	116,500	116,000
Wyoming & Montana	82,850	87,400	85,900	55,450
California	455,000	450,000	445,000	305,000

Total 1,637,400 1,645,300 1,640,400 1,327,880

**Crude Oil Prices.**—Standard Oil Co. of La. posts prices on Homer, Caddo, Haynesville and Eldorado crude ranging from \$1 10 to \$1 80 per barrel, according to gravity. "Financial America" Dec. 8, p. 2.

**Bunker Fuel Oil Price Cut.**—Standard Oil Co. of N. J. reduced bunker fuel oil 10c. a barrel to \$1 45 (Bayonne terminal) or \$1 51 1/2 (New York harbor). "Wall Street Journal" Dec. 4.

**New Invention to Eliminate Evaporation of Oil in Storage Tanks.**—Waste reduced nearly 75% by new "foam" composed of glue, glycerine and glucose poured on top of oil. Discovered by Standard Oil experts. "Times" Dec. 4, p. 29.



Prices, Wages and Other Trade Matters.

Raw Silk Price Rebounds—Rises 10c per pound, making Kansai XX Crack \$8 50, and Canton Cracks 14-16's. \$7 85 per pound. "Financial America" Dec. 5, p. 7.
Cable Service to South America Becomes Cheaper—Western Union Telegraph Co. announces week-end cable letter service to certain South American points at \$2 50 per 20 words, and 12 1/2c per each additional word. "Times" Dec. 3, p. 6.
Building Costs in New England Rise 27% Since Jan. 1—Costs are now 92% above pre-war base, according to Massachusetts State Department of Labor and Industries. "Boston News Bureau" Dec. 4, p. 11.
Price of Tubes Advanced—B. F. Goodrich Co. advances Silvertown tubes 15%, small gray tubes 10%, large gray tubes 5%. "Financial America" Dec. 8, p. 2.
Belfast Prices on Cambric Reduced from 5 to 10% and on Sheers from 10 to 12 1/2%.—"Financial America" Dec. 9.

Pottery Strike Settled—17,000 workers in general pottery industry out since Oct. 1, ordered back to work following peace between union and U. S. Potters' Association; will return at old wage scale, pending results of conference to negotiate new wage scale. "Sun" Dec. 6, p. 25.
Auto Output High—For 11 months 1922 production will show approximate increase of 100,000 cars and trucks over entire year of 1920. November production estimated at 200,000, bringing total for 11 months to 2,313,000, or total for year to nearly 2,500,000, according to "Automotive Industries."
Mexico Increases Import Duties 25% on Goods Sent Parcel Post—Mailing goods so sent cost 50% over those sent otherwise. "Wall Street Journal" Dec. 2, p. 3.

Building Trades Controversy Revised—Independent union refuses to amalgamate with A. F. of L. organization. "Times" Dec. 6, p. 21.
Association of Master Plumbers Accuses Unions of Coercion and Artificial Restraint of Plumbing Labor—"Times" Dec. 7, p. 1.
British Textile Wages Cut—Reduction agreed to last spring, when 40% was taken from list rates with 10% to be reduced in 6 months; new wage is 90% higher than pre-war wage; working hours are 48 per week instead of 55 1/2. Cost of living is 78% higher than pre-war cost. "Boston News Bureau" Dec. 2.
President Harding on Twelve-Hour Day—Statement condemning same and approving findings of Federated American Engineering Societies to be embodied in report now being compiled by engineers. "Evening Post" Dec. 1, p. 2.

International Printing Pressmen and Assistant's Union to Negotiate New Wage Contract for 10,000 Workers—Employers demand 5% cut, workers 10% increase. "Times" Dec. 8, p. 5.
Attorney-General Daugherty Accused of Failure to Prosecute Anti-Trust Law Violations—"Times" Dec. 2, p. 1.
Matters Covered "Chronicle" Dec. 2—(a) The Pennsylvania coal tax decision, p. 2422 (editorial). (b) Text of proposed Mexican Oil Law, p. 2428. (c) Advances by War Finance Corporation account of agricultural and live stock purposes, p. 2430. (d) \$8,000,000 made available by New England banks for marketing Connecticut tobacco crop, p. 2430. (e) Repayments received by War Finance Corporation, p. 2430. (f) Harding Administration's program for relief of agricultural and live stock industries. (g) Arthur H. Lamborn wins reinstatement in New York Cotton Exchange, p. 2433. (h) Earl Mendenhall and Fred T. Chandler Jr. of Chandler Bros. & Co. acquitted of fraud and embezzlement in one case, p. 2433.

(i) Failure of John H. Martin & Co., 50 Broad St., New York.
(j) Federal Reserve Bank of N. Y. District reports department store sales in October, p. 2433. (k) Gain in wholesale business in Federal Reserve District of New York, p. 2433. (l) Increase in chain store sales in Federal Reserve District of N. Y., p. 2434.
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(o) North Dakota State flour mill opened, p. 2442.
(p) Strike in Ameskeag Mills called off, p. 2443. (q) Lockout of bricklayers in N. Y. building trades averted by Lockwood Committee, p. 2443.
(r) Government control of coal prices and distribution to terminate Jan. 1, p. 2443. (s) U. S. Supreme Court upholds validity of Pennsylvania anthracite coal tax, p. 2444.
(t) To train strike leaders—Dress and Waist Makers' Union to open school, p. 2446.

American Bolt Corp.—Further Data.—Mention was made in V. 115, p. 2480 of the offering by Hyney, Emerson & Co., Chicago, and Brooke, Stokes & Co., Philadelphia, at 100 and interest, of \$1,750,000 1st Mtge. 15-Year 7% Sinking Fund gold bonds.
Denum. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (cs). Dated Dec. 1 1922. Due Dec. 1 1937. Int. payable J. & J. at office of the trustee. Redeemable all or part on any interest date, upon 30 days' notice at 107 and interest up to and including Dec. 1 1932, and thereafter at 107 and interest less 1% for each full year or fraction thereof remaining between Dec. 1 1932 and date of redemption. Free from normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Tax of any State or United States possession, not in excess of 4 1/2 mills, refundable.

Further Data from Letter of Chairman Justin C. Burns, Dec. 1.
Capitalization—\$2,450,000 7% Cumulative Preferred stock (auth., \$5,000,000) and 55,000 shares of no par value Common stock.
Company—Organized in Delaware for the purpose of acquiring and consolidating under one management the following companies: Standard Bolt Corp., Columbus, Ohio; Bayonne Bolt & Nut Co., Bayonne, N. J.; Michigan Bolt & Nut Works, Detroit, Mich.; and Boss Nut Co., Chicago.
Conversion Feature—Bonds are convertible at par into the 7% Cumul. Preferred stock at 95, at the option of the holder, at any time. This Preferred stock after payment of 7% dividends thereon and a like amount of dividends on the Common stock, will participate equally with the Common stock in any further dividends up to 10%.
Sinking Fund—The trust indenture will provide that beginning with Dec. 1 1924, sinking fund payments shall be made to the trustee as follows: \$50,000 Dec. 1 1924; \$50,000 Dec. 1 1925; \$50,000 Feb. 1 1926, and \$100,000 on Feb. 1 in each year from 1927 to 1937 inclusive—or 25% of the net earnings of the previous 12-month period, whichever amount shall be the greater. The sinking fund shall be used to retire bonds by purchase or redemption and will operate to retire about 75% of the bond issue prior to maturity.

Condensed Balance Sheet Oct. 1 1922 (After this Financing).
Assets—Cash \$405,000; Accounts receivable 170,607; Inventories 953,311; Real estate, buildings, machinery, &c. 3,675,849; Contracts controlling manufacture of lock-nuts 750,000; Patents & goodwill 1.
Liabilities—1st Mtge. 15-Yr. 7s. \$1,750,000; Accounts payable 175,000; Long-term notes 275,000; Preferred stock 2,450,000; Surplus (represented by 55,000 shs. of no par value Common stock) 1,304,769.
Total (each side) \$5,954,769.
Officers—Justin C. Burns, Chairman; J. Rich Steers, Pres.; Frank S. Bigler, J. A. MacLean, Ernest L. Ruff, Robert H. Hill, Vice-Presidents; Harley E. Burns, Sec. & Treas. See also V. 115, p. 2480.

American Book Co.—Stock Dividend Proposed.—If the stockholders on Dec. 15 increase the Capital stock from \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000, par \$100, it is the intention of the directors to declare a 60% stock dividend.—V. 115, p. 2480.
American Brake Shoe & Fdy. Co.—To Sell Plant.—The company is reported to be negotiating for the sale of its Newark plant.—V. 115, p. 1323.
American & British Mfg. Corp.—Sale.—Judge Knox of the New York U. S. District Court has ordered the sale of all of the property, assets and effects, except cash and accounts receivable, now in possession of George O. Van Tuyl, Jr., receiver. Bids for the sale of the assets will be received at office of Flaherty, Turner & Shouse, 2 Rector St., New York, and will be opened Dec. 22.—V. 114, p. 309.

American Chain of Warehouses Inc.—To Consolidate.—Reports from Cleveland state that members of 30 warehouse companies attending the convention of the American Chain of Warehouses voted to consolidate and form the American Chain of Warehouses, Inc., with a capital of \$50,000,000. The new company will be incorporated in New York. It was said.

Among the cities which will be represented are New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, San Francisco and Minneapolis. The following board of trustees of the proposed corporation was elected: A. H. Groely, Cleveland; W. W. Morse, Minneapolis; A. C. Balcom, Dallas; W. L. Hinds, Des Moines; E. F. Pelton, New York; W. Lee Cotter, Mansfield, O., and Edward Wulchet, Dayton. Mr. Groely was elected President; Mr. Wulchet, Vice-Pres.; Mr. Pelton, Treas., and L. C. Crutcher, Kansas City, assistant to the President.

American Laundry Machinery Co.—To Increase Stock—50% Stock Dividend Proposed.—The stockholders will vote Dec. 29 (1) on increasing the authorized Common stock from \$6,000,000 to \$12,000,000, and (2) on changing the par value of the Common stock from \$100 to \$25 per share. The company also has an authorized issue of \$2,000,000 7% Cum. Pref. stock. If the increase is authorized it is the intention to declare a 50% stock dividend on the Common stock, to be payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 29. The remainder of the new stock is to be held in the treasury, a part of which is to be issued to employees as the directors shall determine.—V. 115, p. 2480.

American Manganese Mfg. Co., Phila.—Receivership.—Judge Aulicreid of Common Pleas Court, Phila., on Dec. 5, appointed David Halstead receiver on petition of Edward B. Marsden, who holds more than \$100,000 of stock and is a creditor to the extent of more than \$100,000. Lack of ready capital and impairment of credit due to the coal strike are given as causes of the appeal to the Court.

American Motors Corp.—Merger with Bessemer Truck Co.—Plans for a merger of this corporation of Plainfield, N. J., and the Bessemer Motor Truck Co. of Grove City and Philadelphia, have been completed and now await the approval of stockholders to become effective. The consolidated company will be known as the Bessemer American Motors Corp. and will have a capitalization of \$2,000,000 8% Participating Preferred stock and 200,000 shares of Common stock. The Bessemer Motor Truck Co. is one of the old line truck manufacturing concerns, having been established more than 10 years ago, and puts out a complete line of commercial vehicles from one to four-ton sizes. The American Motors Corp. manufactures the well known American balanced six and has more than 4,000 cars on the road. The merger is the outgrowth of plans that have been in process of development for almost a year. With a total floor space of more than 100,000 sq. ft. in the Plainfield and Philadelphia plants the company will have a manufacturing capacity of 5,000 trucks and 20,000 passenger cars per year. The American company went into receivership in Sept. 1921. (V. 115, p. 1159.)

The plan to merge the companies has been approved by the directors of both companies and will be submitted to the stockholders for confirmation at an early date, at which time the details will be announced.—V. 114, p. 525.

American Screw Co.—50% Stock Dividend.—The stockholders voted Dec. 1 to increase the outstanding capital stock from \$3,000,000 to \$4,500,000 by the payment of a 50% stock dividend. The company has an authorized issue of \$6,250,000 capital stock, par \$100.—V. 115, p. 2382; V. 113, p. 2821.

American Steel Foundries.—Listing—Bal. Sheet.—The Boston Stock Exchange Dec. 2 authorized for the list 110,166 additional shares Common Capital stock (par \$33 1/3). Total Common stock outstanding, including this issue, 722,196 shares. These additional 110,166 shares Common stock are to be issued as an 18% stock dividend (\$6 per share), payable Dec. 30 to stockholders of record Dec. 9.

Comparative Balance Sheet. Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for Sept. 30 '22 and Dec. 31 '21. Assets include Real estate, plant, equipment, good will, etc. Liabilities include Common stock, Preferred stock, etc.

a Real estate, buildings, plant, machinery, tools, equipment, patents and good will, as per balance sheet Dec. 31 1921, \$35,877,880, plus additions during period, \$127,702, less reserve for depreciation, \$3,506,107. b Common stock authorized, \$25,000,000; issued—\$12,030 shares of \$33 1/3 each, \$20,401,000. c Preferred stock authorized, \$25,000,000; issued—\$3,813 shares of \$100 each. d Capital stock (par value) of subsidiary company not held by American Steel Foundries and surplus appertaining thereto.—V. 115, p. 2049, 1734.

American Sumatra Tobacco Co.—No Sept. 1922 Dividend Payment on Preferred Stock.—In our "Railway and Industrial Section" of Nov. 25 1922, we erroneously state that dividends on the preferred stock of this company were resumed in Sept. 1922 with a payment of 3 1/2%. No dividends have been paid on the preferred stock since Sept. 1921.—V. 115, p. 1039, 990.

American Wholesale Corp.—November Sales.—Month of November—1922 1921 Increase. Gross sales \$2,763,222 \$2,699,791 \$63,431.—V. 115, p. 1841, 1324.

Ames Holden McCready, Ltd.—Chartered.—The company was incorporated under the laws of the Dominion of Canada Nov. 15 1922, with an authorized capital of \$2,300,000 7% Cumul. Pref. stock (par \$100) and 30,000 shares of Common stock, no par value. The company is the outcome of a reorganization of the Ames Holden Feit Co., Ltd., and Ames Holden McCready Co., Ltd., per plan in V. 115, p. 1102, 1213, 2382.

Anglo-Amer. Corp. of South Africa, Ltd.—Acquisition.—The directors entered into a provisional agreement with Consolidated Mines Selection Co., Ltd., which was confirmed by shareholders of that company on Oct. 30 1922, in terms of which, inter alia, the Anglo-American Corp. has purchased the South African assets of the Consolidated Mines Selection Co., Ltd., as at June 30 1922, for a share and a cash consideration, and has agreed to take over the Johannesburg and London staffs and organizations of the Consolidated Co. The shareholders of the Consolidated Co. who have thus acquired a large interest in the Anglo-American Corp., are to be given representation on the board.—V. 115, p. 77.

Anglo-Persian Oil Co., Ltd.—Earnings, &c.—The company reports for the year ended Mar. 31 1922 a profit of £3,130,380 after allowing for depreciation, &c. The directors have recommended the declaration of a dividend on the Ordinary stock at the rate of 20% per annum, payable Jan. 31 next, leaving balance of £1,739,172 to be carried forward.—V. 115, p. 548.

Atlantic Mail Corp.—Trustee of Note Issue.—The Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y. has been appointed trustee of an issue of \$4,750,000 7% gold notes dated Dec. 1 1922 and due Feb. 1 1927. The trust company is also to act as registrar and paying agent.—V. 114, p. 2016.

Atlantic Monthly Co.—Stock Dividend, &c.—The company has filed a certificate with the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations showing a change in capital from \$100,000 as follows: (a) \$90,000 Common (now outstanding); (b) \$250,000 7% Cumul. Pref. stock, par \$100, and (c) 7,750 shares of Common stock of no par value. On Dec. 29 holders of record Dec. 23 will receive 1,000 shares of Preferred (in exchange, par for par, for the outstanding \$100,000 Common stock, par \$100), and the 7,500 shares of Common stock, no par value, as a stock dividend. The old Common stock, par \$100, is to be retired. The surplus as of April 30 1922 was \$190,593.

**Baldwin Cotton Mills, Chester, S. C.—Capital Increase.**  
The stockholders will vote Dec. 27 on increasing the Common stock from \$400,000 to \$800,000. If the increase is authorized, it is the intention to declare a 100% stock dividend.

**Baldwin Locomotive Works.—Bookings, &c.**  
The company during the 11 months ended Nov. 31 1922 booked \$58,919,345 of new business, compared with \$26,924,126 for the corresponding period of 1921. Unfilled orders now on the books, it is stated, total \$42,832,001. The plant is operating at 75% of capacity.—V. 115, p. 2382, 2270.

**Beech-Nut Packing Co.—Extra Dividend, &c.**  
The company has declared an extra dividend of 48c, a share on the Common stock, par \$20, payable Dec. 26 to holders of record Dec. 16.  
The Beech-Nut Co. of Canada, Ltd., has been incorporated in Canada with an authorized capital of \$200,000, par \$100. This company, it is understood, will take care of the Beech-Nut Packing Co.'s Canadian trade.—V. 115, p. 2481.

**Benz Kid Co. (Mass.).—233 1-3% Stock Dividend.**  
The co. has filed a certificate with the Mass. Commissioner of Corporations showing an increase in Capital stock from \$600,000 to \$2,000,000, par \$100, the 14,000 additional shares to be distributed as a 233 1-3% stock dividend.  
The balance sheet of Oct. 31 last shows a surplus of \$2,251,183.

**Bessemer Motor Truck Co., Grove City, Pa.—Merger.**  
See American Motors Corp. above.

**Bethlehem Steel Corp.—To Extend Time for Exchange.**  
When asked, Dec. 8, whether the corporation would extend the time within which the 7% Non-Cumul. Pref. stock might be exchanged for the 7% Cumul. Pref. stock, Pres. E. G. Grace stated that the directors desired that every holder of the Non-Cumul. stock should have full opportunity to make the exchange and that he thought that without doubt the board, at a meeting which would be held prior to Dec. 15 would extend the time for at least two months.—V. 115, p. 2481, 2050.

**Binghamton (N. Y.) Gas Works.—Bonds Offered.**  
A. C. Allen & Co. are offering at 95 and int. \$100,000 Gen. Mtge. 5s of 1904, due Oct. 1 1954. Int. payable A. & O. at Emerson McMullin & Co., New York, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000 (c\*). Red. on any int. date on 6 weeks' notice at 105 and int. Equitable Trust Co., New York, trustee. Auth., \$2,500,000, of which \$246,000 now outstanding.

**Company.**—Incorp. in 1808 in New York as successor to Binghamton Gas & Electric Co. Supplies gas, without competition, to Binghamton, Fort Dickinson and Johnson City, New York. Population about 80,000. Owns 101 miles of mains and had an output during 1921 of 445,687,100 cu. ft. of gas. Daily capacity of plants is 3,000,000 cu. ft. Meters in use, 16,370.  
**Security.**—Secured by a direct mortgage upon all property now or hereafter owned, subject to \$750,000 1st Mtge. 5s due April 1 1938.  
**Capital.**—Bonds are followed by \$450,000 capital stock outstanding (authorized \$750,000).

Earnings 12 Months ending July 31.

	1922.	1921.
Gross earnings	\$539,584	\$566,588
Net, after operating expenses and taxes	155,396	138,722
Bond interest	49,800	49,800

Balance Management.—American Light & Traction Co. owns the entire capital stock, except directors' qualifying shares.

**(The) Black Mountain Corp.—Bonds Called.**  
Certain 20-year 6% First Mtge. coupon gold bonds, dated Jan. 1 1917, aggregating \$346,400, have been called for redemption Jan. 1 1923 at 102 and interest, at the Empire Trust Co., trustee, 120 Broadway, N. Y. City.

**Boston Consolidated Gas Co.—Gas Output.**  
Month of—  
Gas output—  
—V. 115, p. 2162, 1636.

	Nov. 1922.	Oct. 1922.
Gas output	796,568,000	804,895,000

**Boston Manufacturing Co. (1901).—Prof. Stock Offered.**—Jackson & Curtis and Kidder, Peabody & Co. are offering at 99½ and div. to yield over 6½% \$1,300,000 6½% Cumul. Sinking Fund Pref. (a. & d.) stock. A circular shows:

Dividends payable Q-F. (1st quarterly div. payable Feb. 15 1923). Callable, as a whole only, on any div. date at 110 and div. Each year, beginning 1924, 15% of net earnings (after income taxes and divs. on Pref. stock, made in form of Prof. stock, cash, or Prof. stock and cash), will be paid to a sinking fund to purchase Pref. stock at not exceeding 110.  
**Capitalization after this financing (no bonds).**—Authorized. Outstanding.  
Preferred stock 6½% Cumulative—\$1,300,000 \$1,300,000  
Common stock—800,000 800,000  
Surplus—897,363

The present outstanding 7% Preferred stock has been called for redemption on Feb. 15 1923, and funds are available for its retirement.  
**Company.**—Established in 1813, and was the first cotton mill in the country to convert cotton from the raw state into finished cloth, and the first to operate on a power-driven loom. Factories in Waltham, Mass. Has 66,632 spindles and 1,868 looms, together with dyeing and finishing equipment. Principal produce is a line of very high-grade gingham.  
**Purpose.**—Of this issue 5,000 shares have been disposed of for cash, the proceeds providing in part funds to retire the \$800,000 7% Pref. stock, the balance of 8,000 shares having been declared as a dividend on the Common stock.  
**Earnings.**—The five years ended Dec. 31 1921 show earnings before Federal taxes \$2,252,962, and earnings after taxes \$1,476,831. For this period average earnings before Federal taxes were \$450,592, and earnings after Federal taxes \$295,366. Had the income tax law in the past carried the present 12½% tax rate, net after taxes for five years would have totaled \$1,971,341, an average of \$394,268.  
Net earnings for 1922 (Nov. and Dec., estimated) will be in excess of the average for the last five years.—V. 116, p. 2195.

**Bristol Mfg. Co., New Bedford, Mass.—Bal. Sheet Sept. 30**

<b>Assets—</b>	1922.	1921.	<b>Liabilities—</b>	1922.	1921.
Real estate & machinery	\$1,321,358	\$1,319,269	Capital stock	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Merchandise	452,779	432,891	Acc'ts payable	43,993	192,720
Insurance	18,482	14,539	Depreciation	426,970	351,970
Investm't, &c.	65,000	65,493	Res. for taxes	71,018	
Acc'ts receiv'le	108,767	158,970	Prof. and loss	514,786	416,471
Cash	92,388				
			Tot. (each side)	\$2,056,768	\$1,991,161

—V. 115, p. 2271.

**Brooklyn Edison Co.—Capital Increase.**—The stockholders will vote Dec. 22 on increasing the Capital stock from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000.  
The directors have recommended the increase so as to provide for an issue of stock to meet the cost of additions made and to be made to the company's properties. Application has been made to the New York P. S. Commission for authority to issue the stock for such purposes. All the stock issued as a result of the proposed capital increase will be offered to the stockholders for subscription.  
President Sloan, in a letter to stockholders explaining the proposed increase in capital, states that the gross revenue of 1922 (Dec. estimated) will be approximately \$19,000,000, compared with \$10,850,115 in 1919, an increase of 75% in three years.—V. 115, p. 984, 1637.

**Brooklyn Union Gas Co.—Obituary.**  
William G. Rockefeller, a Vice-President and director of this company, died Nov. 30. He was also a director of the Inspiration Consolidated Copper Co., the N. Y. Metropolitan Gas Light Co., the Oregon Short Line R.R., the Oregon-Washington R.R. & Navigation Co. and the Union Pacific R.R.—V. 115, p. 2481, 2271.

**Burdick Tire & Rubber Co., Noblesville, Ind.—Receiver.**  
Charles W. Jordan (Pres. American Trust & Savings Bank, Richmond) has been appointed receiver.

**Burns Bros.—Capital Adjustment.**  
Plans for the adjustment of the capitalization of the company have been placed before a committee of five directors for consideration. This plan, if carried out, will leave but two classes of stock outstanding. The committee is composed of Jules S. Bache (J. S. Bache & Co.), S. M. Williams, Chairman of Board; Michael F. Burns, Pres., and two other directors.—V. 115, p. 2271, 1735.

**Butte & Superior Mining Co.—Dividend Resumed.**  
A dividend of 50 cents a share has been declared, payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 15. In Sept. 1917 12½% was paid; none since.  
An official statement says: "While the profits for the entire calendar year will be very small due to the losses and shut-down expense as shown in the quarterly reports for the early part of the year, the increase in production plus the advance in the price of zinc is now permitting the company to show reasonable profits in excess of dividend at the rate now declared."  
"The cash position of company is exceedingly strong."—V. 115, p. 2271.

**Cabarrus Mills of Kannapolis, N. C.—Stock Increase.**  
The company has increased the capital stock from \$3,000,000 to \$7,000,000. It is expected that a 133 1-3% stock dividend will be distributed.

**Callahan Zinc-Lead Co.—Acquires Galena Interest.**  
The company, which owned a majority of the stock of the Galena Mining Co., has acquired the minority interests. The Galena stockholders will receive one share of Callahan for each 15 shares of Galena stock. The deal, it is understood, involves about 1,000,000 shares of Galena stock and 68,400 shares of Callahan. The Galena company has an authorized capital of 2,500,000 shares.—V. 115, p. 2271.

**Calumet & Arizona Mining Co.—1922 Production (Lbs.).**

November	3,298,000	August	4,038,000	May	3,566,000
October	3,916,000	July	3,310,000	April	3,756,000
September	3,598,000	June	3,362,000	March	3,056,000

Note.—Operations were suspended in May 1921 and resumed early in Feb. 1922, in which month 2,462,000 lbs. of copper were produced.—V. 115, p. 2162, 2050.

**Campbell, Wyant & Cannon Foundry Co., Muskegon Heights, Mich.—Bonds Offered.**—Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, are offering, at 100½ and interest, for bonds due 1923 to 1925, and 100 and interest for bonds due 1926 to 1931, \$850,000 First Mtge. Serial 6½% Gold Bonds.

Dated Nov. 1 1922. Due serially Nov. 1 1923 to 1931. Interest payable M. & N. at Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c\*). Redeemable on 60 days' notice at par and interest, plus a premium of ¼ of 1% for each year or part of year that bonds are to run before fixed maturity. Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee. Michigan Trust Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., co-trustee.

**Data from Letter of D. J. Campbell, Muskegon Heights, Mich., Oct. 25.**  
**Company.**—Organized in 1907 in Michigan. Engaged in the manufacture and sale of gray iron motor castings for automobiles, trucks and tractors. Plants located in Muskegon Heights, Mich. Present output, between 2,000 and 3,000 tons of castings per month.  
**Purpose.**—Proceeds are to be used to redeem First Mtge. Serial 7s, maturing March 1924 and 1925, to complete and equip the new plant (now nearing completion, and which will have a floor space of 150,000 sq. ft.), and to increase working capital.

Balance Sheet Aug. 31 1922 (After Present Financing).

<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Land, buildings, machinery, &c., less deprec'n.	\$2,143,601	First Mtge. Serial 6½s	\$850,000
Cash	64,136	Land contracts payable	47,750
Accounts & notes receiv'le	336,390	Accounts payable	165,675
Land contracts receivable	9,385	Notes payable	50,000
Inventories	199,188	Payroll	46,288
Securities	47,828	Accrued taxes	22,310
Deferred charges	93,658	Unclaimed wages, &c.	2,336
Stock purchase notes and due from officers	57,881	Reserves	154,311
		Common stock	1,403,200
		Surplus	207,197
Total	\$2,952,067	Total	\$2,952,067

Earnings Years Ending December 31.

	yProfit.	Interest.	Federal Taxes	Net Available for Dividends.
1917	\$174,928	\$6,582	\$28,334	\$140,111
1918	273,468	3,134	125,326	145,008
1919	406,999	5,056	130,000	271,943
1920	433,597	\$64,825	107,736	261,036
1921	202,285	\$72,717	54,273	75,295
1922 (8 months)	202,814	\$39,793	20,500	142,521

x Includes amortization of bond discount. y After deducting depreciation and obsolescence, but before deducting interest and Federal taxes.  
**Officers.**—D. J. Campbell, Pres.; G. W. Cannon, V. Pres.; F. E. McKee, V. Pres.; and I. A. Wyant, Sec.-Treas.—V. 116, p. 1091.

**Central Arizona Light & Power Co.—Bonds Offered.**—First Securities Co. and E. H. Rollins & Sons, Los Angeles, are offering at 97 and interest to yield about 6½% \$500,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 6% gold bonds, series "B."

Dated Nov. 1 1922. Due Nov. 1 1942. Interest payable M. & N. at Los Angeles without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, trustee. Redeemable on any interest date, on 30 days notice at 105 and int. up to and including May 1 1937; less 1% for each year following to and including May 1 1941; and at par and int. thereafter. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c\*).  
**Insurance.**—Authorized by the Arizona Corporation Commission.

**Data from Letter of V. Pres. H. L. Aller, Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 20.**  
**Company.**—Incorp. in February 1920 in Arizona for the purpose of constructing certain distributing lines out of the city of Phoenix, and to acquire the entire properties of the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. of Phoenix, which, with its predecessor companies, has served this territory for more than 35 years. Supplies gas and electricity without competition to the city of Phoenix and surrounding territory.

**Capitalization after this Financing.**

Pacific Gas & Electric Co. 1st Mtge. 6s	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st & Ref. 6s, Series "B" (this issue)	\$1,000,000	500,000
Preferred stock, 8% Cumulative	1,000,000	554,700
Common stock	1,000,000	715,000

Earnings—Years ended Dec. 31.

	x1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Total oper. revenue	\$1,076,897	\$1,159,116	\$1,027,262	\$744,443
Oper. exp., including maint. & taxes	756,295	806,005	708,860	484,335
Earns. from oper.	\$320,601	\$353,110	\$318,401	\$260,107
Other income	5,642	2,836	10,578	6,968
Earns. applic. to int. charges	\$326,243	\$355,946	\$328,980	\$267,076
Total interest charges	\$95,061	\$9,232	\$8,915	\$60,606

\*Annual interest on funded and other debt after present financing.  
**Purpose.**—Proceeds, together with treasury money, will be used solely to retire the outstanding \$600,000 Series "A" 8% bonds (called for payment Dec. 1 at 105 and interest).  
**Sinking Fund.**—Company is obliged to expend annually in permanent improvements an amount not less than 2% of the maximum amount of these Series "B" bonds outstanding during the preceding year, for which expenditures, so long as any Series "B" bonds are outstanding, no additional bonds may be issued. In lieu of such expenditures, company may deposit with the trustee a sum of money equal to 2% of the maximum amount of Series "B" bonds outstanding, to be used as a sinking fund for the purchase of these bonds at not exceeding 105 and int.—V. 115, p. 2162.



**Central Indiana Power Co.—Bonds Offered.**—Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., Paine, Webber & Co., Stone & Webster, Inc., and Spencer Trask & Co. are offering at 95 and interest to yield about 5.40%, \$4,248,000 1st Mtge. Coll. & Ref. 6% gold bonds, series "A." Non-callable until after June 30 1932. Bonds are dated July 1 1922 and due July 1 1947. For further description of bonds, see V. 115, p. 440. (See also adv. pages.)

**Data from Letter of Jos. H. Brewer, Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 24.**  
*Company.*—Formerly Merchants Public Utilities Co. was incorporated Sept. 17 1912 in Indiana. Will own all the outstanding bonds and the present outstanding capital stock (except \$1,504,000 bonds and directors' qualifying shares) of the Merchants Heat & Light Co. (V. 114, p. 635), Wabash Valley Electric Co. (V. 114, p. 638), Putnam Electric Co., Cayuga Electric Co., Valparaiso Lighting Co., and the Northern Indiana Power Co.

The latter company recently acquired (see below) all the properties (subject only) to \$1,504,000 outstanding bonds formerly owned by the Indiana Railways Light Co., Wabash Water & Light Co., United Public Service Co., Sheridan Water, Light & Heat Co., Noblesville Heat, Light & Power Co., and Logansport Utilities Co.

*Company* will also own all the outstanding stock, except directors' qualifying shares, of the Indiana Electric Corp., which company has contracted for the construction and financing of a central station generating plant with an initial electrical equipment installation of 40,000 k. w. capacity.

The subsidiary companies serve 70 cities and towns located in 25 counties in Indiana, with one or more classes of public utility service. Estimated population served, 500,000. Business is essentially the supplying of electricity for domestic and commercial needs, as over 73% of the combined operating revenue is now being derived from such service.

**Capitalization after this Financing.**

Preferred 7% Cumulative Stock	Authorized	Outstanding
Common stock	\$10,000,000	x\$5,500,000
1st Mtge. Coll. & Ref. 6% gold bonds, Series "A" (including this issue)	6,000,000	3,000,000
Divisional bonds (not pledged)	y	11,748,000
3-Year 7% Coll. gold notes (V. 115, p. 649)	Closed	2,156,400
	Closed	2,000,000

x Includes \$250,000 reserved for exchange of like amount of 6% preferred outstanding y Restricted by the provisions of the mortgage. z Consists of \$1,254,000 Indiana Ry. & Light Co. bonds and \$310,000 Noblesville Heat Light & Power Co. bonds.

**Note.**—Company has guaranteed the payment of both principal and interest of \$4,500,000 1st Mtge. 6% gold bonds, Series "A," of Indiana Electric Corp.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used in the acquisition of the bonds and stocks of the subsidiary companies heretofore not owned (see Northern Indiana Power Co. below) and for other corporate uses.

**Security.**—Secured by a first lien on all the outstanding bonds, except \$1,504,000 divisional bonds, and on not less than 75% of the issued voting stock of the 6 operating companies, all of which will be deposited and pledged with the trustee. Par value of subsidiary companies' bonds (or cash in lieu thereof) to be immediately pledged under the mortgage as security for these bonds is \$12,030,300.

**Consolidated Earnings & Expenses of Subsidiaries (12 Months ended)**

	Sept. 30 '22	Dec. 31 '21
Gross revenue (including other income)	\$5,126,378	\$5,008,528
Operating expenses, maintenance & taxes	3,355,840	3,404,816
Net earnings	\$1,740,518	\$1,603,712
Annual int. on 1st Mtge. Coll. & Ref. gold bonds and underlying bonds, not pledged, requires		\$787,730

**Construction of Electric Generation Stations.**—The proposal of the construction of electric generating stations at the coal fields, to absorb fuel wastage, has taken definite form in the North Middle West. The electric power and lighting utilities of some 70 cities and towns in Central Indiana, with Indianapolis as a centre, have been consolidated by the Central Indiana Power Co. All will be interconnected and operated more or less as a unit.

A new power station, with initial capacity of 40,000 kilowatts, will be constructed on the bank of the Wabash River and in the centre of some 3,400 acres of proven coal lands which the company has acquired.

The new power station will be designed and built by Stone & Webster construction forces under the supervision of Kelsey Brewer & Co. of Grand Rapids, Managers of the new system, while the financing of the consolidation, with the station and necessary physical links, to the extent of approximately \$12,000,000, will be handled by the above bankers.

Compare Northern Indiana Power Co. below and also V. 115, p. 440, 649, 1214, 2162.

**Central Mexico Light & Power Co.—Interest Payment.**—See Guanajuato Power & Light Co. below.—V. 113, p. 2508.

**Central Sugar Corporation.—Resignation.**—The Equitable Trust Co. has tendered its resignation as trustee of the 8% 30-year Conv. gold notes, dated Oct. 1 1920, effective Dec. 30.—V. 114, p. 202.

**Chalmers Motors Corp.—Purchased by Maxwell Motors.**—The company has been purchased at a receiver's sale for \$1,987,600 by Boyd G. Curtis, local attorney representing the Maxwell Motor Corp. The sale has been confirmed by Federal Judge Tuttle. Compare reorganization plan in V. 115, p. 1432, 1735, 2162.

**Charlton Mills, Fall River.—Capital Increase, &c.**—The stockholders will vote Dec. 15 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$800,000 (all outstanding) to \$1,200,000, par \$100. If the increase is authorized, it is the intention to declare a 50% stock dividend.

The directors have declared the usual quarterly dividend of 2%, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Dec. 7.—V. 112, p. 473.

**Chelsea Fibre Mills, New York.—Capital Increase.**—The company has filed a certificate at Albany, N. Y., showing an increase in Capital stock from \$2,000,000 (\$800,000 Common and \$1,400,000 Pref.) to \$2,600,000, to consist of \$1,200,000 Common and \$1,400,000 Pref. stock. The additional \$600,000 Common stock will probably be distributed to stockholders as a 100% stock dividend.

**Cherokee Spinning Mills, Knoxville, Tenn.—Cap. Inc.**—The stockholders will vote shortly on increasing the capital stock from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000. It is stated that between \$400,000 and \$500,000 will be expended for the addition to the plant of 35,640 sq. ft. of floor space and the purchase of new machinery. E. J. McMillan is Pres. & Gen. Mgr.

**Chicago Railway Equipment Co.—Recapitalization—Stock Dividend.**—The stockholders voted Nov. 21 to change the present 30,000 shares of capital stock, par \$100, into 120,000 shares of 7% Cum. Pref. stock, par \$25. Red. as a whole at \$30 per share (equivalent to \$120 at \$100 par value).

The stockholders also voted to increase the capital stock \$1,500,000 by issuing 60,000 shares of Common stock, par \$25. Effective Dec. 30, the capital stock will be \$3,000,000 7% Cum. Pref. stock, par \$25, and \$1,500,000 Common stock, par \$25.

The directors, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2% on the present outstanding stock, declared a 50% Common stock dividend, both payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 19.

Shareholders of record Dec. 19 will receive in exchange for each share of the present \$100 par value stock four shares of the new \$25 par value 7% Pref. stock, and such shareholders will also receive, as a dividend, two shares of the \$25 par value Common stock for each share of the present stock.

The above superseded the plan in V. 115, p. 873, in which the company proposed to change the capital stock from \$3,000,000, par \$100, to \$3,000,000 Pref. stock, par \$100, and 60,000 shares of Common stock of no par value.—V. 115, p. 1842.

**Chile Copper Co.—23d Quarterly Report, for Three Mos. Ending Sept. 30 1922.**—Pres. Daniel Guggenheim reports:

During the quarter ended Sept. 30 there were treated 1,266,309 tons of ore, averaging 1.72% copper; in the preceding quarter 924,450 tons, aver-

aging 1.68% copper, were treated. The recovery during this quarter was 89.617%, compared with 89.707% for the quarter ended June 30 1922.

Output for the quarter averaged 12,783,690 lbs. per month, compared with 10,302,573 lbs. per month during the second quarter of 1922.

The cost of copper produced during the quarter was 6.352c. per lb., including selling and delivery expense, but excluding depreciation and Federal taxes, and with no credit for miscellaneous income, compared with 7.077c. per lb. for the previous quarter.

**Combined Earnings of Chile Copper Co. and Chile Exploration Co. (Based on Copper Actually Sold and Delivered.)**

Copper production (in pounds)	38,351,070	30,907,718
Copper delivered (in pounds)	30,962,339	38,118,450
Net profit on copper delivered	\$2,229,795	\$1,351,073
Miscellaneous income	37,698	15,957
Interest on call loans and bank balances	108,110	84,372
Total income	\$2,375,603	\$1,451,402
Depreciation	\$726,435	\$723,870
Amortized discount on 15-Year 6% Conv. bonds	35,000	35,000
Accrued bond interest of Chile Copper Co.	787,500	787,500
Expenses of Chile Copper Co.	7,175	12,355
Balance, both companies	sur. \$819,493	def. \$107,322

x The above profit of \$819,493 is after deducting \$726,435 for depreciation, which is a book entry computed on a time basis regardless of production or sale.

While the cost of copper produced during the quarter was 6.352c. per lb., the income from the copper delivered during this quarter is based on an average cost of 7.586c. per lb. The copper so delivered was produced at this average cost during the earlier months of this year. During October the cost of producing copper was 5.95c. per lb., as compared with the cost of 6.352c. per lb. for the quarter.

The companies had at Nov. 15 \$13,742,900, representing cash on hand and marketable securities.—V. 115, p. 2482, 1735.

**Cities Service Co.—Capital Increase Proposed—May Declare Stock Dividend.**—The stockholders will vote Dec. 28 on increasing the authorized Common stock from \$100,000,000 to \$400,000,000. Pres. Henry L. Doherty says:

The purpose is to enable the board to take such action prior to Dec. 31 as it concludes is most advantageous to the stockholders.

Many corporations have large surpluses have deemed it advisable to declare stock dividends, while others have definitely decided not to do so. However, the preponderance of opinion is that capital obligations should be made to equal property values as nearly as possible.

It is understood that some of the corporations that have not as yet taken action intend to do so before Dec. 31 1922, but deem it wise to defer action to the latest possible date in order that they may be guided by anything that may be developed by the heated discussion of the question which is now on, and have the benefit of any court decisions bearing on the subject that may be handed down in the interim. It is also their wish to take into consideration public opinion, which is now rapidly crystallizing, as it will have a decided influence on future legislative action.

The directors have in no way committed themselves to any specific action and by calling this meeting do not pledge themselves to any specific action or any action whatever. In fact the board believes that, where possible, a fixed dividend policy should be maintained, and it has repeatedly committed itself to this plan.

The board is simply asking that the stockholders create a situation which will enable it to act as seems best, and the board is considering the recommendations it has received that book surplus be declared out as a stock dividend, and the further recommendation that a stock dividend, sufficient to make the outstanding stock approximately equal the property values, be declared.

If any action is taken for the payment of a stock dividend other than the present monthly dividend, it will be paid on Dec. 30 to stockholders of record on Dec. 28. These dates are fixed in view of the fact that the stockholders' meeting will be held on Dec. 28.—V. 115, p. 1842, 1735.

**Commercial Investment Trust Co., Inc., N. Y.—Capital Increase.**—

The stockholders on Dec. 6 increased the authorized capital stock, par \$100, from \$4,000,000 (\$1,900,000 Class "A" and \$2,100,000 Class "B") to \$6,000,000, to consist of \$3,000,000 each of Class "A" and Class "B" stock. A 23% stock dividend has been declared on the outstanding \$2,100,000 Class "B" stock, payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 15. The remainder of the new stock has all been subscribed by the present stockholders.—V. 115, p. 2384.

**Commonwealth Edison Co.—Stock Rights.**—

The stockholders of record Dec. 23 are given the right to subscribe for \$12,000,000 new stock at par (\$100) in the ratio of one new share for each five shares held. Subscription rights expire Feb. 1 and stockholders will be given the option of paying in full on or before Feb. 1 1923 or in quarterly or ten monthly installments beginning Feb. 1 to Nov. 1. Interest will be paid on installments at the rate of 8%.

President Samuel Insull says: "The \$12,000,000 additional brings the total issued and outstanding stock up to \$72,000,000 out of an authorized issue of \$80,000,000. The directors will probably recommend to stockholders at the annual meeting Feb. 26 that the authorized capital stock be increased to \$100,000,000."—V. 115, p. 2482.

**Commonwealth Steel Co.—Capital Increase.**—

The company has filed notice at Trenton increasing its capital from \$4,500,000 to \$6,000,000.—V. 115, p. 2162.

**Commonwealth Water Co., N. J.—Guaranteed Bonds Offered.**—P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., Hoagland, Allum & Co., and Goodwillie & Co., Chicago, are offering at 95½ and interest to yield about 5.85%, \$1,500,000 1st Mtge. 25-Year 5½% gold bonds, series "A" Guaranteed, principal and interest, by Amer. Water Works & El. Co., Inc.

Dated Dec. 1 1922. Due Dec. 1 1947. Interest payable J. & D. at Farmer's Loan & Trust Co., New York, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 \$500 and \$100 (c\*). Redeemable all or part on any interest date to and incl. Dec. 1 1932 at 105 and interest, on succeeding interest dates to and incl. Dec. 1 1945, at 102 and interest, and thereafter at par and interest. Company will pay the normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Pennsylvania and Connecticut 4 mills tax refunded.

**Issuance.**—Subject to approval by the New Jersey P. U. Commission.

**Date from Letter of H. Hobart Porter, Pres. Am. Water Wks. & El. Co.**

*Company.*—Incorporated in 1904 as a combination of several successful companies in operation for many years in New Jersey. Will, on Dec. 1 be a subsidiary of American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc. Supplies water to Township of South Orange, West Orange, Summit, New Providence, Springfield, Millburn and Irvington, residential communities in New Jersey. Population served, about 65,000.

*Security.*—A direct first mortgage upon the entire property, which consists of approximately 1,200 acres of land, over 190 miles of water mains, pumping stations, equipment, reservoirs, &c. Valuation of property is in excess of \$2,400,000.

*Earnings.*—Net earnings, applicable to interest charges, in each of the calendar years 1918 to 1921 inclusive, were equal to more than twice the interest requirements of the total secured debt of such years. For the 12 months ended Aug. 31 1922, net earnings were \$177,647, or over twice the total interest charges of this issue.

*Purpose.*—Proceeds will be used to finance extensions and to retire existing debt.

**Computing-Tabulating-Recording Co.—Tenders.**—

The Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Dec. 21 receive bids for the sale to it of 6% 30-year sinking fund gold bonds, due July 1 1941, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$100,000 at a price not exceeding 105 and int.—V. 115, p. 2163, 1637.

**Congoleum Co.—Stockholders' Rights.**—

Common stockholders of record Dec. 1 are entitled to subscribe, at \$5 per share, to 60,000 shares of the additional 200,000 shares of Common

stock, no par value, recently voted, on the basis of 1 1/2 shares for each share held. Subscriptions are payable on or before Dec. 27 at the Seaboard National Bank, transfer agent, 115 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 115, p. 2482.

**Consol. Car-Heating Co. (N. Y.)—Divs. Resumed.**—A quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% has been declared on the \$1,250,000 capital stock, par \$100, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 20. A semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2% was paid in Jan. 1915; none since.

**Consolidated Gas Co. N. Y.—Change in Stock, &c.**—The stockholders voted on Dec. 4 and Dec. 5 (1) To change the 1,250,000 shares of Capital stock now outstanding, par \$100, into 2,500,000 shares of Common stock, no par value, so that the holders of existing shares shall receive 2 shares of stock of no par value in exchange for each \$100 share now held. (2) To increase the authorized Common stock from 2,500,000 shares no par value, to 3,000,000 shares, no par value; stockholders to have the right to subscribe at \$50 per share for the 500,000 shares of additional stock to the extent of 20% of their holdings of stock of no par value. Thus, a holder of 10 shares of par value stock, receiving in exchange therefor 20 shares of stock having no nominal or par value, will be entitled to subscribe to 4 shares of additional stock having no par value. (3) To create an authorized issue of 300,000 shares of 6% Cumulative Participating Preferred stock, par \$50 each. The stock is to be offered for subscription to employees and consumers. Compare V. 115, p. 2271, 2482.

**Continental Can Co.—To Readjust Capital—Divs., &c.**—The stockholders will vote Dec. 29 on readjusting the Common stock, whereby 2-2-3 shares of new no par Common stock will be exchanged for each share of the present Common stock (par \$100). The authorized Preferred stock of \$7,500,000 (par \$100) will remain the same. The amount of no par value shares to be authorized is 500,000. The present authorized Common stock amounts to \$15,000,000, of which \$13,500,000 outstanding. The directors have declared a dividend of 75 cents a share, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 5, on the new stock to be issued. The regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the Preferred stock has also been declared payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 20.—V. 115, p. 1842.

**Corticello Silk Co., New London, Conn.—Capital.**—The company has increased its authorized capital from 3,250,000 (\$2,500,000 Common; \$500,000 First Pref. and \$250,000 2nd Pref.) to \$5,750,000, to consist of 50,000 shares of Common stock, par \$100, and 15,000 shares of Preferred, par \$50.—V. 113, p. 2619.

**Cramerton (N. C.) Mills, Inc.—New Name.**—See May Mills, Inc., below.

**Creosote Pipe Line Co.—To Reduce Capital Stock by Payment of \$25 in Cash.**—The stockholders will vote Feb. 5 (a) on decreasing the authorized Capital stock from \$3,000,000 to \$1,500,000, and (b) reducing the par value of the shares from \$50 to \$25. If the plan is approved, the directors propose to give \$25 per share cash to shareholders. No part of the cash distribution, it is announced, will be made out of earnings accumulated since March 1 1913.—V. 115, p. 441.

**Cromwell Steel Co., Lorain, O.—Sale.**—Title of the company which was recently bid in by bondholders for \$1,100,000 will pass to the Midland Seamless Tube Co., a new holding company just organized by the bondholders with a nominal capital of \$10,000. W. E. Guerin (Vice-Pres. Guardian Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland), representing the bondholders presented the only bid at the sale. The new owners of the company are planning additions and expansions which will permit of the manufacture of seamless tubing. Plans for the reorganization and operation of the property are still in the formative stage.—V. 114, p. 2051.

**Cuban-American Sugar Co.—Report.**

Years End.	Sept. 30 1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.	1918-19.
Total sales	\$25,393,293	\$20,184,950	\$92,744,415	\$50,767,165
Prod. & mgf. costs, selling & general expenses	20,731,078	25,732,109	70,461,756	37,721,928
Net earnings	\$4,662,216	\$5,547,159	\$22,282,659	\$13,045,236
Deprec. bond int., &c.	\$2,638,768	\$2,349,572	\$10,195,498	\$5,953,940
Balance, surplus	\$2,023,447	\$7,896,731	\$12,117,101	\$7,091,297
Previous surplus	18,982,468	29,931,765	22,367,140	16,828,168
Total	\$21,005,915	\$22,035,034	\$34,484,331	\$23,919,464
Preferred div. (7%)	\$552,566	\$552,566	\$552,566	\$552,566
Com. (cash) divs.	(25%)	2,500,000	(30)	4,000,000
Prem. on Com. stock			(10)	1,000,000
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P. & I. surp. Sept. 30. \$20,453,349 \$18,982,468 \$29,931,765 \$22,367,140  
—V. 115, p. 1735, 1638.

**Cumberland Pipe Line Co., Inc.—To Increase Capital—100% Stock Dividend Proposed.**

The stockholders will vote Dec. 27 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000, par \$100. If the increase is authorized it is the intention of the directors to issue the additional capital stock against accumulated undivided earnings of the company and to declare and pay a stock dividend of 100% to stockholders of record Dec. 30.

Pres. Forrest M. Towl, Dec. 6, says in part: "This course, in the judgment of the directors, is justified by the increase in the company's assets, now in excess of its capital stock, resulting from the re-investment of the earnings of the corporation."

**Dividend Record (Cash) Since 1912.**

	1912-'13.	1914-'16.	1917.	1918-'22.
Paid annually in December	5% yrly.	5% yrly.	10%	12% yrly.

—V. 115, p. 2163, 441.

**Dartmouth Manufacturing Co.—New Directors.**—Robert R. Jenks of Pawtucket, R. I., has been elected a director to succeed the late Albert A. Jenks. Gardner W. Bullard of New Bedford, Mass., succeeds Albert C. Laughshaw as a director.—V. 115, p. 2482.

**Davidson Consol. Gold Mines, Ltd.—Stock Distribution.**—Secretary E. M. White in a notice to shareholders says in substance: "400,000 Preferred and 1,000,000 Ordinary shares of the capital stock of Porcupine Davidson Gold Mines, Ltd., (no personal liability), will be distributed to shareholders of record, on the books of this company, Dec. 31." The shareholders ratified a bylaw providing for this distribution and also ratified the sale of 268,105 Preferred and 838,411 Ordinary shares of the Porcupine Gold Mines, Ltd.

**De Beers Consol. Mines, Ltd.—To Increase Capital.**—The stockholders will vote Dec. 29 on increasing the capital stock by issuing 100,000 shares of a nominal value of £2 10s. The new shares are identical with the old shares as to dividends and other privileges. The present capitalization consists of 2,500,000 Ordinary shares of £2 10s. each, and £2,000,000 4% Cumulative Preference shares of the same par value.—V. 115, p. 2051.

**Detroit Motor Bus Co.—25% Stock Dividend.**—The company has declared 25% stock dividend, payable Dec. 10 to holders of record Nov. 28. In addition the regular quarterly dividend of 2% and the usual quarterly extra dividend of 1% were declared, both payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 30.

**Dome Mines Co., Ltd., Toronto.—Regular Dividend Declared—Capital Readjustment—Production, &c.**

The directors have declared the usual quarterly dividend of 50c. per share, payable Jan. 20 to holders of record Dec. 30. An official statement says in substance: "The directors, having in mind the legitimate expectations of the shareholders of an extra dividend or payment in return of capital at the end of the current fiscal year, desire to state that their expectation is that, beginning with the dividend to be paid in July next, a regular dividend at the rate of \$4 a share per annum on the present capitalization will be inaugurated, and in assurance of the continuation of the same the sum of \$1,000,000 has been set aside, to be added to from time to time, until the fund amounts to at least one whole year's dividends at said rate.

"It is believed that, prior to said July dividend, the necessary arrangement will have been completed, whereby the capitalization of the company will consist of shares of no par value and whereby each holder of the present shares will be entitled to exchange the same at the rate of one share of the present stock for four shares of the new stock, and on which new shares said dividend will amount to \$4 per share per annum. "The present cash position of the company shows that, in addition to supplies on hand of \$277,500, the company has on hand cash of \$1,240,000 and bonds at a cost of \$1,464,385; total current assets of \$2,981,885, out of which the above sum of \$1,000,000 has been set aside for purposes above stated."

Gold production (valued at)..... Nov. 1922. Oct. 1922. Sept. 1922

Tons of ore handled by mill.....	\$352,495	\$382,712	\$425,059
—V. 115, p. 2163, 2051.	32,100	33,451	31,304

**Dominion Gas Co., Canada.—Merger.**—See Ohio & Northern Gas Co., below.—V. 95, p. 113.

**Dominion Iron & Steel Co., Ltd.—Guaranteed Bonds Sold.**—Hayden, Stone & Co., New York, have sold at 85 and int., yielding about 6.46%, \$4,645,000 Consol. Mtge. 5% bonds of 1909, due Sept. 1 1939, and guaranteed principal and interest by Dominion Steel Corp., Ltd. (see advertising pages).

Interest payable M. & S. in United States gold at Agency of Bank of Montreal, New York, or in Canadian currency in Montreal, or in sterling in London. Coupon bonds of \$1,000 denom., fully registerable. Red. at 105 and int. on any int. date. National Trust Co., Ltd., Toronto, trustee. U. S. normal Federal income tax up to 2% paid by company. Listing.—Bonds are listed on the Boston Stock Exchange and application has been made to list them on the New York Stock Exchange.

**Data from Letter of Pres. R. M. Wolvin, Nov. 16.** Company.—A subsidiary of the Dominion Steel Corp., Ltd. Is engaged in the manufacture and sale of pig iron; blooms; billets; steel rails; steel plates; merchant bars; rods; plain, annealed, galvanized and barbed wire; nails; and by-products of its coke ovens, such as tar, ammonium sulphate and benzol.

**Capitalization Outstanding After This Financing.**

1st (Closed) Mtge. 5% bonds, due July 1929.....	\$5,741,000
Consol. (Closed) Mtge. 5% bonds, due Sept. 1 1939, payable in U. S. gold and guaranteed by Dominion Steel Corp., Ltd. (this issue).....	4,645,000
Consol. (Closed) Mtge. 5% bonds, due Sept. 1 1939, payable in Sterling or Canadian currency only.....	7,094,140
Income 6% bonds (owned by Dominion Steel Corp.).....	3,500,000
Preferred stock, 7% Cumulative, \$100 par.....	5,000,000
Common stock, \$100 par (owned by Dominion Steel Corp.).....	37,000,000

**Consolidated Mortgage.**—Secured by a direct mortgage on the entire property, subject only to the closed issue of 1st Mtge. bonds due July 1929. The disposition of the Consol. Mtge. 5% is as follows: (1) Issued pursuant to terms of supplemental indenture dated Nov. 15 1922, payable in United States gold and guaranteed by Dominion Steel Corp., \$4,645,000; (2) Now outstanding, payable in sterling or Canadian currency only, \$7,094,140; (3) reserved to refund 1st Mtge. 5% bonds, \$5,741,000; (4) redeemed through sinking fund and canceled, \$2,519,860.

**Sinking Fund.**—Mortgage provides for an annual sinking fund of 1% of the total bonds issued, including those reserved to retire the 1st Mtge. bonds. The sinking fund is now \$200,000 annually, which must be used to retire 1st Mtge. bonds and Consolidated Mtge. bonds at the market price thereof, not to exceed their redemption prices, namely 110 and 105, respectively.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be applied to liquidate debt incurred for improvements and additions, for additional plant facilities, and working capital.

**Property.**—Company owns a tract of about 500 acres of land on the water front at Sydney, N. S., where it has established the largest iron and steel works in Canada which now comprise, among others: 6 blast furnaces combined capacity, 1,600 tons of pig iron daily; 10 50-ton and 2 100-ton open hearth steel furnaces; 2 15-ton Bessemer converters for use in connection with open hearth furnaces; 35-inch blooming mill; 28-inch rail mill; 16-inch merchant bar mill; 110-inch plate mill; 120 improved Otto ovens; 180 Koppers coke ovens, all equipped for recovery of by-products, including gas, tar, ammonium sulphate, benzol and other oils; also electric power plants, standard and narrow-gauge railroads; iron, brass and steel foundries; repair shops, &c., &c.

Company owns in fee a large part of the famous iron ore deposit in Bell Island, Conception Bay, Newfoundland, which yields ore carrying about 50% metallic iron. Also owns limestone and dolomite quarries, the output of which is sufficient to provide for all future requirements.

**Balance Sheet as of Sept. 30 1922**  
Adjusted to give effect to the sale of these bonds and to the issuance of \$12,000,000 Common stock to liquidate a credit for past earnings heretofore accrued under contract to Dominion Steel Corp., Ltd.]

Assets	Liabilities
Properties, less deprec. \$17,333,991	5% 1st Mtge. bonds.....
British Empire Steel Corp. \$6,321,500	5% Consol. M. bonds.....
Cash in hands of trustees 29,047	do (sterling series).....
Bds. pur. for sink. fund.....	6% Income bonds.....
Inventories.....	Preferred stock.....
Accounts receivable.....	Common stock.....
Cash.....	Accounts payable.....
Call loans.....	Bond interest accrued.....
Investments.....	Operating reserve.....
Deferred charges.....	Contingent reserve.....
Bals. rec. from assoc. cos. in Br. Emp. Steel Corp 371,532	Res. for Pref. divs.....
	Surplus.....
Total.....	Total.....

x 7% Cum. 2d Pref. stock, \$6,095,425, and Common stock, \$2,528,600, received in exchange for 63,215 shares Common stock of the Dominion Steel Corp., Ltd., of a par of \$632,150.

**Earnings.**—Net earnings after depreciation and depletion for the 10 years and 9 months ended Dec. 31 1921 have averaged \$3,004,277 per year against present interest charges on mortgage bonds of \$874,000. Average net earnings for the above period were therefore equal to 3.5 times the present interest requirements of all mortgage bonds.

Operations for the 9 months ended Sept. 30 1922 have resulted in a loss which, however, has been largely offset by receipts from other sources.—V. 115, p. 2163, 441.

**Dominion Steel Corp., Ltd.—Guaranty, &c.**—See Dominion Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., above.—V. 115, p. 2051.

**Donnacona Paper Co., Ltd.—To Retire Pref. Stock.**—The company will receive bids for the sale to it of Preferred stock up to Dec. 31 1922 to an amount sufficient to absorb \$40,000.—V. 114, p. 84.

**(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours & Co.—50% Stock Dividend.**—The directors on Dec. 5 declared a 50% stock dividend on the outstanding Common stock, par \$100, payable Dec. 29 to holders of record Dec. 16. The stockholders voted Dec. 4 to increase the authorized Common stock from \$80,000,000 to \$100,000,000, par \$100. The company at last accounts had outstanding \$63,378,300 Common stock, par \$100. Compare V. 115, p. 2272, 2483.

**Duquesne Light Co.—New Officer.**—C. S. Cook, formerly General Manager, has been elected Vice-President.—V. 115, p. 764, 650.

**Eddy Paper Corp.—New Control—New Financing.**—The stockholders of the Eddy Paper Co., with plants at Three Rivers and White Pigeon, Mich., have disposed of their holdings to the Eddy Paper Corp. of Illinois. The new company has an authorized Capital of 125,000 shares of no par value Common stock and \$325,000 7% Cumul. Pref. stock. According to Chicago press dispatches, 60,000 shares of the Common stock have been sold to a syndicate of bankers headed by J. S. Bache & Co., which will offer them to the public at \$30 per share.



Those participating in the purchase are: Charles W. Folds (Hathaway Smith Folds & Co.), George M. Seaman (Pras. Seaman Paper Co.), Oscar Gubinsky (Pras. Daniel Boone Woolen Mills Co.), Harry L. Street (Pras. Street-Chatfield Lumber Co.), Ward Seabury (Marsh & McLennon) and Russell A. Cowles (Pras. Ansonia Clock Co., New York).—V. 112, p. 2087.

**Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston.—Rights.—**

The stockholders on Nov. 28 1922 increased the capital stock from \$27,033,600 to \$32,440,300. The increased stock is offered to stockholders of record Nov. 28 at \$150 per share. In the proportion of one new share for every five old shares now held. Rights expire Dec. 27 and all subscriptions must be received at the office of Old Colony Trust Co., 17 Court St., Boston, on or before that date. Shares not subscribed for will be disposed of by the directors.

Payment for the shares subscribed for must be made as follows: \$50 per share on Jan. 2 1923; \$100 per share on Feb. 2 1923. Interest at the rate of 5% per annum will be allowed on the first installment (\$50 per share) from Jan. 2 1923 to Feb. 1 1923. Any subscriber may prepay the second installment (\$100 per share) on Jan. 2 1923, in which case interest will be allowed thereon at the rate of 3% per annum from Jan. 2 1923 to Feb. 1 1923. See also V. 115, p. 2483.

**Electric Storage Battery Co.—Dividend Increased, &c.—**

The company has declared an extra dividend of 75c a share and quarterly dividend of \$1 a share on both the Common and Preferred stocks, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 14.

In July and Oct. last dividends of 75 cents per share were paid on these issues.—V. 115, p. 550.

**Elliott-Fisher Co.—To Increase Capital.—**

The stockholders will vote Dec. 22 on increasing the capital from \$3,500,000 to \$6,500,000, par \$100.—V. 112, p. 1028.

**Englander Spring Bed Co.—Capital Increase.—**

The stockholders on Dec. 4 authorized an increase in the Capital stock from \$1,000,000 (consisting of 5,000 shares of Preferred stock and 5,000 shares of Common) to \$5,000,000, to consist of 25,000 shares of Preferred and 25,000 shares of Common (par \$100).—V. 115, p. 2385.

**Everlastik, Inc., Chelsea, Mass.—Bonds Offered.—B. J. Baker & Co., Inc., Boston, and Central Trust Co. of Ill., Chicago, are offering at 100 and int. \$1,150,000 1st (Closed) Mtge. 15-Year 7% Sinking Fund Gold bonds (see adv. pages).**

Dated Nov. 1 1922. Due Nov. 1 1937. Interest payable M. & N. at First National Bank, Boston, or Central Trust Co., of Ill., Chicago, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Callable, all or part, on any interest date, on 30 days' notice, at 108 and interest up to and incl. Nov. 1 1926, the premium reducing 1% each May 1 thereafter up to and incl. May 1 1932, and thereafter at 102 and interest. Pennsylvania 4 mill tax refunded. Demom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c\*). First National Bank of Boston and Charles B. Reed, trustees.

**Data from Letter of Pres. B. T. Martin, Chelsea, Mass., Dec. 5.**

Company—Incorp. in Massachusetts in 1915. Manufactures elastic fabrics. Owns 7 long-established and successful fabric mills through the following constituent companies: T. Martin & Bro. Mfg. Co., Chelsea and Lowell, Mass.; H. G. Makers, Brockton, Mass.; Leolastic, Inc., Bayonne, N. J.; Bridgeport Elastic Fabric Co., Bridgeport, Conn.; Mansfield Elastic Web Co., Mansfield, Ohio; Smith Webbing Co., Pawtucket, R. I.

Company produces staple goods in universal demand which are distributed to manufacturers, jobbers and the general wholesale dry goods trade throughout the United States and Canada. The company manufactures both elastic and non-elastic fabrics used in a great variety of articles, including suspenders, garters, hose supporters, corsets, surgical web, belts, shoes, overalls, women's apparel, collars and automobiles.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for the reduction of bank loans.

Net Sales & Net Earnings (after Deprec., but before Int. & Fed. Taxes) Calendar Years.

	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	'22 (9 mos)
Sales	4,116,808	6,414,848	5,278,923	5,549,627	3,485,333	3,407,734
Net earnings	833,154	924,804	823,019	95,511	loss 761,353	103,903

During 1920-1921 the company absorbed a loss on yarn commitments and inventory depreciation of substantially \$1,750,000. At the present time there is a steady increase in the volume of business, with the plants operating on approximately a 85% basis.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage provides for an annual sinking fund equivalent to 15% of net earnings after operating expenses, taxes and interest, with a minimum of \$60,000 a year, first payment to be made March 1 1924 and to be used for the purchase of bonds or redemption by lot.

Dividends.—Regular dividends at rate of 7% were paid on Preferred stocks A and B from its organization through March 31 1921, at which time dividends were suspended. Dividends on Common stock were paid as follows: 1916, 10%; 1917, 8%; 1918, 12%; 1919 and 1920, 8% each.

**Balance Sheet as of Sept. 30 1922 (after this Financing).**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$550,919	Notes payable	\$415,000
Notes receivable	6,692	Accounts payable	269,179
Accounts receivable	439,093	Accrued accounts	30,313
Inventories	1,290,251	*Gladial fund	23,260
xPlants	1,973,532	1st Mtge. 7s	1,150,000
Investments	112,000	Reserve for Federal taxes	128,000
Deferred items	160,211	Prof. stock, A, 7%	978,500
Miscellaneous items	198,534	Prof. stock, B, 7%	1,299,400
Patents, good-will, &c.	961,305	Common stock	1,282,200
		Surplus	147,085
Total (each side)	\$5,722,937		

x Land, buildings, machinery and equipment carried at \$1,973,532 are given in an appraisal as of Oct. 1 1922, a reproduction cost of \$4,759,500, and depreciated sound value of \$3,544,000.

**Famous Players-Lasky Corporation.—Earnings.—**

The corporation in its consolidated statement (which includes the earnings of subsidiary companies owned 90% or more) reports for the 9 months ended Sept. 30 1922 net operating profits of \$2,869,272, after deducting all charges and reserves for Federal income and other taxes. After allowing for payment of dividends on the Pref. stock, the above earnings are at the annual rate of \$14.38 on the Common stock outstanding.—V. 115, p. 2483, 1843.

**Farr Alpaca Co., Holyoke, Mass.—Employees' Bonus.—**

Dividends amounting to 14% of their earnings for the last year and totaling fully \$600,000 will be distributed to the company's 2,800 employees under the profit-sharing plan put into effect in 1913. An extra dividend of 6% has been added this year to the usual profit-sharing dividend of 8%.—V. 115, p. 2385, 188.

**Federal Sugar Refining Co.—New Officers.—**

Claus A. Spreckels has resigned as President, becoming Chairman of the board, effective Jan. 1 1923. Pierre J. Smith of Smith & Schipper will succeed him as President.—V. 115, p. 2385, 1843.

**Ford Motor Co., Detroit.—Special Dividend.—**

A special dividend of 3% has been declared, payable Dec. 31, to employee investment certificate holders, making a total of 12% for this year. In 1921 a total of 12% was paid, while in 1920 16% was distributed.—V. 115, p. 2483, 2385.

**Fruit Growers Express Co.—Equip. Trusts Sold.—Clark, Dodge & Co., Harrison, Smith & Co. and Freeman & Co. have placed privately \$4,550,000 6% Equip. Trust certificates (see advertising pages).**

The equipments, known as the Fruit Growers Express Equipment Trust, were issued by Metropolitan Trust Co., New York, trustee, under an agreement with Armour & Co. dated Dec. 1 1922. They mature \$650,000 annually May 1 each year from 1923 to 1929 both inclusive. Dividends payable annually May 1 at office of the trustee. Demom. \$1,000 (c\*). Issued under the Philadelphia plan.

These certificates represent the interest formerly held by Armour & Co. in certain equipment and the lease thereof to Fruit Growers Express Co.

under an agreement dated April 24 1920. This agreement together with title to the equipment covered thereby has been assigned by Armour & Co. to the trustee for the benefit of the holders of these certificates. The payment of rentals by Fruit Growers Express Co. under its lease of this equipment (which equal in amount the principal and dividends of these certificates), by agreement of guaranty dated April 24 1920 and assigned to the trustee, is unconditionally, severally guaranteed by the following proprietary railroads in the proportions indicated:

Company—	Proportion.	Company—	Proportion.
Alabama Great Southern	0.14%	Mobile & Ohio	2.51%
Atlantic Coast Line	25.50%	Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis	3.00%
Baltimore & Ohio	2.00%	New Orleans & Northeastern	0.06%
Central of Georgia	3.25%	Pennsylvania RR.	17.00%
Chm. N. Orleans & Pac.	3.57%	Rick, Fred. & Potomac	4.50%
Florida East Coast	3.75%	Seaboard Air Line	14.50%
Georgia Southern & Florida	1.30%	Southern Ry.	13.92%
Louisville & Nashville	5.00%		
		Total	100.00%

All of the capital stock of the Fruit Growers Express Co. is owned by the above-mentioned railroad companies together with the Norfolk & Western, New York New Haven & Hartford and Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry., which have also become proprietary companies since the date of the above agreement of guaranty.

Security.—4,211 40-ft. steel underframe and steel sub-sill refrigerator cars, purchased by Fruit Growers Express Co. from Armour & Co. in April 1920, the present value of which is conservatively estimated at \$7,000,000, or more than 150% of the face amount of these certificates.

Business.—Company was incorporated in Delaware on March 18 1920 and furnishes refrigerator car service under contracts to the 18 proprietary railroads enumerated above, these contracts running to 1935. At the present time company carries 28% of the entire fruit and vegetable traffic of the country.

Earnings.—From the commencement of operations on May 1 1920 to Aug. 31 1922, the average net earnings after deducting depreciation, have been equal to more than twice the fixed charges, including proportion of rental equal to dividends on these certificates.—V. 113, p. 854.

**General American Tank Car Corp.—Orders.—**

The corporation recently booked orders for \$4,000,000 of railroad equipment, consisting of orders for freight cars for the Northern Pacific and Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul RR. and for tank cars for the Texas Co. and others.—V. 115, p. 2483.

**General Electric Co.—Charles A. Coffin Foundation.—**

By action of the directors the company has set aside a fund of \$400,000, to be known as the "Charles A. Coffin Foundation." The income from which, amounting to approximately \$20,000 per year, will be available for encouraging and rewarding service in the electrical field by giving prizes to its employees; recognition to lighting, power and railway companies for improvement in service to the public, and fellowships to graduate students and funds for research work at technical schools and colleges.

The foundation will be controlled and administered by a Foundation Committee appointed by the board. This committee, within the limits of the purposes for which the foundation is created, will have power to change the conditions applicable to the distribution of the fund and the amounts for each particular purpose.

The directors have appointed as the "Charles A. Coffin Foundation Committee" the following officers of the company: A. W. Buehard, J. R. Lovejoy, E. W. Rice, Jr., Gerard Swope, O. D. Young. The advisory committee will administer the fund within the organization of the company.

Other committees, to administer the fund and to act with organizations outside the company, have also been appointed.

On May 16 1922, Charles A. Coffin in his 78th year retired from the active leadership of the company. Mr. Coffin has been identified with the development of the electrical industry since 1882. He was the founder and creator of the company, of which he has been inspiration and leader for 30 years. As an expression of appreciation of Mr. Coffin's great work, the directors created on his retirement, and now desire to announce the "Charles A. Coffin Foundation."—V. 115, p. 2484, 1948.

**General Motors Acceptance Corp.—Capital Increased.**

The company has filed a certificate at Albany, N. Y., showing an increase in the capital stock from \$4,000,000 (all outstanding and owned by the General Motors Corp.) to \$4,800,000, par \$100.—V. 115, p. 765.

**Georgetown (D. C.) Gas Light Co.—Bds. Authorized.—**

The Washington (D. C.) P. U. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$100,000 of 5% 30-year gold bonds, dated Aug. 1 1911, at 90 and interest. The proceeds are to be used to meet certain obligations held by the Washington Gas Light Co.—V. 115, p. 2183.

**Gibson Mfg. Co., Charlotte, N. C.—To Inc. Capital.—**

The company proposes to increase its authorized Capital stock from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000.

**Gilliland Oil Co.—Sells Paragon Stock.—**

See Paragon Refining Co. below.—V. 114, p. 2585.

**Golden Rule, Inc., of St. Paul.—Capital Increase.—**

The company has increased its capital stock from \$750,000 to \$3,000,000 and increased its limits of indebtedness from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

**Goodman Mfg. Co., Chicago.—To Increase Capital—100% Stock Dividend Proposed.—**

The stockholders will vote Dec. 11 on increasing the Capital stock from \$3,000,000 (all outstanding) to \$6,000,000, par \$50. If the increase is authorized it is the intention to declare a 100% stock dividend.

**Grace Steamship Co.—Retires Bonds.—**

The company has retired \$369,000 of its serial 1st Mtge. 6% Equipment bonds, leaving outstanding \$7,207,000.—V. 115, p. 2386.

**Great Northern Power Co., Ltd.—Bonds Offered.—**

Nesbitt, Thomson & Co., Ltd., Montreal, are offering at 95 and int. (with a bonus of 50% in Common stock) \$850,000 1st Mtge. 7% Sinking Fund gold bonds.

Dated Nov. 1 1922. Due Nov. 1 1937. Int. payable M. & N. at Standard Bank of Canada, Montreal and Toronto, or Importers & Traders' National Bank, New York. Callable, all or part, at 105 and int. on any int. date after Nov. 1 1927. Trustee, Montreal Trust Co.

Company—Incorp. under Ontario Companies' Act, for purpose of developing and distributing hydro-electric power in the central mining district of northern Ontario. Company's two power sites, capable of an ultimate development of 12,500 h. p., are located on the Montreal River. Contracts are only being taken with mines of financial responsibility, and transmission lines are being erected by such mines, so that the mines bear the cost of the transmission system, which is to be repaid to them through rebate of a percentage of the cost of the power which they consume. Contracts with responsible mines have already been signed for over 1,500 h. p. The dam is now under construction and it is expected will be completed by the end of this year; the first unit of 2,150 h. p., it is estimated, will be in operation early in 1923.

Earnings.—With the first plant of 6,500 h. p. completed and in operation, it is estimated that net earnings will be over \$275,000 or over 4 1/2 times the bond interest, showing about 12% earned on the Common stock. The net earnings from the first unit of 2,150 h. p., which is expected to be in operation early in 1923, based on contracts already acquired, are estimated at \$100,000 per annum, against bond interest of \$59,500 per annum.

Purpose.—Bonds now being issued will construct a plant with a capacity of 6,500 h. p.

Sinking Fund.—A sinking fund commencing Nov. 1 1925 will be sufficient to retire the entire issue by maturity by purchase in open market or by call at 105 and int.

	Authorized.	Issued.
Common stock (par \$10)	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
First Mortgage 7% bonds due 1937	2,000,000	850,000

**Great Western Sugar Co.—Resumes Common Dividend.—**

A dividend of \$1 per share has been declared on the new Common stock, par \$25, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 15. A quarterly dividend of 13 1/4% was paid on the old Common stock, par \$100, in July 1921; none since.—V. 115, p. 1539, 1435.

**Grinnell Mfg. Co. of New Bedford.—Extra Dividend.—**

The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% and an extra dividend of 2%, both payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 28. Extras of 3 1/2% each were paid in the four quarters of 1920; none extra since.

Balance Sheet September 30.

Assets—	1922.	1921.	Liabilities—	1922.	1921.
Real est. & mach.	\$1,594,597	\$1,570,292	Capital stock	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Inventories	1,429,795	1,342,880	Bills & acc'ts pay.	111,945	232,622
Bills & acc'ts rec.,			Reserve for taxes.	98,318	221,391
and cash.	277,335	489,903	Dividend	52,500	23,500
			Depreciation	886,710	926,787
Total (each side)	\$3,301,727	\$3,403,076	Profit and loss	652,254	499,776

—V. 110, p. 2391.

**Guanajuato Power & Light Co.—To Pay All Coupons.—**

The bondholders of the Guanajuato Power & Electric Co., the Michoacan Power Co. and the Central Mexico Light & Power Co. have received a letter from Curtis & Hine, Gen. Mgrs., saying in brief:

There has been no marked change in general political and business conditions in Mexico since June last. The attempts of municipal and State governments to impose undue heavy burdens of taxation upon our business, and the adoption of radical labor laws have continued to a considerable extent during the current year, but we have been able to deal with these conditions more successfully so far. We must, however, bear in mind that these conditions may result in serious complications and in a material increase in our operating expenses in Mexico, and make proper provisions for this in our plans.

The business of the companies has continued to increase to such an extent that it will probably be necessary for us to increase our generating capacity in the near future, or increase our supply of power otherwise, in order to avoid being obliged to refuse desirable new business that will be offered us. This, however, would involve a large expenditure for construction work, and we do not think it will be wise to make this expenditure until political and labor conditions are more stable than at present, but we are making all the necessary preparations for proceeding promptly when the proper time comes.

Fortunately, with increased business and postponement of construction work, the cash resources have accumulated to such an amount as to justify the payment on Jan. 1 1923 of all interest accruing up to and including that date on the bonded debt, and still leave a balance sufficient to meet all emergencies likely to occur.

The directors have accordingly decided to pay on Jan. 1 1923: (a) the coupons due April 1 1922 and Oct. 1 1922, of the Guanajuato Power & Electric Co.; (b) coupons due Jan. 1 1922 and July 1 1922 and Jan. 1 1923, of Central Mexico Light & Power Co.; (c) coupons due Jan. 1 1922 and July 1 1922 and Jan. 1 1923, of Michoacan Power Co.; and (d) corresponding interest (including any coupons still unpaid) on the matured bonds of Michoacan Power Co., with interest at 6% on such of the above coupons as are overdue and on the overdue interest. Coupons of Michoacan Power Co. and Central Mexico Light & Power Co. should be presented to the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, and coupons of Guanajuato Power & Electric Co. should be presented to U. S. Mfg. & Trust Co., New York.

The holders of matured bonds of Michoacan Power Co. should forward these bonds, by registered mail, to Old Colony Trust Co., at Boston, and the bonds will be returned together with payment of the above-mentioned interest. As there are no coupons attached to these bonds, for some or all of the interest payments due; it is necessary to send them to the trustee as evidence of ownership.

All coupons of the three companies and interest on the matured bonds of the Michoacan Power Co., will be paid when due from this time on.—V. 114, p. 2585, 2715.

**(C. M.) Hall Lamp Co., Detroit, Mich.—Div., &c.—**

A cash dividend of 5% has been declared on the outstanding \$1,000,000 capital stock, par \$10, payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Dec. 13. This distribution, it is stated, will make a total of 25% paid in dividends during the current year, and compares with 10% paid in 1921, 20% each in 1919 and 1920, and 15% in 1918.

Earnings for the first 10 months of 1922 are reported as approximately \$498,047 after depreciation, but before providing for tax requirements. The balance sheet Sept. 30 showed total assets of \$1,637,201, with current assets of \$1,145,012 against current liabilities of \$43,067. Of the current assets \$119,389 was cash, \$322,000 miscellaneous investments, accounts receivable \$299,135, and inventories \$359,665. Of the current liabilities, \$35,405 was accounts payable.

Unfiled orders on the books Sept. 30 amounted to \$809,690.

**Handley-Knight Motors, Inc.—Acquisition.—**

A dispatch from Kalamazoo, Mich., states that the Handley Knight Motors, Inc., has been formed to take over the Handley Knight Co. The new corporation, it is said, will have 600,000 shares of no par Common. Compare Handley Knight Co. in V. 110, p. 875, 2491.

**Hartford Electric Light Co.—To Issue Pref. Stock.—**

The stockholders will vote Dec. 19 on authorizing the issuance of \$2,000,000 additional 5% Pref. stock, convertible into Common in three years. The new issue is to be applied to the retirement of a part of the \$5,000,000 7% outstanding notes.—V. 113, p. 2085.

**Hartmann Corporation.—November Sales.—**

Sales for November 1922 are officially reported at \$1,660,000, compared with \$1,047,000 for November 1921.—V. 115, p. 2386, 1698.

**(George W.) Helme Co.—Extra Dividend.—**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 4% in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 3% on the outstanding \$6,000,000 Common stock, par \$100, both payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 18. This compares with quarterly dividend of 3% paid in October last, and 2 1/2% quarterly (10% per annum) previously paid.—V. 115, p. 1215.

**Hercules Powder Co.—Quarterly Cash Dividend of 1 1/2%.**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% on the outstanding \$14,300,000 Common stock, par \$100, payable Dec. 23 to holders of record Dec. 15. A stock dividend of 100% was paid Nov. 25 last. In March, June and Sept., last, quarterly cash dividends of 3% were paid on the then outstanding \$7,150,000 Common stock.—V. 115, p. 2053, 1948.

**Holmes Automobile Co.—Protective Committee.—**

The following have been appointed a committee to protect the holders of the \$1,000,000 2-year 8% bonds: Geo. F. Moss, Gerhard B. Ptachowlak, G. W. Oip, Geo. W. Shemann, C. A. McCab, John W. Brown, Neil A. Olsen, C. G. Herbrack, C. A. Kolp, C. V. Best, C. A. Irwin, Depositories, First Wisconsin Trust Co., Milwaukee, and George D. Harter Bank, Canton, O. Time for deposits expires Dec. 15.—V. 115, p. 1539.

**Home Insurance Co., N. Y. City.—Stock Dividend, &c.—**

The stockholders will vote Dec. 26 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$12,000,000 to \$18,000,000, par \$100. If the increase is authorized it is the intention to declare a 50% stock dividend.—V. 111, p. 2526.

**Hoover Suction Sweeper Co., Canton, O.—Increase.—**

The company has increased its capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 and a new organization, it is stated, will be effected under the name of the Hoover Co. The company has plants in Canton, North Canton and Hamilton, Ont. None of the new stock, it is announced, will be placed on the market.

**Hotel Traymore Co., Inc.—Bonds Called.—**

Certain 1st Mtge. 6% Sinking Fund gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1927, aggregating \$123,500, have been called for redemption Jan. 2 at 102 and int. at the Guarantee Trust Co., trustee, Atlantic City, N. J.—V. 111, p. 2526.

**Hummel-Ross Fibre Corp., Hopewell, Va.—Bonds Offered.—**

The bankers named below are offering at 100 and int. \$800,000 1st Mtge. 3-Yr. gold 7s. Circular shows: Bankers Making Offering.—First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee, Scott & Stringfellow, State & City Bank & Trust Co., Frederick E. Nolting & Co., Wheat, Williams & Co., Inc., Richmond Trust Co., all of Richmond, Va., and Stein Bros. & Boyce, Baltimore, Md.

Dated Sept. 1 1922. Due Sept. 1 1925. Int. payable M. & S. at Merchants' National Bank, Richmond, Va. (trustee), without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. Callable all or part on any int. date upon 30 days' notice, at par, plus a premium of 1/2 of 1% for each 12 months or fractional part thereof from redemption date to maturity. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c/s).

**History.**—In 1920 a group of capitalists comprised principally of the official personnel of the Hummel-Downing Co., Milwaukee, Wis., manufacturers of paper, paper boxes and shipping containers, organized the corporation and its subsidiary, Hopewell Chemical Co. Charter authorizes company to manufacture and sell pulp and paper, deal in pulp wood, timber lands, &c., and to manufacture and sell salt cake and nitre cake and other chemicals.

Company owns in fee 1,291 acres of timber land and owns stumpage rights on an additional 608 acres. Owns and controls through Hopewell Chemical Co. two deposits of nitre cake, a chemical used in manufacture of sulphate (kraft) pulp. Present sulphate fibre plant is equipped to produce daily 100 tons of sulphate or kraft pulp. A kraft paper mill with a daily capacity of 50 tons is now being built.

**Capitalization.**—Corporation recently sold \$500,000 capital stock at par, \$250,000 of this being preferred stock and \$250,000 Common stock. All of this stock is being paid for in cash. Funds derived therefrom will pay for new paper mill which will be subject to this mortgage.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to liquidate present floating debt and to provide additional working capital.

Consol. Balance Sheet at June 30 1922 (Giving Effect to Proposed Financing).

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Cash	\$60,683	Notes payable	\$176,235
Accounts receivable	64,703	Accounts payable	75,224
Advances	30,120	Accr'd int., taxes, &c.	9,595
Inventories	159,327	Unsecured def'd liabilities	133,000
Demand subs. to cap.stk.	350,000	First Mortgage 7s.	800,000
Deferred charges	69,827	7% Cumul. Pref. stock	750,000
Nitre cake deposits	491,640	Common stock	1,750,000
Timber lands & timber r'ts	54,960	Deficit	3,773
Land, bldgs., mach'y, &c.	2,409,022	Total (each side)	\$3,690,282

—V. 115, p. 2484.

**Huntington Land & Improvement Co.—Bonds Paid.—**

The \$1,000,000 6% bonds due Dec. 1 1922 were paid off. The commitment has been met without borrowing or other financing.—V. 107, p. 2380.

**Indiana Electric Corp.—New Control, &c.—**

See Central Indiana Power Co. above and Northern Indiana Power Co. below.—V. 115, p. 652.

**Indianapolis Light & Heat Co.—Stock Application.—**

The company has applied to the Indiana P. S. Commission for authority to issue \$1,962,000 capital stock, the proceeds to reimburse the petitioners to stockholders for money actually expended from income. The company has outstanding \$2,267,700 capital stock, par \$100, and \$3,782,000 bonds.

The \$1,962,000 additional stock applied for represents, it is stated, "the difference between the aggregate amount of the outstanding stocks, bonds and other liabilities and the value of the total assets as shown on the company's books."

The company, Oct. 31 1922, had a surplus of \$1,962,606.—V. 107, p. 185.

**Indianapolis Water Co.—Valuation for Ref. Purposes.—**

The company has petitioned the Indiana P. S. Commission for a valuation of its property for the purpose of issuing securities to pay off bonds falling due in 1926 and to provide new capital for additions and improvements.

The report for the year 1921 filed with the Commission shows: Total operating revenues, \$1,550,305; total operating expenses, \$436,078; deprec., \$83,159; taxes, State and local, \$245,778; net operating revenue, \$785,283; non-operating revenues, \$22,662; gross income, \$807,945.

Deductions from gross income, including int., amortization, &c., \$334,074; net income, \$473,871; Pref. dividends, \$36,544; Common divs., \$375,000; discount on Pref. stock, \$1,000; surplus for year, \$61,326; surplus at beginning of year, \$195,636; adjustments in profit and loss account (deficit), \$12,391; profit and loss, surplus, \$244,572.—V. 115, p. 2274.

**International Milling Co.—Bal. Sheet Aug. 31.—**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Property & plant	\$4,058,532	Preferred capital	\$1,105,100
Cash	225,800	Common stock	2,200,000
Accounts receivable	155,451	Notes payable	127,111
Sundry assets	82,221	Stocks, payable	509,647
Inventories	1,747,260	Pref. dividend acc'r	19,339
Prepaid accounts	95,104	Taxes, int., comm., &c., accrued	151,632
	118,600	1st Mtge. bonds	600,500
		Insurance fund	1,464
		Res. for maint. & depreciation	847,432
		Contingent reserve	150,000
		Other reserves	24,607
		Surplus	1,087,627
Total (each side)	\$6,784,458		\$6,432,356

Note.—Contingent liabilities: (a) In respect of drafts on customers, \$1,261,027 discounted at bank in the ordinary course of business. (b) In respect of contracts for permanent improvements \$50,000 (approximately).

x After making full allowance for bad and doubtful accounts. y For possible additional assessments for Federal taxes for prior years. The comparative income account was published in V. 115, p. 2386.

**Invincible Oil Co.—New Director.—**

Clifford M. Leonard has been elected a director to succeed the late Niels Esperson.—V. 115, p. 2485, 2386.

**Iron Cap Copper Co.—Earnings—Production.—**

Earnings—		Production—	
Sept. '22	Aug. '22	Sept. '22	Aug. '22
Receipts	\$60,366	Copper (lbs.)	516,834
Expenses	50,551	Silver (oz.)	6,977
Profit	9,814	Gold (oz.)	68

Compare V. 115, p. 1435, 442.

**Island Creek Coal Co.—Production.—**

Production in November amounted to about 176,000 tons of coal, compared with 174,000 tons in October.—V. 115, p. 2164, 1949.

**Jones & Laughlin Steel Co.—To Be Reorganized.—**

According to press dispatches from Pittsburgh, the company will be reorganized as the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp., with a capital stock of \$120,000,000, of which \$60,000,000 will be Cumulative Preferred and \$60,000,000 Common. The dispatches further add:

"The par value of the shares has not yet been determined. A limited amount of the Preferred stock will be offered to the public, owing to the fact that some of this stock has been sold by stockholders not actively connected with the company, to the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh and through that banking concern to the Guaranty Co. and the Bankers Trust Co. of New York. The present capitalization of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Co. is \$30,000,000, all Common. Application for the charter of the new corporation has been made to the Governor of Pennsylvania."

Reports in the financial district late yesterday stated that a block of \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000 7% Preferred stock of the new company will be offered next week, probably at 107 1/2% by Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh, Guaranty Co. and Bankers Trust Co., New York.—V. 114, p. 2365.

**Kanawha & Hocking Coal & Coke Co.—Tenders.—**

The Bankers Trust Co., trustee, 10 Wall St., N. Y. City, will until Dec. 21 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 6% Sinking Fund gold bonds, dated Jan. 1 1920, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$20,098 at a price not exceeding par and interest.—V. 109, p. 2361, 2175.

**Kaufmann Department Stores, Inc.—Tenders.—**

The directors on Nov. 9 1922, decided that the capital stock be reduced from \$9,225,000 to \$9,150,000, by the purchase and cancellation of \$75,000 Preferred stock.

Ladenburg, Chalmann & Co., 25 Broad St., N. Y. City will until Dec. 11 receive bids for the sale to it of \$75,000 of Pref. stock at the lowest prices at which the same may be obtained. There is at present outstanding \$1,725,000 Pref. stock and \$7,500,000 Common stock, par \$100.—V. 114, p. 2020.

**Kelly-Springfield Tire Co.—Tire Prices Advance.—**

The company announces an advance of approximately 10% in all their grades of tires, effective Dec. 1.—V. 115, p. 80.

**Kennecott Copper Corp.—Dividends Resumed.—**

A quarterly dividend of 75 cents has been declared on the outstanding 2,788,213 shares of Capital stock, no par value, payable Jan. 15 to holders



of record Dec. 22. Quarterly dividends of 50 cents per share were paid from March 1919 to Dec. 1920, inclusive; none since.

An official statement says in substance: "Resumption of dividends was brought about by the following conditions: The company has sold its entire production for the past year and had reduced its surplus stock on hand at the beginning of 1922 to a minimum, thus putting the company in a strong financial condition. The construction of the 10,000-ton plant of the Braden Copper Co. in South America has been completed. This property is now producing over 10,000,000 lbs. of copper per month."

"The Alaska mines are on full production. The Utah, Nevada and Mother Lode companies, in which the Kennecott Copper Corporation is interested, is also producing and there is a good, steady demand for copper. "The directors, therefore, feel that with these conditions the company is justified in resuming quarterly disbursements."—V. 114, p. 2247.

**Keystone Power Corp.—Prof. Stock.**

Parley Bros. & Co. recommend the purchase at 93 and div. of the First Cumul. 7% Prof. (a. & d.) stock (par \$100). A circular shows: Dividends payable Q. 1. Redeemable all or part at any time on not less than 90 days' notice at 105 and div. Dividends not subject to present normal Federal income tax.

Company.—Organized in Pennsylvania in Feb. 1922 and acquired shortly thereafter all the property, rights and franchises of the Keystone Electric Service Corp. In Aug. 1922 acquired the property, rights and franchises of the State Centre Electric Co. Physical property includes 3 modern generating plants, aggregate capacity 15,850 k. w. (now being increased to 20,850 k. w.), 156 miles of high-tension transmission lines, covering the entire territory served, sub-stations at various points, distributing systems and other lighting equipment in the various cities supplied. The corporation supplies electric light and power without competition in an extensive area in northern central Pennsylvania, including the cities of Kane, Mount Jewett, St. Mary's, Ridgeway, Johnsonburg, Bellefonte, State College and Milesburg. Population estimated, 55,000.

Capitalization as of July 31 1922—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Common stock (no par value)	12,500 shs.	12,500 shs.
1st Cumul. 7% Prof. stock (par \$100)	\$10,000,000	\$175,000
Cumul. 7% Prof. stock (par \$100)		\$995,000
1st M. 6s and 6½s, due 1952 (V. 114, p. 1293)	25,000,000	2,469,500

\* This stock is exchangeable share for share for 1st Cum. 7% Prof. stock. The above figures include securities issued in connection with the acquisition of the State Centre Electric Co. and the First Cumulative 7% Preferred stock recently authorized in exchange for outstanding Preferred stock.

**Earnings for 12 Months Ended July 31 1922.**

Gross earnings	\$930,202
Net after operating expenses, maintenance, taxes, &c.	\$340,693
Annual interest charges on present funded debt	166,927
Dividend on Preferred stock	\$81,900

Balance \$101,873  
\* This includes full year's dividend requirements on the 1st Cumul. 7% Prof. stock and the 7% Cumul. Prof. stock now outstanding.—V. 114, p. 1293; V. 115, p. 787, 1216.

**Kilburn Mill, New Bedford.—Stock Dividend Expected.**

President William M. Wood says in substance: "The directors are considering very seriously and favorably the matter of a stock dividend and I think you can depend upon it that something in that respect will be done between now and the first of the year. At this time I do not believe it wise to weaken the financial strength of the corporation by the disbursement of any large part of its liquid assets."

**Balance Sheet September 30.**

<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>	
1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
Real est. & mach. \$3,213,002	\$3,184,967	Capital stock	\$1,500,000
Inventory	1,212,183	Tax reserve	396,584
Cash & acc't rece.	1,534,347	Deprec'n reserve	2,390,265
	2,750,611	Inventory reserve	455,324
		Profit and loss	1,229,303
Total (each side)	\$5,979,537		\$6,210,844

**King Philip (Cotton) Mills.—Extra Cash Dividend.**

The directors have declared an extra cash dividend of 25% on the outstanding \$2,250,000 capital stock, par \$100, payable Dec. 20 to holders of record Dec. 9. The regular quarterly dividend of 1¼% has also been declared payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 20. The corporation in 1920 paid a 50% stock dividend and a dividend in Liberty bonds of 50%.—V. 113, p. 1161.

**(S. S.) Kresge Co.—Capital Increased—Sales.**

The stockholders voted Dec. 4 to increase the authorized Common stock from \$20,000,000 to \$50,000,000, par \$100. The company has outstanding at the present time approximately \$16,101,200 Common stock. It is generally believed that a substantial stock dividend will be declared at the directors' meeting to be held this month. Last year a 54% Common stock dividend was declared.—V. 115, p. 2164.

**Sales for November and Eleven Months ended Nov. 30.**

1922—Nov.—1921.	Increase.	1922—11 Mos.—1921.	Increase.
\$6,313,045	\$5,098,289	\$1,214,756	\$54,676,339
		\$47,157,238	\$7,519,101

**Laclede Gas Light Co.—Gas Rates.**

The Missouri P. S. Commission has directed the company to make a slight modification in its gas rates to industrial consumers. The present rate is \$1.05, 95 cents and 85 cents for various quantities used. The order, it is stated, will reduce the annual revenue of the company by about \$182,000.—V. 115, p. 2275.

**Lawrence (Mass.) Gas Co.—Stock Authorized.**

The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities has authorized the co. to issue at par (\$100) 5,729 additional shares of stock, proceeds of 4,819 shares to be applied to the payment of promissory notes outstanding on June 30, last, and the proceeds of 910 shares to be applied to the cost of additions and betterments made subsequent to that date.—V. 115, p. 443.

**Lawyers' Title & Trust Co.—Capital Increased.**

The stockholders on Dec. 7 increased the authorized capital stock from \$4,000,000 to \$6,000,000, par \$100. The increase will be distributed as a 50% stock dividend.—V. 115, p. 2485, 2164.

**Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.—To Increase Capital.**

The stockholders will vote Jan. 8 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$65,752,700 (\$21,496,400 Common stock, par \$100; \$21,496,400 Common stock, Class B, par \$100, and \$22,759,900 Prof. stock, par \$100) to \$100,000,000, to consist of \$21,496,400 Common, \$44,363,800 Common B stock and \$34,139,800 Prof. The purpose of the increase has not been announced.—V. 114, p. 944, 528.

**Lit Bros. Corp., Phila.—To Increase Capital, &c.**

The stockholders will vote Dec. 23 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$3,500,000 (all outstanding) to \$10,000,000, par \$10. If the increase is authorized, it is the intention to declare a 100% stock dividend. See also V. 115, p. 2485.

**Little Rock (Ark.) Gas & Fuel Co.—Refunding.**

The \$295,000 6% bonds, due Dec. 1 1922, will be paid off at Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, from proceeds of a new issue of 6% Debentures dated Dec. 1 1922 and due Dec. 1 1923, which have been sold to Daves Bros. Inc., Chicago.—V. 99, p. 202.

**Lloyds Plate Glass Insurance Co., N. Y.—To Inc. Cap.**

The stockholders will vote Dec. 18 on increasing the capital stock from \$500,000 to \$750,000, par \$100.

**Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co.—Back Dividends.**

A dividend of 7% on account of back dividends covering period from Feb. 1 1918 to Feb. 1 1919 has been declared on the 2d Prof. stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20. A dividend of 1¼% has been paid quarterly on this issue from Nov. 1 1920 to Nov. 1922, incl.; 5¼% was paid in May 1920. The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the 1st Prof. stock, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 16.—V. 115, p. 1737, 1216.

**Lynn Gas & Electric Co.—Par of Stock.**

The change in par value of Capital stock from \$100 to \$25, voted by the stockholders Oct. 9 1922, has been approved by the Department of Public Utilities and is therefore now effective. Stock certificates representing 4 shares with the new par for each one share with the former par value, are ready for delivery, and stockholders are requested to present their outstanding certificates to the company at this office for exchange for the new form of certificates. Dividends can henceforth be declared and paid only on the stock as changed.—V. 115, p. 2387, 2275.

**McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., New York.—Bonds Sold.**

Hemphill, Noyes & Co., New York, and Stroud & Co., Philadelphia, announce the sale of \$750,000 1st Mtge. 7% Sinking Fund gold bonds dated Nov. 1 1922. Due Nov. 1 1942. Compare offering in V. 115, p. 2053.

**Magnolia Petroleum Co.—50% Stock Distribution—Capital Increased.**

The trustees on Dec. 4 declared a 50% stock dividend on the outstanding Capital stock, payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Dec. 14. The stockholders on the same date voted to increase the authorized Capital stock from \$120,000,000 to \$180,000,000, par \$100. President John Healy says:

In all instances where stockholders might be entitled to fractional shares, the trustees decided to issue fractional stock dividend warrants that would permit of trading in stock rights for a period of 60 days after Dec. 15. If fractional stock dividend warrants are presented in duplicate within 60 days, a certificate for one share of the capital stock of the company will be given for two warrants. The owner of fractional stock dividend warrants will not be entitled to receive the capital stock of the company thereafter after Feb. 13 1923.

If a warrant is presented after Feb. 13 1923, the owner shall receive for each warrant a sum of money without interest, equal to one-half of the book value of one share of the capital stock on Dec. 31 1922. No fractional stock dividend warrants will participate in any cash dividends. All stock that is issued in exchange for duplicate fractional stock dividend warrants prior to Dec. 28 will participate in the cash dividend of 1% that was ordered paid by the trustees on Jan. 5 1923 to all stockholders as shown by the books of the company on Dec. 28. No stock issued for warrants after Dec. 28 will participate in the cash dividend of Jan. 5.—V. 115, p. 2375, 2387.

**Marblehead Lime Co.—Bonds Offered.—Second Ward Securities Co., Milwaukee, is offering at 100 and interest, \$400,000 1st Mtge. 7% Sinking Fund gold bonds.**

Dated Oct. 1 1922. Due Oct. 1 1937. Authorized, \$500,000. First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Mercantile Trust Co., St. Louis, trustees. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, and \$100 (c). Interest payable at First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, or Second Ward Savings Bank, Milwaukee, without deduction for Federal normal income tax up to 2%.

**Massachusetts Mohair Plush Co., Boston.—Stock Div.**

The company has filed a certificate with the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations showing an increase in capital stock from \$750,000 (all outstanding) to \$1,000,000, par \$100, the 2,500 additional shares to be distributed as a 3⅓-3% stock dividend.

**Mathieson Alkali Works (Inc.)—Balance Sheet.**

<b>Sept. 30 '22. Dec. 31 '21.</b>		<b>Sept. 30 '22. Dec. 31 '21.</b>		
Land, bldgs., plant & equipment	\$7,031,014	6,979,151	Liabilities—	
Goodwill & patents	2,000,000	2,000,000	Common stock	5,855,700
Stocks & bonds of allied cos.	356,822	387,721	7% prof. stock	2,982,000
Inventories	932,018	1,094,131	Notes payable	408,754
Accts. receivable	901,410	664,227	Accts. payable	321,200
Notes and trade acceptances rec.	67,632	71,273	Labor, taxes, &c., accrued	76,810
Cash	503,805	332,650	Deferred liabilities	163,279
Deferred charges	130,298	159,460	Fed. tax reserve	65,214
			Res. for doubtful accounts	23,880
			Prof. stock sinking fund reserve	74
			Profit and loss	1,991,959
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,922,999</b>	<b>11,708,617</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>11,922,999</b>

\* After deducting reserve for depreciation of \$2,728,051.—V. 115, p. 2275, 2165.

**Maxwell Motor Corp.—Acquires Chalmers Motors.**

See Chalmers Motors Corp. above.—V. 115, p. 1737, 1437.

**May Department Stores Co.—30% Stock Dividend.**

The directors have declared a 30% stock dividend on the Common stock, payable Dec. 20 to holders of record Dec. 13. The stockholders on Dec. 6 increased (1) the authorized Common stock from \$20,000,000 to \$26,000,000, and (2) the number of shares of Common stock by reducing the par value from \$100 to \$50 per share. Compare V. 115, p. 2165.

**May Mills, Inc., Cramerton, No. Caro.—Increase.**

The company has filed a certificate showing an increase in capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. The name of the company has been changed to the Cramerton Mills, Inc.

**Merchants & Miners Transportation Co.—To Issue Stk.**

The stockholders on Dec. 5 approved the issuance of \$1,050,000 additional capital stock, par \$100. Stockholders have the right to subscribe up to Dec. 20 at par for \$750,000 of the new stock in the proportion of one new share for each five shares now held. The remaining \$300,000 will be offered to employees at par. Payments for the new stock can be made either in full on Dec. 20 or 20% on that date and equal installments to be paid each month thereafter. The company has an authorized issue of \$6,000,000 capital stock, par \$100, of which \$3,750,000 is outstanding.—V. 115, p. 2485.

**Michoacan Power Co.—Interest Payment.**

See Guanafrato Power & Light Co. above.—V. 113, p. 2510.

**Midco Petroleum Co.—Sale.**

Hearing on the proposed sale of the property of the company before the Federal Court in Tulsa has been postponed to Jan. 4 1923.—V. 113, p. 2728.

**Midland Seamless Tube Co.—Acquisition.**

See Cromwell Steel Co. above.

**Morris Canal & Banking Co.—Abandons Canal.**

The stockholders will vote Dec. 27 on approving an agreement entered into on Nov. 29 1922 between Frank H. Sommer, Louis Feltz and Edward L. Young, Commissioners acting on behalf of the State of New Jersey, the company and the Lehigh Valley RR., which provides that the State take over the Morris Canal (see also Lehigh Valley RR., V. 115, p. 2478).—V. 115, p. 876.

**Mother Lode Coalition Mines Co.—Copper Output.**

Total production of copper for the 11 months ended Nov. 30 was 22,578,879 lbs., compared with 18,901,592 lbs. for the full year 1921.—V. 115, p. 2276.

**(J. W.) Murray Mfg. Co., Detroit.—Stock Div., &c.**

The directors have declared a 50% stock dividend on the Common stock, payable Dec. 21 to holders of record Dec. 18. The company announces that it intends to pay 8% in cash and 8% in stock during 1923.—V. 115, p. 1437.

**Narragansett Elec. Lighting Co.—Conversion of Notes.**

Treasurer Franklin K. Hall, Dec. 1 says in part: "At the option of the holders, any of the 7% Conv. Gold Coupon notes dated July 1 1920 may be converted into capital stock Jan. 2 1923, at the office of the Treasurer, Turks Head Bldg., Providence, R. I., providing notice of intention so to do is given the company on or before Dec. 15. The coupon dated Jan. 1 1923 on each note should be detached before sending in the notes."

Mr. Hall also calls attention to the fact that "these notes do not carry rights on any future issues of securities of the company unless they are converted into capital stock."—V. 115, p. 1437, 763.

**Nash Motors Co.—To Increase Stock—Stock Dividend—Present Preferred Stock Issue Called for Payment.**

The stockholders will vote Dec. 16 on increasing the stock by \$22,500,000 pref. stock and 245,000 shares of common. At present the outstanding pref. stock is \$3,314,900 and the authorized common stock is 55,000 shares, of which 54,800 shares are outstanding. The present pref. stock outstanding has been called for payment on Feb. 1 1923 at 110.

The notice sent to common shareholders says: The directors recommend increasing the authorized capital stock and distributing a large part of such newly authorized stock to the common stockholders as a stock dividend of three shares of new 7% cumulative preferred "A" stock and four shares no par common stock on each share of the present common stock. Thus, the holder of one share of the present common stock will, after receiving the stock dividend, have three shares of the new preferred "A" stock and five shares of common stock.

The stock to be distributed will represent the transfer of most of the present surplus to capital account. The directors believe this action warranted by the continuing growth of the business. [The proposed stock dividend of three shares preferred and four shares of common will make the outstanding capital of the company after the stock dividend 163,800 shares of preferred and 273,000 shares of common.]

On Feb. 1 an initial semi annual dividend of \$1.25 will be paid on the common stock, thus placing it on \$2.50 annual basis. At the same time regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% will be paid on the preferred stock.—V. 115, p. 2054, 315.

**National Breweries, Ltd.—Dividend Increased.**

The directors have declared a dividend of 1 1/4% on the Common stock and the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the Preferred stock, both payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 15. Previous quarterly dividend on the Common was \$1 quarterly.—V. 112, p. 2756.

**National Cast Iron Pipe Co., Tarrant, Ala.—Stk. Incr.**

The stockholders will vote Dec. 28 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, par \$100.

**National Liberty Insurance Co.—Capital Increase.**

The stockholders voted Dec. 1 to increase the authorized capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000. The increase is to be distributed pro rata to stockholders as a 50% stock dividend.—V. 115, p. 2276.

**National Sewing Machine Co.—Capital Increase, &c.**

The company has announced an increase in its capital stock from \$1,050,000 to \$2,100,000, par \$50. The increase having been taken from surplus. The new stock will be distributed as a 100% stock dividend.

**National Supply Co. (of Del.), Toledo, O.—New Financing—To Be Organized in Delaware as Holding Co.**

A New York banking group has purchased an important block of the Common stock of the company, manufacturers and distributors of oil well and pipe line equipment. It is expected that this stock will shortly be offered to the public.

The company is the largest factor in its line in the country, supplying large quantities of material to the Standard Oil companies and other large producers. It distributes a large portion of the output of Nat. Tube Co.

The present company is about to be organized in Delaware to acquire the entire capital stock and to continue the business of the National Supply Co. of Ohio. This Ohio company on June 30 1922 had a surplus of \$13,923,322, and as its entire authorized capital had been issued the new company is being formed for the purpose of distributing to stockholders a part of this surplus and to provide for further growth.

After giving effect to present recapitalization the stocks of the company will be \$3,000,000 authorized 7% Cum. Pref. stock (par \$100), of which \$7,265,000 will be outstanding and \$17,000,000 Common stock (par \$50), of which \$12,125,000 will be outstanding.

The manufacturing plants are located at Toledo and Dayton, O., and Fort Worth, Tex. The Union Tool Co., engaged in the same line of business and acquired in 1921, has manufacturing plants located at West Chicago, Ill., Garage, Pa., and Torrance, Calif. The company has some 50 well-stocked warehouses in or adjacent to the important oil fields from which points supplies are readily accessible to the drilling companies. It also does an extensive foreign business.

It is reported that the National Supply Co. and its chief subsidiary, the Union Tool Co., are showing earnings for 1922 after all charges, taxes and Pref. dividends amounting to about \$15 a share on the new Common stock.

The plan which is proposed to carry out through the formation of the new company is to acquire the stock of the National Supply Co. of Ohio on the basis of \$100 par value of Pref. stock of the present company for \$105 par value of Pref. stock of the new company and for each \$100 par value of Common stock of the present company to issue \$50 par value of Pref. stock and \$125 par value of Common stock of the new company. Compare also V. 115, p. 2277.

**New Brunswick Power Co.—Refuses Offer for Plant.**

The company, controlling the electric light and power, street car and gas services at St. John, Que., has rejected the municipal offer of \$2,577,655 for its plant and equipment. This figure was set by the Supreme Court as the value of the company's property in 1920.

The company offered four alternative propositions: To sell the property to the city on a basis to be determined by arbitration; to arbitrate the rates to be charged; to elect two members of the board of directors of the company on appointment by the city; or to sell the electric light and power department to the city, retaining the street railway and gas departments.—V. 115, p. 1321, 768.

**New Cornelia Copper Co.—1922 Production (in Pounds).**

November	3,178,556	August	2,854,183	May	1,544,770
October	3,226,618	July	1,783,950	April	1,496,242
September	3,065,390	June	1,565,442	March	1,682,579

Operations were suspended in May 1921 and resumed early in Feb. 1922, in which month 1,459,063 lbs. of copper were produced.—V. 115, p. 2055, 1845.

**New Process Gear Corp., Inc., Syracuse, N. Y.—Bonds Offered.**

Mention was made in V. 115, p. 2486, of the offering at par and interest of \$2,000,000 1st Mtge. 6 1/4% serial gold bonds by S. W. Straus & Co., (safeguarded under the Straus plan). A circular further shows:

Dated Dec. 1 1922. Due \$200,000 annually Dec. 1 1923 to 1932. Interest payable J. & D. at office of S. W. Straus & Co., Inc. Federal income tax up to 4% paid by company. Pennsylvania 4 mill tax refunded. Bonds may be called in inverse of numerical order on 60 days' notice. Mortgage provides that if called in 1923 the price paid shall be 105 and interest; in 1924, 104 1/2 and interest; the price decreasing 1/2 of 1% each year, but in no event less than 102 and interest. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c).

**Data from Letter of Pres. T. W. Warner, Syracuse, N. Y., Nov. 27.**

Company.—Incorp. November 1922 in Delaware, to acquire the New Process Gear plant, property and going business (recently sold at receiver's sale for \$2,100,000). Plant was one of the units of the Willys Corp., V. 115, p. 2058]. Plant in continuous operation for past 20 years, is one of the largest gear plants in the United States and with improvements, contemplated will be the largest plant devoted to the exclusive manufacture of gears in the world. At the present time plant is turning out large orders under contract with the Durant Motor Co., Flint Motor Co., Willys Overland Co., Star Motor Co., Sallsbury Axle Co., Adams Axle Co., Pinken Axle Co., &c.

Sales.—The above contracts will aggregate gears for 600,000 automobiles annually. It is conservatively estimated that sales for the coming year will amount to between \$7,500,000 and \$10,000,000.

Earnings.—Annual earnings of the predecessor company for the years 1916 to 1921, and first 10 months of 1922, before interest, taxes and depreciation, have averaged \$517,731 per annum, or 3.9 times the greatest annual interest charge of \$130,000 on this issue.

Net earnings for first 10 months of 1922 amounted to \$477,989 (or at rate of \$574,000 per annum), equivalent to more than 3 times the greatest

annual interest charge on this bond issue. Earnings for coming year should be greatly in excess of any previous year.

Management.—Management will be under direction of T. W. Warner, Pres., and C. O. Mininger, V.-Pres.

**Balance Sheet Oct. 31 1922 (After This Financing).**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash in bank & on hand	\$349,680	Accounts payable	\$97,588
Notes & accts. rec. less res.	284,502	Accrued payroll	22,351
U. S. Liberty bonds at par	6,100	Miscel. accts. payable	4,555
Inventories, less reserve	698,068	1st Mtge. 6 1/4%	2,000,000
Investments in other cos.	27,335	Capital stock (300,000 shares no par)	3,282,230
Land, bldgs., mach'y, &c.	4,057,709		
Deferred charges	12,420		
		Total (each side)	\$5,406,714

**New York Steam Corporation.—Tenders.**

The National City Bank will until Dec. 20 receive bids for the sale to it of Pref. stock to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$10,000 at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 115, p. 2166, 2044.

**New York Title & Mortgage Co., N. Y.—Increase.**

The stockholders on Dec. 7 increased the capital stock from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000, par \$100. Of the increase \$500,000 will be paid in the form of a 1 1/4% stock dividend, while the remaining 5,000 shares will be offered at par to stockholders of record Dec. 5. The new stock is to be issued and paid for on or before Jan. 2 1923.—V. 115, p. 2166.

**North American Oil Co.—No Report Yet.**

President Cromwell of the New York Stock Exchange has issued the following statement:

The matter of the listing of the stock of the North American Oil Co. and the transactions in that stock on Nov. 23 1922 is still being considered by the proper committee of the Exchange. Hearings are being held and testimony taken, but the work is not yet completed. As soon as the committee having the matter in charge has made its report it will be given in full to the newspapers.—V. 115, p. 2388.

**North Butte Mining Co.—Production.**

The company in October last produced slightly more than 1,750,000 lbs. of copper, compared with 1,000,000 lbs. in September, 1,400,000 lbs. in August, 1,130,000 lbs. in July, and 800,000 lbs. in June.—V. 115, p. 2055, 1541.

**Northern Indiana Power Co.—Merger Authorized.**

The Indiana P. S. Commission has authorized the company to acquire the following seven operating companies: Indiana Railways & Light Co. (V. 115, p. 2267, 2159); United Public Service Co.; Noblesville Heat, Light & Power Co.; Sheridan Water, Light & Heat Co.; Wabash Water & Light Co.; Logansport Utilities Co.; and Roann Light & Power Co.

Some of the consolidating properties are those that the Brewer interests once attempted to consolidate in the Indiana Electric Corp. The Commission authorized the consolidation, but a court overthrew the Commission's action and the corporation took the case to the Supreme Court, where it is pending (compare V. 115, p. 652; V. 114, p. 2020, 953, 633, 528; V. 113, p. 1257, 856). Some of the other properties intended to be consolidated in the Electric Corporation were consolidated in another manner, through a holding company, by the Brewer interests (compare Central Indiana Power Co. above).

The Commission authorized the company to issue regularly on account of the consolidation \$2,850,000 common stock and \$3,832,500 5% bonds, and \$125,000 common stock and \$175,000 5% bonds, on account of construction work done in advance. It authorized the company to assume \$1,254,000 Indiana Railways & Light Co. bonds, and \$310,000 Noblesville Heat, Light & Power Co. bonds. They are companies going into consolidation.

The individual values found by the Commission are as follows: I. R. & L., \$4,675,000; Noblesville Heat, Light & Power Co., \$630,000; Wabash Water & Light Co., \$915,000; United Public Service Co., \$610,000; Logansport Utilities Co., \$165,000; Sheridan Water, Light & Heat Co., \$150,000; Roann Light & Power Co., \$15,000. Total physical property and going value, \$7,160,000; materials and supplies, \$140,000; cash working capital, \$300,000; total, \$7,600,000.

Compare also Central Indiana Power Co. above, and V. 115, p. 2277.

**Ohio Fuel Supply Co.—To Segregate Departments.**

The company, according to Pittsburgh dispatches, will hold a meeting on Dec. 14 to consider a segregation plan which will make the company a holding concern and separate its various branches of business into gas, gasoline and oil companies.—V. 115, p. 1950, 1437.

**Ohio & Northern Gas Co.—Notes Offered.—Guaranteed by Cities Service Co.**

Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., are offering at par and int. \$6,000,000 Guaranteed 3-Year 7% Secured Gold Notes (Series "A"), guaranteed by Cities Service Co. (see advertising pages):

Dated Nov. 1 1922. Due Nov. 1 1925. Int. payable M. & N. at Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Chicago, and at the office or agency of company in New York. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c&e). \$1,000. Red., all or part, at any time on 45 days' notice at 105 to May 1 1923 and thereafter at 105 less 1% for each expired 6 months from date of issue to May 1 1925, and at 100 1/2 during last six months. Penn. 4-mill tax; Conn. 4-mill tax and Mass. income tax on the int. not exceeding 6% refunded.

Purchase Fund.—Company agrees to purchase through Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., if obtainable at or below par and int., \$375,000 of notes of this series during period ending Oct. 31 1923, and \$600,000 during each of the periods ending Oct. 31 1924 and 1925, respectively. These amounts will be increased or decreased depending upon the issuance of escrow notes or reduction of the debt under release of property provisions, all as set forth in the trust indenture. Purchase funds will be applicable in quarterly periods commencing with Feb. 1 1923.

**Data from Letter of Pres. Henry L. Doherty, New York, Dec. 2.**

Company.—Incorporated in Delaware Nov. 22 1922 for the purpose of associating certain natural gas properties of Cities Service Co. for their more efficient operation, and to facilitate the financing of their capital requirements.

Company through stock ownership will control (a) Central Ohio Gas Co.; (b) Northwestern New York Gas Co., and (c) Manufacturers' Natural Gas Co., Ltd., and will have associated with it (through ownership of bonds) Dominion Gas Co. and Southern Ontario Gas Co., Ltd., all of which companies, directly or through subsidiaries, distribute natural gas without competition at wholesale and retail to about 125 diversified communities. The properties are located in the central part of the State of Ohio, the northwestern section of the State of New York, and the southern part of the Province of Ontario, Canada. A brief description of the companies mentioned above follows:

(a) Central Ohio Gas Co.—Supplies natural gas directly and indirectly to about 55 communities. Population served in excess of 200,000. Has large and valuable gas acreage, adequate and modern compressor stations and over 700 miles of pipe line system. Properties valued at \$9,550,000.

(b) Northwestern New York Gas Co.—Markets natural gas at wholesale and retail in Chautauqua, Erie and Genesee counties, N. Y. Population about 54,000. Properties include large acreage and approximately 670 miles of pipe line system. Properties valued at \$4,500,000.

(c) Dominion Gas Co.—Through subsidiaries transports and sells natural gas at wholesale and retail in the southeastern part of the Province of Ontario. Population about 110,000. Pipe line system includes about 700 miles. Depreciated replacement value of properties, \$6,700,000. Ohio & Northern Gas Co. will own bonds of this company.

(d) Southern Ontario Gas Co., Ltd.—Sells natural gas at wholesale and retail in western section of the Province of Ontario. Population about 58,000. Owns about 356 miles of transmission and distributing pipe lines. Depreciated value of property, \$5,700,000. Ohio & Northern Gas Co. will own bonds of this company.

**Capitalization upon Completion of Present Financing.**

Guaranteed 3-Year 7% Secured gold notes	Authorized, \$10,000,000	Outstanding, \$6,000,000
Capital stock (all owned by Cities Service Co.)	10,000,000	10,000,000
Security.—Secured by pledge of at least \$9,475,000 bonds and notes of subsidiary and associated companies (which amount includes over 90% of all the funded debt of subsidiary companies), and all the Common capital stock, except directors' qualifying shares, of Central Ohio Gas Co., Northwestern New York Gas Co., and Manufacturers' Natural Gas Co., Ltd.		



Earnings 12 Months Ended Sept. 30 1922.

[Consolidated statement of earnings of company as it will be constituted, including annual income from bonds to be owned of associated companies.]

Gross earnings	\$2,848,039
Net, after oper. exps., incl. maintenance and all taxes	\$1,024,449
Int. on divisional bonds & other int. charges of sub. cos.	87,021
Annual interest requirements of \$6,000,000 7% notes (this series)	420,000

Balance available for depreciation, depletion, and dividends—\$517,428  
 Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to repay certain advances, including the retirement on Nov. 1 1922 of \$4,796,000 funded notes, which were secured by a portion of the collateral pledged hereunder.

Ohio State Telephone Co.—Bonds.—

The \$1,300,000 7% notes due Dec. 10 1922 will be paid off Dec. 11 at office of J. P. Morgan & Co., New York.—V. 115, p. 2277.

Old Dominion Co., Maine.—Copper Production.—

Smelter output in October amounted to 2,934,000 lbs. of copper, of which 2,231,000 lbs. was Old Dominion and 703,000 lbs. Arizona Commercial.—V. 115, p. 2055, 1640.

Omar Oil & Gas Co.—Loses Suit.—

Judge Kennedy of the Wyoming Supreme Court has rendered a decision against the company in the suit brought by it against the Bair Oil Co. of Wyoming. The company will take an appeal, it is stated.  
 Some time ago the company brought suit against the Bair Co. for an accounting and the appointment of a receiver. Omar Oil holds one-quarter interest in the Bair Oil Co., the latter being one of the operating companies of the Standard Oil group in the State of Wyoming, and is under the management of the Prairie Oil & Gas Co. In bringing the action against the Bair company the claim was made by the Omar company that the management of the Bair company had conspired to keep down the development of the Bair company to the detriment of the minority interest of the stockholders, which in this particular case was Omar Oil.—V. 113, p. 542.

Overseas Securities Corp.—May Change Hands.—

Control of the corporation may pass into other hands as the result of the reorganization of Bernard Scholle & Co. According to the rumors, American Locomotive and the American Telephone & Telegraph interests will become associated with the management. No official confirmation of the rumors could be secured.

The corporation started in business in April, 1920, and at the end of 1921 had investments in Great Britain, France, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Sweden, Russia, Canada, Mexico, Argentina, Burma, China and South Africa. Authorized capital, \$5,000,000 Common stock of \$1,000 par, and 10,000 managers' shares of no par value. Outstanding, \$2,000,000 par and 5,100 managers' shares. Dividends of \$30 a share were paid on the Common stock up to Oct., when \$50 was paid. Dividends of \$2.94 per share were paid on the managers' shares in April 1922. ("N. Y. Sun.") Compare "Chronicle" V. 110, p. 1799, 1978.

Pacific-Burt Co., Ltd.—Dividend Rate Increased.—

The directors have declared the usual quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the Preference shares, and a half-yearly dividend of 3% on the Common shares, both payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 15. The directors have placed the stock on a 6% dividend basis, as compared with the rate of 2% formerly prevailing. It is proposed hereafter to make quarterly disbursements of 1 1/4% on the Common stock.—V. 115, p. 1950.

Pacific Fruit Express Co.—Equipment Orders.—

Vice-President C. M. Sechrist announces that the construction of 5,000 standard refrigerator cars for delivery early in 1923 at an estimated cost of \$15,000,000, is being arranged by the company. It is also arranging for the construction of 300 50-foot refrigerator cars equipped for passenger train service to cost an additional \$1,750,000.  
 The 5,000 standard refrigerator cars are in addition to the 3,300 new cars being built by the company. The new cars will give the company a total of between 28,000 and 29,000 cars to be used exclusively for the fruit and vegetable business originating in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, Texas and Louisiana on the lines of the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific. Joint owners of the Pacific Fruit Express Co.—V. 114, p. 1542.

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Rate Decision.—

A temporary restraining order was issued Nov. 25 by three Federal Judges to prevent the Oregon P. & T. Commission's edict reducing telephone rates and providing for installation of modern equipment from becoming effective Dec. 8. An opinion handed down with the temporary injunction states that the restraining order was issued because the court ordered by the Commission would reduce the telephone company's earnings to less than 2% and because it was not proved to the court that an emergency exists.  
 The Commission's order, issued Oct. 30, provided for reduction of rates on party lines Dec. 1 and immediate installation of a new automatic ringing device on party lines systems. Unlimited business and residence service was not affected by the order. The injunction will become effective upon filing of a satisfactory bond with the court by the company. The amount of the bond will be fixed later.—V. 115, p. 2389, 1640.

Paige-Detroit Motor Car Co.—100% Stock Dividend.—

A 100% stock dividend has been declared on the outstanding \$2,000,000 Common stock, par \$10, payable Dec. 29 to holders of record Dec. 22. This distribution will bring the outstanding Common stock up to \$4,000,000 (total authorized).  
 Quarterly cash dividends of 3% on the Common and of 1 1/4% on the Preferred have also been declared, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 15. This will make 12% distributed on the Common stock this year.—V. 115, p. 1217.

Paragon Refining Co.—Syndicate Buys Stock.—

A syndicate of leading bankers and business men of Cincinnati has purchased a 1-3 interest in the company. The purchase involves 160,000 shares of Common stock owned by the Gilliland Oil Co., which went into receivership about two years ago. The purchase was made on a basis of \$9.50 a share, so that the deal involved \$950,000.  
 Among the Cincinnati men who composed the purchasing syndicate are W. Cooper Proctor, Pres. Proctor & Gamble Co.; C. A. Hirsch, Pres. Fifth-Third National Bank; E. L. Lee, Pres. First National Bank, Covington, Ky.; R. K. La Blonde, Pres. La Blonde Machine Tool Co.; F. R. Geier, Pres. Cincinnati Milling Machine Co.; J. P. Orr, Pres. Potter Shoe Co.; W. W. Freeman, Pres. Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co.; W. F. Robertson, Pres. Robertson Iron & Steel Co.; Casper Rowe; R. E. Field & Co. (investments); George D. Crabbs, Pres. Phillip Carey Mfg. Co.  
 Other members of the syndicate include E. W. Edwards, A. Steinkamp, Thomas W. Nelson, W. F. Wiley, F. H. Simpson, Clifford Green, A. B. Breeze, A. G. Shepherd, M. A. McDonald, Leonard S. Smith, Leland G. Benning, John H. Schulte, C. Wood Walter, Ernest Geless, W. W. Riley, John Onwaka, Paul Esselburn, E. B. Stanley, and J. R. Edwards.  
 The order approving the sale of this stock was granted by Federal Judge D. C. Westenhaber.—V. 114, p. 312.

Parkhill Mfg. Co.—Balance Sheet June 30 1922.—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Machinery, equipm't, &c.	\$1,957,583	Capital stock	\$300,000
Investments	168,750	Accounts payable	326
Inventory	969,907	Reserve for taxes	357,899
Cash	224,411	Surplus	3,472,933
Accts. and notes rec.	33,955		
Liberty bonds	528,380		
Due from comm. house	247,973	Total (each side)	\$4,130,958

—V. 115, p. 2389.

Phelps Dodge Corp.—Production.—

The company in October last, it is reported, produced approximately 7,700,000 lbs. of copper, compared with 7,609,000 lbs. in September last and 7,615,000 lbs. in August last.—V. 115, p. 1330.

Pierce Oil Corp.—Statement by H. L. Doherty.—

In connection with the decision of the Court holding the recent election of directors invalid, and the comment of the Court on the agreement made by H. L. Doherty, the latter has issued a statement defending the agreement made by him with Henry Clay Pierce:  
 "No man who will go into all the facts, and who is both intelligent and fair, could contend for a moment that the contract I made with Mr. Pierce was even unfair. My agreement is to advance funds to the Pierce Corporation at an interest rate the same as they pay on their debenture bonds.

"I then have the option to convert my loans into Second Preferred stock, par for par, thus making my capital an added security behind the present outstanding Preferred stock.

"No stock jobbing was ever contemplated or carried on. I have never bought or sold a share of Pierce Oil Corp., except sufficient to qualify as a director.

"The charge of secrecy is without foundation, and the terms of the contract were known to every member of the old board of directors, even before it was signed, as was proven by several of Mr. Untermyer's witnesses, and is a matter of Court record, and Judge Alton B. Parker, three days after the agreement was made, issued a letter to all Preferred stockholders, which told of my connection with the company."—V. 115, p. 2486, 2167.

Pillsbury Flour Mills Co.—Balance Sheet Aug. 31.—

1922.		1921.	
Assets—		Liabilities—	
Real est. & mach'y	2,277,955	Capital stock	5,000,000
Merch., mat., stk.		Accts. & notes pay.	6,331,324
In process	7,161,500	Surplus	632,940
Cash & debts rec.	2,313,840		276,620
Investments	107,803		
Fun. & fixtur.	103,166		
Total	104,192	Tot. (each side)	11,964,264

—V. 115, p. 1951.

Porcupine Gold Mines, Ltd.—To Issue Stock.—

See Davidson Consolidated Gold Mines, Ltd.

Portland Flour Mills Co.—Sale.—

The properties of the company were sold at sheriff's foreclosure sale at Portland, Ore., Dec. 7, for \$1,172,670 and were purchased by Judge Wallace McCamant. The property will ultimately pass to the Sperry Flour Co. of San Francisco.—V. 115, p. 2055, 1952.

Printing Crafts Building, New York.—Bonds Offered.—

S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., are offering at par and interest \$3,100,000 1st Mtge. 6% serial coupon bonds (safeguarded under the Straus plan).

Dated Dec. 1 1922; due serially Dec. 1 1923 to 1937. Interest payable J. & D. at offices of S. W. Straus & Co., Inc. Callable at 102 1/2% and interest. Federal income tax of 2% paid by borrower.

These bonds are the direct obligation of Printing Crafts Realty Corp. and are secured on 22-story building located at 33d St. and 8th Ave., N. Y. City. Of the space in the building 87% is now rented under lease for a net rental of \$333,349 per annum. Space is now being leased for office purposes and the annual future net rental earnings of the property is conservatively estimated at \$401,539.

(G. P.) Putnam's Sons, N. Y. City.—Increase.—

The stockholders will vote Dec. 18 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$200,000 to \$500,000, par \$100.

Quissett Mill of New Bedford.—Capital Increase, &c.—

The stockholders will vote Dec. 20 on increasing the authorized Common stock from \$1,250,000 (all out standing) to \$2,000,000, par \$100. If the increase is authorized it is the intention to declare a 60% stock dividend.—V. 115, p. 1651.

Replique Steel Co.—Merger Rumors.—

See Wickwire Spencer Steel Corp. below.—V. 115, p. 2487.

(R. J.) Reynolds Tobacco Co.—Regular Dividends.—

The company has declared the usual quarterly dividends of 3% (75c a share) on the Common and new Class "B" Common stocks, and of 1 1/4% on the Preferred, all payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 15.  
 This is the same rate that has been paid heretofore and means a dividend at the rate of \$4 per share on the stock outstanding prior to the distribution on Dec. 2 last of the 33 1-3% stock dividend.—V. 115, p. 2487, 2390.

Richardson & Boynton Co., N. Y. City.—Bonds Offered.—

Spencer Trask & Co. and Redmond & Co. are offering at 100 and int., \$1,000,000 15-Year 6 1/2% Sinking Fund gold bonds (see advertising pages).

Dated Dec. 1 1922. Due Dec. 1 1937. Interest payable J. & D. in New York without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Company agrees to refund Pennsylvania 4 mills tax and Connecticut 4 mills tax. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c\*). Redeemable on any interest date, all or part, on 30 days' notice, at 105 and interest. Chase National Bank, New York, trustee.

Data from Letter of Pres. D. Rait Richardson, New York, Dec. 6.

Company.—Established in 1837 and incorporated in 1882. Engaged in manufacturing and selling ranges, stoves, warm air furnaces, steam and hot water heaters and other heating apparatus. Main plant at Dover, N. J., and branch offices in Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia and other important cities throughout the United States. The range business is widely distributed, especially in New York and the surrounding territory, while the other business is national.

Earnings.—In the 5 years ended Dec. 31 1921, average annual earnings available for interest and sinking fund charges, after depreciation and inventory adjustments but before Federal taxes, were equal to 4 1/2 times the annual interest requirements of these bonds and 2 1/2 times maximum combined interest and sinking fund requirements.

The earnings, on the same basis, for the first 10 months of 1922, were equal to 3 1/2 times the annual interest requirements on this issue of bonds.

Assets.—Company, as of Oct. 31 1922, after giving effect to this financing, shows net quick assets of \$2,204,056, or \$2,204 for each \$1,000 of bonds, and total net assets of \$2,760,984, or \$2,760 for each \$1,000 of bonds.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for the expansion and improvement of company's plants and for other corporate purposes.

Sinking Fund.—A sinking fund is provided, payable semi-annually beginning June 1 1923, sufficient to retire each year \$50,000 bonds.

Balance Sheet Oct. 31 1922 (After This Financing).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Land, bldgs., &c., less depreciation	\$866,928	15-year mortgage	\$1,000,000
Inventory	560,297	Capital stock	310,000
Bills rec. & trade accepts	77,373	Accts. & bills paya. and prov. for Federal taxes	270,000
Accts. rec., less reserve	1,045,245	Surplus	1,490,984
Cash	1,200,816		
Total	\$3,750,659	Total	\$3,750,659

(The) Richman Bros. Co., Cleveland, O.—Stock Div.—

The company has declared a 100% stock dividend on the capital stock, no par value, payable Dec. 21 to holders of record on that date, and the regular quarterly cash dividend of \$1 per share, plus 50 cents a share extra, payable on Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 21.

The company at last accounts had an authorized issue of 70,000 shares of capital stock, no par value, of which 60,000 shares were outstanding.

Roane Iron Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.—Bonds Sold.—

First Trust & Savings Bank and Caldwell & Co., Chattanooga, have sold at 100 and int. \$400,000 1st Mtge. gold 7s.

Dated Jan. 1 1923. Due Jan. 1 1943. Denom. \$1,000 (c\*). Interest payable J. & J. at First Trust & Savings Bank, Chattanooga, trustee, or at Chemical National Bank, New York, without deduction for normal Federal incomes taxes up to 2%. Non-callable except for sinking fund. Sinking fund of \$20,000 annually, beginning January 1924, to be used for purchase of bonds in open market at various prices for different years, not exceeding 101 in 1924 to 105 in 1928 and from 105 in 1928 to 101 in 1942. Authorized, \$500,000.

Data from Letter of Pres. E. O. Wells, Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 15.

Company.—Organized in 1867. Principal plant at Rockwood, Tenn. has a total annual capacity of approximately \$5,000 net tons of coke and 130,000 gross tons of pig iron.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used to retire outstanding bonds maturing Jan. 1 1923, balance to be used for the erection of a coal washer and the installation of new electrical equipment.

Earnings.—The average sales for the 6 years ended Dec. 31 1921 amounted to \$2,223,347, and average net profit after deducting depreciation, paying income and profit taxes and all other charges exclusive of bond interest, for the same period amounted to \$155,992.

For years 1903 to 1921 inclusive, net earnings have averaged over 3 times the interest charges on the outstanding bonds, while during the last 6 years the average annual net earnings have been approximately 4 1/2 times interest charges on the full authorized bonded debt. These figures are after making deductions for taxes and depreciation.

Consolidated Bal. Sheet Sept. 30 1922 (Adjusted to Show New Financing).

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash, accts. & notes rec.	\$282,807	Accts. & notes payable	\$289,825
Inventories	423,628	Accrued wages	18,153
Bonds in other companies	250,000	1st Mtge. bonds	400,000
Deferred charges	12,325	Res. for taxes not due, est.	20,000
Total fixed assets	1,809,699	Capital stock	1,000,000
		Surplus & undiv. profits	1,050,481
Total	\$2,778,459	Total	\$2,778,459

**(John A.) Roebling Sons Co.—Capital Increase.**

The company has filed a certificate with the Secretary of State of New Jersey increasing its capital stock from \$15,000,000 to \$34,500,000.—V. 101, p. 1718.

**Roxford Knitting Co., Philadelphia.—Sale.**

The company's building was sold at receiver's sale in June last for \$475,000 to S. W. Strauss & Co. mortgagees. The machinery, which was sold piecemeal, brought in an additional \$85,000.—V. 113, p. 2729.

**Royal Typewriter Co., Inc.—Trustee.**

Guaranty Trust Co. has been appointed trustee of an authorized issue of \$1,000,000 10 year 7% debenture dated Dec. 1 1922, due Dec. 1 1932.—V. 114, p. 2833.

**Sagamore Mfg. Co., Fall River.—To Increase Capital—66 2-3% Stock Dividend Proposed.**

The stockholders will vote Dec. 18 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$1,800,000 (all outstanding) to \$3,000,000, par \$100. If the increase is authorized, it is the intention to declare a 66 2-3% stock dividend.—V. 112, p. 752.

**Salem (Mass.) Gas Light Co.—Stock Sold.**

The company has increased its outstanding capital stock, par \$100, by \$130,800 through the sale of 1,298 shares additional stock, part of an unsubscribed balance of 3,100 shares authorized to be issued in Nov. 1921. See V. 115, p. 1952.

**Saxon Motor Corp.—Petition for Receiver.**

A petition for the appointment of a receiver for the corporation was filed in Federal Court at Detroit Dec. 5 by three small creditors, viz.: Wire Wheel Corp., New York; Detroit Insurance Agency and Publicker Commercial Alcohol Co., with claims aggregating \$3,433. They claim that the company committed an act of bankruptcy by paying certain creditors, and they ask that David C. Bayne be appointed receiver.—V. 115, p. 1331.

**Scott & Williams, Inc., of Boston.—Capital Inc., &c.**

The stockholders have voted to increase the authorized common stock from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000, par \$100. Of the additional \$1,000,000 common stock, \$600,000 will be paid to present holders as a 60% stock dividend. The company also has an authorized issue of \$1,779,800 Pref. stock.

The balance sheet as of Sept. 30 1922 shows a surplus of \$1,022,327.

**Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chicago.—Sells Building.**

This company has sold the Walter Field Co., the 9-story building and land on Jefferson St., extending from Fulton to Wayman St., containing 250,000 sq. ft. of floor space, for \$475,000. Walter Field & Co. will take possession May 1.—V. 115, p. 2487.

**Shell Union Oil Corp.—Common Dividend No. 2.**

The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend (No. 2) of 25 cents per share on the no par value common stock, payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 29.

An official statement says: "Inasmuch as over 2,000,000 shares of Shell Union Oil are in process of distribution to the stockholders of the Union Oil Corp. of Del., and inasmuch as this distribution will not be completed until Dec. 22, the Shell Union Corp. has reserved the right to mail out the dividend checks to stockholders at a date later than Dec. 30, but in no event later than Jan. 10."

In Sept. last an initial dividend of like amount was paid on the Common stock.—V. 115, p. 2390.

**Simms Petroleum Co.—New Officers.**

Thomas W. Streeter, Vice-President of the American International Corp., has been elected Chairman of the executive committee. G. O. Mulfeld of Stone & Webster, Elton Parks and M. C. Brush, senior Vice-President of American International Corp., have been added to the board. Stanton Griffiths of Hemphill, Noyes & Co. has been added to the executive committee.—V. 115, p. 553.

**Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp.—Preferred Stock.**

A syndicate headed by Blair & Co., Chase Securities Corp., Kissel, Kincaid & Co., Whites, Weld & Co., J. & W. Seligman & Co., Spencer Trask & Co. and Janney & Co., are offering at market, now quoted to yield 8%, a block of about 47,000 shares of 8% Preferred stock.

This is the balance of the \$20,000,000 of stock issued some time ago, upon conversion of the 5-Year 7 1/2% gold notes, and does not represent any additional sale or issue of stock by the corporation. Compare also V. 115, p. 1739, 2278.

**Singer Manufacturing Co.—Capital Increased.**

The stockholders on Dec. 9 increased the Capital stock from \$9,000,000 to \$12,000,000, par \$100. The increase will be distributed to stockholders pro rata, as a 3 1-3% stock dividend. Stock dividends paid by the company are as follows: In Dec. 1900, 200%; in June 1910, 100%; in Nov. 1920, 50%. See also V. 115, p. 2167.

**Southern Counties Gas Co. (California).—Stock Div.**

The company has applied to the California RR. Commission for permission to issue \$750,000 of Common stock as a 50% stock dividend to stockholders of record Nov. 1 1922. This proposed stock dividend represents in part accumulated and unappropriated surplus expended for permanent improvements and betterments of the property. The total surplus so invested is given as \$938,740.—V. 115, p. 1218.

**Southern States Oil Corp.—Acquisition, &c.**

The company has acquired 4,500 acres of oil land in Columbia and Nevada counties, Ark., by outright purchase. Drilling operations will begin on it at once.

The company has completed its No. 3 well in the Robberson Field, Garvin County, Okla., making 300 barrels daily. It has also begun an extensive drilling campaign in the Hewitt Field, Carter County, Okla., where it has started seven wells.—V. 115, p. 2390, 1847.

**Southern Paper Co., Moss Point, Miss.—Bonds Offered.**

Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, are offering at 100 and int. \$1,200,000 1st Mtge. 6 1/2% Sinking Fund gold bonds.

Dated Dec. 1 1922. Due Dec. 1 1937. Interest payable J. & J. at Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee, without deduction for Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c). Redeemable all or part on 90 days' notice up to and including Dec. 1 1927 at 105 and interest; from Dec. 2 1927 to Dec. 1 1932 at 102 1/2 and interest; after Dec. 1 1932 at 101 1/2 and interest. Total authorized, \$1,500,000.

Listed—Listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange. Sinking Fund—Annual sinking fund is provided beginning Dec. 1 1925, in amount sufficient to retire 50% of the \$1,200,000 bonds before maturity, either through purchase at not to exceed prevailing redemption price, or if not obtainable, by call at said price.

Data from Letter of Pres. J. L. Dantzer, Moss Point, Miss., Nov. 25. Company—Incorporated in 1911 in New York. Is engaged in the manufacture and sale of kraft paper. Owns and operates at Moss Point, Miss., a modern pulp and paper mill, present daily capacity about 40 tons. Purpose—Proceeds will largely provide for certain additions to the plant, including installation of one more paper machine, which will increase capacity to 100 tons per day.

Balance Sheet Nov. 4 1922 (After Present Financing).

Assets		Liabilities	
Land, buildings, &c., less depreciation	\$2,224,467	7% Preferred stock	\$750,000
Cash	66,199	Common stock	750,000
Accounts receivable	330,709	1st Mtge. 6 1/2%	1,200,000
Inventories	178,363	Accounts payable	14,710
Sundry investments	9,286	Accrued liabilities	18,369
xPatent rights	152,167	Reserve for Federal taxes (1923)	28,986
Deferred charges, &c.	108,598	Surplus	307,724
Total	\$3,069,788	Total	\$3,069,788

x Company has charged off to date out of earnings \$326,856 against patent rights, and by continuing to write off \$32,500 annually, expects to amortize this item by July 1927.

Earnings—Years ended Dec. 31.

	Net Sales	Depric.	Int. Paid	Fed. Taxes	Balance
1916	\$1,099,510	\$59,671	\$29,991	\$9,508	\$531,010
1917	1,319,597	56,673	10,500	186,532	444,802
1918	873,125	56,555	8,887	—	1081,715
1919	1,064,830	67,937	19,284	—	1092,359
1920	1,923,091	78,745	11,559	67,259	437,695
1921	1,391,546	82,208	—	7,149	96,844
1922x	1,204,627	75,155	—	28,986	202,751

x Period Jan. 1 1922 to Nov. 4 1922.—V. 115, p. 2487, 2279.

**Southern Utilities Corporation.—Tenders.**

The Empire Trust Co., trustee, 120 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Dec. 21 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 8% Sinking Fund Conv. gold bonds, Series "A," dated Dec. 1 1921, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$22,568 at a price not exceeding 110 and int.—V. 114, p. 2687.

**Spanish American Iron Co.—Bonds Called.**

One hundred thirty-eight (\$138,000) 1st Mtge. 20-yr. 6% Sinking Fund gold bonds, due 1927, have been called for redemption Jan. 1 at par and int. at the Girard Trust Co., trustee, Philadelphia, Pa.

The following bonds remain unpaid: Called for July 1 1921, No. 968; July 1 1922, Nos. 159, 1004, 1718, 1739, 2027, 2401, 2878, 2886, 3995, 4435, 4520, 4728.—V. 115, p. 2279.

**Sperry Flour Co., San Francisco.—Acquisition.**

See Portland Flour Mills Co. above.—V. 115, p. 1940, 1543.

**Standard Oil Co. of California.—Capital Stock Increased**

—100% Stock Dividend Declared.—The stockholders voted Dec. 5 to increase the capital stock from \$115,000,000 to \$250,000,000, par \$25. The directors, following the stockholders' meeting, declared a 100% stock dividend, payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 9.

The company announces that "in accordance with the by-laws, no certificates for a fractional part of a share will be issued in payment of said stock dividend. After stock dividend the total number of shares outstanding as of Dec. 30 will be 8,179,274 full shares, par \$25, representing \$204,481,850 of issued capital stock." See also V. 115, p. 2057, 1641.

**Standard Oil Co. of Kansas.—300% Stock Dividend.**

The directors on Dec. 5 declared a 300% stock dividend payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 16.

The stockholders recently voted to increase the authorized capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$8,000,000, and reduce the par value of the shares from \$100 to \$25. Compare V. 115, p. 2487, 2279.

**Standard Screw Co.—70% Stock Dividend.**

The stockholders will vote Dec. 22 on authorizing the declaration of a 70% stock dividend on the outstanding \$3,500,000 Common stock, par \$100.—V. 114, p. 1763.

**Sterling Products, Inc.—Acquisition.**

The stockholders will vote Dec. 18 on authorizing the directors to acquire a proprietary medicine business which they had under consideration. The name of the company to be taken over has not been disclosed, but press reports state that the company has practically closed a deal for the purchase of the properties of the Charles H. Phillips Chemical Co. for a cash consideration said to be about \$5,000,000. It is said the undertaking will be financed through the sale of 100,000 shares additional stock to stockholders at about \$50 a share, and that the new stock will be offered on the basis of 1 new share for each 5 of old stock outstanding.—V. 115, p. 2391.

**Sterling Salt Co., N. Y.—To Increase Capital, &c.**

The stockholders will vote Dec. 20 on increasing the authorized Capital stock from \$2,200,000 to \$3,300,000, par \$100. If the increase is authorized it is the intention to declare a 25% stock dividend.

**Studebaker Corporation of America.—25% Stock Dividend.**

The directors on Dec. 5 declared a 25% stock dividend on the outstanding \$60,000,000 Common stock, par \$100, payable Dec. 29 to holders of record Dec. 16. An official statement says in substance:

"The earnings of the corporation and its prospects are such that the management believes the present rate of 10% dividends on the Common stock will be continued on the new capitalization. The directors will capitalize \$15,000,000 of net earnings which have been invested in plants, equipment, improvements and other developments to provide for expansion. The company has an authorized issue of \$75,000,000 Common stock, of which \$60,000,000 is outstanding. In May 1920 a dividend of 33 1-3% on Common stock was paid.—V. 115, p. 2168.

**Submarine Signal Co.—2% Cash Dividend Declared.**

A dividend of 2% has been declared on the outstanding capital stock, par \$25, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 10. In June and December 1921, dividends of 1% each were paid.—V. 114, p. 2478.

**Superior Colliery Co.—Coupon Paying Agent.**

The Columbia Trust Co. has been appointed coupon paying agent of \$800,000 24 mtge. bonds. See V. 114, p. 87; V. 112, p. 2762, 2650.

**Sweets Co. of America.—New Officer.**

Lewis L. Clarke, President of American Exchange National Bank, has been elected President, succeeding Gilbert S. Winant.—V. 114, p. 891, 745.

**Taunton-New Bedford Copper Co.—Extra Dividend.**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25% on the outstanding \$1,200,000 capital stock, par \$100, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 6.

**Timken-Detroit Axle Co.—New President, &c.**

Fred Glover has been elected President succeeding A. R. Demory. H. W. Alden has been elected Chairman.—V. 115, p. 2391, 2168.

**Union Oil Co. of California.—Dividend, &c.**

In connection with the proposed 80% stock dividend payable Dec. 20 to holders of record Dec. 5 (subject to permit being obtained from the Corporation Commissioner), the company says:

No fractional shares will be issued, but certificates will be issued to stockholders evidencing their interest in fractional shares. These certificates will be transferable by endorsement and the stockholders, or their assigns, will have the right, up to Jan. 20 1923, to combine rights in fractions to the amount of whole shares, and to exchange the same for whole shares of the capital stock upon the surrender of certificates evidencing such fractional rights to the Secretary.

All shares of the capital stock represented by certificates for fractional interests outstanding Jan. 20 1923, will be sold by the Secretary within 90 days after that date, and the net proceeds thereof, after deducting the usual brokerage in connection with sales, will be paid to the holders of the outstanding certificates representing fractional interests upon the surrender thereof to the Secretary.

The directors declared their intention of paying a cash dividend in Jan. 1923 on the \$90,000,000 capital stock, which will then be outstanding, at



the rate of \$1.75 per share, and anticipate a regular quarterly div. of \$1.75 per share will be maintained so long as the financial position and general business of the company continues to warrant such distribution. This will be equivalent to a dividend of \$3.15 per share per quarter upon the present capital stock, instead of the \$2 regular and \$1 extra quarterly dividend which has been paid for some time past.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
June 30 '22.	Dec. 31 '21.	June 30 '22.	Dec. 31 '21.
Oil land, rights, gas and water lines, etc.	69,306,859	66,302,557	60,000,000
Inv. in affil. cos.	9,987,365	9,851,155	8,659,000
Inv. in contr. cos.	2,173,170	2,291,182	8,670,000
U. S. Govt. bds. & treas. etc.		750,250	
Oil, etc., inven'y	21,872,823	18,537,811	
Materials & sup.	4,066,605	4,096,159	
Bills & acct's rec.	5,211,169	5,043,359	
Prepaid taxes & insurance	688,945	334,313	
Cash	3,614,120	5,871,524	
Miscellaneous		313,297	
<b>Total</b>	<b>108,011,057</b>	<b>104,616,637</b>	<b>108,011,057</b>
			<b>104,616,637</b>

\* "Oil lands, rights and leases" does not include \$57,343,285 representing appreciation of the producing properties in California as of March 1 1915, and territory brought in as producing since that date, less depletion to June 30 1922. This appreciation has been set up in the books to comply with certain Governmental requirements in the matter of claiming full depletion in filing Federal tax returns. It includes June 30 1922 oil lands, rights and leases, \$33,159,412; oil wells and development, \$15,811,253; pipe lines and storage systems, \$11,688,905; steamships' marine equipment, \$12,995,989; refineries and absorption plants, \$11,138,752; marketing stations, \$13,688,339; less reserve for depreciation and depletion, \$29,085,790. b Investments in affiliated companies: Stocks, \$986,727, advance accounts, \$638. c Include stocks, \$380,136; bonds, \$756,000, and advance accounts, \$1,037,034, which are stated net after deducting amounts due to controlled companies, \$107,063. —V. 115, p. 2488, 2391.

Union Oil Co. of Delaware.—Forgeries.—

A warning has been issued on behalf of the company to the effect that certificates for stock of the corporation have been forged and placed in circulation. The forged certificates have vignette of an eagle, while the genuine certificate has a vignette of a female figure.—V. 115, p. 2391, 1953.

Union Tank Car Co.—Equipment Orders.—

The company recently placed orders for 3,000 cars of 10,000 gallons capacity each, as follows: Standard Steel Car Co., 1,000 cars; American Car & Foundry Co., 1,000 cars; Cambria Steel Co., 500 cars, and the General American Tank Car Corp., 500 cars.—V. 115, p. 1218.

United Gas Improvement Co.—Dismisses Indictment.—

Judge John C. Knox in the Criminal Branch of the Federal District Court, on the motion of the District Attorney, has quashed the indictment outstanding against this company, Welsbach Co., the Cities Illuminating Co. and individuals connected with them. The indictments were found on March 6 last. They charged monopoly under the Sherman Anti-Trust law in connection with the manufacturing and distribution of incandescent light equipment.—V. 115, p. 2488.

United Hosiery Mills Corp.—To Increase Capital.—

The company has made application for an increase in capital from \$2,500,000 to \$4,000,000, par \$100.—V. 110, p. 1297.

U. S. Bobbin & Shuttle Co.—To Increase Capital—200% Stock Dividend Proposed.—

The stockholders will vote Dec. 13 on increasing the authorized Common stock, par \$100, from \$850,000 (all outstanding) to \$2,550,000. If the increase is authorized, it is the intention to declare a 200% stock dividend.—V. 113, p. 2529.

United States Casualty Co., N. Y. City.—Capital Inc.

The stockholders on Dec. 1 increased the capital stock from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, par \$100. The increase is to be distributed pro rata to stockholders of record Dec. 1 as a 100% stock dividend.—V. 115, p. 2280.

United States Envelope Co.—New Officer.—

James Logan of Worcester has been elected President, to succeed the late C. Henry Hutchins.—V. 115, p. 2280.

U. S. High Speed Steel & Tool Corp.—Bankruptcy.—

A petition in bankruptcy was filed Dec. 5 against the corporation, with plant at Green Island, by creditors with aggregate claims of \$14,547. Liabilities are said to exceed \$200,000 and the assets at nominal value are understood to be about the same amount. The Gotham National Bank, as trustee, holds a mortgage on the property for \$300,000.—V. 113, p. 1369.

United Verde Extension Mining Co.—Production.—

Month of—	Nov. 1922	Oct. 1922	Sept. 1922	Aug. 1922
Copper output (lbs.)	3,670,206	3,760,234	3,556,014	3,250,934

—V. 115, p. 2280, 2068.

Vacuum Oil Co.—300% Stock Dividend—Capital Increased from \$15,000,000 to \$70,000,000 and Shares Reduced to \$25 Each.—

The directors on Dec. 5 declared a 300% (\$45,000,000) stock dividend, payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 15. The stockholders voted Dec. 2 (1) to increase the Capital stock from \$15,000,000, par \$100, to \$70,000,000, par \$100; (2) to reduce the par value of the shares from \$100 to \$25 each.

After payment of the stock dividend there will remain unissued \$10,000,000 which will be held in the treasury. For dividend record and other details see V. 115, p. 1848.

Van Zandt & Co., Inc., Troy, N. Y.—Stock Div., &c.—

The stockholders have voted to increase the capital stock from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, to consist of \$150,000 6% Pref., \$150,000 7 1/2% 2d Pref. and \$700,000 Common stock. It was also voted to change the name to Van Zandt's, Inc. The board has been increased from 5 to 10 members. A stock dividend of 114% has been declared on the Common stock.

Vulcan Detinning Co.—Balance Sheet Sept. 30.—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
Plant & equipm't.	\$1,449,444	\$1,007,707	\$2,000,000
Patents, good will, &c.	4,407,569	4,407,569	1,225,800
Cash	123,743	58,352	1,500,000
Accts. receivable & advances	263,693	102,685	919,400
Inventories	351,142	459,377	
Invested in U. S. Govt. securities	208,216	217,650	
<b>Total (each side)</b>	<b>\$6,806,507</b>	<b>\$6,883,401</b>	<b>\$4,919,400</b>

Earnings for quarter ending Sept. 30 will be found in V. 115, p. 2488.

Wamsutta Mills, New Bedford.—To Increase Capital.—

The stockholders will vote Dec. 26 on increasing the Capital stock by 50% and on approving the distribution of the new stock as a stock dividend.—V. 111, p. 2529.

West Boston Gas Co.—Stock Authorized.—

The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities has authorized the company to issue 466 shares of additional capital stock, par \$100, the proceeds to be applied to the payment of obligations incurred for extensions made prior to Aug. 1.—V. 112, p. 1875.

Whitman Mills Corp., New Bedford.—To Increase Capital—50% Stock Dividend Proposed.—

The stockholders will vote Dec. 14 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$2,000,000 (all outstanding) to \$3,000,000, par \$100. If the increase is authorized, it is the intention to declare a 50% stock dividend.—V. 111, p. 700.

White Eagle Oil & Refining Co.—Earnings.—

Period 1922—	1st Quarter.	2d Quarter.	3d Quarter.	Total.
Sales	\$2,398,980	\$3,788,206	\$4,018,414	\$10,205,600
Cost of sales	1,675,345	2,512,057	2,506,105	6,693,507
Gross profit	\$723,635	\$1,276,148	\$1,512,309	\$3,512,092
Expenses	252,072	300,534	399,296	951,902
Profit from operations	\$471,562	\$975,615	\$1,113,013	\$2,560,190
Add misc. income credits	37,176	49,449	44,702	131,327
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$508,739</b>	<b>\$1,025,064</b>	<b>\$1,157,715</b>	<b>\$2,591,518</b>
Deduct misc. inc. chgs.	40,020	59,172	75,706	174,898
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$468,719</b>	<b>\$965,892</b>	<b>\$1,082,009</b>	<b>\$2,516,620</b>

—V. 115, p. 2489, 2392.

Wickwire-Spencer Steel Co.—Interest Acquired by Pres. of Replogle Steel Co.—New Director—Merger Rumors.—

Pres. T. H. Wickwire Jr. on Nov. 4 announced that J. Leonard Replogle, Chairman of the Replogle Steel Co. and President of the Vanadium Corp. of America, had acquired a substantial interest in the Wickwire-Spencer Steel Corp. and that Mr. Replogle had been elected a director of the company. It is expected that Mr. Replogle will take an active interest in the management of the company.

A consolidation of the Wickwire, the Replogle, and another steel company is reported to be a possibility.—V. 115, p. 2489, 1742.

Willcox & Gibbs Sewing Machine Co., N. Y.—Increase.

The stockholders will vote Dec. 16 on increasing the authorized capital stock, par \$50, from \$500,000 (all outstanding) to \$1,500,000.

Wilson & Co., Inc.—Tenders.—

The Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Dec. 18 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 25-Year Sinking Fund gold bonds due Apr. 1 1941, to an amount sufficient to absorb \$278,502, at a price not exceeding 107 1/2 and int.—V. 115, p. 2489, 2281.

Wiscasset Mills Co., N. C.—Stock Increased, &c.—

The stockholders on Nov. 29 voted to increase the authorized Capital stock from \$1,200,000 to \$5,000,000. A part of the increase, it is stated, may be Preferred stock. The stockholders also authorized the directors to declare a 200% stock dividend.

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—November Sales.—

Month of November	1922.	1921.	Increase.
11 months	\$14,834,386	\$13,106,908	\$1,727,478
11 months	139,848,648	123,458,706	16,389,942

—V. 115, p. 2169.

Worthington Pump & Machinery Corp.—New Officers.

William Goodman has been elected Vice-President in charge of manufacturing and engineering, and E. T. Fishwick, Vice-President in charge of sales, succeeding James E. Sague and Frank H. Jones, respectively.—V. 115, p. 2058, 1544.

(Wm.) Wrigley, Jr. & Co.—10% Stock Dividend.—

The directors have declared a 10% stock dividend on the outstanding \$13,625,000 Common stock, par \$25, payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 23. A like amount was paid in stock in April last (V. 114, p. 746).—V. 115, p. 1219.

Yale & Towne Mfg. Co.—4% Cash Dividend.—

A dividend of 4% has been declared on the new Capital stock, par \$25, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 13. This compares with dividends at the rate of 20% (5% quarterly) paid on the old stock, par \$100, from April 1920 to Oct. 1922, inclusive. The company on Dec. 1 last paid a 100% stock dividend. Compare V. 115, p. 2392, 2281.

CURRENT NOTICES.

In their weekly review of the market situation, Carden, Green & Co. call attention to the large earning power of the American Tobacco Co., indicating that approximately 18% will be earned on the company's outstanding capital this year. The bankers state that for upwards of a year the American Tobacco Co. has had no bank indebtedness and it now has cash or its equivalent of \$17,000,000. With the retirement of \$10,000,000 7% serial notes, the only funded debt remaining will be \$1,737,250.

Starr Walter, Marion H. Woody and John G. Heimerdinger, formerly associated with J. C. Mayer & Co., have organized a partnership to deal in municipal bonds and other high-grade securities under the name of Walter, Woody & Heimerdinger, with offices in the Dixie Terminal Bldg., Cincinnati.

Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed trustee, as well as registrar and paying agent, under a trust indenture from the Atlantic Mall Corporation dated Dec. 1 1922, securing an authorized issue of \$4,750,000 par value 7% gold notes dated Dec. 1 1922, and due Feb. 1 1927.

The Columbia Trust Co. will act as trustee of the two following issues: Wickwire-Spencer Steel Corporation, \$1,775,000 7 1/2% 10 years secured convertible gold notes; Walkkill River Co., \$150,000 20 years 6% refunding and improvement gold bonds.

Robert G. Stewart, formerly Assistant General Manager of the Standard Oil Co. (Indiana) has been elected director and Vice-President of De Wolf & Co., Inc., and will be actively associated with this firm on and after Jan. 1 1923.

Jelke, Hood & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, have issued a special circular discussing the growth of the hydro-electric power industry, also containing an analysis of thirty high-grade bonds of hydro-electric companies.

Joseph F. Hartley, 15 Broad St., New York, specialist in railroad securities, publishes a very comprehensive weekly index showing the relative values of 52 railroad stocks.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed registrar for the preferred stock of the Tait Paper & Color Industries, Inc., consisting of 10,000 shares, par value \$100.

H. V. Van Auken & Co., money brokers, 52 Broadway, New York, announce that J. J. Dobbyn, formerly of Connor, Shaw & Dobbyn, is now associated with their firm.

P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., announce that their New York offices are now occupying the building at No. 42 Cedar Street. Telephone John 2107.

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent of the Preferred and Common stock of the Power Corp. of New York.

The United States Mortgage & Trust Co. has published a limited edition of a booklet entitled "The Custody and Care of Your Securities."

Arthur J. Koehler is now in charge of the loan department of the Foreign & Domestic Acceptance Corporation, 11 Wall St., N. Y. City.

Harvey B. Parsons, formerly of F. J. Liskman & Co., is now associated with Shonnard & Co. in their investment department.

The bond trading firm of Baar & Co. has moved to 30 Broad St., New York.

# The Commercial Times.

## COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Dec. 8 1922.

The cold weather has given a decided fillip to retail trade all over this country, and holiday business is active. Also, the drop in temperature has naturally helped the clothing business. It turns out that retailers' stocks had dropped to quite a low stage, and that jobbers therefore are having a better business. Mail order business is excellent. And the supply of cars is larger. Storms over a wide area of the country have interfered with some lines of activity, while, as already intimated, the cold weather has helped others. The sales of pig iron have increased somewhat at lower prices. The railroads are buying cars, etc., on a large scale. Some car manufacturers are sold ahead, it is understood, for 12 months. Steel has been rather quiet in the main, however, while production of both iron and steel is heavy, that of pig iron being double that of last year. As usual, towards the end of December some lines of business are quiet on the eve of taking inventories. The textile trades are relatively slow. Cotton goods do not sell freely. Meanwhile, though, collections are fair and money rates are easy. The stock market at one time declined, but has latterly shown more strength, and to-day bonds were also firm. A gratifying feature has been the rise in the value of most of the European currencies. Sterling exchange is the highest since 1919. With the rise in sterling exchange Liverpool has been a larger buyer of cotton in New York and is also inquiring more freely for the actual staple, it is understood, in some parts of the South. Our cotton exports to England make a better showing than might have been expected in view of the prolonged depression in Lancashire. The total to Europe at large has recently made a notable gain.

The trade in automobiles is brisk and the output is on a remarkable scale. The general trend of commodity prices has been downward, although there are no very marked declines. It is an interesting fact that coincident with agricultural depression in this country and schemes to alleviate it by farm credits comes an announcement from Europe that crops are so deficient that it will require 640,000,000 bushels of wheat from foreign sources. The French Government has issued an order requiring a 10% admixture of rye or rice flour with the wheat flour. It is a grim commentary on the effects of the war that Eastern European States will be able to supply only 3% of the needs of the Continent, as against the 40% which they furnished in pre-war times. At the same time the American farmer does not share as fully in the export trade with Europe as could be desired. He has the competition of Canada and Argentina to meet. There is a farm credit bill before Congress for the farmers' relief and at the same moment the British farmer is clamoring for State aid in the form of lighter local taxes, rather than tariff protection. The Spanish farmer also wants help from the State, in the shape of a tariff. Belgian farmers complain that prices received for their grain are not commensurate with the increased cost of production due to the scarcity of field hands and the resultant rise in wages. The farmer in this country is also threatened with higher labor costs as the hands leave for the big towns and cities. The Southern cotton farmer may feel the pinch. In Georgia measures are being taken to stay the exodus, if possible, of negro labor towards the North, where he gets much higher wages. The labor question, in other words, is becoming a very serious one. Europe suffers from the effects of the war, to go no further, in diminished crops and high costs of production, and in this country we feel the restriction on immigration. Meantime, storms in different parts of the country have checked building activity for the time being. The wool trade is more quiet. But bank clearings show heavy totals. With any kind of a chance American trade is likely to increase during the year soon to open.

Grain prices have declined at times this week with foreign markets less eager buyers confronted by such extraordinary world's shipments to Europe in a single week as 19,120,000 bushels. Of this 90% came from North America, and mainly from Canada, which has been rushing wheat forward before navigation should close. Canadian competition with the American farmer has been another burden for the American farmer to bear. "Troubles come not singly but in battalions." A short time ago Canada even shipped considerable wheat to Chicago, despite the American duty of 25 or 30c. The American farmer finds the home demand slack and the foreign market, for the time at any rate, well supplied. And now it is announced from Washington that the American farmer, though by the latest computation comprising 33% of the population (at one time, significantly enough, it was 55%), is still hard put to it to make both ends meet, in spite of his constant toil and long hours. Low prices are driving many from the farms to the towns and cities.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace reports, in fact, a great increase in the exodus from farms to the cities. He adds in a report to President Harding and to Congress, that, despite

the large production this year, the farmer is still laboring under a serious disadvantage as compared with other groups of workers because of the distortionate relationship of prices. He notes that there is food in superabundance, and this contributes to the prosperity of business and industry for the time, but the inadequate return which the farmer is receiving, and has for three years, inevitably must result in readjustments in the number of people on the farms, and in the cities, which will not be for the good of the nation. There has been a greatly accelerated movement of farmers, and especially farmers' sons, from the farms to the cities and industrial centres, Secretary Wallace states. During July, August and September twice as many persons left the farms for the city as normally. The Secretary renewed his recommendation for rural credits legislation. He touches the sore point when he adds that this year would be a prosperous one for agriculture, and consequently a prosperous one for the nation, if the relationship of prices now was such as existed before the war. There has been some recent increase in the prices of farm products, but there has not been much improvement in the general relationship between the prices of the things the farmer produces and the things he buys. Among the causes which contribute to the abnormal relationship of farm prices to the prices of other things, Secretary Wallace mentioned these: Over-production of many farm crops, continued high freight rates, maintenance of industrial wages at near war-time levels, economic depression and depreciated currency in European countries, interference with the efficient function of necessary industries and unreasonably high costs of distribution of some farm products. That the situation of the farmer is not so bad as it was 18 months ago means nothing if it is still intolerable. And it is intolerable largely because of the exactions of labor, which, aiming a blow at capital, really hits a fellow worker who happens to be working on a farm and, for that matter, hits labor everywhere in its blind grasping after high wages. It shows no intelligent regard for wage values when the worker comes to buy food, clothing and shelter. Costs of all kinds, including labor, are always added to the price of an article. And the buyer has to pay it, whether factory worker, farmer, capitalist, clerk or anybody else. It is plain that labor has not grasped these elementary facts.

The coal crisis here is acute and Governor Miller and William H. Woodin have been in conference at Albany to devise means to cope with the emergency. It has suddenly arisen with a sharp fall in the temperature and a scarcity of coal. The officials have had to ask householders to make use of steam sizes and soft coal. The city has been offering wood free to those unable to obtain coal. Mr. Woodin says there are 150,000 tons of substitute fuel, steam and soft coal, lying at New Jersey and New York terminals. One of the problems to be tackled by Governor Miller and Mr. Woodin is the question of the degree to which soft coal may be substituted for anthracite. An order will be issued to apply to New York City directing dealers to fill no further orders for domestic sizes of hard coal unless the buyer at the same time accepts 25% of soft coal or the steam sizes of anthracite. All consumers must, therefore, burn at least one-fourth of a ton of bituminous buckwheat, barley or rice coal with each ton of pea, nut, stove or egg which they use. Fortunately, the weather to-day was somewhat milder in New York, though it is still raw and cold to-night.

The Nashua Manufacturing Co. at Nashua, N. H., whose operatives voted on Dec. 3 to continue the strike, is the only New Hampshire mill centre where a strike is in force. Even as it is, the Nashua company has some 3,000 operatives at work and has a waiting list of about 500 operatives. The Jefferson weave mill of the Amoskeag plant was opened on Dec. 4 and night work was begun in the No. 9 mill. Several hundred former operatives filed applications for work that day. Nearly 1,000 of the former employees were put to work. About 80% of the entire plant of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co. is operating to a greater or less degree. There are now 10,000 employees on the roster.

Reports of the North Carolina Pine Association show increased activity in the lumber industry in that territory during the past six weeks. Total orders placed with from 45 to 50 mills have averaged more than 12,500,000 feet a week for the past three weeks, the most consistently large run of orders the association has reported in several months. That the mills are operating rapidly is indicated by the fact that production for reporting mills, ranging in number from 42 to 55, has not fallen below a total of 10,000,000 feet in six weeks, and that shipments over the same period have totaled each week more than 11,000,000 feet.

LARD lower; prime Western 11.75@11.85c.; refined to Continent 12.75c.; South American 13c.; Brazil in kegs 14c. Futures declined with grain and hogs, large receipts, lower Liverpool prices, a decreased export demand, lack of support from packers and scattered liquidation. Local selling and continued large receipts of hogs caused a decline on the 7th inst. But a rally came later, with hogs and grain higher on covering of shorts and fair buying by commission houses. True, some of the smaller packers sold. To-day prices declined slightly and end 27 to 28 points lower than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	10.70	10.53	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.40
January	10.27	10.15	10.10	10.00	10.02	10.00
March	10.30	10.22	10.15	10.10	10.15	10.12
May	10.35	10.27	10.22	10.22	10.25	10.20



**PORK** easier; mess \$28@28 50; family \$30@32; short clear \$22 50@29. Beef dull; mess \$12@12 50; packet \$13 50@14; family \$16@18; extra India mess \$28@30; No. 1 canned roast beef \$3 25; No. 2, \$2 35 1/2; 6 lbs. \$15; sweet pickled tongues \$50@60 nom. per bbl. Cut meats quiet; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 17 @ 17 1/2c.; pickled bellies, 10 to 12 lbs., 17c. Butter, creamery fresh, 41 1/2@48c. Cheese, flats, 21@28 1/2c. Eggs, fresh gathered firsts to extras, 52@61c.

**COFFEE** on the spot in moderate demand and steady; No. 7 Rio, 11c.; No. 4 Santos, 15@15 1/2c.; fair to good Cutcuta, 15 1/2@15 3/4c. Futures advanced a little early in the week on higher cables, a short interest in December, higher sterling exchange, scarcity of contracts here and covering. But the trading was not large nor the fluctuations then as a rule striking. It is true that on the 5th inst., on more favorable markets in Brazil and higher Brazilian exchange, futures here moved up 13 to 18 points. December led the rise with a steady demand from trade interests. They were supposed to be buying it for the purpose of adding to their holdings of coffee. The tightness of the December position held other months as well as December itself for a time. Continued unsettlement in Brazilian exchange and rumors of South American political troubles at one time caused a decline. It has been largely, however, a trading market. To some it looked as though the selling of December at one time represented scattered long liquidation, which was absorbed by trade houses, which in turn sold distant months against it. Thirty notices for December delivery were issued on the 6th inst. and caused some selling of that month, but the issuers were noticeable buyers of other months. And they advanced. Still later in the week prices fell with Brazilian exchange. To-day prices declined in a dull market with some liquidation and hedge selling. There was a holiday in Brazil. Prices here ended 1 to 10 points lower for the week, the latter on December. Closing prices were as follows:

Spot (unofficial).....	11c	March.....	9 44@9.45	July.....	8.82@8.85
December.....	9.75@9.77	May.....	9.12@9.15	September.....	8.34@8.38

**SUGAR**—Spot raws were quiet but firm at 4c. for Cuban c. & f. English markets were also quiet and steady. Receipts of old crop at the Cuban ports for the week ended Dec. 4 were 9,203 tons, exports 39,708 tons, all to the United States Atlantic ports, and the stock at the ports was 49,495 tons. The weather was reported in some of the cables to be favorable for the growing crop. As some view the matter, though, the trade is on the eve of a big new crop in Cuba; the outlook is promising for better prices judging from the manner in which last year's crop, together with a very heavy surplus, was taken. They argue that in all probability the coming harvest will bring better prices, with the elimination of any burdensome surplus. Trading in futures at times has been largely in March. It came from trade interests. Shorts covered in December on a fair scale. That Cuban interests have steadily supported December is noticeable, but manipulation of new crop months was offset by increasing selling of those months. From January on big supplies are expected. A sale of 20,000 bags of near crop Cuban for first half of February shipment was made at 3 13-32c. c. & f., as against previous sales for January shipment at 3 1/2c. c. & f. Trade interests were buyers of March, May and July. And some 6,000 tons of Cuba, February shipment, to the United Kingdom sold at 5.28c. f.o.b. Cuba. Refiners, it was said, were ready to pay 3 9-16c. c. & f. for February shipment. The strength of December sustained the list. The Cuban crop promises to exceed last year's which was 4,000,000 tons. Grinding operations are retarded by unfavorable weather. The ports are not receiving any of the new crop, it is stated. Havana enabled that the following mills have started grinding: Cuanagua, Jaranu, Manati, Sangerman, Altocedro and Palma, even though weather conditions are not good. During the last week, according to the Guma Mejer report, no sugars of the new crop arrived at any of the ports and the stock there is only 49,495 tons. To-day prices showed little change on futures, closing 5 to 10 points higher for the week. European prices are higher on raw. January Cuba sold here at 3 9-16c. New Orleans sold 10,000 bags of Louisiana refining grades at 5.40c., delivered at refinery. Here refined dull, at 7.10c.

Spot (unofficial).....	5.78	March.....	3.45@3.46	July.....	3.67@3.68
December.....	3.99@4.00	May.....	3.56@3.57	September.....	3.77@3.78

**OILS**—Linseed, though firm, is quiet. Spot raw oil in car lots coverage basis, is quoted at 87c. per gallon, while the second half of December is held at 87c. For January 81c. to 85c. is asked, for February 80c. to 83c., and March-April 79c. Buyers are not showing much interest in the market, owing largely to the taking of inventories. Paint manufacturers are pretty well covered for the time being. Crushers, on the other hand, are optimistic regarding the future. They are delivering quite a little, but this is believed to be on old contracts. Coconut oil, Ceylon, bbls. 9c.; Cochin, 9 1/2@9 3/4c. Corn, crude, 9 1/2c. Olive, \$1 15@ \$1 17; lard, strained winter, 13 1/2c.; extra, 13 1/4c. Cod, domestic, nominal; Newfoundland, 61c. Spirits of turpentine, \$1 38@1 40. Rosin, \$6 20@88. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, 8,400, including switches. Crude S. E. 8.25@ 8.37 1/2. Prices closed as follows:

Spot.....	9.55@	February.....	9.68@9.75	May.....	9.96@9.99
December.....	9.60@9.75	March.....	9.78@9.84	June.....	10.00@10.10
January.....	9.60@9.62	April.....	9.85@9.95	July.....	10.10@10.20

**PETROLEUM**—Gasoline dull and weaker. Export inquiries have been very numerous but actual business is small, owing to the reluctance of purchasers to pay present prices. Bulk sales are very small. Kerosene quiet but steady. Although the heavy consuming season is at hand, consumers are not purchasing much, being content to hold aloof, awaiting lower prices. Gas and bunker are both quiet. New York prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, 28.75c.; U. S. Navy specifications, bulk, 15.50c.; export naphtha, cargo lots, 18c.; 63-66-deg., 21c.; 66-68-deg., 22c. Kerosene, cases, cargo lots, 17c.; garages (steel bbls.), 24c. The daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Dec. 2 was 1,638,050 bbls., against 1,637,400 in the previous week and 1,333,310 last year. In Oklahoma the daily average gross production is estimated at 409,800 bbls., against 415,100 in the previous week and 311,100 last year; in Kansas at 87,200 bbls., against 87,450 in the previous week and 90,450 last year; in north Texas at 58,650, against 58,500 in the previous week and 59,550 last year; in central Texas at 125,400, against 129,450 in the previous week and 172,750 last year; in north Louisiana, 84,700, against 86,400 in the previous week and 77,600 last year; in Arkansas, 86,050, against 85,650 in the previous week and 47,100 last year; in Gulf Coast, 121,250, against 121,000 in the previous week and 99,160 last year; in Eastern, 115,500, against 116,000 in the previous week and 115,000 last year; in Wyoming and Montana, 89,500, against 82,850 in the previous week and 55,600 last year; in California, 460,000, against 455,000 in the previous week and 305,000 last year.

Pennsylvania.....	\$3 00	Wooster.....	\$1 90	Mid Continent.....	
Corning.....	1 75	Libna.....	1 98	Below 28.....	90
Cabell.....	1 86	Indiana.....	1 78	28@29.9.....	1 00
Somerset.....	1 71	Princeton.....	1 77	30@32.9.....	1 10
Somerset, light.....	1 96	Illinois.....	1 77	Healdton.....	0 75
Rogland.....	1 00			Mexia.....	1 25
				Orichton.....	1 00

**RUBBER** has been rather quiet here on unsettled cables from London. That market on the 6th inst. opened quiet, declining to 13 1/2d., but soon recoiled on good buying. The dullness here is attributed more to the scarcity of sellers than to any lack of buying interest. Some business was done in April-June, and factories were reported to have bought December and January to a greater or less extent. Singapore cables were higher. Smoked ribbed sheets and first latex crepe spot and December 27 1/2c.; January-March, 27 1/2c.; April-June, 28 1/2c.; July-December, 29 1/2c. Para and lower grades of plantation were dull. Para-upriver fine, 25 1/2@25 1/2c.; coarse, 17 1/2c.; Central-Corinto, 16 1/2c.

**HIDES** have been dull and if anything weak. Chicago reports trade dull. Tanners hold aloof. Leather and skins here are dull. As to hides, reports early in the week stated that in the River Plate section a sale has been made of 4,000 Artiga frigorifico steers at \$55. Bogota is quoted at 20c., but it is believed that a lower bid would be accepted for good-sized lots. A car of Middle West hides, 25 lbs., and up, sold, it is said, at 13c. Orinoco nominally 17 1/2c.; Guatemala, 17 1/2c.; Laguayra, 17c.; Central America, 17 1/2c.; Ecuador, 14@16c.; Tampico, 17 1/2c. In some quarters the holdings of branded hides are estimated at 50,000 to 55,000. A car of Central Western hides sold, it is said, at 13c., selected. Reports from the River Plate section state that the market is still very dull, owing to the drop in exchange. Offerings of most hides are said to be large. Chicago wired Dec. 7: "Hides dropped from 2 1/4 to 3 cents a pound here to-day as a result of a large movement due to accumulation and a general belief that prices were unduly inflated. The break, it was said, was not likely to bring on further declines. Buying declined, and it was estimated by market reporters that only about 75,000 hides changed hands as against the heavier movement yesterday, when the break started. There are about 750,000 hides in the market, according to market observers."

**OCEAN FREIGHTS** were firm on grain tonnage. West Italy business was done at 19 1/2c. Generally the market was rather quiet. In New York business has been quiet with rates generally steady. William J. Love, in charge of traffic for the Emergency Fleet Corp., says that he is doing "missionary work" in the interests of peace between the Gulf and North Atlantic lines, which has been disturbed by a controversy over differentials in cotton rates. Mr. Love said he does not expect a break between the two groups.

Charters included grain from Atlantic range to west coast of Italy, 20c. early December; from Philadelphia to Rotterdam, 14 1/2c. December; from Atlantic range to Antwerp-Hamburg range, 14 1/2c. December; from Atlantic range to one port west coast of Italy, 19 1/2c.; grain from New York to west coast of Italy, 20 1/2c. spot; from West St. John to a picked port of the United Kingdom, 4s.; 2,045-ton steamer, time charter from U. S. Atlantic port to west coast of South America, \$1 30 December; 5 months' time charter, 1,236-ton steamer, in West Indies trade, \$1 45 1/2 December; grain from Atlantic range to Greece, 23c. December; lumber from Gulf to River Plate, \$15 a thousand, late January; from Gulf to River Plate, 165s. a standard, January-February.

**COAL** has been firm at the recent advance, with an increased demand for bituminous. The cold snap also causes a large demand for anthracite from householders.

**TOBACCO** has been in only fair demand at best and some of the time at least business has been rather disappointing. Wrappers and fillers have certainly not been active, though many believe that after the turn of the year trade will in all probability improve. Meantime the December lull is noticeable in tobacco as in some other lines, if a lull it can be called, where for some time past there has been an absence of genuine life and snap. But proverbially, "when things get to their worst they mend." And it need occasion no surprise if trade in tobacco should increase noticeably in the

fore part of 1923. Having been successful in its experiments with long staple cotton, Southern California is now preparing to grow Turkish tobacco, a syndicate of California capitalists having purchased a ranch of 9,100 acres for the project.

COPPER firm at 14c. for electrolytic on all new inquiries. Some business is being done on old options at 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. There is a better foreign business but domestic demand is only moderate. Italy was a good buyer recently. Reflecting the heavy production in South America, are the exports from Chile, which amount to 83,464 tons for the first eight months of the present year, against 40,000 tons in the same time last year. Tin higher on stronger London cables. Demand is small, however. And some insist that the present statistical position of the market does not warrant present prices. Lead in rather better demand and firm; spot New York 7.30@7.35c.; East St. Louis, 6.95@7c. Consumption is still running a little ahead of production. Zinc higher; spot New York 7.60@7.65c.; East St. Louis, 7.30@7.35c. Prompt zinc is in small supply. And there is a good export demand. London also advanced.

PIG IRON production in November increased something over 11%. It is now at the rate of 35,500,000 tons as against 16,688,000 tons for all of 1921. That is to say, it now looks like double the 1921 production in 1922. Meanwhile demand here and there is reported better. Some have an idea that the price is not far from the bottom. Youngstown, Ohio, reports the price \$26 50, but for basic pig iron there \$25 is said to be in prospect. Birmingham reports rather more business. New York is inquiring for rather more iron. Here \$27 is quoted, for eastern Pennsylvania, with \$25 for Buffalo, \$27 for Chicago, \$25 for Ohio, and \$23 for Birmingham. It is said that an Alabama maker recently began selling at \$21, but quickly raised the price to \$23, when he found himself besieged with buyers. One of them, it appears, wanted to take 40,000 tons at \$21. Meanwhile, however, there is no denying that production is very large and it seems a moot question just where prices will go before they reach a point of equilibrium. Philadelphia, by the way, has received within a week 21,000 tons of foreign iron or 95,000 in two months. Result: Eastern pig iron makers want the 75-cent a ton duty increased 50%. At the same time November pig iron production was the largest in two years. It was 2,849,702 tons, or an average of 94,990 tons a day, against 2,637,844 tons in October, or 85,092 tons a day. Meanwhile, it is a fact not without interest that the shortage in freight cars is being gradually reduced. At the East sales have been unsatisfactory. Detroit quotes \$26 and recent sales there are said to have been 50,000 tons, mostly to furnace, stove and auto makers. Buffalo did a pretty good business, it is said, at \$25. Cleveland marked down its prices, but got little trade. Pittsburgh made fair sales at declines of \$2 on basic and \$1 to \$1 50 on foundry grades.

STEEL has been in moderate demand with production keeping up well. One company has made the price \$36 80 for sheet bars for the first three months of next year. The billet price, it is believed, will be the same, though it has not been announced. Sheets have been generally quoted at 2.50c. for blue annealed, 3.35c. for black and 4.35c. for galvanized. Steel bars have been quiet but steady at 2c. Pittsburgh. Reinforcing bars, it is said, could be had at 1.95c. The St. Paul road recently, it is said, placed orders for 5,500 cars and now wants 2,000 more gondolas. The trade looks for a continued good business with automobile works. According to one authority, the November output in the automobile industry broke all records. It is said that for the first 11 months of the year there will be an increase over the same period last year of nearly 100,000 cars and trucks. There is a big demand, it is said, moreover, for machine tools from railroad companies. Also there is not a little inquiry for fabricated steel for bridges. San Juan, Porto Rico, has bought 20,000 tons of cast iron water pipe from an American concern. Some 50,000 boxes of tin plate are wanted by South American buyers. Meanwhile, the output of finished steel in the first week of December keeps pace with the big production of the last half of November. Deliveries are improving as the car situation grows better. Steel as a whole looks quiet and none too steady.

WOOL has been steady regardless of the lull in business. Montevideo and cape has in fact recently advanced. Montevideo 58-60s. greasy basis, 49@51c. Cape is scarce here. Best combings on clean basis in bond, \$1 10 to \$1 12; average longs on the same basis at \$1 05 to \$1 08. Choice domestic clothing in small supply also, and firm. Mohair domestic best combings around \$80c.; Cape winter kid mohair has recently, it is said, sold at \$1 11, and domestic kid, \$1 10. Domestic fleece unwashed, Ohio & Penn. fine delaine nominally 56@57c.; XX, 48@51c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  blood, 52@54c.;  $\frac{3}{8}$  blood, 48@50c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  blood, 43@46c. Boston wired December 4 that the cables from the London colonial wool auctions that day showed that trade there was quiet and prices rather weaker on merinos. Cables from South America also revealed somewhat lower prices owing very largely, to be sure, to lower exchange rates. In Boston early in the week trade was quiet with prices steady on good wool at least. At Melbourne, Australia, on Nov. 30 4,800 bales were offered and 4,700 bales sold. Selection attractive. Demand better. Prices steadier. All crossbreds wanted. Fine and medium grades suitable for America were 10% higher compared with the last sale.

In London on Dec. 1 the joint offering was 12,650 bales. Demand active. Best merinos compared with October prices unchanged to 5% lower; medium to inferior merinos 5 to 10% lower, but fine and coarse crossbreds 5 to 10% higher, and medium qualities under sharp American demand up to 10 to 15%. Sydney, 4,945 bales; greasy comeback, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 23d.; scoured greasy comeback, 13d. to 36d.; greasy crossbred, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 18d.; scoured merino, 17d. to 41d.; Queensland, 1,944 bales; merino greasy, 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 32d.; scoured (in small supply), 52d. to 54 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Victoria, 2,726 bales; chiefly greasy comeback, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 26d. New Zealand, 2,697 bales; greasy crossbred, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 19d.; slipe, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 26d. In London on Dec. 4 the offering was 11,500 bales. British, Continental and American interests bought freely. Prices firm. Few withdrawals. Sydney, 1,772 bales; greasy merino, 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 31d. Queensland, 697 bales; greasy merino, 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 28d. Victoria, 1,814 bales; greasy crossbred, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 19d.; comeback lambs, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. New Zealand, 6,929 bales; crossbreds, greasy slipe. Yorkshire the chief operator, but America and the Continent competing for both qualities. Greasy ranged from 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and slipe 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 25d. In London on Dec. 5 offerings were 12,400 bales. Attendance good. Demand brisk. Prices firm, but firm limits caused numerous withdrawals. Sydney, 1,044 bales; chiefly greasy crossbreds, 6d. to 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Queensland, 2,729 bales; merinos greasy, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 28d.; scoured, 36d. to 53 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Victoria, 2,188 bales; scoured merino, 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 45d.; greasy crossbred, 8d. to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Adelaide, 1,544 bales; scoured merino, 20d. to 46 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; pieces, 15d. to 31d. New Zealand, 4,655 bales; crossbreds (brisk sale), best greasy, 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; scoured, 32d.; slipe, 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

At Brisbane, Australia, on Dec. 5 demand was pretty good from Japanese, French and German operators. Yorkshire buyers absent. Prices lower. Merinos compared with prices on Oct. 26 were on good greasy about unchanged, but average to inferior fell 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 10%; good skirtings, 5%; average and inferior skirtings, 10%; lambs, 10%, and for scoured lambs, 5%.

In London on Dec. 6 the joint offering was 13,395 bales. Quick sale except for poor conditioned wools. They were mostly withdrawn. Selection mostly greasy crossbreds. They were wanted by British, Continental and American buyers. Prices firm, except that merinos were rather weaker than last week. Sydney, 5,580 bales; greasy crossbred, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 22d.; comeback, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Queensland, 477 bales; scoured merino, 32d. to 44d.; Victoria, 2,333 bales; greasy merino, 24d. to 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; scoured, 25d. to 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; greasy crossbred, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 24d.; comeback, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. New Zealand, 4,783 bales; chiefly medium coarse greasy crossbred, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 18d. In London on Dec. 7 14,000 bales of free grades were offered. Large attendance. Good demand. Prices firm, but this caused withdrawals. Sydney 1,370 bales; merinos greasy, 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 33d.; scoured, 26d. to 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Queensland, 1,520 bales; merinos greasy, 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 28d.; scoured pieces, 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; locks, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 25d. Victoria, 900 bales; greasy crossbred, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; scoured merino, 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 42d. West Australia, 978 bales; greasy merino, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. New Zealand, 4,255 bales; crossbreds, best greasy, 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; slipe, 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Puntas, 2,592 bales; greasy crossbreds, 20d.; slipe, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. English, 2,123 bales (half withdrawn owing to firm limits); best lots at 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for washed Southdown ewes. At Wellington, N. Z., on Dec. 7 demand was spasmodic. Average to greasy crossbreds realized the following prices: 50-58s, 18d. to 26d.; 48-50s, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 46-48s, 10 to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 44-46s, 9d. to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 40-44s, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 36-40s, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 9d. The first wool sale to be held in Brisbane, Australia, in 1923 has been fixed for Jan. 23. Other sales will begin on March 6, April 24, May 15 (or 22), and July 3. At each series 40,000 bales will be offered.

COTTON

Friday Night, December 8 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 158,801 bales, against 215,436 bales last week and 217,983 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1922 3,574,027 bales, against 3,067,408 bales for the same period of 1921, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1922 of 506,619 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	13,193	9,630	18,700	5,292	13,932	2,820	63,567
Texas City	—	—	—	—	—	3,497	3,497
Houston	—	—	—	3,424	—	9,531	12,955
New Orleans	4,735	13,448	8,120	9,374	5,252	11,865	52,794
Mobile	19	114	809	85	50	440	1,517
Pensacola	—	—	—	—	—	268	268
Jacksonville	—	—	—	—	—	81	81
Savannah	1,210	415	801	843	1,480	480	5,229
Charleston	612	379	1,067	470	130	347	3,005
Wilmington	864	181	547	267	192	153	2,204
Norfolk	1,774	2,505	1,562	919	2,142	2,171	11,073
New York	—	80	—	200	55	—	335
Boston	—	1,149	25	397	—	507	2,082
Philadelphia	—	—	50	50	74	—	174
Total this week	22,407	27,901	31,685	21,321	23,307	32,180	158,801

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1922 and stocks to-night, compared with the last year:



Receipts to Dec. 8.	1922.		1921.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1922.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1921.	1922.	1921.
Galveston	63,567	1,682,673	56,224	1,435,577	403,498	374,014
Texas City	3,497	59,042	---	13,919	27,351	11,513
Houston	12,975	467,461	---	20,641	---	---
Port Arthur, &c.	---	2,000	466	9,319	---	---
New Orleans	52,794	710,551	25,239	568,320	275,089	405,504
Gulfport	---	---	700	4,289	---	---
Mobile	1,517	57,505	2,626	73,757	17,427	15,873
Pensacola	268	5,433	---	200	---	---
Jacksonville	81	7,814	15	1,764	7,092	1,885
Savannah	5,229	245,986	13,045	384,318	76,835	166,092
Brunswick	---	24,973	250	12,966	5	1,282
Charleston	3,005	49,855	943	38,111	61,989	117,477
Georgetown	---	---	---	59,916	32,162	38,015
Wilmington	2,204	66,558	1,954	185,479	116,305	126,353
Norfolk	11,073	167,704	9,850	---	---	---
N'port News, &c.	---	---	---	555	---	---
New York	335	3,852	250	7,071	57,338	103,667
Boston	2,082	10,666	105	16,604	5,562	5,341
Baltimore	---	9,728	2,742	32,211	2,440	2,242
Philadelphia	174	1,316	1,677	20,391	4,692	10,798
Totals	158,801	3,574,027	116,086	3,067,408	1,088,715	1,380,056

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	63,567	56,224	80,934	69,441	42,030	36,775
Houston, &c.	12,795	466	26,583	19,650	1,380	8,504
New Orleans	52,074	25,239	66,433	46,599	47,929	50,895
Mobile	1,517	2,626	2,994	10,269	5,105	2,909
Savannah	5,229	13,045	15,405	29,266	28,024	24,329
Brunswick	---	250	200	3,000	500	2,000
Charleston	3,005	943	2,482	14,851	5,677	7,006
Wilmington	2,204	1,954	3,358	11,489	2,070	1,883
Norfolk	11,073	9,850	9,325	14,837	11,179	10,488
N'port N., &c.	---	---	126	69	106	188
All others	6,437	5,489	2,461	7,672	2,504	13,409
Tot. this week	158,801	116,086	210,301	227,143	147,395	158,476
Since Aug. 1.	3,574,027	3,067,408	2,921,265	3,164,593	2,357,795	3,179,576

The exports for this week ending this evening reach a total of 116,564 bales, of which 27,139 were to Great Britain, 9,317 to France and 80,117 to other destinations. Below are the exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1922.

Exports from—	Week ending Dec. 8 1922. Exported to—				From Aug. 1 1922 to Dec. 8 1922. Exported to—			
	Great Britain	France	Other.	Total.	Great Britain	France	Other.	Total.
Galveston	---	4,374	35,016	39,390	301,010	213,446	581,618	1,096,074
Houston	3,424	---	9,551	12,975	186,340	98,449	181,513	466,302
New Orleans	4,774	2,438	30,329	37,541	68,056	37,290	206,130	311,476
Mobile	3,581	---	500	4,081	16,188	4,310	10,031	30,499
Jacksonville	---	---	268	268	75	---	575	651
Pensacola	---	---	268	268	4,723	---	710	5,433
Savannah	5,890	---	100	5,990	100,631	3,324	40,581	144,536
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	18,943	---	6,550	25,593
Charleston	---	---	---	---	8,978	1,094	7,914	17,986
Wilmington	2,600	---	---	2,600	5,000	---	37,300	42,900
Norfolk	2,200	---	3,425	5,625	38,269	---	13,092	51,361
New York	4,336	2,605	1,514	8,355	30,389	26,295	105,483	162,167
Boston	---	---	---	---	658	---	1,025	1,683
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	479	---	167	646
Philadelphia	---	---	---	---	---	---	291	291
Los Angeles	325	---	---	325	2,790	400	550	3,740
San Fran.	---	---	9,114	9,114	---	---	36,893	36,893
Total 1922.	27,139	9,317	80,117	116,564	783,099	384,608	1,230,523	2,398,230
Total 1921.	60,104	3,723	96,141	160,028	660,298	343,200	1,537,992	2,541,590
Total 1920.	52,599	8,933	61,250	122,382	701,939	329,891	902,451	2,024,281

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named. We add similar figures for New York.

Dec. 8 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain	France	Germany.	Other Cont't.	Coastwise.	
Galveston	16,962	10,800	0,900	28,699	17,000	321,037
New Orleans	12,003	3,221	11,393	17,599	327	231,446
Savannah	---	---	---	---	500	76,335
Charleston*	---	200	---	1,200	300	60,289
Mobile	2,475	75	---	8,600	400	5,877
Norfolk	---	---	---	---	---	116,305
Other ports	6,000	300	800	2,600	---	129,972
Total 1922.	37,440	14,596	21,193	58,898	18,527	150,054
Total 1921.	30,674	10,417	26,224	37,354	4,675	109,344
Total 1920.	59,870	9,186	34,516	59,168	4,800	167,540

\* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been on a moderate scale and at lower prices, though latterly there has been a noticeable recovery. But really the most striking event has been the fact that brakes were put on the downward swing of prices which attained such momentum recently. The rally has not been great. In fact, it has been very largely a trading market. Many have kept awaiting the ginning report by the Census Bureau issued to-day and the Government crop estimate to be issued next Tuesday, Dec. 12. For a month there had been heavy liquidation. Its effect was very marked. From a price for December on Nov. 9 of 26.80 it fell this week to as low as 24.05c., or 275 points, equal to \$13.75 a bale. But on the way down there had been a very drastic clearing out of long contracts. That the technical position was better became apparent on the afternoon of the 5th inst. It was still plainer the next day. Each day has made it, if anything, still clearer. The big longs got out recently. Some little longs hung on for several weeks. But they were dislodged early in the present week. And now the technical position is considered ripe for a rise if events favor it. In fact, there has latterly been a slow upward movement under the impetus of a better demand, trade and speculative. Liverpool has been backward, but its prices are too low as compared with New York. Both Liverpool and London have been selling freely across the water. And Manchester has

continued as a rule to send gloomy reports. Yet it is a fact that exports from American ports to Great Britain this season are larger by a noticeable figure than during the same time last year. France has taken almost as much American cotton, moreover, as up to this time in 1921. Germany and Japan have been backward, but Germany not so much so as might have been expected. And Japan has latterly taken more American cotton. The takings of American mills thus far this year are somewhat larger than at the corresponding date last year. While Boston bank officials seem to lean to the idea that the American consumption this year will be about 6,250,000 bales, there are others who believe that it will be larger; that is, at least 6,500,000 bales, if not more, as against some figures indicating roughly last year 6,200,000 and two years ago 5,200,000 bales. It is believed that New England mills are none too liberally supplied with raw material. Southern mills may be carrying pretty good stocks of raw cotton. Certainly some reports incline to the idea that they are in many cases well supplied for some months to come. Yet North Carolina mills have in some cases been buying futures here of late. So, for that matter, have New England and Canadian mills. The mill buying here, it is true, has not been individually on a large scale. Individual mills, indeed, have been buying moderately. But in the aggregate the mill purchases of futures here, mainly of March and May, have reached a worth while total.

Spot markets, moreover, have latterly been firm. Not that they have been at all active; far from it. But the Southern holder is very firm. He has an idea that he will sooner or later get 30 cents. He has sold out considerable and is now in better financial shape. The South generally is financially strong. Much of the Southern cotton is now held by marketing associations, and it is being only gradually sold. There is less of the old haphazard method, or lack of method, in marketing the Southern cotton crop. Now that there is talk of a credit fund for farmers in this country of some \$60,000,000, it is likely that such a thing appealing powerfully to the imagination of the Southern cotton farmer may make him less inclined than ever to sell freely at present prices. It would not be at all surprising. Not only have New England mills considerable cotton to buy, but parts of Europe, if they are to keep up their position in the cotton business of the world, must also buy sooner or later more freely. And meanwhile sterling exchange has been rising to the highest point of the year—the highest, too, since 1919, a fact which has naturally led to considerable Liverpool buying here. Francs, lire and other currencies have also advanced, always excepting, of course, the German mark, which is down to almost nothing. The rise in European exchanges may easily have a more or less stimulating effect on European buying of cotton in this country. Also, the news from Lausanne of late has seemed to point to an early settlement of the Turkish question. That, of course, has been a thorn in the side of trade and finance for weeks past. But, strange as it may sound, some reports from the textile trades of France have recently been better. In Alsace-Lorraine the textile trades are even said to be in a satisfactory condition. The mills there are making good progress. Paris reports that spinners have good contracts for five months ahead. In Poland it seems there is increased prosperity. Some very good textile reports come from Portugal and Sweden. It is not denied that textile business looks rather bad in Belgium, not very good in Holland, rather discouraging in Czechoslovakia, very poor, of course, in Germany and Austria, and somewhat depressed in Italy, as well as Switzerland. Moreover, Manchester has persistently reported poor trade and more or less depression of prices.

But on the whole the raw cotton situation is considered stronger in this country. Some, as already intimated, have been awaiting the ginning report to-day as likely to afford some light as to the size of the Government crop estimate next Tuesday. Others dismiss the question of the crop. They believe it is very small. The difference of a few hundred thousand bales does not alter the fact that to all intents and purposes the last two crops have been failures. That means that these people are not much interested in the Government estimate of Dec. 12. A deficient yield in this country is considered by nine men out of ten as a foregone conclusion. Recent estimates have been from 9,605,000 to 10,086,000 bales. They have been received with but a languid interest. Most people opine that there will be a pinch of scarcity in the first half of 1923. They believe that the price will go to a point where consumption, in accordance with economic law, will be automatically checked. They consider that the only real question of interest is at what price will that point be reached?

Meanwhile, it is largely a trading market. Bullish enthusiasm undoubtedly received a chill from the break in less than a month of nearly \$15 a bale. And spot markets continue too quiet to be used as a bullish argument. Cotton goods have latterly been dull and more or less depressed. Re-sellers have been cutting under mill prices. Exports of raw cotton, which were recently large, have latterly fallen off. It is true that whereas one time this season they were some 400,000 bales smaller than at the corresponding date last season the decrease has at times recently been virtually wiped out. But latterly they have been at the rate of only 20,000 bales a day or less. Trade and speculation are feeling their way, although the tone is undoubtedly more bullish, largely owing to the better technical position.

To-day prices were irregular, but ended slightly higher, after a good rally from the low point of the morning. The Census Bureau reported the ginning up to Dec. 1 at 9,318,144 bales, against 7,639,961 on the same date last year and 10,141,293 in 1920. The ginning for the latest period was 443,304 bales, against 365,760 during the same period last year. After Dec. 1 last year the ginning was 338,122 bales. If the October Government crop estimate of 10,135,000 bales is to be reached, the ginning after Dec. 1 will have to be 816,856 bales. Very many doubt whether there will be that much ginned. Meantime the weekly statistics were bullish. They showed an increase in the spinners' takings and a decrease in the world's visible supply of American cotton, which is something new. Yet prices at the close show a decline for the week of 12 to 33 points, the latter on December cotton coming from New Orleans for delivery on that month. Spot cotton ended at 24.95c. for middling, a decline for the week of 35 points.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Dec 2 to Dec 8—	Sat.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling uplands	25.25	25.10	24.55	24.75	24.85	24.95

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

1922	24.95c	1914	7.50c	1906	10.95c	1898	5.75c
1921	18.10c	1913	13.40c	1905	12.60c	1897	5.88c
1920	16.25c	1912	12.75c	1904	8.00c	1896	7.44c
1919	39.85c	1911	9.20c	1903	12.50c	1895	8.58c
1918	29.10c	1910	14.80c	1903	8.50c	1894	5.75c
1917	29.95c	1909	14.95c	1901	8.37c	1893	7.81c
1916	19.15c	1908	9.25c	1900	10.12c	1892	9.75c
1915	12.70c	1907	12.15c	1899	7.69c	1891	8.06c

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spt.	Contr.	Total.
Saturday	Quiet, 5 pts. dec.	Steady			
Monday	Quiet, 15 pts. dec.	Steady			700
Tuesday	Quiet, 55 pts. dec.	Easy			1,200
Wednesday	Quiet, 20 pts. adv.	Very steady			
Thursday	Quiet, 10 pts. adv.	Very steady			1,400
Friday	Quiet, 10 pts. adv.	Steady			
Total					3,300

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.

Dec. 8—	1922	1921.	1920.	1919.
Stock at Liverpool	770,000	940,000	904,000	780,000
Stock at London	4,000		3,000	11,000
Stock at Manchester	65,000	76,000	77,000	116,000
Total Great Britain	839,000	1,016,000	984,000	907,000
Stock at Hamburg	2,000	22,000		
Stock at Bremen	117,000	308,000	94,000	
Stock at Havre	179,000	220,000	140,000	141,000
Stock at Rotterdam	6,000	11,000	11,000	8,000
Stock at Barcelona	76,000	112,000	82,000	42,000
Stock at Genoa	55,000	38,000	29,000	57,000
Stock at Ghent	5,000	10,000	15,000	
Antwerp	2,000			
Total Continental stocks	442,000	721,000	371,000	248,000
Total European stocks	1,281,000	1,737,000	1,355,000	1,155,000
India cotton afloat for Europe	102,000	91,000	57,000	78,000
American cotton afloat for Europe	520,000	357,161	688,482	714,209
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Eur	121,000	91,000	73,000	89,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	369,000	327,000	177,000	210,000
Stock in Bombay, India	363,000	679,000	880,000	490,000
Stock in U. S. ports	1,088,715	1,380,056	1,355,482	1,619,730
Stock in U. S. interior towns	1,445,005	1,576,304	1,586,723	1,337,311
U. S. exports to day	12,176	39,817	41,421	12,276
Total visible supply	5,301,896	6,278,338	6,212,108	5,705,526

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

Dec. 8—	1922	1921	1920	1919
Liverpool stock	446,000	561,000	533,000	580,000
Manchester stock	37,000	56,000		68,000
Continental stock	397,000	651,000	303,000	199,000
American afloat for Europe	520,000	357,161	688,482	714,209
U. S. port stocks	1,088,715	1,380,056	1,355,482	1,619,730
U. S. interior stocks	1,445,005	1,576,304	1,586,723	1,337,311
U. S. exports to day	12,176	39,817	41,421	12,276
Total American	3,945,896	4,621,338	4,574,108	4,530,526
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—				
Liverpool stock	324,000	379,000	371,000	200,000
London stock	4,000		3,000	11,000
Manchester stock	28,000	20,000	6,000	48,000
Continental stock	45,000	70,000	68,000	49,000
India afloat for Europe	102,000	91,000	57,000	78,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat	121,000	91,000	73,000	89,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	369,000	327,000	177,000	210,000
Stock in Bombay, India	363,000	679,000	880,000	490,000
Total East India, &c.	1,356,000	1,657,000	1,638,000	1,175,000
Total American	3,945,896	4,621,338	4,574,108	4,530,526

Total visible supply	5,301,896	6,278,338	6,212,108	5,705,526
Middling uplands, Liverpool	14.30d.	10.95d.	11.42d.	25.98d.
Middling uplands, New York	24.95c.	18.10c.	16.25c.	38.00c.
Egypt, good sakel, Liverpool	19.00d.	22.75d.	29.00d.	52.50d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool	17.25d.	13.75d.	18.00d.	38.00d.
Broad fine, Liverpool	12.50d.	9.80d.	10.49d.	23.60d.
Timnevely, good, Liverpool	13.65d.	10.80d.	11.25d.	23.75d.

Continental imports for past week have been 161,000 bales. The above figures for 1922 show an increase over last week of 154,482 bales, a loss of 976,442 bales from 1921, a decline of 910,212 bales from 1920 and a decrease of 493,630 bales from 1919.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year—is set out in detail below:

Towns.	Movement to Dec. 8 1922.						Movement to Dec. 9 1921.					
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks.	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks.	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.		
Ala., Birmingham	543	29,264	879	9,439	759	22,671	490	12,133	5,421	201	3,643	
Pittsburgh	500	9,968	100	5,450	209	15,211	200	1,444	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Montgomery	726	50,256	885	21,386	698	41,094	611	32,069	3,647	1,107	15,536	
Selma	380	51,008	335	10,713	584	34,697	1,107	15,536	1,107	1,107	1,107	
Ark., Helena	1,244	28,964	1,342	18,548	1,500	27,296	1,000	18,276	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Little Rock	3,802	143,992	5,761	61,316	5,219	105,751	2,672	55,482	2,672	2,672	2,672	
Pine Bluff	2,939	81,940	2,469	59,779	1,436	71,754	974	59,736	974	974	974	
Ga., Albany		5,977	3	3,104	35	5,727	84	4,433	84	84	84	
Athens	3,383	25,516	627	25,070	2,417	61,799	1,200	47,361	1,200	1,200	1,200	
Atlanta	10,738	179,908	11,453	83,186	7,122	186,447	5,911	52,331	5,911	5,911	5,911	
Augusta	5,767	165,639	5,593	74,193	9,252	198,888	7,818	143,915	7,818	7,818	7,818	
Columbus	4,800	79,988	2,942	29,241	3,162	26,823	1,331	19,863	1,331	1,331	1,331	
Macon	783	30,856	762	17,773	529	22,635	365	13,830	365	365	365	
Rome	889	28,279	742	7,797	1,191	25,479	921	11,760	921	921	921	
La., Shreveport	1,800	66,000	2,500	25,800	2,000	47,913	1,000	48,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Miss., Columbus	640	20,750	1,354	7,311	482	15,910	289	6,690	289	289	289	
Clarksdale	3,181	109,284	6,038	68,178	6,029	107,999	5,452	79,381	5,452	5,452	5,452	
Greenwood	2,596	97,716	2,636	65,641	2,171	80,493	1,411	60,929	1,411	1,411	1,411	
Meridian	486	29,069	1,555	9,950	809	25,396	1,048	17,668	1,048	1,048	1,048	
Natohes	740	27,021	705	11,813	963	26,343	147	14,520	147	147	147	
Yicksburg	761	19,920	1,424	10,140	1,570	21,089	889	15,265	889	889	889	
Yazoo City	378	26,888	410	23,274	1,043	27,988	402	20,630	402	402	402	
Mo., St. Louis	36,754	321,736	36,948	19,089	30,209	404,707	31,641	26,269	31,641	31,641	31,641	
N. C., Greensboro	5,182	165,639	3,647	25,776	2,662	24,556	1,338	19,945	1,338	1,338	1,338	
Raleigh	3,095	7,499	400	456	359	5,849	275	353	275	275	275	
Okla., Atoka	3,909	42,040	4,182	22,138	4,945	59,074	3,024	18,121	3,024	3,024	3,024	
Chickasha	2,151	65,808	2,840	12,689	1,990	41,834	871	11,298	871	871	871	
Oklahoma	2,957	65,407	5,745	26,622	2,128	42,826	1,630	22,822	1,630	1,630	1,630	
S. C., Greenville	3,229	88,849	4,039	56,707	2,379	90,990	3,736	45,745	3,736	3,736	3,736	
Greenwood	319	6,967	115	10,218	898	10,204	39	10,811	39	39	39	
Tenn., Memphis	49,387	621,241	46,494	183,228	27,840	519,824	30,607	263,667	30,607	30,607	30,607	
Nashville		226		70	104	238	95	805	95	95	95	
Texas, Abilene	419	38,966	471	2,557	986	101,717	1,194	5,429	1,194	1,194	1,194	
Breham	176	17,762	210	4,299	200	9,357	200	4,856	200	200	200	
Austin	402	31,072	402	900		23,186		2,980				
Dallas	2,082	46,371	2,120	17,639	6,010	111,063	4,666	47,604	4,666	4,666	4,666	
Honey Grove					6,010	18,800		600				
Houston	60,085	2,152,280	65,524	393,497	67,263	1,602,831	53,094	302,626	53,094	53,094	53,094	
San Antonio	1,431	65,854	1,878	5,832	2,415	37,822	1,923	13,233	1,923	1,923	1,923	
Fort Worth	2,000	44,889	2,500	2,279				760				
Total, 41 towns	218,932	5,024,684	230,886	4,450,005	205,663	4,295,298	172,170	157,630	172,170	172,170	172,170	

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Dec. 2.	Monday, Dec. 4.	Tuesday, Dec. 5.	Wed. day, Dec. 6.	Thurs. day, Dec. 7.	Friday, Dec. 8.	Week.
December—							
Range	24.90-705	24.75-703	24.35-705	24.05-55	24.35-72	24.48-83	24.05-705
Closing	24.99	24.88-90	24.35-40	24.53-55	24.64	24.75	
January—							
Range	24.92-711	24.80-708	24.35-714	24.15-60	24.41-78	24.51-87	24.15-714
Closing	24.99-701	24.90-92	24				



Movement into sight in previous years:

Table with columns: Week, Bales, Since Aug. 1, Bales. Rows: 1920-Dec. 9, 1919-Dec. 12, 1918-Dec. 13.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.

Table with columns: Week ending Dec. 8, Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.

Table with columns: Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Dec. 8.

CENSUS BUREAU REPORT ON COTTON GINNING TO DEC. 1.—The Census Bureau issued on Dec. 8 its report on the amount of cotton ginned up to Dec. 1 from the growth of 1922 as follows, round bales counted as half bales, comparison being made with the returns for the like period of 1921, 1920 and 1919:

Table with columns: State, 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Lists states like Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, etc.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph from the South this evening indicate that the weather has been generally fair throughout the cotton belt.

Table with columns: Rain, Rainfall, Thermometer. Lists locations like Galveston, Texas, Abilene, Brownsville, etc.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.

Table with columns: Week ending, Receipts at Ports, Stocks at Interior Towns, Receipts from Plantations.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1922 are 4,568,250 bales; in 1921 were 3,526,474 bales, and in 1920 were 3,648,047 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings, or amounts gone out of sight, for the like period.

Table with columns: Cotton Takings, Week and Season, 1922, 1921. Rows: Visible supply Dec. 1, Visible supply Aug. 1, American in sight to Dec. 8, etc.

\* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 1,533,000 bales in 1922 and 1,289,000 bales in 1921—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 4,734,151 bales in 1922 and 5,160,739 bales in 1921, of which 3,004,601 bales and 3,644,239 bales American. b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

Table with columns: Dec. 8, Receipts at—, 1922, 1921, 1920. Rows: Bombay, Exports, For the Week, Since Aug. 1.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Table with columns: Alexandria, Egypt, Dec. 6, 1922, 1921, 1920. Rows: Receipts (cantars), This week, Since Aug. 1.

Table with columns: Exports (bales), Week, Since Aug. 1, 1922, 1921, 1920. Rows: To Liverpool, To Manchester, &c., To Continent and India, To America.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Dec. 6 were 290,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 27,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market for both yarn and cloth is quiet. Demand for cloth is improving. We give prices to-day below for comparison:

Table with columns: 1922, 1921. Rows: 32s Cop Twists, 8 1/2 lbs. Shirts, etc.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 116,564 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

Table with columns: Destination, Bales. Rows: NEW YORK, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, HOUSTON, MOBILE, etc.

		Bales.			
NORFOLK—To Bremen—Dec. 2—Emden, 800	Dec. 8—Harmen, 1,825				
To Liverpool—Dec. 2—Appamattox, 2,200					2,625
To Rotterdam—Dec. 8—Burgedyk, 500					2,200
PENSACOLA—To Bremen—Dec. 2—Bradock, 268					800
SAN DIEGO—To Liverpool—Dec. 1—Steel Engineer, 325					268
SAN FRANCISCO—To Japan—Nov. 29—President Lincoln, 4,264					325
Nanking, 2,375	Dec. 5—Bearport, 2,125				8,764
To China—Dec. 5—Bearport, 350					350
SAVANNAH—To Liverpool—Dec. 2—Parthenia, 5,890					5,890
To Bergen—Dec. 2—Delaware, 100					100
WILMINGTON—To Liverpool—Dec. 5—Parthenia, 2,600					2,600
Total					116,564

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Nov. 17	Nov. 24	Dec. 1	Dec. 8
Sales of the week	34,000	25,000	23,000	20,000
Of which American	12,000	12,000	13,000	9,000
Actual exports	2,000	2,000	4,000	2,000
Forwarded	57,000	54,000	61,000	54,000
Total stock	617,000	686,000	694,000	770,000
Of which American	331,000	375,000	377,000	386,000
Total imports	108,000	130,000	66,000	156,000
Of which American	92,000	84,000	37,000	101,000
Amount afloat	326,000	296,000	353,000	281,000
Of which American	204,000	189,000	229,000	166,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.		Quiet	Quiet	Quiet	Dull	Dull.
Mid. Upl'ds		14.59	14.49	14.27	14.17	14.30
Sales	HOLIDAY	5,000	5,000	4,000	3,000	5,000
Futures Market		Quiet, 7 to 9 pts. decrease.	Quiet, 3 to 4 pts. decrease.	Steady, 16 to 27 pts. advance.	Quiet, 4 to 11 pts. advance.	Steady, 6 to 9 pts. advance.
Market, 4 P. M.		Quiet but steady, 5 to 8 pts. dec.	Quiet, 3 to 4 pts. decrease.	Steady, 15 to 42 pts. advance.	Steady, 10 to 19 pts. advance.	Quiet unch. to 2 pts. advance.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Dec. 2 to Dec. 8.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	4:00 p. m.
December	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
January	13.04	14.05	13.94	13.94	13.72	16.52	13.62	13.65	13.75	13.69		
February	13.94	13.95	13.84	13.84	13.62	13.45	13.54	13.60	13.63	13.62		
March	13.82	13.83	13.72	13.72	13.51	13.32	13.43	13.50	13.58	13.52		
April	13.74	13.75	13.64	13.64	13.43	13.26	13.37	13.44	13.52	13.46		
May	13.66	13.67	13.56	13.56	13.35	13.19	13.30	13.37	13.46	13.39		
June	13.58	13.59	13.49	13.49	13.28	13.13	13.24	13.32	13.40	13.33		
July	13.48	13.48	13.39	13.39	13.18	13.04	13.15	13.23	13.31	13.24		
August	13.15	13.15	13.06	13.06	12.85	12.70	12.80	12.88	12.96	12.89		
September	12.87	12.89	12.81	12.84	12.65	12.58	12.66	12.72	12.78	12.73		
October	12.64	12.66	12.59	12.60	12.43	12.37	12.44	12.50	12.57	12.51		
November	12.49	12.51	12.44	12.44	12.28	12.22	12.33	12.39	12.45	12.40		

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Dec. 8 1922.

Flour has been quiet, with dealers pretty well supplied. The receipts here have been large. In a single day they were close to 78,000 bbls. and 6,700 sack, a large percentage of which was for domestic markets. For a fortnight the receipts have been very large. Naturally, this has greatly eased the situation in the matter of supplies. In fact, stocks have been piling up. Some of it is coming here by all-rail routes. To make matters from the holders' standpoint worse, wheat has recently been declining. That of itself, wholly irrespective of accumulating flour supplies, would tend to make buying cautious. Some believe, indeed, that prices are to decline further. And the holidays are near at hand, when trade in any case usually slackens. So that everything, i. e. supplies, easing prices, slowness of trade, has conspired to make an uneventful week. To cap the climax, export demand has been light, as European markets are now getting liberal supplies of both wheat and flour from the United States on old orders. But some think Europe must before long come into the market again. They point to one fact as significant, namely in France a 10% admixture of rye or rice flour will be enforced by order of the Government on Dec. 6.

Wheat declined early in the week, with Liverpool off, stocks depressed, weakness in December wheat, sales of cash wheat by Omaha to Chicago for delivery on December contracts, and a drop in cash prices of 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 c. at Minneapolis and 2 1/4 c. to 3 1/4 c. at Winnipeg. Also, Europe fell, influenced by high record exports for the week of 19,120,000 bushels and an increase of about 7,500,000 bushels in the amount on passage. North America furnished 17,108,000 to the world's shipments, the greater part from Canada. Washington wired that the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics says the prospects for winter grain in the four Northwestern States slightly improved during the last half of November, even though the outlook is for a somewhat smaller acreage and a condition below that of last year.

It is true the American visible supply decreased last week 1,732,000 bushels, against 979,000 last year, and that the total is now only 33,428,000, against 47,762,000 a year ago, but this was ignored in the prevailing early pessimism. The quantity of bonded wheat, by the way, increased 4,143,000 bushels. Half a million bushels were taken for export on December 4. But Chicago reported the cash demand poor and premiums weaker. There was some buying on the 4th inst., against offers to the Greek Government, which was ex-

pected to buy 2,400,000 bushels of Manitoba. But the speculation for a time lacked snap.

Later wheat advanced on covering due to the movement looking to the providing for \$60,000,000 farm credits by the United States Government. Prices on the 6th advanced 1 to 1 1/2 c. after an early decline, due chiefly to Liverpool prices. Just before the close announcement was made that a bill to create a farm credits department had been formally placed before both Houses of Congress and that the bill, if enacted, would make available \$48,000,000 in addition to the Government's present \$12,000,000 subscription to the farm loan system. This helped prices, not alone for wheat, but for corn and oats. Germany bought considerable wheat. On the 6th inst. 700,000 bushels of Manitoba were taken for export, partly to England, and other parts of Europe as well as Germany. Sterling, too, was higher.

On the 7th inst. prices advanced with sterling exchange higher, reports of heavy rains in Argentina and a sharp rally in Liverpool after an opening decline. Some 700,000 bushels, mostly Manitoba, were taken for export, including some American hard winter and a cargo of durum in winter storage. It is estimated, however, that the Argentine shipments this week will approximate 3,000,000 bushels.

The movement of crops in Canada during the last two months has broken all records, according to official advices to the Department of Commerce, which declared that at no time in the past have the grain elevators and transportation facilities been so taxed as they have to take care of the shipments since Oct. 1. More than 63,800 cars were inspected by the Canadian Government in October. Early indications were that the figure for November will be even higher. The quality of both wheat and rye was reported to be unusually high, with an export total for the last seven months of 153,134,887 bushels of grain, as against 138,000,000 bushels for the 1921 navigating season.

The case to test the constitutionality of the Grain Futures Act, brought by the Chicago Board of Trade and others, has been advanced by the Supreme Court for argument on Jan. 15. The court ordered, subject to acceptance by the Government, that the status quo be preserved while the case is pending and for 20 days thereafter, provided that the members of the Board of Trade shall not be relieved from severally keeping and preserving, as required by the Grain Futures Act, all their contracts for future delivery during the pendency of the suit.

To-day prices advanced. European needs are very big. Washington reports say for the current grain year European requirements will be about 640,000,000 bushels. The closing at Chicago was at a rise for the week of 1/8 to 3/4 c. Grain people expect the farmers' credit bill to pass. Stocks in Chicago are small. Receipts to-day were light.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 135	135 1/2	133 1/2	134	135	135 1/2	135 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December delivery	cts. 118 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	119 1/2
May delivery	116 1/2	115 1/2	115	116 1/2	116 1/2	119 1/2
July delivery	107 3/4	107 1/2	107	108	108 1/2	108 1/2

Indian corn declined on rather pronounced liquidation, in sympathy with a decline in wheat. It was accentuated, too, by large receipts of corn itself at primary markets. The American visible supply, moreover, increased 414,000 bushels, against a decrease last year of no less than 1,806,000 bushels, a difference of 2,200,000 bushels. That certainly did not help matters. The total is now 11,172,000 bushels, against 15,508,000 last year. The cash demand early in the week, it is true, was fair, but it did not offset these bearish factors.

Later prices rose with those for wheat. Exporters took 200,000 bushels, mostly for Denmark. Offerings fell off. On December contracts, it is true, 212,000 bushels were delivered and this caused an early decline on the 6th, especially as receipts increased. But later it fell into line with wheat and rose before the close. To-day prices declined somewhat, with offerings larger. The ending was at a decline for the week of 3/8 to 1 1/4 c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 92 1/2	90 1/2	88 1/2	89 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December delivery	cts. 70 1/2	70	68 1/2	69 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
May delivery	69 1/2	69 1/2	68 1/2	69 1/2	70	70
July delivery	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2

Oats declined with other grain. Moreover, the cash markets dull and depressed. Scattered liquidation told in December especially. Also, primary receipts were larger. No attention was paid to a decrease in the American visible supply last week of 1,277,000 bushels in striking contrast with an increase in the same week last year of 774,000 bushels, a difference of 2,000,000 bushels. Nor did the fact that the total supply is now only 32,940,000 bushels, against 69,198,000 a year ago have any influence. It seemed to be burnt powder.

Later prices advanced with wheat and on reports that a bill had been introduced in Congress providing for \$60,000,000 farm credits. Also, the cash markets were firm. Shorts covered. To-day prices advanced with a better demand. They end at a rise for the week of 1/4 c. on December, with May at the same price as a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2



**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December delivery.....cts.	43	42	42½	42½	43½	44½
May delivery.....	42½	42½	42½	42¾	43	43½
July delivery.....	39½	39½	39½	40	40½	40½

Rye fell with other grain early in the week, especially on the drop in wheat. Long liquidation punctuated the decline. It is true that late last week a cargo of 300,000 bushels was taken, or was said to have been taken for export. But this counted for little on the 4th inst., with all other grain down. The American visible supply, moreover, increased last week 722,000 bushels, against 652,000 last year. This raises the total to 10,284,000 bushels, against 6,846,000 last year. And at the same time trade was slow. Longs were restive for a time, though later the market improved.

To-day prices advanced somewhat, ending at a rise for the week of 1½ to 1¾c.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December delivery.....cts.	82½	81½	82½	84½	84½	84½
May delivery.....	86½	86½	86½	87½	87½	88

The following are closing quotations:

**GRAIN.**

Wheat—		Oats—	
No. 2 red.....	\$1 35¾	No. 2 white.....	53½
No. 2 hard winter.....	1 35¾	No. 3 white.....	52½
Corn—		Barley—	
No. 2 yellow.....	90½	Feeding.....	Nominal
Rye—No. 2.....	99	Maltng.....	83@84

**FLOUR.**

Spring patents.....	\$6 50@7 00	Barley goods—	
Winter straights, soft.....	5 90@6 25	No. 1.....	\$5 75
Hard winter straights.....	6 15@6 60	Nos. 2, 3 and 4 pearl.....	6 60
First spring clears.....	5 50@6 25	Nos. 2-0 and 3-0.....	5 75@5 90
Rye flour.....	5 00@5 50	Nos. 4-0 and 5-0.....	6 00
Corn goods, 100 lbs.:—		Oats goods—Carload	
Yellow meal.....	2 10@2 20	spot delivery.....	2 92½@3 02½
Corn flour.....	1 90@1 95		

For other tables usually given here, see page 2551.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Dec. 2, was as follows:

**GRAIN STOCKS.**

	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.
<b>United States—</b>					
New York.....	1,347,000	1,315,000	2,235,000	621,000	350,000
Boston.....	54,000	1,000	21,000	258,000	-----
Philadelphia.....	536,000	239,000	429,000	55,000	1,000
Baltimore.....	693,000	1,916,000	357,000	1,203,000	44,000
New Orleans.....	2,015,000	1,588,000	159,000	23,000	2,000
Galveston.....	1,353,000	-----	-----	109,000	-----
Buffalo.....	4,072,000	218,000	1,206,000	1,984,000	698,000
Sioux City.....	234,000	112,000	635,000	21,000	13,000
Toledo.....	1,166,000	70,000	473,000	3,000	-----
Detroit.....	18,000	31,000	72,000	20,000	-----
Chicago.....	1,751,000	2,547,000	7,417,000	991,000	230,000
Chicago afloat.....	-----	210,000	-----	-----	-----
Milwaukee.....	104,000	141,000	477,000	54,000	104,000
Duluth.....	4,182,000	73,000	856,000	2,375,000	227,000
St. Joseph, Mo.....	801,000	119,000	107,000	21,000	7,000
Minneapolis.....	3,893,000	40,000	13,840,000	1,457,000	664,000
St. Louis.....	1,296,000	402,000	245,000	5,600	4,000
Kansas City.....	3,545,000	398,000	894,000	135,000	-----
Peoria.....	19,000	273,000	403,000	-----	-----
Indianapolis.....	443,000	207,000	356,000	-----	-----
Omaha.....	1,766,000	762,000	2,403,000	182,000	46,000
On Lakes.....	2,468,000	417,000	638,000	731,000	87,000
On Canal and River.....	1,582,000	33,000	-----	33,000	253,000
<b>Total Dec. 2 1922.....</b>	<b>33,428,000</b>	<b>11,172,000</b>	<b>32,940,000</b>	<b>10,284,000</b>	<b>2,740,000</b>
<b>Total Nov. 25 1922.....</b>	<b>35,160,000</b>	<b>10,758,000</b>	<b>34,217,000</b>	<b>9,562,000</b>	<b>3,398,000</b>
<b>Total Dec. 3 1921.....</b>	<b>47,762,000</b>	<b>15,508,000</b>	<b>69,198,000</b>	<b>6,546,000</b>	<b>3,547,000</b>
<b>Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 64,000 bushels; Boston, 45,000; Baltimore, 25,000; Buffalo, 818,000; Duluth, 24,000; on Lakes, 837,000; total, 1,813,000 bushels, against 506,000 bushels in 1921. Barley, New York, 139,000 bushels; Buffalo, 1,197,000; Duluth, 68,000; Toledo, 3,000; on Lakes, 108,000; total, 1,515,000 bushels, against 628,000 bushels in 1921. Wheat, New York, 1,168,000 bushels; Boston, 1,151,000; Philadelphia, 1,538,000; Baltimore, 1,063,000; Buffalo, 8,189,000; Duluth, 338,000; Toledo, 925,000; Toledo afloat, 998,000; Chicago, 335,000; on Lakes, 9,411,000; total, 25,114,000 bushels, against 27,251,000 bushels in 1921.</b>					
<b>Canadian—</b>					
Montreal.....	1,747,000	812,000	428,000	443,000	98,000
Pt. William & Pt. Arthur.....	9,593,000	-----	2,764,000	-----	1,692,000
Other Canadian.....	11,282,000	-----	390,000	-----	1,099,000
<b>Total Dec. 2 1922.....</b>	<b>22,622,000</b>	<b>812,000</b>	<b>3,572,000</b>	<b>443,000</b>	<b>2,889,000</b>
<b>Total Nov. 25 1922.....</b>	<b>34,309,000</b>	<b>928,000</b>	<b>3,600,000</b>	<b>711,000</b>	<b>2,667,000</b>
<b>Total Dec. 3 1921.....</b>	<b>27,775,000</b>	<b>1,461,000</b>	<b>7,282,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>2,269,000</b>
<b>Summary—</b>					
American.....	33,428,000	11,172,000	32,940,000	10,284,000	2,740,000
Canadian.....	22,622,000	812,000	3,572,000	443,000	2,889,000
<b>Total Dec. 2 1922.....</b>	<b>56,050,000</b>	<b>11,984,000</b>	<b>36,512,000</b>	<b>10,727,000</b>	<b>5,629,000</b>
<b>Total Nov. 25 1922.....</b>	<b>69,469,000</b>	<b>11,686,000</b>	<b>38,267,000</b>	<b>10,273,000</b>	<b>6,065,000</b>
<b>Total Dec. 3 1921.....</b>	<b>75,537,000</b>	<b>16,959,000</b>	<b>79,480,000</b>	<b>6,550,000</b>	<b>5,816,000</b>

**WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING DEC. 6.**—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ending Dec. 6, is as follows:

**Cotton.**—Fair weather as a rule prevailed throughout the cotton belt and there was little interruption to farm work. Some cotton remained to be gathered in North Carolina, but little remained unharvested in the northwestern portion of the belt.

**Wheat.**—Rainfall during the last few weeks has supplied the soil with ample moisture for winter grains throughout the Ohio Valley States and wheat showed substantial improvement in that area. This crop was reported as good to excellent in Illinois, except in some southern localities and progress was favorable in Indiana. The condition and progress of wheat were satisfactory in Missouri and the crop had greatly improved in Arkansas since the recent rains.

Plants are late and small in Nebraska, but good growth was made during the week, while the mild sunshiney weather in Kansas was favorable in that State. Wheat was going into the winter in fine shape in the eastern two-thirds of Kansas, but was still in need of moisture in the West where the plants were just coming up. Conditions were favorable in Oklahoma and Texas, where good growth was reported except the dryer western portion of Oklahoma.

The precipitation in the Central Rocky Mountain States was beneficial to winter grain, and the snow fall in the Far Northwestern districts was helpful, although moisture continued insufficient. The ground was mostly bare throughout the Lake regions and also in the extreme upper Mississippi Valley, where the cold wave at the close of the week was unfavorable. Good rains occurred in most of the Middle Atlantic States, but winter cereals were in need of moisture throughout most of the South.

**Corn.**—The weather was, in general, pleasant and fair during much of the week throughout the interior of the country, making favorable conditions for field work and corn husking, and cribbing where not completed, made good progress. Considerable corn remains in the fields in northwestern Ohio, southern Iowa and in Missouri, but husking was about finished in Nebraska and was well along in Kansas.

**THE DRY GOODS TRADE.**

New York, Friday Night, Dec. 8 1922.

Textile markets remain generally firm, though less active. Manufacturers, however, are not concerned about the present dullness, as they are in a much more comfortable position than for some time past. In most instances, mills have sufficient orders on their books to keep them occupied until well after the turn of the new year. Cotton goods markets continue to drift quietly, which is to be expected, as a slackening of demand is usually experienced at this time of the year. Furthermore, selling agents and commission merchants look for the quietness to continue during the remainder of the current month, as jobbers are not likely to re-enter the market on a liberal scale until after they have completed their inventories. The chief feature in textiles is the firmness of prices at the higher levels recently established. Neither the easier tendency of raw cotton markets, nor the limited demand, have caused any pressure to sell on the part of first hands at concessions. There have been some offerings by second hands at slight price reductions, but these have not been a factor in the general situation. In regard to finished goods, occasional advances have been quietly made on certain lines that have been below the parity of the market. As above stated, manufacturers are well sold ahead, and as long as the markets for raw cotton remain around present levels, there is not likely to be any material decline in prices for the finished products. In a number of channels the trade is working toward the fall season of 1923, and already some of the fancy samples of cotton blankets have been shown in samples to buyers who care to go ahead.

**DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS:** No increase in activity has been noted in the demand for domestic cotton goods during the past week. While this period of the year is usually quiet, some of the holders of wash goods stocks in converting hands are more or less disappointed at the cautious buying on the part of large stores. As a result there is evidence of weakness in the offerings of small lots. Large factors, however are not disturbed or surprised over this, as they point out that as the end of the year approaches there is likely to be an inventory liquidation of stocks by small dealers. It is hardly possible that any material lowering of prices in general will take place at this time, as a number of lines are still under-priced, this being particularly true in regard to percales, and many of the printed and woven convertibles for spring. A better demand is predicted for brown goods after the turn of the year, as initial purchases in some of the jobbing centres for spring were very moderate. Markets for sheetings have ruled quiet and slightly easier, particularly in the bag manufacturing constructions and weights. Selling at concessions, however, has been largely by second hands. January sales are claiming the attention of many retailers whose representatives are now in the market, and judging from the interest displayed, extensive preparations are being made for these events. While there appears to be little difficulty in securing goods, the "bone of contention" is the question of price. Values that were offered a year ago cannot be obtained to any considerable extent this year, which is resulting in a larger amount of "shopping around" than usual. Sentiment in regard to the future continues optimistic. With mills sold ahead from two to three months, any setback in cotton goods is not likely to occur unless some material change happens in the trend of business as a whole. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 3c, and the 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 7½c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's, are quoted at 10½c, and the 39-inch, 80 x 80's, at 13½c.

**WOOLEN GOODS:** Markets for woollen goods have been fairly active, and there are no indications of lower prices in the near future. While there is talk in some quarters that a halt in the long rise in prices will soon take place there are no signs of this at present. According to reports, the buying of finished garments has increased since the advent of cool weather. Jobbers of dress goods report that a good business has developed this fall in all sections, while salesmen returning from the road state that retailers are displaying increased interest and confidence and that prospects are for broader buying within the near future. Advances in prices for overcoatings are generally expected, as demand for these continues good. Both buyers and sellers agree that the condition in this field is unprecedented, with no apparent signs of any let-up in activity. Certain fabrics of quality are said to be becoming difficult to obtain, and to buyers in urgent need of these, almost any price appears attractive. Manufacturers of woollen blankets are commencing to name new prices on their goods for the coming season, and as expected, they show decided increases over values of last season.

**FOREIGN DRY GOODS:** The activity in markets for linens is centered largely in making deliveries of stock for holiday and January sales. The freight delays are causing retailers inconvenience in many sections, and they are urging merchants to expedite shipments. There has been no change in the price situations as stocks held have been satisfactory with sufficient good business to go around. The finer qualities have sold well, while there has also been a good inquiry for low ends. There has been less inquiry for bur-laps during the week. Light weights are quoted at 6.80 to 7.00c. and heavies at 8.75 to 8.90c.

# State and City Department

## MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN NOVEMBER.

During November there was further contraction in the amount of long-term municipal bond disposals, the total for the month having been only \$38,674,352. The aggregate for October was \$66,657,779 and for September \$97,364,782. In November 1921 the disposals were \$119,688,617.

Included in the prominent sales of the month were: Providence, R. I., \$2,500,000 4% water supply bonds, awarded to R. L. Day & Co., Merrill, Oldham & Co. of Boston, and Estabrook & Co. of New York at 97.16, a basis of about 4.15%; \$2,500,000 4½% Omaha School District, Neb., bonds, awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co. and the National City Co. of New York at 99.18, a basis of about 4.48%; \$1,500,000 5% highway bonds of Hillsborough County, Fla., to Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York at 101.68, a basis of about 4.86%; Atlantic City, N. J., received no bids for several issues of bonds, aggregating \$2,802,000, when offered on Nov. 22, but later sold at par \$1,425,000 4½s to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of New York, who also purchased \$1,375,000 6% 1-year bonds, which are not included in our tabulation of long-term bond disposals, but are treated as short-term obligations; \$1,000,000 5% public school bonds of Birmingham, Ala., awarded to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of New York at 103.32, a basis of about 4.78%; St. Paul, Minn., school bonds in the amount of \$1,000,000, awarded to Eldredge & Co., New York, and the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis at a bid of par for \$500,000 4s and \$500,000 4½s.

Short-term securities put out during the month amounted, according to our records, to \$37,301,291, of which \$31,675,000 were issued by the City of New York. A block of \$8,000,000 general fund bonds was also issued by New York City.

Canadian disposals of long-term obligations shrunk considerably during November, the aggregate being only \$1,599,627, as compared with \$28,714,878 for October, the latter, however, including \$20,000,000 5% bonds of the Province of Ontario, \$3,100,000 5s of the Metropolitan Commission of the Island of Montreal, and \$2,639,884 City of Ottawa debentures. The City of Montreal in November made a temporary borrowing of \$8,100,000.

Below we furnish a comparison of all various forms of obligations put out in November during the last five years:

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Perm't loans (U. S.)	\$ 38,674,352	\$ 119,688,617	\$ 57,602,117	\$ 47,564,840	\$ 27,783,332
*Temp. loans (U. S.)	37,301,291	34,501,800	53,423,900	22,712,600	42,913,900
Can'tian Pns (perm.)	1,599,627	15,641,901	14,287,560	659,425	953,250
Gen. fnd. bds. (N. Y. C.)	8,000,000	11,000,000	8,000,000	None	23,500,000
Bds. of U. S. poss'ns	None	None	6,000,000	None	500,000
Total	\$5,505,270	\$150,831,418	\$139,313,577	\$729,703,393	\$744,503,627

\* Includes temporary securities issued by New York City, \$31,675,000 in 1922, \$27,131,900 in 1921, \$47,727,900 in 1920, \$20,061,900 in 1919 and \$39,418,900 in 1918.

† Includes \$650,000,000 "Victory Loan" bonds; the subscriptions aggregated \$676,057,867.

‡ Includes \$650,000,000 "Victory Loan" bonds; the subscriptions aggregated \$673,199,790.

The number of municipalities emitting bonds and the number of separate issues made during November 1922 were 360 and 408, respectively. This contrasts with 390 and 566 for October 1922 and with 387 and 488 for November 1921.

For comparative purposes, we add the following table showing the aggregate of permanent loans for November and the eleven months for a series of years:

Year	Month November	For the 11 Months	Year	Month November	For the 11 Months
1922	\$38,674,352	\$1,014,003,328	1906	\$12,511,550	\$180,483,472
1921	119,688,617	988,301,613	1905	25,888,207	174,825,430
1920	57,602,117	627,711,624	1904	32,597,509	240,819,161
1919	47,564,840	629,435,991	1903	14,846,375	138,789,253
1918	27,783,332	275,572,372	1902	13,728,493	136,895,772
1917	15,890,626	418,719,365	1901	6,989,144	116,092,342
1916	18,813,239	421,361,571	1900	9,956,685	123,572,311
1915	28,315,595	463,644,631	1899	8,790,489	113,131,780
1914	21,691,126	444,862,916	1898	7,721,284	95,778,450
1913	30,708,685	358,611,490	1897	6,308,775	120,128,531
1912	13,921,999	358,893,919	1896	34,913,894	95,831,773
1911	19,738,613	360,830,804	1895	6,524,901	105,475,839
1910	24,456,351	283,414,600	1894	4,549,580	103,889,851
1909	18,906,555	307,673,842	1893	7,300,770	60,114,709
1908	28,427,304	283,747,250	1892	5,176,012	80,526,258
1907	4,408,381	213,924,703			

Owing to the crowded condition of our columns, we are obliged to omit this week the customary table showing the month's bond sales in detail. It will be given later.

## NEWS ITEMS.

**Albany, Ga.**—*Commission Form of Government Defeated.*—The electors, by a majority of 286 out of 2,888 votes, defeated a proposal for a commission form of government submitted at a special election held Dec. 4.

**Dallas County Levee Improvement District No. 3.**—*Injunctions Restraining Collection of Taxes and Issuance of Bonds Dissolved.*—Injunctions granted to W. H. Clarke, a taxpayer, and others, by Judge E. B. Muse of the Forty-Fourth District Court, restraining the district from collecting taxes on a \$160,000 bond issue and from issuing an additional \$114,000 bonds, on Nov. 18 were dissolved by Associate Justice Dexter Hamilton of the Fifth Court of Civil Appeals, according to the Dallas "News" of Nov. 20. The "News" continues in part:

This ruling of the Appellate Court will have a wide effect on the voting and sale of levee district bonds. In the opinion of E. E. Hurt, counsel for the levee district. A number of Dallas County districts which have been preparing to contest the collection of their taxes on their bonds probably will not take action. Other districts which have been awaiting the decision in all probability will vote the bonds, he said.

The injunctions which Judge Muse granted were brought by W. H. Clarke for the taxpayers in Levee District No. 3, which is located near the Trinity Road and Gun Club, between Dallas and Hutchins at Markham's Bend. Approximately 3,300 acres along the Trinity extending up Five Mile Creek, are embraced in this district.

The decision of the Appellate Court, according to Mr. Hurt, upholds the constitutionality of the levee districts Acts. The opinion dwells to a large extent on the manner in which the district is created as well as on the conduct of its business after it is incorporated.

Another case affecting the levee district laws and the levy of taxes and issuance of bonds for levee purposes is referred to in V. 115, p. 2401, under the caption "Texas".

**Detroit, Mich.**—*Mayor Couzens Resigns.*—On Dec. 5 James Couzens, appointed to the United States Senate to succeed Senator Newberry, resigned his position as Mayor of Detroit. The resignation was accepted by the Common Council unanimously. John C. Lodge, President of the Council, will succeed Couzens as Mayor.

**Multnomah County School District No. 1 (P. O. Portland), Ore.**—*Validity of Bonds Upheld by Circuit Court.*—On Nov. 25, according to the Portland "Oregonian," Judge Stapleton of the Circuit Court, upheld the validity of the \$3,000,000 bonds whose legality was questioned by Wood & Oakley of Chicago, attorneys for the Merchants' Loan & Trust Co., Ames, Emerich & Co. and the Ladd & Tilton Bank, who were the successful bidders for a block of \$300,000 of the bonds. The suit, which is a friendly test case, ordered by the School Board—V. 115, p. 2498—was brought, it is stated, in the names of E. B. Miller, a resident, the contention being made that the election had not been thoroughly advertised and the polling places not properly designated.

As soon as the court had acted, J. B. Hosford, attorney for the plaintiff, served notice of intention to appeal to the Supreme Court. We quote the "Oregonian" in full:

In the first court action over validity of the \$3,000,000 bond issue of School District No. 1, taken in Circuit Court yesterday before Presiding Judge Stapleton, the School Board won a decision which upheld legality of the bonds. The suit, which is friendly in nature, was the first step in carrying the matter to the State Supreme Court.

E. B. Miller as a resident and taxpayer, filed the suit against the school district and the members of the School Board. The complaint alleged that the election of June 17, at which the voters approved the bond issue, was illegal and asked that the School Board be enjoined from selling the bonds for this reason. Illegality of the election, the complaint alleged, was due to an insufficient number of posted notices and the further fact that the polling places were not properly designated in the election call.

Almost simultaneously with the filing of the suit the school district and board members filed a demurrer, alleging that the complaint did not state grounds sufficient to constitute a cause for action. J. B. Hosford appeared for Mr. Miller and Samuel H. Pierce for the school district. There were practically no arguments. Judge Stapleton stating that he was familiar with the case. He immediately sustained the demurrer of the district. This, in effect, threw out the suit, but Attorney Hosford served notice of appeal to the Supreme Court.

The suit is a move to obtain an opinion from the Supreme Court upon validity of the bond issue, which has been questioned by Wood & Oakley, a Chicago firm of bond attorneys. This firm scrutinized the bonds for a syndicate composed of the Ladd & Tilton Bank and two Chicago bond houses, whose bid for \$300,000 of the bonds had been accepted by the School Board. The firm turned down the bonds on the ground that the election call designated "various" instead of "usual" or "regular" polling places.

Subsequent offers of other firms to take the bonds, despite the opinion of the Chicago attorneys, have been rejected by the School Board as too low in price or stipulating too high a rate of interest.

The Ladd & Tilton Bank has advised the School Board that it stands ready to fulfill its proposal to purchase \$50,000 of the bonds.

**New York State.**—*Official Vote on Constitutional Amendments.*—According to an official announcement of the State Board of Canvassers made Dec. 7, the proposed constitutional amendment increasing the salaries of Appeals Court Judges lost by a vote of 891,980 "against" to 572,502 "for." The voters approved the other amendment, which requires that mayors send special city bills direct to the House from which they were sent whether the Legislature is in session or not—V. 115, p. 2291.

**Pittsburgh, Pa.**—*Borough of St. Clair Annexed.*—By a vote of 921 "for" to 548 "against" the residents of St. Clair Borough favored annexation to the city of Pittsburgh at a special election held Dec. 5. It was originally expected that question would be submitted at the general election, but the vote was delayed. The City Council of Pittsburgh has already passed an ordinance approving of the annexation. See V. 115, p. 1652.

**Wyandotte, Mich.**—*Annexation of Ford Voted.*—At a special election held Dec. 5 the annexation of Ford was approved by the voters. The total vote in Wyandotte was 2,996 "for" to 139 "against," and in Ford 723 "for" to 426 "against." Ecorse Township, of which Ford is a part, showed opposition to the loss of the territory, there being 133 affirmative and 223 negative ballots.

## BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

**ALBANY, Linn County, Ore.**—*BONDS VOTED.*—At a recent election an issue of \$18,000 jail-site purchase bonds was authorized.



ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Iola), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED—On Nov. 7 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$50,000 5½% and \$40,000 6% road improvement bonds.

ALLENTOWN, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING—Chas. S. Joiner, Borough Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. Dec. 16 for the purchase at not less than par of an issue of \$15,000 4¼% bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly for 15 years. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company, for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to Edward Dilatush, Treasurer, required.

ASHLAND, Ashland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Well, Roth & Co. of Cincinnati, purchased an issue of \$23,800 6% special assessment street impt. (property owner's share) bonds offered on Nov. 27, for a premium of \$1,885, equal to 107-83, a basis of about 4.75%. Date Nov. 1 1922. Denom. \$2 for \$1,000 each, and 1 for \$800. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924; \$3,000, 1925 and 1926; \$2,000, 1927; \$3,000, 1928 and 1929; \$2,000, 1930; \$3,000, 1931; \$2,800, 1932. Int. A. & O.

ASHLAND, Ashland County, Ohio.—DATE OF OFFERING.—The date of the offering of the \$58,600 6% special assessment street impt. (property owner's share) bonds (V. 115, p. 2498) is Dec. 16 1922. Bids will be received until 12 m. by Lotta Westover, Director of Finance and Public Record.

ATCHAFALAYA BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT (P. O. Port Allen), La.—BOND SALE.—It appears that the \$250,000 5% bonds offered on Aug. 22—V. 115, p. 891—have been sold.

ATCHINSON COUNTY (P. O. Atchinson), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Nov. 9 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$83,000 4¼% road improvement bonds.

ATLANTIC CITY, Atlantic County, N. J.—PRICE.—The price paid by George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., of New York, for the \$1,425,000 4½% gold coupon tax-free high school bonds and the \$1,375,000 6% gold tax-free coupon park and fire bonds; the sale of which was reported in V. 115, p. 2498, was par and accrued interest.

ATTLEBORO, Bristol County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that an issue of \$30,000 4½% 15-year serial bridge bonds, offered on Dec. 6 was awarded to Parkinson & Burr of Boston, at 101.03, a basis of about 4.28%. Date Dec. 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 on Dec. 1 from 1923 to 1937, inclusive.

Table with 2 columns: Name of bidder and Amount. Includes Merrill, Oldham & Co., Edmunds Brothers, Estabrook & Co., F. S. Moseley & Co., First Nat. Bank of Attleboro, B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Old Colony Trust Co., Curtis & Sanger, Stacy & Braun, R. M. Grant & Co., Inc., Grafton & Co.

BAILEY COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$16,000 6% 10-40-year bonds on Dec. 1.

BAILEY COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$30,000 5½% 10-30-year bonds on Dec. 1.

BATH, Steuben County, N. Y.—BONDS VOTED.—The Village Clerk informs us that the proposition to issue \$40,000 bonds for the completion of the village hall was voted at a special election held Dec. 5. The vote was 306 "for" to 133 "against."

BENTON COUNTY (P. O. Camden), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. Jan. 2 by N. J. Cuff, Clerk of the County Court, for \$50,000 5% highway bonds. Date Oct. 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Int. A. & O. Due \$10,000 March 1 from 1936 to 1940, inclusive. A certified check for 2% of amount bid for required.

BERGEN COUNTY (P. O. Hackensack), N. J.—BOND SALE.—Lamport, Barker & Jennings, Inc., of New York, bidding \$813,049.60 for \$808,000 bonds, equal to 100.62, a basis of about 4.42%. were awarded the issue of 4½% coupon gold (with privilege of registration as to principal only, or as to both principal and interest), road, bridge and hospital bonds offered on Dec. 4 (V. 115, p. 2401). Date Dec. 1 1922. Due serially on Dec. 1 as follows: \$42,000 from 1923 to 1940, inclusive, and \$52,000 in 1941. These bonds are now being offered to investors at prices to yield 4.25%.

BLANCO COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$40,000 5½% serial bonds on Nov. 29.

BLOOMFIELD, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 4½% bonds offered for sale on Dec. 4 (V. 115, p. 2292) were awarded as follows:

\$253,000 (\$254,500 offered) school bonds, to H. L. Allen & Co. of New York for \$254,543.30 (100.61) and int., a basis of about 4.44%. Due as follows: \$9,000, Nov. 15 1923 to 1937 incl.; \$13,000, Nov. 15 1938 to 1941 incl.; \$13,500, Nov. 15 1942 to 1945 incl., and \$12,000 on Nov. 15 1946.

141,000 temporary improvement bonds, to the Bloomfield Trust Co. for \$141,026, equal to 100.01, a basis of about 4.49%. Due Nov. 15 1923.

Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 15 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N. 15) payable in gold coin of the United States of America at the Bloomfield National Bank of Bloomfield.

BONITA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bastrop), Morehouse Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 5% school bonds offered on July 11 (V. 115, p. 2849), were purchased by the Johnson Interstate Trust & Banking Co. of Bonita at par. Date June 1 1922. Due on June 1 as follows: \$500, 1923 to 1926, inclusive, and \$1,000, 1927 to 1929, inclusive.

BOULDER PAVING DISTRICT NO. 23 (P. O. Boulder), Colo.—BOND SALE.—Sidlo, Simons, Fels & Co. of Denver have purchased \$35,000 6% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1922.

BRAINTREE, Norfolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—According to newspaper reports a temporary revenue loan of \$125,000, dated Dec. 6 1922 and maturing April 6 1923, has been sold to the First National Corporation of Boston on a 4.37% discount basis.

BRIARCLIFF MANOR, Westchester County, N. Y.—OTHER BIDDERS.—The other bidders on the issue of \$120,000 4½% sewer extension bonds awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield of New York, for 100.39 (V. 115, p. 2498), were:

Table with 2 columns: Name of bidder and Premium. Includes Seasongood & Mayer, Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Farson, Son & Co.

BRISTOW, Creek County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$210,000 6% municipal bonds voted on Sept. 5—V. 115, p. 1352—were purchased by the Taylor-White Co. of Oklahoma City at a premium of \$6,700, equal to 103.19. The \$210,000 is composed of \$40,000 park, \$60,000 water works, \$70,000 storm sewer and \$40,000 sanitary sewer bonds.

BROCK, Nemaha County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Dec. 18 to vote on the question of issuing \$6,000 electric distributing bonds. F. H. Sutton, Village Clerk.

BROOKHAVEN, Lincoln County, Miss.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$150,000 high school building bonds was favorably voted on at an election held on Dec. 4; the vote was 677 "for" to 46 "against" the issue.

BRUNSWICK, Cumberland County, Me.—BOND SALE.—According to reports the issue of \$37,000 4½% funding bonds offered on Dec. 5—V. 115, p. 2499—were awarded to R. L. Day & Co. of Boston for 101.099, a basis of about 4.36%. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due \$2,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1923 to 1940 and \$1,000 on Dec. 1 1941.

Table with 2 columns: Name of bidder and Price Bid. Includes Charles H. Gilman & Co., Merrill, Oldham & Co., R. M. Grant & Co., Maynard S. Bird & Co., Brandon, Gordon & Waddell.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—During November two issues of 4% bonds, aggregating \$111,290.91 and dated Nov. 15 1922, were awarded as follows:

\$90,000 00 school bonds to the Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement Fund. Due on Nov. 15 from 1923 to 1942, incl.

21,290.91 monthly local work bonds to the Sinking Fund. Due Nov. 15 1923.

BURLINGTON, Burlington County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds offered on Dec. 5—V. 115, p. 2292—were awarded as follows: \$10,000 temporary impt. bonds, to M. M. Freeman & Co., Philadelphia, at 101.00, a basis of about 4.67%. Date July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due July 1 1928.

20,000 water bonds, to the Sinking Fund Commission at 103.50 and interest, a basis of about 4.56%. Date May 1 1922. Int. M. & N. Due \$1,000 May 1 1923 to 1942 incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable in lawful money of the United States at the office of the City Treasurer.

BUTLER COUNTY (P. O. Eldorado), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Nov. 14 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$100,000 4¼% road improvement bonds.

BUTLER COUNTY (P. O. Hamilton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Dec. 19 by Edward Marts, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$163,800 5% coupon Oxford-Millville Road bonds, issued under Sec. 6929, Gen. Code. Denom. to suit purchaser. Date Nov. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$41,000, 1924, 1925 and 1926, and \$40,800, 1927. Cert. check for 5% of amount bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

CAMERON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cameron), Clinton County, Mo.—BOND ELECTION DECLARED ILLEGAL.—Our Western representative advises us that the \$60,000 school bonds issue recently voted—V. 115, p. 2499—will have to be submitted to a vote of the people as the first election has been declared illegal.

CARROLL COUNTY (P. O. Carrollton), Mo.—BOND SALE.—The Wm. R. Compton Co. of St. Louis has purchased \$125,000 highway and bridge bonds.

CATHAY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10, Wells County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased \$5,000 4% funding bonds at par during the month of November. Date July 1 1922. Due July 1 1942. Bonds are not subject to call but may be redeemed 2 years from date of issue.

CAVE SPRINGS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cave Springs), Early County, Ga.—BONDS VOTED.—On Dec. 2, by a vote of 206 "for" to 23 "against," an issue of \$10,000 school-building bonds was voted.

CHANUTE, Neosho County, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Nov. 15 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$125,000 4½% water-works bonds.

CHARLESTON, Kanawha County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.—The State of West Virginia, has purchased \$490,000 5% street and incinerator bonds at par. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. annually (July). Due in 30 years, optional after 10 years.

CHELtenham TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Elkins Park), Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—Robert Glendinning & Co. of Philadelphia, were awarded the \$190,000 4¼% school bonds offered on Dec. 4 (V. 115, p. 2292). Date Dec. 1 1922. Due \$3,000 on Dec. 1 in each of the years 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947 and 1952.

CHESAPEAKE, Lawrence County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,400 6% sidewalk construction bonds offered on Nov. 10—V. 115, p. 1967—were sold Nov. 20 at par as follows: \$600 to J. A. Cassidy, \$400 to M. W. Heuson, and \$400 to the Sinking Fund Trustees. Denom. \$200. Date Nov. 10 1922. Int. M. & N. Due yearly on Nov. 10 for 7 years.

CHESTER, Orange County, N. Y.—BIDS REJECTED.—BONDS REOFFERED.—James S. Demerest, Village Clerk, informs us that all bids for an issue of \$10,000 5% fire engine and equipment bonds, offered on Dec. 1, were rejected. Bids for the above bonds will be received until 12 m. Dec. 21. Date Dec. 1 1922. Int. J. & D. Denom. \$1,000.

CINNAMIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Riverton), Burlington County, N. J.—PRICE.—The price paid for the \$50,000 4½% school bonds, reported sold to the Cinnamin National Bank of Riverton, (V. 115, p. 2499) was 100.1125, a basis of about 4.48%.

CLAY COUNTY (P. O. Brazil), Ind.—BOND SALE.—Thomas D. Sheerin & Co., Indianapolis, were awarded the issue of \$26,600 5% Hardy Hicks et al Jackson and Sugar Ridge Townships road bonds, offered on Dec. 5 (V. 115, p. 2499) for a premium of \$310, equal to about 101.167, a basis of about 4.77%. Date Nov. 6 1922. Due \$1,330 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933.

CLEARWATER, Pinellas County, Fla.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Nov. 21—V. 115, p. 2292—the \$25,000 bonds for baseball grounds were voted.

CLEARWATER, Sedgewick County, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Nov. 20 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$17,500 5% electric-light line bonds.

CLINTON, Clinton County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The McCarthy Improvement Co., of Davenport, has been awarded an issue of \$109,866.37 street-improvement bonds, in payment for work.

COLFAX COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25 (P. O. Rilton), N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until Dec. 29 for \$5,000 6% 10-year school bldg. bonds by Ralph Colby, Clerk.

COLOUOHOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, Renville County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of November the State of North Dakota purchased \$5,000 4% building bonds at par. Date July 1 1920. Due July 1 1940. Although the bonds are not subject to call they may be redeemed 2 years from date of issue.

CONCORD, Merrimack County, N. H.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Nov. 29 the proposition to issue \$40,000 school building bonds was passed by a unanimous vote.

CONCORD TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Frankfort), Ross County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Wm. R. Beard, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive bids until 12 m. Dec. 19 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$35,000 5½% school building bonds issued under authority of Sections 5649-4 and 7630-1 Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 19 1922. Int. M. & S. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1924 to 1935, incl., and \$1,000 1936 to 1946, incl. Certified check for \$1,750, payable to Wm. R. Beard, as Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award.

COVINGTON, Covington County, Va.—BOND SALE.—The Rosenstille-Elis Co. of Cincinnati has purchased \$130,000 5% water supply bonds at par and accrued interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due Jan. 1 1952, optional Jan. 1 1942.

CRAWFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Crawford), Dawes County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The U. S. Bond Co. of Denver, has purchased \$15,000 5% refunding bonds at par. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 15 1922. Due from 1932 to 1942, inclusive.

CUMBERLAND, Allegany County, Md.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 9:30 a. m. Dec. 11 by William E. McDonald, Commissioner of Finance & Revenue, for \$250,000 4¼% water bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1922. Int. J. & D. Due June 1 1962. Cert. check for 2½% required.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY (P. O. Bridgeton), N. J.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5% road improvement bonds offered for sale on Dec. 7 (V. 115, p. 2499) were awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia as follows:

\$511,000 (\$515,000 offered) bonds for \$515,087.90 (100.017), a basis of about 4.99%. Due \$103,000 yearly on Dec. 15 from 1923 to 1926 incl. and \$99,000 Dec. 15 1927.

42,000 bonds for \$42,501 (101.19), a basis of about 4.67%. Due \$6,000 yearly on Dec. 15 from 1923 to 1929 incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 15 1922. Int. semi-ann. The following is a complete list of the bids received:

On \$515,000 Issue.

Table with columns: Bidder, Bid, Amt. Bonds. Lists various bidders like Barr Brothers & Co., Lehman Brothers, etc., with their respective bid amounts and total bond amounts.

On \$42,000 Issue.

Table with columns: Bidder, Bid, Amt. Bonds. Lists bidders like Metzler & Co., B. J. Van Ingen & Co., etc., with bid amounts and total bond amounts.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by A. J. Hieber, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, until 11 a. m. Dec. 20 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$100,000 5% coupon special assessment Sewer District No. 1 bonds, issued under authority of Section 6602-4, Gen. Code, Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$5,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1925 to 1944, incl. Certified check on some solvent bank other than the one bidding, for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the County Treasurer's office within 10 days after notice of award. Bond forms will be furnished by the county.

BOND SALE.—On Dec. 6 the 2 issues of 5% coupon Short, Crossview and Chestnut Roads imp. bonds, aggregating \$89,196 08, which were offered on that date—V. 115, p. 2499—were awarded to the Guardian Savings & Trust Co. of Cleveland, for \$89,472 58 (100.309) and int., a basis of about 4.94%: \$21,571 00 special assessment bonds. Denoms. 1 for \$571 and 21 for \$1,000 each. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,571, 1923; \$2,000, 1924 to 1927, incl.; \$3,000, 1928; \$2,000, 1929, 1930 and 1931, and \$3,000, 1932.

67,625 08 county's share bonds. Denom. 1 for \$625 08 and 67 for \$1,000 each. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,625 08, 1924; \$7,000, 1925; \$8,000, 1926 and 1927; \$7,000, 1928 and 1929; \$8,000, 1930, 1931 and 1932.

Date Oct. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the County Treasurer's office. Other bidders were: Other Bidders. Premium. Other Bidders. Premium. Richard, Parish & Lamson, \$253 00 N. S. Hill & Co., \$111 00 Hayden, Miller & Co., 243 00

DAKOTA CITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Dakota City), Dakota County, Nebr.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 bonds offered on Dec. 4—V. 115, p. 2499—were awarded to the State of Nebraska, at par as 6s.

DEARING SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Dearing), Macduffie County, Ga.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on Nov. 18—V. 115, p. 2293—the \$12,000 6% bldg. and equipping bonds were defeated. O. Howard, Secretary, says: "Bonds will be voted on again in January or February, 1923."

DEFIANCE, Defiance County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$45,124 5% coupon grade crossing elimination bonds offered on Dec. 5—V. 115, p. 2499—was awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, for \$45,637 (101.137) and interest, a basis of about 4.90%. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,124 1924—\$1,500 1925 to 1948, incl., and \$2,000 1949 to 1952, incl. The following bids of par and interest plus the premiums mentioned, were also received: Name. Premium. Lamport, Barker & Jennings, N. Y., \$100 41 Seasonroad & Mavor, Cincinnati, 91 00 N. S. Hill & Co., Cincinnati, 51 00

DELAWARE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17 (P. O. Grove), Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$32,000 6% school bonds offered on Oct. 6—V. 115, p. 1654—have been purchased by the Taylor-White Co. of Oklahoma City at 103.

DE QUINCY, Calcasieu Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—The \$120,000 6% water-works, light and power-plant bonds offered on Dec. 5 (V. 115, p. 2293), were purchased by W. L. Slayton & Co., of Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 1 1922. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1923 to 1925, inclusive; \$3,000, 1926 to 1931, inclusive; \$4,000, 1932 to 1935, inclusive; \$5,000, 1936 to 1938, inclusive; \$6,000, 1939 to 1941, inclusive; \$7,000, 1942 and 1943; \$8,000, 1944 to 1946, inclusive, and \$9,000, 1947.

DICKINSON COUNTY (P. O. Abelen), Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas, registered \$15,000 5% building bonds on Nov. 7.

DODGE CITY, Ford County, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Nov. 20 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$38,473 55 5% sewer bonds.

DODSON TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lynchburg), Highland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Farmers' Exchange Bank of Lynchburg, was awarded an issue of \$4,214 52 6% indebtedness extension bonds in August for \$4,224 05, equal to about 100.25, a basis of about 5.89%. Date July 1 1922. Denom. 1 for \$1,214 52 and 3 for \$1,000 each. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,214 52 in 1923 and \$1,000 from 1924 to 1926, incl.

DOUGLAS, Otee County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The Farmers State Bank of Douglas has purchased \$9,000 electric transmission line bonds.

DOUGLAS, Converse County, Wyo.—BOND ELECTION.—SALE.—Subject to being voted at an election to be held soon, Geo. W. Vallery & Co., of Denver, have purchased an issue of 6% water bonds amounting to over \$80,000 to \$350,000.

DOUGLAS COUNTY (P. O. Armour), So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—Ballard & Co. of Minneapolis, have purchased \$115,000 7% Meadow Valley and Garden Valley Drainage Districts bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.), payable at the First National Bank, Minneapolis. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1927 to 1933, incl.; \$11,000, 1934 to 1936, incl., and \$12,000, 1937.

Assessed valuation, \$1,136,410 Debt, this issue only, 115,000 (Included in the above are assessments against Douglas County, Holland, Joubert and Walnut Grove Townships in the amount of \$32,766 50.) Area, 13,200 acres.

DREW, Sunflower County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—A. K. Tlertrett & Co., of Memphis have purchased \$25,000 5% water-works improvement bonds at a premium of \$180, equal to 100.72.

DUNKIRK, Chautauqua County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,598 12 4 1/2% Columbus St. improvement bonds, offered on Dec. 5 (V. 115, p. 2499), were awarded to D. S. Wright, of Dunkirk, for par. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due \$288 68 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1923 to 1931, incl.

DU PAGE COUNTY (P. O. Wheaton), Illinois.—BONDS VOTED.—According to newspaper reports, the people have voted their approval of an issue of \$1,350,000 bonds to provide for the purpose of constructing 145 miles of paved highways, by a vote of 2,365 "for" to 1,533 "against."

EAST CHAIN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 37 (P. O. Elmore), Martin County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 5% refunding school bonds offered on Nov. 29—V. 115, p. 2402—were purchased by the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. of Minneapolis, at a premium of \$455, equal to 103.03, a basis of about 4.72%. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due Dec. 1 1937.

EAST OMAHA DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 21, Pottawattamie County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—George A. Burke, County Auditor, (P. O. Council Bluffs) will sell at public auction at 2 p. m. Dec. 20 approximately \$43,997 93 6% drainage bonds. Denom. to suit purchaser. Int. semi-ann. A cert. check (or cash) for 5% of amount bid for, required.

EASTON, Northampton County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—J. H. Warner, City Clerk, will sell at public auction at 10:30 a. m., Dec. 29, an issue of \$600,000 4 1/4% coupon sewer bonds. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due \$20,000 on Jan. 1 from 1924 to 1953, inclusive. Int. J. & J. Certified

check for 2% of bid required if bid is made by mail. No bid for less than par and accrued interest considered.

ELGIN, Chautauqua County, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$50,000 5% paving bonds on Nov. 22.

ELIZABETH CITY, Pasquotank County, No. Caro.—ADDITIONAL DATA.—In connection with the offering of the \$300,000 coupon (with privilege of registration) improvement bonds on Dec. 15—V. 115, p. 2072—J. H. Snowden, City Clerk, advises us that the expense of inquiring into the legality of the sale and the cost of printing bonds must be borne by the purchaser. He also sends us the following financial statement:

Financial Statement. Estimated actual value of all taxable property, \$15,000,000 Assessed value of all taxable property as equalized for year 1922, 10,170,185 Assessed value of all taxable property as returned by assessor for year 1922, 10,170,185 Total bonded indebtedness, including this issue, \$950,000 00 Indebtedness existing in other forms, 55,222 19 Total indebtedness of every character, \$1,005,222 19 Tax rate per \$1,000, \$7.00.

ELLERBE, Richmond County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Prince O'Brien, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Dec. 19 for \$15,000 6% coupon electric light bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A.-O.), payable in gold in New York. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$500, 1924 to 1931, incl., and \$1,000, 1932. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., N. Y. City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon and the validity of the bonds will be approved by Chester B. Massick, N. Y. City, and J. L. Morehead of Durham. Bids to be made on forms furnished by the above Clerk or said trust company.

ELYRIA, Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$65,000 5% coupon Debt Extension bonds offered for sale on Dec. 1 (V. 115, p. 2293) were awarded to Lamport, Barker & Jennings of New York, for a premium of \$319, equal to 100.58, a basis of about 4.90%. Date Nov. 1 1922. Due \$5,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1924 to 1934, incl. Other bidders were:

Table with columns: Name, Premium. Lists bidders like William R. Compton Co., Chicago, Ill., Keane, Higbie & Co., Detroit, Mich., Bonbright & Co., Chicago, Ill., etc., with their respective premium amounts.

EMMETT, Pottawatomie County, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$15,000 5% electric-light line bonds on Nov. 14.

EMMETT COUNTY (P. O. Petoskey), Mich.—ADDITIONAL DATA.—The \$20,000 5% road imp. bonds reported sold in last week's issue on page 2499 of the Detroit Trust Co., Detroit, for \$52,553, equal to 105.106 (V. 115, p. 2499), were purchased on Nov. 20 and are described as follows: Denoms. \$500 and \$1,000. Date Nov. 1922. Int. M. & N. The following are the other bids received:

Table with columns: Name, Premium. Lists bidders like Jno. Nuveen & Co., \$52,155 00 Stacy & Braun, \$51,382 00 Grand Traverse Bond & Mortgage Co., 52,050 00 Hanchett Bond Co., Inc., 51,367 50 Emmett County State Bk 51,000 00 Blodgett & Co., 50,800 00 Prudden & Co., 51,575 00 Bolger, Mosser & Willis, 50,715 00 A. T. Bell & Co., 51,566 00 Keane, Higbie & Co., 50,125 00 A bid of par less \$700 for attorney fees was also received from Shapker & Co. of Chicago.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY (P. O. Brewton), Ala.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 refunding bonds offered on Dec. 1—V. 115, p. 2403—were awarded to Ward, Stern & Co. of Montgomery, at 98.65. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due in 20 years.

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Clay County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The Guaranty Trust Co. of Kansas City has purchased the \$14,000 5% coupon bridge and par. imp. bonds offered on Dec. 4—V. 115, p. 2500—at 100.62. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due in 20 years; optional after 10 years.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that Walter P. Babb, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 11 a. m. Dec. 12 for \$16,000 4 1/2% coupon Plum Island Turnpike bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 15 1922. Due \$4,000 yearly on Dec. 15 from 1923 to 1926, inclusive. The bonds will be certified as to genuineness by the Commonwealth Trust Co., of Boston. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.) payable at the office of the Commonwealth Trust Co., of Boston. Legal opinion approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, Esq., of Boston. Authority, Chapter 470, Acts of 1922. These bonds are exempt from taxation in Massachusetts.

FAIRFIELD, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Frederick A. Burr, First Selectman, will receive proposals until 12 m. Dec. 12 for the purchase of \$425,000 coupon "municipal" bonds. Separate bids are asked for 4s and 4 1/2s. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due Jan. 1 1948. Both principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) are payable at the First National Bank of Boston. Bonds are prepared under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston; their legality will be approved by Storey, Throodike, Palmer & Dodge, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. Delivery about Jan. 2 1923.

Financial Statement Nov. 20 1922. Present grand list, \$21,573,315 \*Bonded debt, \$375,000 Floating debt, 275,000 Sinking fund, 650,000 44,340

Net debt, \$605,660 Population, 1920, 11,475 Tax rate on list of 1921, 15 mills \*\$200,000 of these bonds to be refunded by proceeds of issue now offered.

FLAGSTAFF, Coconino County, Ariz.—BONDS OFFERED.—The \$60,000 park bonds recently voted—V. 115, p. 2180—were offered for sale at 8 p. m. Dec. 6 by C. T. Pullian, Town Clerk. The bonds are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Coupon bonds. Date Nov. 1 1922. Int. M. & N. 6%. Due \$5,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1933 to 1949, incl.

FLINT, Genesee County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Frank D. King, City Clerk, until 8 p. m. Dec. 18 for an issue of \$115,000 4 1/2% water works improvement bonds. Date Dec. 15 1922. Due \$75,000 in 1947 and \$40,000 in 1948. Int. semi-annual. Legal opinion of Wood & Oakley. Certified check for \$1,000 required.

FLOYD COUNTY (P. O. New Albany), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 10 a. m. Dec. 20 Charles A. McCulloch, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids for \$26,920 4 1/2% Mount Tabor Free Gravel Road bonds of New Albany Township. Denom. \$673. Date Nov. 15 1922. Int. M. & N. 15. Prin. and interest payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$673 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1942 incl. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

FORSYTH, Rosebud County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—Benwell, Phillips & Co. of Denver, have purchased the following 2 issues of bonds: \$88,000 5 1/2% refunding bonds. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1937; \$6,000, 1938 to 1942, incl., and \$3,000, 1943; each bond being optional 6 months prior to its maturity.

34,500 6% funding bonds. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929; \$4,000, 1930 to 1932, incl.; \$5,000, 1933 to 1935, incl., and \$5,500, 1936; each bond being optional 6 months prior to its maturity. Date Jan. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-J.), payable in New York.

FORT MORGAN, Morgan County, Colo.—CORRECT AMOUNT.—PRICE.—The amount of the 4 1/2% 15-year water bonds awarded to James M. Causey & Co. of Denver, as stated in V. 115, p. 1860, was \$125,000, not \$115,000 as incorrectly reported by us. The price paid was par.

FORT SMITH, Sebastian County, Ark.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—RE-OFFERED.—Fagan Bouland, Chairman Fort Smith Water Works District, advises us that the \$1,329,000 5% bonds offered on Nov. 28—V. 115, p. 2403—were not sold due to an error in publication of the notice and they will be reoffered at 2:30 p. m. Dec. 14.



FRAMINGHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—John V. Dunn, Town Treasurer, will receive bids until 1 p. m. Dec. 11, for the purchase, at discount, of a temporary loan of \$200,000 issued in anticipation of revenue. Due June 14 1923. Denom. \$50,000 or to suit purchaser. Delivery about Dec. 18 1922.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Ralph W. Smith, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Dec. 15 for the two issues of 5% Sewer District No. 1 bonds listed below. These two issues, together with a block of \$19,000 lateral sewer bonds, were originally offered for sale on Dec. 12—V. 115, p. 2403. Another issue amounting to \$21,500 is also being offered on Dec. 15—V. 115, p. 2500.

\$89,000 joint intercepting sewer bonds. Due \$9,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1924 to 1932, inclusive, and \$5,000 on Dec. 1 1933. 22,500 East Main branch sewer bonds. Due \$3,500 on Dec. 1 1924, \$3,000 on Dec. 1 1925 and \$2,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1926 to 1933 inclusive.

Denom. 111 for \$1,000 and 1 for \$500. Date Dec. 1 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Bonds issued under provisions of Section 6602-2, General Code of Ohio. Certified check on a solvent bank or trust company for 1% of par value of bonds required. If cash is tendered it must be United States legal tender. No bid for less than par and accrued interest will be considered. Bids ready for delivery on date of sale. A complete transcript of all proceedings had in the matter of authorizing, advertising and awarding said bonds will be furnished the successful bidder at the time of the award.

GRAFTON, Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 27 the \$40,588 5/8 coupon special assessment sanitary sewer bonds, offered on that date (V. 115, p. 2293) were sold to the Milliken & York Co. of Cleveland for \$41,103 (101.26) and int., a basis of about 5.23%. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due \$4,057 Oct. 1 1923 and \$4,059 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1932, incl. Other bidders were: Sidney Spitzer & Co. \$40,972 51 Seasongood & Mayer \$40,588 00 Ryan, Bowman & Co. \$40,588 00

GREENSBORO SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Kennard), Henry County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Citizens' State Bank of Newcastle, purchased the issue of \$12,000 5% school bonds, offered on July 18 (V. 115, p. 211) for a premium of \$50, equal to about 100.417, a basis of about 4.90%. Date July 31 1922. Due \$600 semi-annually from Jan. 31 1923 to July 31 1932, inclusive.

GREENVILLE, Hunt County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$125,000 5% serial street improvement bonds on Dec. 1.

HACKENSACK, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 8 p. m. Dec. 18 by William Schaaf, Secretary of the Improvement Commission, for an issue of 4 1/4% coupon or registered sewer bonds, not to exceed \$500,000; no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$500,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Hackensack Trust Co. of Hackensack. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$12,000, 1924 to 1928 incl.; and \$20,000, 1929 to 1932 incl. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Commission, required. Bonds will be prepared under supervision of U. S. Mte. & Trust Co., N. Y.; legality will be approved by Wakelee, Thornall & Wright of New York.

HALLSTEAD, Susquehanna County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank, of Hallstead, has been awarded at par an issue of \$20,000 4 80% serial street-improvement bonds. Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. M. & S. Denom. \$500.

HANCOCK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hancock), Houghton County, Mich.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$275,000 5% school building bonds, the sale of which was reported under the heading of "Hancock" in V. 115, p. 2500, were awarded on Nov. 21 to John Nyvonen & Co. of Chicago, for \$278,011 50, equal to 101.096, a basis of about 4.90%. Date Feb. 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Int. F. & D. Due yearly as follows: \$10,000 from 1926 to 1932, incl., and \$5,000 in 1933.

HARBISON SCHOOL AND CIVIL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Haysville), Dubois County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—James G. Lansford, Township Trustee, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Dec. 23 for \$21,900 5% school bonds. Date Nov. 15 1922. Denom. \$750. Due \$750 each 6 months from July 1 1923 to Jan. 1 1938, incl. Int. J. & J.

HARRIS COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. Houston), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On Dec. 29 \$450,000 drainage repair bonds will be voted upon.

HARRISON AND POTTAWATAMIE DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1, Pottawatomie County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. A. Burke, County Auditor, (P. O. Council Bluffs) will sell at public auction at 2 p. m. Dec. 20 approximately \$7,678 83 6% drainage bonds. Denom. to suit purchaser. A cert. check (or cash) for 5% of amount bid, required.

HARTFORD, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Chas. H. Slocum, City Treasurer, until 1 p. m. Dec. 15 for the purchase of the whole or any part of \$1,500,000 4% coupon or registered high school bonds. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due \$50,000 annually from Jan. 1 1924 to 1933 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in gold coin of the United States of the present standard of weight and fineness at the office of the City Treasurer. Denom. \$1,000. Proposals must be accompanied by certified check, payable to the order of the Treasurer, for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for. The official circular states that these bonds are free from income taxes under the Federal Government laws and under an Act of the State Legislature are exempt from taxation in the State of Connecticut; that the City of Hartford has never defaulted in its obligations and that there never has been any litigation, nor is there any pending, affecting the bonds of the city. The legality of the issue has been passed upon by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, attorneys, of Boston, and purchaser will be furnished with their opinion without charge.

HARTFORD CITY, Blackford County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 7:30 p. m. Jan. 8 by Walter Markins, City Clerk, for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$10,000 5% coupon water works bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1923. Int. J. & J. Due \$500 each 6 months beginning July 1 1923; redeemable after 10 years at option of city. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bid, required.

HARTWELL DRAINAGE & LEVEE DISTRICT, Green County, Ill.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—Taylor, Ewart & Co., Inc., of Chicago, are offering \$190,000 6% bonds, due serially Aug. 1 1934 to 1943, inclusive, at a price to yield 5.40%. These bonds are exempt from Federal income taxes and are payable from assessments confirmed by the County Court of Greene County against all of the benefited land in the district in an amount sufficient to retire both principal and interest as they mature. The total outstanding indebtedness, including this issue, amounts to \$287,950.

HAWKINS, Rusk County, Wis.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held to-day (Dec. 9) to vote on the question of issuing \$4,000 5 1/2% sewerage improvement bonds. C. W. Perry, Village Clerk.

HIDALGO COUNTY (P. O. Edinburg), Texas.—BOND SALE.—J. L. Arlitt, of Austin, informs us that he has purchased \$55,000 6% court-house and jail bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 10 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O. 10), payable at the American Exchange National Bank, New York City. Due in 40 years, optional after 10 years.

HIGHLAND, Doniphan County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$12,000 4 1/4% water-works bonds on Nov. 16.

HIGH POINT, Guilford County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 5 1/4% coupon or registered municipal building bonds offered on Dec. 7 (V. 115, p. 2403), were purchased by the American Trust Co., of Charlotte, at a premium of \$7,325, equal to 102.93—a basis of about 5.01%. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1925 to 1938, inclusive; \$10,000, 1939, and \$12,000, 1940 to 1952, inclusive.

HONEY CREEK DRAINAGE AND LEVEE DISTRICT NO. 6, Pottawattami County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. A. Burke, County Auditor (P. O. Council Bluffs) will sell at public auction at 2 p. m. Dec. 20

approximately \$20,845 75 6% drainage bonds. Denom. to suit purchaser. A cert. check (or cash) for 5% of amount bid, required. Bids for less than par and accrued int. will not be considered.

HOXIE, Sheridan County, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Nov. 22 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$18,627 20 5 1/2% sewer bonds.

IDAHO COUNTY (P. O. Grangeville), Idaho.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At an election held on Nov. 21 a proposition to issue \$75,000 highway bonds failed to carry by a vote of 44 for to 89 against the issue.

IMPERIAL COUNTY (P. O. El Centro), Calif.—BOND ATTORNEYS HOLD \$300,000 BOND SALE VOID.—The sale of the \$300,000 5 1/2% gold coupon court-house bonds awarded, as stated in V. 115, p. 894, has been declared void by O'Melveny, Milliken, Tuller & MacNeil of Los Angeles. The Los Angeles "Times" of Dec. 1 had the following to say regarding the matter:

"Figuratively speaking, \$300,000 in bonds for the building of a new court house in Imperial County has gone up in smoke and politicians and those who make a practice of looking on the inside of everything are wondering what is the reason.

"The bonds were purchased by the First Securities Co. of Los Angeles, which has deposited \$15,000 here as security on the contract. However, the attorneys, the firm of O'Melveny, Milliken, Tuller & MacNeil of Los Angeles, will not put their 'O. K.' on the validity of the bonds, holding that a technicality in failing to post notices in all precincts before the election voids the bonds.

"Chief Assistant District Attorney Scott of Imperial County stated to-day that he had sent a communication to the Los Angeles attorneys stating his reasons for not entering court action for a writ of mandate which was desired by the Los Angeles lawyers and further stating that publication of the election notices was all that is required according to the legislative mandate and posting of notices in the precincts was not necessary.

"Scott said it was his duty to act in an advisory capacity to the Imperial County Auditor rather than to bring suit against him for the validity of the bonds.

"With plans practically completed for the building of the new court house and the county ready to 'break ground' for the structure, the announcement that the bond attorneys had refused the issue came as a bolt from a clear sky to the taxpayers and officials of the county."

INDEPENDENCE, Montgomery County, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Nov. 17 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$26,520 72 5% paving bonds.

IOWA PARK, Wichita County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—Breg, Garrett & Co., of Dallas, have purchased the \$5,000 6% sewer bonds registered by the State Comptroller on Nov. 1 (V. 115, p. 2181) at 103.25.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Brownstown), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Samuel Carr, County Auditor, will receive bids until 1 p. m. Dec. 20 for \$8,506 71 6% coupon Herman C. Von Farge ditch bonds. Date Dec. 20 1922. Denom. 4 for \$1,700 and 1 for \$1,706 71. Due \$1,706 71 on June 1 1923 and \$1,700 yearly on June 1 from 1924 to 1927, incl. No bid for less than par and accrued interest considered.

JACKSON, Jackson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. P. Turner, City Auditor, will receive bids until 12 m. Dec. 26 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$22,500 6% special assessment grading, draining and paving bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Due \$250 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1932, inclusive. Certified check for \$300, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

JACKSON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Jackson), Jackson County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—According to newspaper reports the question of issuing \$275,000 4 1/4% school bonds will be voted upon on Dec. 16.

JAMESTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cavalier County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of November the State of North Dakota purchased \$20,000 4% building bonds at par. Date Jan. 1 1922. Due Jan. 1 1942. Bonds are not subject to call but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Owen County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—E. F. Bush, Township Trustee, will receive sealed proposals until 11 a. m. Dec. 23 for the following 5% coupon school building bonds:

\$16,000 Coal City grade and high school bonds. Date Nov. 1 1922. Denom. 24 for \$625 and 2 for \$500. Due \$625 each six months from July 1 1924 to Jan. 1 1936 and \$500 July 1 1936 and Jan. 1 '37. 6,900 School District No. 8 bonds. Date July 1 1922. Denom. 27 for \$250 and 1 for \$150. Due \$250 each six months from July 1 1924 to July 1 1936 and \$150 Jan. 1 1937. Interest J. & J.

JOHNSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bastrop), Morehouse Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—The \$18,000 6% school building bonds offered on July 11—V. 115, p. 105—were purchased by the Johnson Interstate Trust & Banking Co. of Bonita, at par. Date June 1 1922. Due yearly as follows: \$500 1923 to 1926, incl.; \$1,000 1927, \$500 1928 and 1929, \$1,000 1930 to 1940, incl., and \$1,500 1941 and 1942.

JUNCTION CITY, Geary County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$17,682 4 1/4% paving bonds.

KANSAS (State of)—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following bond issues have been registered with the State Auditor of Kansas:

Table with 4 columns: Amount, Place, Int. Rate, Regist. d. It lists various school district bonds and their details.

KANSAS CITY, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$40,000 bridge bonds and \$33,700 boulevard 5% bonds on Nov. 10 and \$246,120 5% paving bonds on Nov. 21.

KENT, Portage County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Dec. 23 by Frank Boehle, City Auditor, for \$200,000 5% water works bonds. Date Dec. 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$8,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1923 to 1947. Int. J. & D. Certified check, drawn on some solvent bank, other than the one making bid, for 1% of bid, payable to the City Treasurer, required. No bid for less than par and accrued interest considered. Auth. Sections 3939 and 3942 and other sections of the General Code of Ohio and by virtue of a vote of the people of the city at the last general election.

KEOKUK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Keokuk), Lee County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Dec. 5 (V. 115, p. 2294), the \$575,000 school building bonds were voted by a count of 2,556 to 891.

KINGS MOUNTAIN, Cleveland County, No. Car.—BOND OFFERED.—Sealed proposals will be received until 1 p. m. Dec. 15 by Geo. E. Lovell, Town Secretary, for \$38,000 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) water and sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the National City Bank, N. Y. City. Due \$2,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1925 to 1938 incl. A cert. check upon an incorporated bank or trust company (or cash) for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Town of Kings Mountain, required. The successful bidder will be furnished with the legal opinion of Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of the Town of Kings Mountain.

KIOWA, Barber County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$180,000 5% paving bonds on Nov. 20.

KIRKSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kirksville), Adair County, Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Dec. 15 to vote on the question of issuing \$190,000 school bldg. bonds.

KNOX COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$8,000 6% serial bonds on Dec. 1.

KOSSUTH COUNTY (P. O. Algona), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The White-Phillips Co. of Davenport has purchased the following 5 1/4% bond,

offered on Dec. 6 (V. 115, p. 2501) at a premium of \$1,895, equal to 101.01, a basis of about 5.08%.

\$28,300 Drainage District No. 82 bonds. Due on Nov. 1 as follows:  
\$4,000 1926 to 1931 incl. and \$4,300 1932.

139,500 Drainage District No. 166 bonds. Due on Nov. 1 as follows:  
\$19,500 1926 and \$20,000 1927 to 1932 incl.

19,500 Drainage District No. 161 bonds. Due on Nov. 1 as follows:  
\$2,750 1926 to 1931 incl. and \$3,000 1932.

**LAFAYETTE, Boulder County, Colo.—BOND SALE.**—Our Western representative advises us that Geo. W. Vallery & Co. of Denver, recently purchased \$65,000 5% refunding bonds at 97.09, a basis of about 5.28%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-D.), payable at the City Treasurer's office or at the Mechanics' & Metals National Bank, N. Y. City, at option of holder. Due \$5,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1928 to 1940, incl.

**LAKEWOOD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. (Eastern Time) Dec. 18 by A. O. Guild, Director of Finance, for \$62,000 5% city portion impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1922. Int. A. & O., payable at the office of the above official. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000 1924, to 1927 incl., and \$6,000 1928 to 1934 incl. Cert. check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, required. Official announcement states that this city has never defaulted and that there is no litigation pending or threatened.

*Financial Statement.*

Actual value of taxable property (estimated)	\$130,000,000 00
Assessed valuation for taxation, 1921	79,053,820 00
Assessed valuation for taxation 1922, estimated	\$1,514,680 00
Total of all bonds issued and outstanding, including above	4,525,540 70
Issue in process of sale	\$2 83 per \$100
Tax rate, 1921	Population, 1910 Census, 15,181; 1920 Census, 41,732; now est., 50,000.

**LANSING, Ingham County, Mich.—BOND SALE.**—The three issues of bonds offered on Dec. 4—V. 115, p. 2182—were awarded for \$987,030.05, equal to 99.199, a basis of about 4.50%, to R. L. Day & Co. of Boston. The bonds were offered in New York by Remick, Hodge & Co., to yield 4 1/4% and 4 1/4%. The issues are described as follows: \$410,000 4 1/4% lighting and power bonds. Due \$50,000 in 1935; \$60,000 in 1936 and \$50,000 yearly from 1937 to 1942, incl. \$135,000 4 1/4% water works extension bonds. Due \$15,000 yearly from 1937 to 1945, inclusive. \$450,000 4 1/4% sewerage bonds. Due \$90,000 yearly from 1925 to 1929, inclusive. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 2 1923. Prin. and int. payable at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York City.

**LAPORTE COUNTY (P. O. Laporte), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by John Line, County Treasurer, until 11 a. m. Dec. 22, and from day to day thereafter until bonds are sold, for the following issues of 5% coupon gravel road bonds: \$46,400 B. E. Bear et al. Denom. \$1,160. \$24,600 John Sellers et al. Denom. \$1,055. \$21,100 Earl Bell et al. Denom. \$1,230. Date Nov. 15 1922. Due one-twentieth of each issue each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & N.), payable at the State Bank of A. P. Andrew, Jr., & Son, of Laporte. Certified check for 5% of bid required. No bid for less than par considered.

**LAS ANIMAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Aquilar), Colo.—BOND SALE.**—Boettcher, Porter & Co. of Denver, have purchased \$40,000 5 1/4% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-J.), payable at Kountze Bros., N. Y. City. Due \$4,000 yearly from 1943 to 1952, inclusive.

**LAMPASAS, Lampasas County, Tex.—WARRANT SALE.**—We are informed by J. L. Arlitt of Austin, that he recently purchased \$9,000 6% coupon street improvement warrants. Denom. \$500. Date June 5 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F.-A. 5) payable at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City. Due \$3,000 yearly on Feb. 5 in each of the years 1923, 1924 and 1925.

**LA SALLE COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—On Dec. 1 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$12,000 5% 15-40-year bonds.

**LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lebanon), Lebanon County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—The \$110,000 4 1/4% coupon (registered) high school annex bonds recently authorized—V. 115, p. 1761—are being offered on Dec. 28. Wm. R. Mark, Secretary of Board of School Directors, will receive proposals until 7:30 p. m. on that date. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Int. semi-ann. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$20,000 1933. \$35,000 1943, and \$55,000 1953. Certified check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the District, required. Legality approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson, Philadelphia.

**LEIPSIC, Putnam County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—Duffee, Niles & Co. of Toledo, were awarded the issue of \$7,500 5 1/4% coupon refunding bonds offered on Nov. 20 (V. 115, p. 2182) on Nov. 27 for a premium of \$113 80, equal to 101.517, a basis of about 4.21%. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due \$500 yearly from 1923 to 1937, incl. Other bidders were: Prudden & Co., Toledo, \$81 00; W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo, \$8 25; W. R. Terry & Co., Toledo, 65 00; Ryan, Bowman & Co., Toledo, 8 25; N. S. Hill & Co., Cincinnati, 44 00; A. T. Bell & Co., Toledo, 2 30; Seasongood & Mayer, Cinclin' 10 00.

**LENOIR, Caldwell County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—The \$225,000 5 1/4% coupon (with privilege of registration) street impt. bonds offered on Dec. 6—V. 115, p. 2404—were awarded to A. T. Bell & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$475, equal to 100.21, a basis of about 5.48%. Date Nov. 1 1922. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$21,000, 1924, and \$12,000, 1925 to 1941 inclusive.

**LIBERAL, Can Creek, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—On Nov. 22 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$24,492 19 5 1/2% impt. bonds.

**LIGONIER, Noble County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Arlo O. Shearer, City Treasurer, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Dec. 18 for an issue \$15,700 5% coupon city bonds. Date Oct. 1 1922. Denom. \$785. Due \$785 semi-annually from July 1 1924 to Jan. 1 1934. Int. semi-ann. No bid for less than par will be considered.

**LINN GROVE (P. O. Buena Vista), Iowa.—BOND SALE.**—We are advised by Schanke & Co. of Mason City that they recently purchased \$4,000 5 1/4% funding bonds at par.

**LIVINGSTON PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Springville), La.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. Jan. 2 1923 by the President of the Police Jury for \$30,000 6% coupon road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Int. F. & A. Due 1942. A cert. check for \$2,000, payable to H. B. Berthelot, President of the Police Jury, required.

**LUBBOCK COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$13,500 6% 20-40-year bonds on Dec. 1.

**LYNDHURST, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—It is reported that the issue of \$15,000 5% coupon (village portion) water bonds offered on Dec. 4 (V. 115, p. 2501) has been sold to the Guardian Savings & Trust Co. of Cleveland. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1938 inclusive.

**McCANDLESS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wexford, R. F. D. No. 2), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—L. V. Hartman, Secretary, Board of Education, will receive sealed bids at the Ingoter School Bldg., until 3 p. m. Dec. 22 for the purchase of an issue of \$35,000 4 1/2% tax-free coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$9,000 on Dec. 1 1927; \$9,000 Dec. 1 1932; \$9,000, Dec. 1 1937, and \$8,000, Dec. 1 1942. Cert. check for \$500, required.

**MAIZE, Sedgewick County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—On Nov. 14 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$8,000 5% electric light bonds.

**MANZANOLA, Otero County, Colo.—BOND SALE.**—The \$27,500 refunding bonds offered on Dec. 4—V. 115, p. 2404—were awarded to Wilcox & Sons of Denver as 5 1/2%. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-J.) payable at Kountze Bros., N. Y. City. Due serially.

**MARSHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Marshall), Saline County, Mo.—BOND ELECTION ILLEGAL.—NEW ELECTION.**—Regarding the \$200,000 school bonds recently voted (V. 115, p. 2404), W. M. Westbrook, Supt. Board of Education, says: "Issue was voted Nov. 20 but was illegal because premature. We are voting again on Dec. 11."

**MARTIN COUNTY (P. O. Fairmont), Minn.—BOND SALE.**—The \$47,831 89 5/8% bonds offered on Nov. 28 (V. 115, p. 2294) were awarded to the Northwestern Trust Co. of St. Paul as 4 1/4% at par less a discount of \$20, equal to 99.95. Date Nov. 1 1922. Due on Nov. 1 from 1933 to 1942 incl.

**MATAGORDA COUNTY (P. O. Bay City), Tex.—BONDS VOTED.**—Our Western representative advises us that \$1,500,000 road bonds were voted on Nov. 25.

**MELROSE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—It is reported a temporary loan of \$100,000 offered for sale on Dec. 6 has been awarded to C. I. Edwards & Co. of Boston, on a 4.30% discount basis. Denom. \$5,000 and \$10,000. Due \$50,000 July 12 1923, and \$50,000 Aug. 13 1923.

**MEMPHIS, Shelby County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.**—The six issues of coupon bonds, aggregating \$2,961,000, offered on Dec. 5 (V. 115, p. 2294), were awarded to a syndicate of bankers composed of W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., Barr Brothers & Co., Graham, Parsons & Co., all of New York; the Old Colony Trust Co. and Edmunds Bros. of Boston, and G. H. Walker & Co. of St. Louis, at 100.19 as 4 1/4% and 5%, equal to a basis of about 4.86%. \$1,200,000 water bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$34,000 1927 to 1938 incl. and \$33,000 1939 to 1942 incl. 77,000 hospital bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$4,000 1925 and 1926 and \$3,000 1927 to 1943 incl. 582,000 street improvement bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$24,000 1925 to 1931 incl. and \$23,000 1932 to 1949 incl. 100,000 sewer construction improvement bonds. Due \$4,000 yearly on July 1 from 1925 to 1949 incl. 252,000 river terminal and warehouse bonds. Due \$7,000 yearly on July 1 from 1927 to 1962 incl. 750,000 special assessment improvement bonds. Due \$150,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1927 incl. Date July 1, 1922. All of the above bonds with the exception of the \$1,200,000 water and \$252,000 river terminal bonds, which were awarded as 4 1/4% were awarded as 5%. The bonds are now being offered to investors at prices to yield 4.60% for 4 1/4% bonds and from 4.60% to 4.70% for 5% bonds, according to maturities.

**MEMPHIS CITY SCHOOLS (P. O. Memphis), Shelby County, Tenn.—CITY SCHOOL BOARD TO ISSUE NOTES.**—The Memphis "Appeal" of Nov. 28 had the following to say regarding the issuance of \$600,000 short-term notes: "Issuance of \$600,000 in short-term notes to cover current expenses in operating the city schools until next Fall is being contemplated by the Board of Education, it developed last night at the regular meeting, which proved to be one of the shortest in history. The notes will be offered for sale early in January to become due the following October, when the taxes shall all have come in, Marion G. Evans, attorney for the Board, has been instructed by Larry Humes, Chairman, upon recommendation of the Board, to prepare the notes for sale and Secretary G. W. Garner will advertise for bids early next month. A similar amount of short-term notes were issued last year. "The finances of the School Board, as has been the case for the last several years, are virtually depleted at this time. The notes will be necessary to pay salaries for the 1,100 teachers and employees and attend to minor expenses that ordinarily occur in the process of operation. None of the money is to be used for building or construction purposes."

**MERCER, Mercer County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—L. R. Rickard, Secretary of the Borough Council, will receive proposals until 7 p. m. Dec. 15 for \$4,000 5 1/2% borough and \$18,000 6% East Butler Street improvement coupon bonds. The \$4,000 issue is described as follows: Denom. \$500. Due Dec. 1 1951, optional Dec. 1 1936. The \$18,000 issue Denom. \$1,000. Due in 5 years, redeemable semi-annually. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the First National Bank of Mercer. Certified check for \$200 required with \$4,000 issue, \$540 with \$18,000 issue.

**MIAMI COUNTY (P. O. Peru), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The following five issues of 5% coupon bonds offered on May 31—V. 111, p. 2271—on June 6 were sold to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis at about a 1 1/4% premium: \$4,050 Emanuel Yoder et al. Union Township Free Gravel Road No. 3 bonds. Denom. 202 50. 5,900 Joseph A. Connor et al. Allen Township Free Gravel Road No. 6 bonds. Denom. \$295. 11,450 Owen Murphy et al. Richland Township Free Gravel Road No. 9 bonds. Denom. \$572 50. 5,900 Charles N. Wales et al. Jackson Township Free Gravel Road No. 21 bonds. Denom. \$295. 13,320 Henddeson-Dewalt et al. Richland and Perry Townships, Free Gravel Road bonds. Denom. \$668. Date April 15 1922. Int. May 15 and Nov. 15. Due one bond of each issue semi-annually from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932 inclusive.

**MINERAL SPRINGS TOWNSHIP, Moore County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed proposals will be received by the County Superintendent of Schools (P. O. Carthage) for \$75,000 6% coupon school bonds, until 2 p. m. Dec. 11. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the National Park Bank, N. Y. City. Due in 20 years. A certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company (or cash) payable to the Bank of Pinehurst, County Treasury, for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, required.

**MISSOURI (State of)—BOND SALE.**—A syndicate composed of Kuhn Loeb & Co., Hallgarten & Co., both of New York and the First National, Co. of St. Louis, have purchased the \$5,000,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered series "B" road bonds offered on Dec. 5—V. 115, p. 2501—at \$4,978,000, equal to 99.56, a basis of about 4.73%. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000,000 1923 and 1924, and \$1,000,000 1925. The successful syndicate is now offering these bonds to investors at prices to yield from 4.25 to 4.30% (according to maturities) in an advertisement appearing on a previous page of this issue.

Liberty Central Trust Co. and Mercantile Trust Co., St. Louis; Blair & Co. Chase Securities Corp., Equitable Trust Co. and Solomon & Co., New York, \$99 53; Kauffmann, Smith, Emert & Co. and National Bank of Commerce, St. Louis; Estabrook & Co., New York; Prescott & Sulder, Kan. Co. 99 451; Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Merchants Loan & Trust Co., First Trust & Savings Bank and Illinois Trust Co., Chicago; Stix & Co. and Wm. R. Compton Co., St. Louis, 99 287; Pressprich & Co., H. L. Allen & Co., Blake Bros., Ogilby & Austin, Rutter & Co. and Van Ingen & Co., New York; Curtis & Sanger, Boston, 99 21; Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis; Guaranty Trust Co., Brown Bros., Stacy & Braun, Barr Bros. and Harriman & Co., New York; Ames, Emerich & Co., Chicago; First National Co. of Detroit, Detroit, 99 147; Smith, Moore & Co., St. Louis; National City Co. and Bankers Trust Co., New York; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Chicago, 98 70; Central Missouri Trust Co., Jefferson City, 98 624.

**MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Albia), Iowa.—BONDS DEFEATED.**—At a recent election an issue of \$15,000 fair ground bonds failed to carry by a vote of 2,105 "for" to 3,852 "against" the issue.

**MONROE COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Key West), Fla.—BOND SALE.**—The \$75,000 6% school building and equipment bonds offered on Nov. 28—V. 115, p. 2295—were awarded to Kauffman-Smith-Emert & Co., Inc., of St. Louis, at a premium of \$755, equal to 101, a basis of about 5.93%. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due Oct. 1 1952.



MONTELELIER, Bear Lake County, Idaho.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Jan. 3 by F. L. Crullsbank, City Clerk, for \$15,000 coupon municipal water works bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Int. rate not to exceed 6%. Due in 20 years, optional after 10 years. A certified check on a reliable bank or trust company for 5% of amount offered required.

MONTEBELLO HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 5% school bonds offered on Dec. 4—V. 115, p. 2501—were awarded to the Security Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles, and associates, at a premium of \$100, equal to 100.03, a basis of about 4.99%. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due \$12,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1923 to 1947, inclusive.

MONTROSE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Montrose), Colo.—BOND SALE.—Boettcher, Porter & Co. of Denver, have purchased an issue of \$7,300 5 1/2% school refunding bonds.

MORRIS, Okmulgee County, Okla.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on Dec. 12 to permit the taxpayers to vote upon the issuance of \$67,000 worth of bonds for the purpose of extending the water works system. The bonds are to bear 8% interest and run for 35 years.

MORRISTOWN, Morris County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Vincent D. Roache, Town Clerk, will receive bids until 8 p. m. Dec. 19 for the purchase of not less than par and interest of an issue of 4.30% coupon refunding bonds, not to exceed \$135,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$135,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 30 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D. 30), payable in U. S. gold of the present standard of weight and fineness at the Town Treasurer's office. Due \$4,000 yearly on Dec. 30 from 1923 to 1956, inclusive. Certified check on a solvent incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Town, required.

MT. BLANCHARD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mt. Blanchard), Hancock County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$95,000 5% coupon school building bonds offered on Dec. 2—V. 115, p. 2295—were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, for \$95,026, equal to 100.027, a basis of about 4.99%. Date Sept. 15 1922. Due \$4,000 yearly on Sept. 15 from 1924 to 1947, inclusive.

MOUNTAIN GROVE, Wright County, Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—An election, to vote on the question of issuing \$15,000 water works bonds, will be held on Dec. 12.

MT. PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Reading), Berks County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—W. E. Bates, District Secretary, will receive bids until 7 p. m. Dec. 15 for \$10,000 4 1/2% coupon (registerable) school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due \$1,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1923 to 1932, inclusive. Certified check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, required.

NEODESHA, Wilson County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$15,370 4 1/4% paving bonds on Nov. 14.

NEWARK, New Castle County, Del.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that an issue of \$180,000 5% school bonds were sold at par to Laird & Co. of Wilmington, and 2 local banks.

NEWCASTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Newcastle), Lawrence County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Hugh M. Marquis, Secretary of the School Board, until 8 p. m. Dec. 12 for an issue of \$300,000 4 1/2% coupon school building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due yearly on Jan. 1 from 1931 to 1940, incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable in lawful money of the United States, at the office of the Treasurer of the School Board. The official announcement states that the bonds are tax-free in Pennsylvania. These bonds are issued under the Acts of the Legislature of April 20 1874 and May 18 1911. Cert. check for 1% of bid, required.

NEW HAVEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$8,000 6% 20-year bonds on Dec. 2.

NEW JERSEY (State of)—BOND OFFERING.—Additional information is at hand relative to offering on Dec. 19 of \$2,000,000 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration), Series C, highway extension bonds—V. 115, p. 2295. Proposals will be received until 11 a. m. on that date by N. A. K. Bugbee, State Comptroller. Denom. coupon bonds \$1,000; registered bonds up to \$50,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Mechanics National Bank, Trenton. Due Jan. 1 1953; callable after 15 years upon 6 months' notice. Cert. check for 3% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to Wm. T. Read, State Treasurer, required. Bonds will not be sold at less than par and interest. Delivery to be made at Trenton on Jan. 2.

NEW PRAGUE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New Prague), Le Sueur County, Minn.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 527 "for" to 125 "against" an issue of \$100,000 4 1/4% school bldg. bonds was recently voted.

NICHOLSON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Martin), Fayette County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—Glover & MacGregor of Pittsburgh, were awarded an issue of \$30,000 4 1/4% imp't bonds at a premium of \$501, equal to 101.67. Date June 15 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 15 1952. Int. J. & D.

NICKERSON, Reno County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$83,500 5% paving bonds on Nov. 9.

NOBLE COUNTY (P. O. Albion), Ind.—BOND SALE.—J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis, were awarded the \$6,800 5% Frank Shearer et al., Sparta Township bonds offered on Dec. 4 (V. 115, p. 2501) for \$6,825 (100.37) and accrued int., a basis of about 4.93%. Date Sept. 15 1922. Due \$340 from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932.

NORFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Portsmouth), Va.—BOND ELECTION.—On Dec. 19 an election will be held in Deep Creek Magisterial District to vote on the question of issuing bonds in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for school purposes in Deep Creek School District No. 2.

NORTH BEND, Coos County, Ore.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Nov. 25—V. 115, p. 2183—the \$60,000 city wharf bonds were voted.

NORTH BRADDOCK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. North Braddock), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals for the purchase of the \$80,000 4 1/4% coupon school bonds which were authorized at the recent general election—V. 115, p. 2183—will be received until 7:30 p. m. Dec. 22 by A. G. Wallace, District Secretary. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due \$10,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1937 to 1944, incl. Cert. check for \$1,000, payable to the District Treasurer, required.

NORTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that Redmond & Co., of Pittsburgh, were the successful bidders for the \$80,000 4 1/4% school bonds, offered on Dec. 4 (V. 115, p. 2183). Their bid was a premium of \$1,076, equal to 101.34, a basis of about 4.38%. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1924 to 1942, inclusive; \$3,000 from 1943 to 1945, inclusive; \$4,000 in 1946; \$5,000 in 1947 and 1948; \$5,000 from 1949 to 1951, and \$1,000 in 1952.

NORTH SPOKANE IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Spokane), Wash.—BONDS VOTED.—A vote of 136 "for" to 63 "against" carried the proposition to issue \$75,000 bonds.

NUMA DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Crowley County, Colo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Dec. 23 by William Broadbent, District Secretary, (P. O. Ordway) for \$150,000 (part of an authorized issue of \$200,000) 6% coupon drainage bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.), payable at the County Treasurer's office and at Kountze Bros., N. Y. City. A cert. check for \$16,000, payable to the above official, is required. Due serially 1927 to 1938, incl. Bonds to be ready for delivery on date of sale accompanied by approving legal opinion of Pershing, Nye, Fry & Tallmadge, Denver.

OAKLEY JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Oakley), Logan County, Kan.—BONDS VOTED.—On Nov. 10 an issue of \$100,000 school bonds was voted.

ONG, Clay County, Neb.—BONDS TO BE SOLD PRIVATELY.—The \$15,000 6% electric plant bonds recently voted—V. 115, p. 2404—are to be sold at a private sale. The bonds are described as follows: Denom. \$500. Coupon bonds. Date Nov. 1 1922. Int. M. & N. Due Nov. 1 1942, optional after 5 years.

ORANGE COUNTY (P. O. Orange), Tex.—CORRECTION.—The date on which the \$250,000 navigation imp't. bond issue will be submitted to a vote is Dec. 30 not Dec. 23 as incorrectly reported by us in V. 115, p. 2502.

ORANGEBURG COUNTY (P. O. Orangeburg), So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Dec. 14 by L. K. Sturkie, Clerk Highway Commission, for \$100,000 bridge bonds. Date Jan. 1 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable in N. Y. City. Bidder to name rate of interest not to exceed 6%. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1924 to 1933, incl., and \$3,000 1933 to 1963, incl. A certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for \$2,000, payable to J. W. Smoak, Chairman of the Highway Commission, required. Delivery on or about Jan. 2 1923 in N. Y. City, or, at purchaser's expense for delivery and exchange, at place of his choice. Approving legal opinion of Chester B. Masslich, N. Y. City.

OREGON (State of)—BOND SALE.—The \$231,450 Oregon District interest bonds offered on Dec. 1—V. 115, p. 2075—were awarded to the Lumbermen's Trust Co. of Portland, as 4 1/8 at 100.03, a basis of about 4.49%. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due as follows: \$38,700 Jan. 1 1942, \$16,500 Jan. 1 1942, \$3,000 July 1 1943, \$42,750 Oct. 1 1944, \$2,850 Jan. 1 1946, \$7,800 July 1 1946, \$12,000 July 1 1947, \$23,000 Jan. 1 1949, \$8,250 July 1 1949, \$46,500 Jan. 1 1951 and \$30,000 July 1 1953.

OSWEGO COUNTY (P. O. Oswego), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—George H. Fuller, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 1 p. m. Dec. 12 for \$25,000 4 1/2% 3-year (average) bridge coupon bonds, it is stated. Date Oct. 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1923 to 1927 and \$1,000 in 1928. Principal and semi-annual int. (A. & O.) payable at the Irving National Bank of New York. Legality approved by L. H. Wallace, County Attorney. Certified check for \$500, payable to the county, required.

OWEN COUNTY (P. O. Owenton), Ky.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Dec. 23 to vote on issuing road bonds amounting to \$200,000.

PANOLA COUNTY (P. O. Carthage), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—A bond issue of \$750,000 for roads will be submitted to a vote of the people on Dec. 23. A. D. Nelson, County Judge.

PANOLA COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Nov. 28 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$12,200 5% 10-20-year serial bonds.

PASSAIC COUNTY, Passaic County, New Jersey.—BOND SALE.—E. M. Grant & Co. of New York, bidding \$642,175 for \$632,000 bonds, equal to 101.60, a basis of 4.35%, were awarded the 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal and interest) general improvement bonds offered on Dec. 4 (V. 115, p. 2404). Date Dec. 1 1922. Due serially on Dec. 1 as follows: \$20,000 from 1923 to 1952 incl., \$21,000 in 1953 and \$11,000 in 1954. These bonds are now being offered to investors at prices to yield 4.20%.

Other bidders were:

Other Bidders.	Premium.	Other Bidders.	Premium.
Equitable Trust Co.	100.13	C. Whittis & Co.	100.39
Harris Forbes & Co.	100.31	Ban Bros. & Co.	100.42
Eldredge & Co.	101.17	Remick Hodges & Co.	100.31
Passaic Bk. & Trust Co.	101.09	Lamport, Barker & Jennings, Inc.	101.17
Lehman Bros.	101.02	Redmond & Co.	100.79

PATASKALA, Licking County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Dec. 22 by Elias Williams, Village Clerk, for the purchase at not less than par and int. of \$4,500 5 1/4% refunding bonds, issued under authority of Sec. 3916, Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 15 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due \$500 yearly on Dec. 15 from 1924 to 1932, inclusive.

PELHAM MANOR, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$28,500 coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal or as to both principal and interest) storm water drain bonds offered on Dec. 4 (V. 115, p. 2405) were awarded to George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., of New York at 101.09 for 4 1/8, a basis of about 4.39%. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due \$1,500 on Dec. 1 in each of the years 1927 to 1945 incl.

PENDER, Thurston County, Nebr.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 coupon tax-free funding bonds offered on Nov. 14—V. 115, p. 2075—were purchased by Burns, Brinker & Co. of Omaha, as 6 at a premium of \$14, equal to 100.07, a basis of about 4.99%. Date Nov. 1 1922. Due Nov. 1 1942, optional Nov. 1 1932.

PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Camden), Camden County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. Dec. 11 by Robert V. Teabody, Township Clerk, for the following three issues of curb and sidewalk 5% coupon bonds, no more bonds of either issue to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of bonds offered: \$42,000 assessment bonds. Denom. \$4,000. Due \$4,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1923 to 1930 incl. 4,000 assessment bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1923 to 1930 incl. 6,000 general bonds. Denom. \$600. Due \$600 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1923 to 1932 incl. Date Dec. 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, N. Y. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bid required.

PHILLIPS AND SEDGEWICK COUNTIES JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36, Colo.—BOND SALE.—Benwell, Phillips & Co. of Denver, have purchased \$3,000 6% school bldg. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1922. Semi-ann. int. (J. & D.), payable at Kountze Bros., N. Y. City, and principal payable at County Treasurer's office in Holyoke. Due Dec. 1 1952, optional Dec. 1 1937.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation, 1921	\$401,720
Total bonded debt, including this issue	8,000
Population, 1900	

PITTSBURG, Crawford County, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$10,108 5% general improvement bonds on Nov. 21.

PONTIAC, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that the city, using its general collateral fund, has purchased its own special assessment bonds. The issues include \$7,600 for curb and gutters and \$3,800 for sidewalks. They are short-term and draw 5 1/4% interest. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1922.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Dutchess County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Isaac Platt, City Treasurer, will receive bids until 12 m. Dec. 20 for \$278,000 4 1/2% 1 1/2-year (average) coupon or registered refunding bonds. Date Dec. 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$40,000 in 1928, \$8,000 from 1929 to 1951, inclusive, and \$54,000 in 1952. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.) payable at the Fallkill National Bank, of Poughkeepsie, or in New York exchange. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., of New York. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, Esqs., of New York. Certified check for 2% of bid required.

PRICE RIVER CONSERVATIVE WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Price), Utah.—BONDS VOTED.—On Nov. 28 an issue of \$750,000 bonds for the purpose of building a dam and reservoir was voted at a election held on that day.

PROSPECT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33, Ramsey County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of November the State of North Dakota purchased \$5,000 4% bldg. bonds at par. Date July 1 1920. Due July 1 1940; bonds are not subject to call, but may be redeemed 2 years from date of issue.

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. Pueblo), Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—BOND SALE.—Subject to being voted at an election to be held soon, Joseph D. Grigsby & Co. of Pueblo, have purchased \$6,000 refunding bonds.

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 47, Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—BOND SALE.—Joseph D. Grigsby & Co. of Pueblo, have purchased \$6,500 refunding bonds, subject to being voted at an election to be held shortly.

PULASKI COUNTY (P. O. Winamac), Ind.—BOND SALE.—J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis, were awarded the 2 issues of 5% coupon road bonds offered on Dec. 4 (V. 115, p. 2502) as follows: \$7,000 John Vankirk et al., Salem Twp. bonds for a premium of \$80.50, equal to 101.15, a basis of about 4.78%. Denom. \$350. Due \$350 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive. 8,000 David Barnhill et al., Cass & White Post Twp. bonds for a premium of \$84, equal to 101.05, a basis of about 4.80%. Denom. \$800. Due \$800 yearly on Nov. 15 from 1924 to 1933, inclusive. Date Nov. 15 1923. Int. M. & N.

QUINTER, Grove County, Kan.—BONDS SOLD.—The \$42,000 water bonds voted on Nov. 17—V. 115, p. 2405—have been sold.

REDONDO BEACH, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—On Nov. 28 a bond issue of \$125,000 for the purchase of the Redondo Hotel tract was voted by a count of 1,699 "for" to 250 "against" the issue.

REIDSVILLE, Rockingham County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 street impt. bonds offered on Dec. 4—V. 115, p. 2405—were purchased by R. M. Grant & Co., Inc., of New York as 5 1/8 at 100.36, a basis of about 5.23%. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due on March 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1925 to 1934 incl.; \$9,000, 1935 and 1936; \$14,000, 1937 and 1938; \$19,000, 1939 and 1940; and \$22,000, 1941, 1942 and 1943.

RICHMOND, Henrico County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Dec. 19, by Barton H. Grundy, Chairman of the Finance Committee, for \$750,000 sewer, \$500,000 water works, \$250,000 gas works and \$500,000 public impt. 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only or both principal and int.) bonds. Date Jan. 1 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the City Comptroller's office or (unless the bonds be registered) at the office of the fiscal agent in New York City. Due Jan. 1 1927. A cert. check for 1 1/2% of amount bid for, required. The successful bidder will be furnished with the opinions of Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt of New York City, that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of the City of Richmond, and the bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. of New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the City officials and the seal impressed thereon.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—On Dec. 6 the \$325,000 school construction notes, payable 8 months from Dec. 11 1922, offered on that date (V. 115, p. 2502) were sold to Salomon Bros. & Hutzler of New York, on a 4 3/4% interest basis plus a premium of \$7. Other bidders were: Traders' National Bank, Rochester 4.34%; F. S. Moseley & Co., New York City 4.52%; Security Trust Co., Rochester 4.40% \$10 00; S. N. Bond & Co., New York City 4.70% 23 00; Lincoln-Alliance Bank, Rochester 5% 25 00

ROXBURY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Landing), Morris County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$81,000 5% coupon school house addition bonds, offered on Dec. 4 (V. 115, p. 2405), were awarded to H. L. Allen & Co., of New York, at 100.594, a basis of about 4.92%. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due in two series, one \$3,000 on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1942, inclusive, and the other \$1,500 on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1936, inclusive.

ST. IGNACE, Mackinac County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that an election will be held on Dec. 12 to vote on the question of issuing \$27,500 bonds to rebuild city power plant.

ST. FRANCIS, Cheyenne County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$38,872.44 5% sewer bonds on Nov. 15.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY (P. O. Clayton), Mo.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,000,000 4 1/2% coupon road bonds offered on Dec. 5—V. 115, p. 2502—were awarded jointly to Kauffman-Smith-Emert & Co., Inc., First National Co., both of St. Louis and the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, at 98.81, a basis of about 4.63%. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$62,000, 1927 to 1941, incl., and \$70,000, 1942.

ST. PAUL, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. Dec. 14 by Jesse Foote, City Comptroller, for \$100,000 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) water works bonds. Date Dec. 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 30 years. A certified check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, required. The approving opinion of Wood & Oakley of Chicago, will be furnished at the time of sale. The official announcement offering these bonds says: "The city of St. Paul has never defaulted on any of its obligations and its principal and interest on its bonds previously issued have always been paid promptly at maturity."

SALEM, Salem County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. Dec. 11 by W. B. Dunn, City Recorder, for an issue of 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) water works bonds, not to exceed \$15,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$15,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 29 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the City National Bank of Salem. Due \$1,000 yearly on Dec. 29 from 1924 to 1938, incl. Certified check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, required.

SANDUSKY COUNTY (P. O. Fremont), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following 2 issues of 5 1/2% coupon bonds aggregating \$63,000 offered on July 5 (V. 115, p. 107) were sold on July 15 to A. T. Bell & Co. of Toledo, for \$64,303, equal to 102.06, a basis of about 5.057%. \$38,000 E. J. Jeschke Road impt. bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1923 to 1929, incl., and \$5,000 in 1930 and 1931. 25,000 Ohio, Walnut and Fifth Sts. impt. bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1923 and 1924, and \$3,000 from 1925 to 1931, inclusive. Denoms. \$500 and \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. A. & O.

SCHENECTADY, Schenectady County, N. Y.—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by William A. Wick, City Comptroller, until 11 a. m., Dec. 13 for the sale of \$392,500 temporary loan notes bearing date of Dec. 15 1922, to be issued for a temporary loan in anticipation of the sale of bonds to provide funds to pay for the cost of construction of a bridge across the Mohawk River and barge canal at Schenectady, pursuant to Chapter 725 of the Laws of 1917 and Chapter 634 of the Laws of 1919, and an ordinance adopted by the Common Council of said city, Nov. 20 1922, and duly approved by the Mayor and Board of Estimate and Apportionment. The principal will become due and payable in New York exchange June 15 1923 at the Treasurer's office or the Chase National Bank, New York, as the successful bidder may elect, unless delivery is desired elsewhere, the notes will be delivered to the purchaser through said bank.

Proposals to state the lowest rate of interest at which the loan will be taken, not exceeding 6% per annum. Certified check payable to the City Comptroller for 1% of the par value of the notes bid for. Purchaser to take up and pay for the notes within 10 days after notice of the award. Bidder should specify denominations of notes desired. Accrued interest must be paid by the bidder.

SEA CLIFF, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 6 an issue of \$25,000 5% incinerator plant bonds was sold to George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., of New York for 103.53, a basis of about 4.60%. Date Dec. 15 1922. Denom. \$1,250. Due \$1,250 on Dec. 15 from 1924 to 1943 incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D. 15) payable at the office of the Village Treasurer.

SHADE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cairnbrook), Somerset County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—Graham & Parsons of Philadelphia were awarded an issue of \$39,500 5% school building bonds at 100.36 on Aug. 5 1922. Date Aug. 5 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000 yearly on Nov. 1; subject to call after 1928. Interest M. & N.

SHAWNEE COUNTY (P. O. Topeka), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$175,000 4 1/2% road improvement bonds on Nov. 15 and \$21,900 4 1/2% road impt. bonds on Nov. 21.

SHARON HILL, Delaware County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be entertained until 8 p. m. Dec. 27 by Wm. H. Milliken, Borough Secretary, for \$9,000 4 1/2% registered bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 2 1923. Int. semi-ann. Due Jan. 2 1923. It is said that these bonds are free from the Pennsylvania State tax.

SHELBY TOWNSHIP, Oceana County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—W. O. Cole, Township Clerk, is receiving proposals until 8 p. m. Dec. 21 for \$10,000 5% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. annually. Due \$2,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1928 to 1932, incl. Cert. check for \$100, required.

SHERWOOD, Calumet County, Wis.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 715 "for" to 191 "against" a proposition to issue \$75,000 lighting system bonds carried at a recent election.

SHULLSBURG, Lafayette County, Wisc.—BOND OFFERING.—V. G. Jackson, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until Dec. 19 for the following 2 issues of 6% bonds: General street impt. bonds amounting to from \$7,000 to \$10,000 in denom. of \$1,000 and maturing serially 1 to 10 years. General sewer impt. bonds amounting to \$5,000 in denominations of \$500 and maturing serially from 1 to 10 years. A cert. check for 10% of bonds, required.

SOMERVILLE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—It is reported that a temporary loan of \$100,000 maturing June 12 1923, has been awarded to the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Boston, on a 4.125% discount basis plus a \$5 premium.

SOUTH DAKOTA (State of)—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of the Guaranty Co. of New York; Bankers' Trust Co., Stacy & Braun, Ames, Emerick & Co., Wm. R. Compton Co., and Hannibal, Ballin & Lee all of New York; the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, and the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis, has purchased the \$3,000,000 4 1/2% rural credit bonds offered on Dec. 1—V. 115, p. 2503—at a premium of \$27,300, equal to 100.91, a basis of about 4.70%. Date Nov. 15 1922. Due Nov. 15 1942.

We are advised by the Guaranty Company of New York that all of the above bonds have been sold.

STELLA, Richardson County, Neb.—BONDS DEFEATED.—A proposition to issue \$3,500 fire apparatus bonds was defeated at a recent election by a count of 50 "for" to 61 "against" the issue.

STRATTON, Kit Carson County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—Benwell, Phillips & Co. of Denver, have purchased \$25,000 6% water bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M.-N.), payable at the Town Treasurer's office or at Kountze Bros., N. Y. City, at option of holder. Due Nov. 1 1937.

Financial Statement.  
Assessed valuation, 1921.....\$659,713  
Total bonded debt, all for water.....75,000  
Population, Federal census, 1920, 421.  
Population, officially estimated, 600.

SULLIVAN COUNTY (P. O. Sullivan), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—J. Havre Thompson, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 12 m. Dec. 11 for the following 2 issues of 5% highway impt. bonds: \$9,400 Oscar W. Allen et al., Curry Township bonds. 9,400 Joseph Berlingmier et al., Curry Township bonds. Date Sept. 15 1922. Denom. \$70. Due 1 bond of each issue each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, incl. Int. M. & N. No. No bids for less than par and accrued interest. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

SUMMIT COUNTY (P. O. Akron), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$65,000 5% coupon Sanitary Impt. No. 13 Talmadge Sewer District No. 1 bonds, offered on Nov. 17 (V. 115, p. 2076), were awarded to Richards, Parish Lamson of Cleveland, for a premium of \$743, (101.114) and accrued int., a basis of about 4.85%. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000 in each of the years 1926, 1929, 1932, 1935 and 1938, and \$4,000 in each of the other years from 1924 to 1937, inclusive.

SWEDESBORO, Gloucester County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 5 the \$57,000 5% water bonds offered on that date (V. 115, p. 2503) were sold to the Swedesboro National Bank of Swedesboro for \$57,779.50 (101.36) and int., a basis of about 4.89%. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due \$1,500 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1924 to 1961 incl. Graham, Parsons & Co. of Philadelphia submitted a bid of par and interest.

SWEETWATER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sweetwater), Nolan County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—BOND SALE.—At the election held on Nov. 25—V. 115, p. 2076—the \$80,000 5 1/2% school building bonds were voted. Since being voted the bonds have been sold.

TARRANT COUNTY (P. O. Fort Worth), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$1,200,000 4 1/2% road and bridge repairing bonds on Nov. 28.

TAYLOR, Williamson County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—The \$32,000 5% coupon (with privilege of registration as to both principal and interest) school bonds offered on Dec. 5 (V. 115, p. 2406) were awarded to J. T. Bowman of Austin at a discount of \$425, equal to 98.66, a basis of about 5.11%. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1929 to 1938 incl. and \$2,000 1939 to 1949 incl.

TEXAS (State of)—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following bonds have been registered with the State Comptroller:  
Amount. Place. Int. Rate. Due. Date Reg.  
\$1,500 Limestone Co. Com. S. D. No. 113.....5% 10-20 yrs. Nov. 29  
3,500 Limestone Co. Com. S. D. No. 39.....5% 10-20 yrs. Nov. 29  
1,500 Coleman Co. Com. S. D. No. 2.....6% 10-20 yrs. Dec. 1  
2,000 Van Zandt Co. Com. S. D. No. 68.....6% 10-20 yrs. Dec. 1  
3,000 Hardeman Co. Com. S. D. No. 19.....6% 5-20 yrs. Dec. 1  
4,000 Hardeman Co. Com. S. D. No. 27.....6% 5-40 yrs. Dec. 1  
4,000 Grayson Co. Com. S. D. No. 109.....6% serially Dec. 1  
2,000 Panola Co. Com. S. D. No. 4.....5% 20 years Dec. 1

TULIA, Swisher County, Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. Dec. 18 by C. R. Walters, City Manager, for the following 6% bonds: \$45,000 water works extension bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Jan. 10 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1952, incl., and \$2,000, 1953 to 1962, inclusive. 30,000 sewer extension bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 10 from 1933 to 1962, inclusive.

25,000 light plant extension bonds. Denom. \$500. Due on Jan. 10 as follows: \$500, 1928 to 1947, incl., and \$1,000, 1948 to 1962, incl. Date Dec. 16 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D. 10) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. A certified or cashier's check on some reputable bank for \$3,000, payable to A. J. Harris, Mayor, required. The official circular states: "The city will print the bonds, secure approving opinion of Attorney-General, and also furnish the approving opinion of Chas. B. Wood, of Wood & Oakley of Chicago. Bids are to be subject to immediate delivery of the bonds at date of sale, or as soon thereafter as the final approving opinion of the Attorney-General and Chas. B. Wood can be secured. Both interest and principal on all bonds previously issued have been promptly paid. Neither this nor any other issue of bonds by the city have ever been contested in any way, and there is not and has not been any litigation or controversy pending or threatened concerning the corporate existence or boundaries of the city, nor the title of the present officers or their offices."

UNION COUNTY (P. O. Elizabeth), N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of coupon (with privilege of registration) road and bridge bonds offered Dec. 1—V. 115, p. 2406—was awarded to J. S. Rippl & Co. of Newark, and the National State Bank of Elizabeth, who submitted a bid of \$132,041 for \$132,000 bonds, which is equal to 100.031, for 4 1/4%. This is on a basis of about 4.24%. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1924, 1925 and 1926, and \$6,000, 1927 to 1946, inclusive.

VANDALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Vandalia), Audrain County, Mo.—BOND ELECTION HELD ILLEGAL.—Our Western representative advises us that the election held recently—V. 115, p. 2406—at which \$70,000 school bldg. bonds were voted has been declared illegal, and a new election will have to be held.

VICTORIA COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 4, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$36,000 5 1/2% serial bonds on Nov. 27.

WALLACE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Manafield), De Soto Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—The Iibernia Securities Co., Inc., of New Orleans



has purchased the \$76,000 6% school bonds offered on Dec. 6 (V. 115, p. 2076) at a premium of \$1,705, equal to 104.26—a basis of about 5.53%—Date Nov. 15 1922. Due on Nov. 15 as follows: \$1,000, 1923 to 1927, inclusive; \$2,000, 1928 to 1937, inclusive; and \$3,000, 1938 to 1942, inclusive.

**WAMEGO, Pottawatomie County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—On Nov. 16 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$42,500 4½% paying bonds.

**WATSONVILLE, Santa Cruz County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED—BOND OFFERING.**—By a vote of 1,194 "for" to 83 "against" an issue of \$225,000 5% water works purchase bonds carried. Sealed bids will be received until Dec. 12 by M. M. Swisher, City Clerk, for these bonds.

**WAYNE, McClain County, Okla.—BOND SALE.**—The Taylor-White Co. of Oklahoma City has purchased \$25,000 6% water works bonds at par.

**WELDON GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Weldon), Halifax County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received by W. E. Daniel, Chairman Board of Education, until 10 a. m. Dec. 18 for \$75,000 6% school bonds. Date July 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$500 yearly from 1938 to 1952 inclusive.

**WEST PLANES, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—On Nov. 27 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$5,000 5% water and light bonds.

**WHARTON COUNTY (P. O. Wharton), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—On Nov. 27 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$80,000 5½% special road bonds.

**WHITEVILLE, Columbus County, No. Caro.—BONDS OFFERED.**—M. T. Moyus, Town Clerk, offered \$97,000 6% water and electric-light-system bonds at 12 noon Dec. 5. Date Dec. 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable at the National City Bank, N. Y. City. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1925 to 1955 incl., and \$5,000, 1956 to 1962 incl.

*Financial Statement.*

Assessed valuation for 1922	\$1,537,694
Total bonded debt, including this issue	219,500
Water and light bonds included in the above	\$97,000
Sinking fund on hand	6,500
Population, 1920 Census	1,664

**WILDROSE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 90, Williams and Divide Counties, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.**—The State of North Dakota purchased \$5,000 4% building bonds at par during the month of November. Date May 1 1920. Due May 1 1940. Although the bonds are not subject to call they may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

**WILLIAMSBURG RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ottawa), Kans.—BONDS VOTED.**—Our Western representative advises us that \$8,000 school bldg. bonds were recently voted by a count of 81 to 65.

**WILMINGTON, Clinton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 2 \$64,700 5½% bonds were sold to N. S. Hill & Co. of Cincinnati for \$55,290 (100.91) and int. Included in the above amount (\$64,700) are the three issues of bonds mentioned in V. 115, p. 2184, 2593. Other bidders were: Ryan, Bowman & Co. \$65,278 42; Grau, Todd & Co. \$65,184 00; Breed, Elliott & Harrison. 65,205 00; Seasongood & Mayer. 65,164 00

**WINONA, Logan County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$34,000 5½% water works bonds on Nov. 9.

**WISNER, Cuming County, Neb.—BOND SALE.**—The \$15,000 electric-light bonds recently sanctioned by the voters—V. 115, p. 2407—have been sold to H. A. Laisy of Cleveland.

**WOODSFIELD, Monroe County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Geo. P. Dorr, Village Clerk, is receiving proposals until 12 m. Dec. 15 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$37,000 5½% power-house bonds. Denoms. 1 for \$2,000 and 14 for \$2,500.

Interest semi-annual. Due one bond yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1938, inclusive. Certified check for 10% of amount of bonds bid for, required.

**XENIA, Clay County, Ill.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$4,000 6% electric light improvement bonds was purchased by George H. Taylor Jr. & Co. of Chicago. Date Dec. 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 annually on July 1 from 1928 to 1931 incl. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the Standard Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago.

*Financial Statement.*

Assessed valuation (1921)	\$200,000
Actual debt (inclusive)	7,000
Population, Census 1920	648

**YAKIMA COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICTS (P. O. Yakima), Wash.—BOND & WARRANT SALE.**—The following is a list of the bids received for five of the six issues of bonds and warrants offered on Nov. 10—V. 115, p. 2077. The successful bid in each case is in bold face type.

Name of Bidder—	\$5,557 05		\$3,482 56			
	Sub. Dist.	\$6,000	\$10,000	Sub. Dist.		
Ferris & Hardgrove, Seattle	15½%	98.89		5½%	98.41	
Spokane & Eastern Trust Co., Spokane	16%	101.65		6%	99.39	
Murphy, Favre & Co., Spokane	6%	101.56	6%	95.247	6%	95.18
Union Tr. Co., Spokane	6%	101.25*	6%	98.00	6%	98.00
Carstens & Earles, Inc., Seattle	15½%	98.53a				
John E. Price & Co., Seattle	16%	101.73a				
Bond & Goodwin & Tucker Co., Seattle	6%	101.62a	6%	96.16	6%	96.16
Baillargeon, Winslow & Co., Seattle	5½%	98.17				
Yakima Tr. Co., Yakima	6%	97.16	6%	97.24	6%	97.24
Yakima Trust Co., Yakima	6%	99.38b				

\*And bonds. a Plus \$567 prem. b All or none. c Furnish bonds.

**YOUNGSTOWN, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—A. H. Williams, City Auditor, will receive bids until 12 m. Jan. 2 for the following 4 issues of coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds:

\$25,000 5% parks and playgrounds bonds. Date Dec. 15 1922. Due \$5,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1928, incl.  
 9,545 Stambaugh Ave. sewer bonds. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1927, incl., and \$1,545, 1928.  
 20,759 Pointview Ave. paving bonds. Date Jan. 2 1923. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1924 to 1927, incl., and \$4,759, 1928.  
 29,389 Neilson Ave. paving bonds. Date Jan. 2 1923. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1924 to 1927, incl., and \$5,389, 1928.  
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**BOND SALE.**—The \$40,000 5% Elm St. bridge repair bonds offered on Nov. 27—V. 115, p. 2077—were awarded to Lamport, Barker & Jennings of New York. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due \$4,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1933, inclusive.

**ZEPHYRHILL, Pasco County, Fla.—BOND SALE.**—Prudden & Co. of Toledo, and the American State Bank of Zephyrhills, jointly, have purchased the \$37,500 6% water works and street bonds offered on Dec. 4—V. 115, p. 2298—at a premium of \$50, equal to 100.13, a basis of about 5.98%. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1933; \$15,000, 1943, and \$17,500, 1953.

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**CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.**

**BARTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Hamilton), Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—The \$15,870 10-year and the \$10,000 20-year, straight term, local improvement 5½% debentures, offered on Dec. 4 (V. 115, p. 2407) were awarded to Houser, Wood & Co. for 98.80 and 98.30, respectively. Other bidders were:

For Both Issues.		For Both Issues.	
Gairdner, Clarke & Co.	97.57	Harris, Forbes & Co.	97.24
Mackay & Mackay	\$2,500	Murray & Co.	97.09
Bell, Gouinlock & Co.	97.20	R. C. Matthews & Co.	97.42
W. L. McKinnon & Co.	97.38	A. E. Ames & Co.	97.09
A. Jarvis & Co.	96.81	Wood, Gundy & Co.	\$25,246
Macneill, Graham & Co.	97.67	Nesbitt, Thompson & Co.	98.11
Dyment, Anderson & Co.	97.713	C. H. Burgess & Co.	98.27
McLeod, Young, Weir & Co.	97.69	Canada Bond Corporation	97.95
Ltd.	97.69		
Dominion Sec's Corp., Ltd.	98.40		

\* Discount. a Amount offered for the two issues combined.

**CUMBERLAND, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—S. A. Lough purchased an issue of \$2,700 17 6% drainage debentures, at par, on Nov. 6. Date Nov. 5 1922. Due in 5 yearly payments.

**GALT, Ont.—BOND ELECTION.**—According to newspaper reports the question of issuing the following bonds will be voted upon on Jan. 1: \$140,000 for extensions to public utilities. 10,000 to enlarge the agricultural hall. 125,000 for Hydro-Electric power purposes.

**INNISFIELD TOWNSHIP, Simcoe County, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York, have purchased an issue of \$18,000 5½% 30-installment debentures, it is reported, for 97.89, a basis of about 5.75%. According to the "Monetary Times," the following, all of Toronto, submitted bids:

Other Bidders.		Price Bid.		Other Bidders.		Price Bid.	
C. H. Burgess & Co.	97.88	Canada Bond Corp.	97.208	Nesbitt, Thompson & Co.	97.783	Bell, Gouinlock & Co.	96.90
Dyment, Anderson & Co.	97.718	W. L. McKinnon & Co.	96.808	R. C. Matthews & Co.	97.55	Dominion Securities Corp.	95.98
Macneill, Graham & Co.	97.04	Wood, Gundy & Co.	95.34	Gairdner, Clark & Co.	97.38	McLeod, Young, Weir & Co.	93.27
Municipal Bankers' Corp.	97.23						

**LONGUEUIL, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—The \$100,000 5½% funding debentures offered on Dec. 4 (V. 115, p. 2594) have been sold to the Credit Canadien, Inc., at 97.25. Due serially from 1933 to 1959, inclusive. Other bidders, according to the Montreal "Gazette," were: Corporation des Obligations Municipales, Ltée., 96.75; Hanson Bros., 94.44; Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd., 94.52; Rene T. Leclerc, Ltd., 94.28; McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Ltd., 93.63, and Wood, Gundy & Co., 92.91.

**MERSEA TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BOND SALE.**—During the month of November C. H. Burgess & Co. of Toronto, purchased an issue of \$7,500 6% 10-installment debentures for 100.27.

**MOOSE JAW, Sask.—BOND SALE.**—It is reported that an issue of \$7,400 bonds have been sold.

**OWEN SOUND, Ont.—BOND ELECTION.**—It is stated that on Jan. 1 an election will be held to vote on the question of issuing \$16,000 fire equipment bonds.

**PORT CREDIT, Ont.—BOND SALE.**—C. H. Burgess & Co. of Toronto purchased an issue of 65,000 5½% paving debentures during November, on a 6% basis. Date Aug. 14 1922. Due serially on Aug. 14 from 1923 to 1952 inclusive.

**RENFREW, Ont.—BOND SALE.**—It is reported that an issue of \$43,406 10-installment, 5½% bonds was awarded to McLeod, Young, Weir & Co. of Toronto at 96.69, a basis of about 6.20%. The following bids were also received:

Other Bidders—	Price Bid.	Other Bidders—	Price Bid.
C. H. Burgess & Co., Toronto	96.54	Wood, Gundy & Co., Toronto	96.21

**RIVERSIDE, Ont.—BOND SALE.**—It is stated that an issue of \$50,000 6% 20-installment bonds has been awarded to Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto at 100.28.

**ST. THOMAS, Ont.—DEBENTURES SOLD OVER THE COUNTER.**—An issue of 5½% 10-year installment school debentures has been sold over the counter at par. Date Oct. 15 1922. Notice of this sale was given in V. 115, p. 2504, but it is given again as additional data has come to hand.

**SAINT TITE, Que.—BOND OFFERING.**—Tenders will be received until 9 p. m. Dec. 16, it is reported, for an issue of \$90,000 6% 10-year bonds.

**SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALES.**—The following, according to the "Financial Post," is a list of debentures aggregating \$7,100 sold from Nov. 4 to 18:

\$700 Bayard No. 4159, 8%, Nay & James, Regina. 3,000 Eldorado No. 4493, 8% 15 years; C. C. Cross & Co., Regina. 2,400 Shamrock Centre No. 4475, 8% 10 years; Waterman-Waterbury, Regina. 1,000 Strongfield No. 2605, 8% 5 years; C. C. Cross & Co., Regina.

**DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.**—The following, we learn from the same source, is a list of authorizations granted by the local Government Board from Nov. 4 to 18:

\$1,800 Dysart. 12,000 Regina.

**SHAWINIGAN CITY SCHOOL COMMISSION (P. O. Shawinigan), Que.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.**—Tenders will be received until 9 p. m. Dec. 16, according to reports, for an issue of \$28,300 5½% debentures. Prin. and semi-ann. Int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the Hochelaga Bank at Shawinigan Falls or Montreal.

**STAMFORD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Niagara Falls), Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—The \$60,000 5½% 20-installment Stamford High School debentures, offered on Dec. 4 (V. 115, p. 2504) have been sold, it is reported, at 97.81, a basis of about 5.77%.

**STRATFORD, Ont.—BOND ELECTION.**—It is reported that on Jan. 1 an election is to be held to vote on the question of issuing \$10,000 comfort station bonds.

**WALKERVILLE, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—The \$127,000 5½% 30-installment debentures, all tenders for which were rejected Nov. 17 (V. 115, p. 2504) have been sold to Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto, for 95.308.

**WELLINGTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wellington), Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.**—Tenders will be received by E. A. Titus, Clerk, for an issue of \$120,000 30-year 5½% school debentures, until 8 p. m. Dec. 15.

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