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Returns of Bank Clearings heretofore given on this page now appear in a subsequent part of the paper. They will be found to-day on pages 2760 and 2761.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

As the year closes once more, with its time of Good Cheer either realized or desired and "wished," any good news is welcome, the more so as many of us have so long been looking for it, as the shipwrecked mariner scans the horizon for a sail. Our railways are so essential, so burdened, and even so threatened with attack by "blocs," that any token of promise in the transportation field should not be overlooked. One such was the statement, this week, that the Eastern roads plan a change in their "public relations" policy. Inasmuch as a railroad consists chiefly of such relations, of one or another sort, the query naturally arises what sort now presents itself as timely for change of policy. Mr. Loomis, head of the Lehigh Valley and of the Public Relations Committee of the Eastern roads, explains by announcing that the committee has retained Robert S. Blinkerd, formerly assistant to the chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, to make a thorough investigation of the publicity requirements of those roads. Some executives have felt that news emanating from their roads has not been properly presented to the public; in other words, the need of "reasoning together" by roads and the public has not been fully appreciated or been as fully answered as might be. At this time it is unusually necessary that railroads and the public should get together in mutual understanding, respect, and appreciation.

To put it still differently, the roads need, and apparently intend, better "publicity," and for that they want a competent publicity agent, not just what is commonly called "a press agent." When the Pennsylvania acquired the Long Island road, the management employed Mr. Fullerton to explore and "discover" Long Island, which was then a territory almost unknown to the public, and he was an admirable man for that work. The New York Central has been conspicuous and leading in appeals to the public by explanatory advertisements, and one of its announcements appeared on Thursday, setting forth its purchases, "for equipment plus public co-operation," orders having been placed even when thousands of miles of storage tracks were filled with idle cars. Such a showing proves faith and invites faith, and does more: it is a challenge to American practical sense to unclench the fist, smooth out the scowled brow, and come and sit right down and begin to put some trust in one another and to talk and practice reason, so that prosperity may return. A brandished club does not invite capital, it starts capital on the run; and prosperity will never come by yelling at it, but by pleasant and promising invitation.

It is encouraging, too, to read that the Pennsylvania, ever in the front in respect to sane and helpful relations with labor, is not only making progress in the get-together habit among employer and men, but is considering a plan whereby its men may become stockholders, on an easy-payment plan. Not a new thing? No, surely not; but a sound and wholesome old thing. That great road has now 136,132 stockholders and 234,150 employees; bring more of the latter into the former class, and harmony, that great aid of efficiency, will be promoted, will it not?

The announcement, not long ago, that the late T. DeWitt Cuyler's office will not be filled but will be abandoned is another good sign. Still another is the probability, or the prospect, that the roads will cease trying to act as a unit upon the labor and wage problem; that attempt was a mistaken application of the motto that in union lies strength, as the "Chronicle" strongly, though unsuccessfully urged, years ago.

At this time of year, when night falls before work stops in the downtown offices, there is offered, from the East River bridges, a sight so fairylike and so unique that it is really worth while to see it; the rows and piles of high buildings fade from the eye, but instead are rows upon rows of lights, a spectacle probably not to be found elsewhere on the globe. On Wednesday a factor which is sometimes, though rarely, found was added: a streak of after-sunset glow lay

along the western horizon, stretching from Governor's Island well along the New Jersey shore. A marvelous picture, lasting only a few minutes; yet it might be taken as a favorable omen for a new dawn of peace and of Good Will among men in this now unhappy, because contending, world.

A decidedly encouraging feature in the situation just now is the growth in our export trade. The export statistics for November have just been made public and they show that merchandise exports from the United States during that month were valued at \$383,000,000, these figures contrasting with \$372,000,000 for the preceding month and with only \$294,437,307 for the corresponding period a year ago. In a general way the export trade of the United States has shown a tendency toward improvement as the year has progressed. The low point was touched in February though in part this was due to the fact that that month contains only 28 days and possibly also to difficulties of transportation, usually prevalent at that period. Until lately, too, a tendency toward lower prices of many commodities has also affected values. On the other hand, cotton prices are now high again and exports of cotton cut a considerable figure in the aggregate value of all shipments abroad from the United States. The detailed figures for November are not now available, but in October raw cotton in bales shipped to foreign ports from the United States was valued at \$93,923,000, this one item alone constituting 25% of the total value of all merchandise exports for that month, and in November the figures were as large or larger.

The average export price of cotton in October this year was 22½c. per pound. This contrasted with 20.1c. per pound in October 1921, when the total value of raw cotton sent abroad was \$91,028,000, which constituted about 26% of the total value of the merchandise exports in that month. Corn, too, was slightly higher in price this year than last, but the exports were about the same. Wheat was slightly lower in price, but there was no material difference in the volume of shipments as contrasted with a year ago. To the countries of Europe the exports from the United States in October amounted in value to \$206,100,000, of which Great Britain alone took \$83,900,000, and exports of cotton contributed very materially to the latter.

The value of all exports from this country in November was \$11,000,000 more than in October and in excess of any preceding month back to March 1921, in which month the figures were \$387,000,000. In March 1921, however, prices of practically all classes of merchandise entering largely into our export trade were so much higher than they are at the present time, that the export figures for the past two months represent an enormously larger volume of trade, measured by quantities, than they did at that time, the difference perhaps being as much as one-fifth.

Imports of gold in November amounted to \$18,308,087, these figures contrasting with \$21,000,000 for October and with \$51,936,804 for November 1921, which latter was about the close of the heavy movement of gold into the United States that had continued for a considerable period up to that time. Exports of gold, which in October had taken rather a sudden spurt to \$18,000,000 on account of a variation in exchange with Montreal, receded again, and in November they amounted to only \$3,431,065. This contrasts with an average of about \$1,460,000 month-

ly, for the nine months this year prior to October and with \$607,457 for November 1921.

As to the merchandise imports, owing to the enactment of the new tariff law, no statistics have been published since Sept. 21 last, when the new tariff went into effect. The delays and difficulties that have arisen because of the new classifications under that law are said to be responsible for this situation. The statements of merchandise imports for the last ten days of September, as well as for the months of October and November still remain to be completed.

Developments in Europe, and in this country with respect to foreign affairs, have not been particularly striking. The week was not without a sensational incident. Reference is made to the assassination of the President of Poland, after having served only two days. Fortunately, it was possible to select a successor promptly and, so far as European advices have indicated, the political situation in that troubled country was not seriously affected. Speaking in a broad way, most of the time has been given to a discussion of what the United States may do to help Europe, and to the Lausanne Conference. There has been a marked disposition on the part of Administration officials at Washington and bankers here to minimize the part that America may take in the rehabilitation of the finances of Europe, more particularly of Germany. Two members of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., namely Mr. Morgan himself and Mr. Lamont, have this week taken pains to state the American attitude towards a loan to Germany with great precision, and in unmistakable terms, as will be seen by reference to our Department of Current Events and Discussions on a subsequent page. Gradual progress has been made in the settlement of the Straits problem at the Lausanne Conference, after the head of the British delegation delivered an ultimatum to Ismet Pasha and his associates. All the British troops have been taken from South Ireland and have been succeeded by Irish soldiers.

Needless to say, the reported decision of the United States Government to make a determined effort "to overcome the present critical aspect of affairs in Europe" continued the phase of that subject which attracted the greatest attention and caused the most discussion, both in European capitals and in this country. It would seem that, in a general way, the position and plans of President Harding and his associates may have been very well set forth in the following excerpt from a dispatch to the New York "Tribune" Monday morning from the head of its Washington bureau. This correspondent said in part: "Convinced that settlement of the reparations question is the key to the whole European trouble, the first feature of the agenda being worked out by President Harding and his advisers is a plan for experts from this country to 'referee' that particular dispute." The correspondent added that "there is, naturally, no desire to force the opinion of this country on Europe on this question. No move will be made unless there are cordial invitations for this country to participate. Repeated indications, however, are that every nation involved, even France herself, will be glad to have this country's aid in working out the problem." The New York "Herald," in attempting to outline the attitude of our Government in the matter, said: "The aid and influence which the United States Government is ready to ex-

tend to both Germany and France in obtaining a loan for them from international bankers is based on three conditions: First—The United States will adhere to its policy of avoiding entanglements in the political affairs of Europe. Second—The United States will not recognize or co-operate with the League of Nations. Third—The United States will not admit the relevancy of foreign debts to this country in the negotiations on the reparations issue."

As an indication of the importance attached by the French Government to American opinion with respect to any step it might contemplate taking in maintaining its well-known position on the reparations question it is worth while calling attention to a dispatch from London to the New York "Times" a week ago to-day, in which it was asserted that Premier Poincare being unable to see Ambassador Harvey before leaving there for Paris after the Premiers' Conference, "left one of his party behind to interview him." Mr. Harvey was reported to have "expressed his personal opinion that seizure of the Ruhr territory would be even less popular in America than in England." The "Times" representative added that "the French emissary was so impressed with the Ambassador's estimate of American opinion that he caught the afternoon Paris train to report the conversation to M. Poincare that night. It is believed here that his report had considerable effect in the struggle between the moderates and extremists in France."

When last week's issue of this publication went to press a week ago word had not been received from Paris as to the result of the balloting in the French Chamber of Deputies on the vote of confidence asked for at the session a week ago yesterday by Premier Poincare. The actual figures came to hand the next day. In recording and commenting upon the action the Paris representative of the New York "Times" said: "By 512 votes to 76 Premier Poincare received the confidence of the Chamber of Deputies to continue his reparations negotiations begun last week in London. The vote came at 1.30 this morning, when, after a stormy ten-hour debate, in which internal and electioneering politics played as big a part as foreign affairs, the Premier appealed to the Deputies to allow a vote to be taken simply on the question of foreign affairs, and it was on that understanding that most of the votes were cast." This action was of great importance just at that time. An overthrow of the French Cabinet would have complicated a bad situation still further.

It was made clear in a Berlin dispatch to the New York "Times" the same day that the German Government was also keeping in as close touch with American sentiment as possible. The correspondent noted the return to Berlin from the London conference of Secretary of Foreign Affairs Bergmann and his report to Chancellor Cuno. It was stated that "in London Herr Bergmann received certain hints as to what the new German proposals to be submitted on Jan. 2 should contain to make it possible for the English statesmen to support them." The dispatch stated also that "the Chancellor imparted to his colleagues certain information from America, according to which financial aid can only come from that quarter if German finance and industry give tangible proof of their willingness to make any sacrifice to save their country by an internal loan, preparations for which should be made immediately without waiting

for aid from outside. Accordingly, the Cabinet members decided to communicate at once with industrial magnates, bank directors and experts, to ask their energetic and material assistance for a plan for stabilization of the mark."

As the week progressed whoever made even an informal statement about the matter of an international loan to Germany felt called upon to stress the fact that nothing could be done until the question of reparations is settled. This point was emphasized in the first admission at Washington that the Administration was considering such an undertaking. For instance, in a Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" Tuesday morning the correspondent said: "Two important facts with respect to the attitude of the American Government toward the European economic situation in general and the reparations question in particular were developed in a high official quarter to-night. These facts are: First, it is considered 'perfectly idle' to talk about an international loan to the German Government in which there would be any participation by American investors until the reparations question is definitely and finally settled by the Allies. Second—the question of the Allied debt to the United States is entirely beside the point in the consideration by any European Government of the reparations question or of what Germany can pay." He added that "no formal announcement is yet forthcoming with regard to the manner in which the American Government has been using its influence—and this has been done to the fullest extent possible—in an effort to assist European Governments in finding a solution of the reparations problem." In the statement already referred to by J. P. Morgan, which appeared Tuesday morning, the fact that the reparations question must first be settled was also emphasized and made prominent.

The idea that the United States might serve as "referee," as intimated in Washington dispatches early in the week, was made particularly prominent in an Associated Press dispatch from London Thursday morning. It stated that "the United States at the request of a trade commission headed by Wilhelm Cuno, the German Chancellor, has begun negotiations with France and England looking to the appointment of a body of American business men for the fixing of a new basis for the payment of war reparations, it was understood here." The correspondent added that "in semi-official quarters it was said that England's consent to such a plan had been cabled to Secretary Hughes, and that the American State Department at Washington expected an early reply from France." According to the dispatch also, "the proposal is understood to have reached Secretary Hughes through the United States Chamber of Commerce, which body was asked by Chancellor Cuno and his associates to appoint a commission, headed by Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, which would visit Germany and make an impartial survey of the country's financial and economic position. The American Commission was to be empowered to determine what amount of reparations Germany could pay, and upon the basis of its report a new reparations treaty would be drawn, which Germany would agree to fulfill if the plan were approved by England and France. The United States Chamber of Commerce complied with the request of the

German Chancellor to the extent of asking Mr. Hoover to take the question up with President Harding's Cabinet, which he did, with the result that the matter was placed in the hands of Secretary Hughes. The negotiations between Mr. Hughes and the English and French Governments followed, with the object in view of obtaining their consent to abide by the reparations sum fixed by the American commission as within Germany's ability to pay."

These assertions from Berlin were supplemented later the same day by an Associated Press dispatch from Washington in which the writer said that "the move to extend American aid in adjusting the reparations disagreement in Europe has reached a stage where a definite plan of action may be decided on in the near future. As it now is under consideration, the proposal contemplates appointment of an American commission to study economic and industrial conditions in Germany and to fix the total of reparations which the German Government may reasonably be expected to pay." In a Berlin dispatch yesterday morning it was said that "the new reparations plans with which Chancellor Cuno and his immediate advisers are engaged will not be based, it is announced, on any assumption of early active financial intervention by the United States."

The idea was stressed in dispatches from that center, and particularly Washington, yesterday morning that big business men of the United States and Germany are taking the lead in plans to rehabilitate the latter country. The New York "Times" representative at our national capital said that "it was the Chamber of Commerce of the United States which initiated the movement for a committee of American business men to aid in a settlement of the reparations problem, and not a German trade commission headed by Chancellor Cuno, as stated in a dispatch from London yesterday." The New York "Herald" printed the following from its Washington correspondent yesterday morning: "The plans of the Administration for aid to Europe in settling the reparations problem are taking concrete form. The indirect negotiations between Washington and London, Berlin and Paris have reached the point where the announcement of a program may be expected. In spite of denials and partial denials by officials of reports from London that the United States has suggested the feasibility of a commission of American business men to assist in finding a new basis for a reparations agreement after a study of the situation in Germany, it was learned that such a proposal has received and is receiving consideration abroad." The New York "Tribune" correspondent asserted that "rapid progress in planning American aid in solving Europe's economic troubles was disclosed here to-day [Thursday]. A campaign by business men in this country, and probably in Britain, France and Germany as well, to have the reparations amounts settled by a commission of American experts, was definitely established."

Premier Mussolini, according to all reports about him, believes in action with respect to everything he takes hold of. "A few hours" after his return from the London Conference of Premiers he called a meeting of his Cabinet, and was said to have "reported that the Conference had been unsatisfactory on account of insufficient preparation." He was stated to have "declared that he would not attend the dis-

cussions when they were resumed at Paris unless there was suitable diplomatic preparation beforehand. There must be no more going back on decisions, he said, as vacillation spelled failure. The Italian plan was the one which, in his opinion, must eventually be followed." In a wireless dispatch the Rome correspondent of the New York "Times" stated that the Foreign Ministry "published the memorandum which Premier Mussolini presented to the Allied Premiers at their London meeting and which represents his studied viewpoint on the Allied debts and reparations." The memorandum sets forth the Premier's ideas in part as follows: "Europe's post war policy is dominated by the problem of reparations, which presents two aspects, an economic one and a political one. While the latter is progressing toward normalcy, the former is still very grave. As the sine qua non of discussion, the Government of Italy maintains that it would be unjust and most iniquitous to ruin Italy, France, Belgium and the lesser Allies in an effort to redeem Germany, and that, therefore, the problem of reparations cannot be divorced from the problem of the inter-Allied debts." The following concrete suggestions were made for dealing with German reparations: "First, that the German reparations payments be diminished by the value of the State property taken over from Austria and Hungary; by the total of Austrian and Hungarian reparations over and above such State property; by Bulgarian reparations; by the various credits which Germany has already paid, such as State property handed over, the difference between the real value of the shipping handed over by Germany and the value with which the Allies have been debited; by the value of the mines in the Saar region, the value of the trans-Atlantic cables and by the total of the Allied debts to England, provided England gives up her claim to these. Any remaining German reparations will be given up if America gives up the credits owed her by the Allies. Second, in this way the German reparations debts will be reduced to about 50,000,000,000 gold marks. Third, that a two years' moratorium be granted to Germany for the payment of the 50,000,000,000 marks. Fourth, the German Government binds itself to guarantee the raising of a loan of 3,000,000,000 marks, of which 500,000,000 would be used for stabilizing the mark and the remainder for reparations. Fifth, the Reparations Commission will allow the certain State revenues on which the Reparations Commission has the first claim to be used as guarantee for this loan. Sixth, Germany will continue the payment of reparations in kind [coal, iron, dyes, etc.], the value of their goods being subtracted from the total of reparations. Seventh, during the two years' moratorium the Guarantee Committee will see that the German Government takes all necessary steps for the stabilization of the mark, to balance the budget, to insure the maximum of revenue, to check inflation. Eighth, after the moratorium Germany must begin reparations payments."

Eagerness for commercial supremacy in some respect apparently has been allowed to supersede at the Lausanne Conference, as at all other international gatherings in Europe, a desire to accomplish the purpose for which the representatives of the various nations were supposedly summoned. American newspaper correspondents at Lausanne have asserted almost from the beginning of that conference

that the strife to get control of the Mosul oil fields had kept the delegates from reaching an agreement on the big political problems of the Near East growing out of the aggressiveness of the Turkish Nationalists. The New York "Times" correspondent at Lausanne, in describing the situation a week ago today, said: "The British and Turks are understood to have reached a virtual agreement on the general principles of the peace treaty, the Mosul issue and the American demand for the open door standing as the chief barriers to settlement. The Turks demand the Mosul region, which is now included in the British mandated territory of Mesopotamia, as part of Turkey. The British claim the territory in question under the mandate and the oil fields under the Turkish Petroleum Company's concession. England and Turkey seem to be able to shuffle their conflicting claims in a satisfactory manner, but the desire of both not to offend the United States complicates matters."

The New York "Herald" correspondent cabled Sunday evening that "an agreement has been reached by the Allied and Turkish military and naval experts on the Straits question. This question is to come up tomorrow before the full conference." At Monday's session, according to the Associated Press correspondent, "Turkey formally engaged before the Near East Conference to accord the Christian minorities, in all that concerns their life and liberty, the same rights and the same protection as are enjoyed by the Turkish population, with the free exercise of their religion and the right to establish educational, charitable and religious institutions. The Turkish agreement provides that in districts heavily non-Moslem the schools of the Christian minorities shall be allotted funds for the staff from municipal budgets. It is stipulated that as the members of all the minorities are regarded as Turkish subjects there can be no exception from military service."

The same day Foreign Minister Tchitcherin of Russia "proposed to the Near East Conference Commission studying the status of the Turkish Straits a plan providing for an international board of control on which would be represented Germany, the United States, France, Japan, England, Italy and all the States bordering on the Black Sea. Actual control of the Straits would under M. Tchitcherin's plan, be placed in charge of Turkey, with the privilege of allowing warships to pass in special cases and provided they did not exceed 6,000 tons. The Russian plan also contains the provision that three months after adoption of the proposed regime the contracting parties shall pass an act declaring the Black Sea a closed sea except to those Powers whose territory fronts upon it, even in case the regulation of the Straits is modified." The Associated Press correspondent observed that "this would be at variance with the Entente and American views that the Black Sea is an open sea. The Entente plan provides for Turkey's absolute sovereignty over the demilitarized zones adjoining the Straits, and stipulates that the League of Nations shall guarantee Constantinople free from attack. The plan provides that the control is to remain unchanged for ten years."

The plan for settling the Straits problem came up before the full Conference on Monday, but failed of adoption. It had been agreed upon in conference by experts for the Turks as well as the Allies. The New

York "Times" correspondent cabled, however, that at the plenary session, "instead of accepting the Allied plan, Ismet Pasha repudiated the action of the Turkish experts and presented to the Allies new proposals which were really those of the Allies with a number of minor changes." The correspondent said also: "What Ismet meant to do, and what he has done, was to withhold his consent to the Straits plan for future bargaining. I have it from Ismet himself that his price is the promise of the Allies that there shall be no naval and military clauses in the general treaty—in other words, that there shall be no limitation of the Turkish army. The Russian action may be best described as one more effort to make trouble." Outlining the attitude of the other side, he added: "The chief Allied delegates, Lord Curzon, Camille Barrere and the Marquis di Garroni, all told the Turks and Russians that the Conference could not start all over on the Straits question. They met Ismet's tactics by saying that they would consider his proposal, as it presented amendments to the Allied plan, but not as an entirely new plan. As for the Russian proposal, Lord Curzon assured the Russians that it would be considered, 'but not line for line.' It is the old one for closing the Straits to warships and their fortification. However, to-day's edition makes the concession that the Turkish Government may, on special demand and for a special purpose, let through one or two warships."

Lord Curzon was reported to have declared to the Turkish delegates that if they attempted to delay further the consideration of the Straits problem he would bring the Conference to a close. In his account of that particular session, the New York "Times" correspondent said: "Exasperated by the dilatory tactics of Ismet Pasha, Lord Curzon laid the Allied plan for the administration of the Straits on the Conference table to-day and told the Turks and Russians bluntly that they might take it or leave it. He said there would be just one more session at which the subject would be discussed and that would be held to-morrow afternoon." The New York "Herald" quoted the head of the British delegation as addressing Ismet Pasha as follows: "We have reached the limit of our concessions. From further discussion nothing more can ensue, and we shall, therefore, have one more meeting—and only one." The correspondent added that "Admiral Lacaze, former Minister of the French Marine, speaking for the French side, said: 'To-day's decision is an ultimatum. I myself made this plain to the Turks when I handed them the text of our decision, which I marked as final.'"

The situation took a more favorable turn the very next day. The New York "Herald" correspondent cabled that "Allied firmness again has brought about almost complete surrender on the part of the Turks. Confronted with yesterday's virtual ultimatum, they accepted to-day the Allied plan for the Straits, subject only to minor reservations, chief of which concerns the exact jurisdiction of the Straits Commission—namely whether it shall be merely to supervise the passage of vessels, or also watch over the demilitarized zone. Turkey objected to the latter function. Although this surrender by the Turks spelled complete defeat for the Russian efforts here to close the Black Sea to warships and to the full strength of the British or any other fleet in case of war with Russia, the Russians remained silent when

their erstwhile ally accepted the Allied plan, and have shown no inclination yet to pack their grips. The reason for this lies, undoubtedly, in the fact that Russia becomes a member of the Commission if she signs the convention. Clearly this is another step toward Russia's recognition. The chief feature of interest in this apparent settlement of one of Europe's hardest problems lies in the complete disregard the Conference has shown to the two American points of view presented here and the evident disinclination to invite any detailed statement by the Americans covering the principles set forth by them in general." Dispatches from Lausanne last evening indicated that "the settlement of the problem of the Turkish Straits was not progressing as rapidly as had been forecast."

Tragedies, as well as what might be termed ordinary sensations in European political affairs, follow closely upon one another. Word came from Warsaw a week ago this afternoon of the assassination there earlier in the day of Gabryel Narutowicz, "first President of Poland." He was killed "when visiting an art exhibition." The assassin's name was "Niewadomski, long regarded as mentally deranged." M. Narutowicz's election had taken place only a week before, and he actually had served only two days, "the ceremony occurring at noon Thursday at the Belvedere Palace, the official home of the President." It seems that there had been a stormy time from the time of his election. The Associated Press correspondent even stated that "on that occasion there was tumultuous clamor growing out of his unexpected choice to succeed General Pilsudski, the battle between the rival factions and the police resulting in four deaths and the injury of more than 100 persons." The correspondent also explained that "the opposition to the choice of M. Narutowicz as first President of Poland came mainly from the Nationalists, representing the purely Polish population, the members of this party resenting the election of a man who they declared represented the non-Polish and radical elements. The Nationalist Deputies, after the election, announced officially that they would refuse to support M. Narutowicz or any Cabinet appointed by him. They asserted he was elected by the votes of the Jews, Ukrainians, Germans and Russians, receiving only 186 Polish votes, while 227 Polish votes were cast for Count Zamoyski." The detailed records show that "Prof. Gabryel Narutowicz was inaugurated as the first President of the Republic of Poland on Monday, Dec. 11, before the National Assembly. The election of the new President took place on Saturday, Dec. 9, when on the fifth ballot he received 289 votes, or a majority, of the National Assembly. The total number of votes cast in the election on Nov. 5 was 8,821,000. This was about 68% of those entitled to vote, or about 32% of the total population."

Following a Council of Ministers hurriedly called, Maciej Rataj, Speaker of the House of Deputies, assumed the Presidency. It was thought possible at that time that Marshal Joseph Pilsudski, former Provisional President, would assume the task of forming a Cabinet, and it was also reported that he might "even be invested with dictatorial powers." Announcement was made in Warsaw the following day that he had been "appointed Chief of Staff of the Polish Army," and that "he replaces General Sikorski, who has assumed the Premiership."

Stanislas Wojciechowski was elected to the Presidency of Poland "with 298 ballots of 519 cast by the National Assembly." He took the oath of office Wednesday evening, Dec. 20. The new President is 53 years old and has been "an active factor in Polish affairs since the war." The Associated Press correspondent at Warsaw added that "the new President is a well-known Continental economist and has specialized in the work of the co-operative movement. Though affiliated with the Populist Party, all political groups are said to respect him because of his idealism." Announcement was also made that "General Sikorski, who took over the Premiership after the assassination of President Gabryel Narutowicz, presented his resignation to-day [Dec. 21] to President Stanislas Wojciechowski, Poland's new Chief Executive, in conformity with constitutional practice. The new President refused to accept the resignation, and General Sikorski's Cabinet remains in power. President Wojciechowski, in his first message to the Polish nation, pleads for union, harmony and peace between the various parties."

The British troops are out of Southern Ireland. The last of them marched through the streets of Dublin a week ago this morning "and sailed away." The New York "Times" correspondent said that as the soldiers passed the streets were "lined with thousands of citizens of all classes," and asserted that "never has the city watched such a spectacle, and the people of Dublin gave free rein to their emotions as the columns swung by, each regiment preceded by its band and colors." After the departure of the British troops General Mulcahy addressed the Irish troops at the Royal Barracks "on the lesson of the transformation." He said: "Their task was to place Ireland in such a position that the stranger coming to Ireland would give a meed of admiration to the country the Irish people had developed for themselves out of the material and gifts of mind and hand God had bestowed upon them."

Politically things go smoothly in Ireland only for "a few days at the most." On the evening of Dec. 19 the Dublin correspondent of the New York "Tribune" cabled that "rumors that a Christmas truce might be effected in Ireland seemed to have gone glimmering to-day with the official announcement that the largest number of executions so far carried out by the Free State took place this morning, when seven members of a gang of train wreckers paid the death penalty." He added that "the offense for which they were executed was possessing arms, rifles, revolvers, ammunition and bomb detonators, live bombs being found in their lair. It is known that besides being custodians of the weapons with which they were taken the men were members of a rebel flying column that operated against the railroads and troop trains and engaged in looting shops as well."

There has been no change in official discount rates 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 discount rates at London were a trifle firmer, with the range 2½% @ 11-16% in comparison with 2 9-16 @ 2½% a week ago. Call money, however, advanced ¼ of 1% to 1½%. In Paris and Switzerland open market discount rates continue to be quoted at 4½% and 2%, respectively.

The Bank of England in its statement for the week ending Dec. 21 reported another small loss in gold, namely £2,228, and a decline in total reserve of £1,731,000, owing to an expansion in note circulation of £1,729,000. There was accordingly a decline in the proportion of reserve to liabilities to 17.02%, as against 18¼% last week. A year ago the reserve ratio stood at 14⅝% and in 1920 at 7¾%. Public deposits increased £6,901,000, but "other" deposits fell £8,391,000, while the Bank's temporary loans to the Government were reduced £2,405,000. In loans on other securities there was an expansion of £2,674,000. These changes, however, were in line with general expectations and were regarded as the result of preparations to meet Jan. 1 disbursements. Gold holdings aggregate £127,444,219, which compares with £128,431,144 a year ago and £127,761,033 in 1920. Total reserve stands at £21,000,000, which compares with £20,210,119 in 1921 and £11,628,793 a year earlier. Loans total £68,796,000, in comparison with £85,200,078 and £78,914,458 one and two years ago, respectively, while circulation is now £124,889,000, as contrasted with £126,671,025 last year and £134,582,240 in 1920. Clearings through the London banks for the week were £715,111,000, against £592,289,000 last week and £760,444,000 a year ago. The Bank's official discount rate continues at 3%, unchanged. 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. 20.	1921. Dec. 21.	1920. Dec. 22.	1919. Dec. 24.	1918. Dec. 25.
Circulation.....	£124,889,000	£126,671,025	£134,582,240	£126,671,025	£134,582,240
Public deposits.....	17,013,000	14,116,381	13,789,834	20,337,942	23,642,081
Other deposits.....	105,379,000	124,206,562	136,030,543	133,300,971	139,036,977
Govt. securities.....	51,522,000	50,824,630	77,177,792	68,675,150	71,105,744
Other securities.....	58,796,000	35,390,078	78,914,458	35,179,000	92,110,137
Reserve notes & coin.....	21,000,000	20,210,119	11,628,793	17,692,806	27,253,834
Coin and bullion.....	127,444,219	128,431,144	127,761,033	91,391,566	79,110,704
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	17.02%	14¾%	7¾%	11¾%	14¾%
Bank rate.....	3%	5%	7%	6%	5%

The Bank of France continues to report small gains in its gold item, the increase this week being 132,450 francs. The Bank's gold holdings, therefore, now aggregate 5,534,663,275 francs, comparing with 5,524,164,895 francs on the corresponding date last year and with 5,499,977,860 francs the year before; of these amounts 1,864,367,050 francs were held abroad in 1922 and 1,948,367,056 francs in both 1921 and 1920. Silver, during the week, gained 147,000 francs, while general deposits were augmented by 5,860,000 francs. On the other hand, bills discounted fell off 151,986,000 francs, advances were reduced 27,522,000 francs, and Treasury deposits diminished 2,139,000 francs. Note circulation registered the further contraction of 20,514,000 francs, bringing the total outstanding down to 36,049,515,000 francs. This contrasts with 36,246,215,535 francs at this time last year and with 37,444,361,670 francs in 1920. Just prior to the outbreak of war in 1914, the amount was only 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in both 1921 and 1920 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Dec. 21 1922.	Dec. 21 1921.	Dec. 23 1920.
Gold Holdings—				
In France..... Inc.	132,450	3,570,296,225	3,575,797,538	3,551,610,804
Abroad..... No change		1,864,367,050	1,948,367,056	1,948,367,056
Total..... Inc.	132,450	5,534,663,275	5,524,164,895	5,499,977,860
Silver..... Inc.	147,000	288,984,000	279,581,957	265,768,595
Bills discounted..... Dec.	151,986,000	2,115,313,000	2,245,111,170	3,253,756,974
Advances..... Dec.	27,522,000	2,229,149,000	2,289,630,950	2,230,539,977
Note circulation..... Dec.	20,514,000	36,049,515,000	36,246,215,535	37,444,361,670
Treasury deposits..... Dec.	2,139,000	15,216,000	13,181,325	79,119,740
General deposits..... Inc.	5,860,000	2,130,148,000	2,574,151,435	3,521,452,000

In its statement issued as of Dec. 15 the Imperial Bank of Germany again broke all records in the output of circulating notes. The increase for the week under review reached the enormous total of 123,307,728,000, which brings the total of notes in circulation up to the huge sum of 969,620,746,000 marks, or well on its way to the trillion mark. Other sensational increases were 102,055,981,000 marks in discount and Treasury bills, 77,652,446,000 marks in deposits, 70,687,477,000 marks in bills of exchange and checks, 38,309,012,000 marks in Treasury and loan association notes and 14,813,954,000 marks in other liabilities. Smaller increases are reported in notes of other banks, 7,720,000 marks, advances 94,161,000 marks and investments 54,769,000 marks. Total coin and bullion expanded 1,279,000 marks. As a matter of fact, the only decrease was a nominal one of 1,000 marks in gold holdings. The Bank's stock of gold is reported at 1,004,846,000 marks, as against 993,696,000 marks last year and 1,091,561,000 marks in 1920. Note circulation a year ago stood at 104,567,851,000 marks and in 1920 at 64,684,655,000 marks.

An analysis of the Federal Reserve Bank statement issued at the close of business on Thursday, revealed another sharp contraction in the banks' portfolios. At the same time there was a loss of about \$16,000,000 in the gold holdings of the system in face of a gain of \$15,000,000 at the local bank. For the banks as a group, reductions in rediscounts of all classes of paper, resulted in a falling off in total bill holdings of \$55,000,000, to \$867,286,000, which compares with \$1,351,228,000 a year ago. Earning assets, however, expanded \$69,000,000 and deposits \$20,000,000, while Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation registered an increase of no less than \$77,000,000. In New York the shrinkage in bill holdings amounted to \$51,500,000, which carried the total outstanding down to \$183,581,000, as against \$298,197,000 in the corresponding week of 1921. Here also earning assets and deposits showed gains. The total of Federal Reserve notes in circulation increased over \$13,000,000. The net result of these movements was to reduce the reserve ratios, which declined to 72.8%, a loss of 2.3% for the system as a whole, and 1.2%, to 79.2%, for the local bank.

The most noteworthy feature of last Saturday's New York Clearing House statement was a heavy expansion in loans, accompanied by an almost equally large increase in deposits, the natural concomitants of preparations for the year-end settlements. In round numbers the loan item showed an addition of \$98,425,000, while net demand deposits were larger by \$74,504,000, bringing the total up to \$3,865,985,000. This is exclusive of Government deposits to the amount of \$136,882,000, an increase in the latter item of \$79,853,000 for the week. Time deposits, however, were reduced \$5,567,000, to \$427,619,000. Other though smaller changes included an increase in cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank of \$2,233,000, to \$60,754,000 (not counted as reserve); a decline in reserves in own vaults of State banks and trust companies of \$63,000, and an increase in reserves of these institutions kept in other depositories of \$542,000. There was also an increase in reserves of member banks at the Reserve bank of \$26,221,000, which served to offset the addition to de-

posits and brought about a gain in surplus reserves of \$17,173,620. As a result excess reserves now stand at \$40,320,030, as against \$23,146,410 a week ago and a deficit in the week preceding that. 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 vault to the amount of \$60,754,000 held by the Clearing House banks on Saturday last.

In view of the heavy disbursements a week hence and the large operations of one kind and another, in addition to interest and dividend payments, the call money market at this centre has been surprisingly easy. Time money has been entirely nominal and rates ruled unchanged. It is possible that the quotations for call money will be higher next week, but most authorities believe that in the event of such a development there will be a corresponding recession early in the New Year. The distribution of interest and dividend money on Jan. 2 will be extremely large and within a week or ten days this money is expected to find its way back into the usual channels. So far there has not been the buying of bonds in advance of the receipt of this money that ordinarily is seen during the closing half of December. It may materialize during the coming week. The bond market has been extremely dull. There has been comparatively little change in the monetary position, speaking in a broad way. According to the latest reports there has not been much change in brokers' loans. The curtailment in borrowings by member banks from the Federal Reserve institutions, as reflected in this week's statement, would seem to indicate that there has been no material increase in the commercial demand for money. Flotations of securities have not been large, but some good-sized ones are under way. Steady progress is being made with respect to the Cuban loan for \$50,000,000, but some little time is expected to elapse before the successful syndicate will be in a position to make a public offering. The extent to which European Government securities will be put upon our market will depend greatly, it would seem, upon the progress that is made in settling the reparations question and in providing help to stabilize the currency of Germany. Important interests here are more hopeful over the foreign situation because they understand that prominent American business men, under the leadership of the United States Chamber of Commerce, will co-operate with the business leaders of Germany in attempts to strengthen the economic and financial position of that country.

Dealing with specific rates for money the week's range for call loans has been 4@5%, as against 3¾@5% last week. On Monday the high was 5%, with 4½% the low and renewal rate. Tuesday a flat rate of 4¾% was quoted, this being the high, the low and the renewal basis for the day. Renewals were again put through at 4¾% on Wednesday, the maximum figure, but toward the close the quotation dropped for a brief period to 4%. On Thursday no loans were negotiated under 4½%, which was the renewal figure; the maximum quotation was 5%. There was no change on Friday and the range was again 4½@5%, and renewals at 4½%. The figures here given are for both mixed collateral and all-industrial loans without differentiation. For fixed

date maturities the situation was quiet and featureless. A few trades were made in sixty and ninety days' money but no important loans were reported in any of the longer periods. Quotations continue at 4¾@5% for all periods from sixty days to six months, the same as a week ago.

Mercantile paper rates have not been changed from 4½@4¾% for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, with names not so well known still requiring 4¾@5%. The bulk of the limited business passing is at the outside figures. There was a ready market for the best names, but offerings continue moderate.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances remain at previous levels. In the early part of the week trading was fairly active and both local and out-of-town investors were in the market. Later on, however, what appeared to be holiday dulness set in and the volume of transactions diminished perceptibly. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council has been advanced from 3¾% last week to 4%. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rates on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks 4⅛% bid and 4% asked for bills running 30, 60 and 90 days; 4¼ bid and 4% asked for bills running for 120 days and 4½% bid and 4¼% asked for 150 days. Open market quotations were as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.			
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills.....	4¼@4	4¼@4	4¼@4
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.			
Eligible member banks.....			4½ bid
Eligible non-member banks.....			4½ 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 22 1922.

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

Sterling exchange suffered a temporary setback this week and following early firmness, when prices were maintained at very close to the levels prevailing a week ago, reaction commenced which gradually carried the quotation for demand bills down to 4 60, or 9 cents under the high point touched on Wednesday of last week. Later in the week some of the loss was regained and quotations rallied to 4 64½. The weakness was due almost wholly to the official statement issued by J. P. Morgan & Co. to the effect that financial assistance to Germany by this country in the form of a large loan could not be considered until the reparations problem had been settled. Bankers and financiers, as well as speculative interests who had been confidently predicting a speedy

solution of the existing debt tangle through American intervention, promptly withdrew from the market and once more assumed a waiting attitude. Opinion, moreover, was inclined to be pessimistic for a time, as while it is fully recognized that British currency is well able to stand upon its own merits, it is also frankly admitted that in the absence of a satisfactory adjustment of debt and reparations differences, very little hope can be entertained for a return to normal or healthy international trade relations. With the withdrawal of large operators from the market, trading dwindled perceptibly and the volume of business transacted was relatively small. The depression, however, proved short-lived and on Thursday recovery set in and a considerable part of the loss was recovered. Opinion in banking circles seems to be that European affairs are actually on the mend and that despite the oft-repeated delays and recurrence of unsettling rumors, the Allied Premiers have the situation well in hand. In some quarters the claim was made that the recession in rates was more the result of profit taking than the less favoring developments abroad, also a diminution in the British buying movement. Be this as it may, bankers and speculators alike are keeping a close watch upon international events, and the general disposition seems to be to await the outcome of forthcoming negotiations before taking on additional commitments. Towards the close pre-holiday dulness set in and the market came to a practical standstill. A factor which had some effect in restoring quotations the latter part of the week was the news that Germany had asked the United States to take a hand in settling the reparations dispute and rumors that some such step might be undertaken by the Washington authorities.

As to the more detailed quotations, sterling exchange on Saturday last was firm, but not essentially changed; the range was narrow and demand moved between $4\ 64\frac{1}{2}$ and $4\ 65\frac{3}{8}$; the range for cable transfers was $4\ 64\frac{3}{4}$ @ $4\ 65\frac{5}{8}$ and for sixty day bills $4\ 62\frac{3}{8}$ @ $4\ 63\frac{1}{4}$; trading was moderately active. Monday's market was reactionary in character and there was a decline to $4\ 63\frac{3}{4}$ @ $4\ 65\frac{1}{2}$ for demand, to $4\ 64$ @ $4\ 65\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers and to $4\ 61\frac{5}{8}$ @ $4\ 63\frac{3}{8}$ for sixty days; less favorable foreign news and easier cable rates from London were the prime factors in lowering rates. Increasing weakness developed on Tuesday, so that demand declined to $4\ 61\frac{3}{4}$ @ $4\ 63\frac{3}{8}$, cable transfers to $4\ 62$ @ $4\ 63\frac{5}{8}$ and sixty days to $4\ 59\frac{5}{8}$ @ $4\ 61\frac{1}{4}$. On Wednesday some irregularity was noted, with the trend still downward; the range for demand was $4\ 60$ @ $4\ 62\frac{3}{4}$, for cable transfers $4\ 60\frac{1}{4}$ @ $4\ 63$, and for sixty days $4\ 57\frac{7}{8}$ @ $4\ 60\frac{5}{8}$; transactions assumed only moderate proportions. An improving tendency was noted on Thursday and as a result of better buying, also higher London cable rates, prices were marked up locally to $4\ 62$ @ $4\ 64\frac{7}{8}$ for demand, to $4\ 62\frac{1}{4}$ @ $4\ 65\frac{1}{8}$ for cable transfers and to $4\ 59\frac{7}{8}$ @ $4\ 62\frac{3}{4}$ for sixty days. On Friday trading was largely of a pre-holiday character and much of the time the market was at a standstill; consequently quotations were but little changed. Demand ranged at $4\ 63\frac{7}{8}$ @ $4\ 64\frac{1}{2}$, cable transfers at $4\ 64\frac{1}{8}$ @ $4\ 64\frac{3}{4}$ and sixty days at $4\ 61\frac{3}{4}$ @ $4\ 62\frac{3}{8}$. Closing quotations were $4\ 62\frac{1}{4}$ for sixty days, $4\ 64\frac{3}{8}$ for demand and $4\ 64\frac{5}{8}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at $4\ 64\frac{1}{8}$, sixty days at $4\ 61\frac{3}{8}$, ninety days at $4\ 61$, documents for payment (sixty days) at $4\ 61\frac{3}{4}$, and seven-day grain bills at

$4\ 63\frac{3}{8}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at $4\ 64\frac{1}{8}$.

No gold arrivals were reported this week, but it is understood that consignments of the precious metal amounting to £4,000,000 are en route on the steamers Cedric and Olympic from England.

In the Continental exchanges also the disillusionment regarding the German loan made itself felt for a while and strength and activity in the initial dealings were succeeded by irregularity and a return to lower levels; although later in the week a partial rally took place and some of the losses were regained. This is especially true of French currency, which after an advance of 15 points, to 7.63, a new high on the recent upswing, slumped sharply and receded to 7.35, with the final figure 7.42 @ 7.44 . It was reported that selling in London on the part of speculative interests was responsible for the break prompted by rumors that France had not abandoned her militant intentions of an invasion of the Ruhr district in the event of failure to come to terms with Germany regarding reparation settlements. Such a step is regarded as likely to be as disastrous for France as it would be for Germany. Antwerp francs moved in sympathy with Paris exchange. Reichsmarks shared in the general depression and the quotation moved down to 0.014, a loss of 7 points. Greek drachma, on the other hand, opened at 1.13, then rallied to 1.35 on better political prospects although losing some of the advance at the close. In the Central European currencies quotations moved at variance. Czechoslovakian crowns opened weak, but recovered and registered important closing gains. Rumanian and Finnish exchange remained practically unchanged, but Polish marks ruled heavy and broke to .00055. Italian lire maintained a relatively firm front and covered a range of 5.13 @ 5.05 . Early in the week considerable uneasiness was manifested over the unsettling rumors from abroad regarding inability to arrive at an agreement on either the debt or reparations problems, and the active buying of the previous week was succeeded by a selling movement of sizable proportions; though it should be noted that much of the selling really emanated from abroad and quotations in the local market were largely a reflex of what was going on at important European centres. In the latter part of the week the undercurrent of optimism which has been so much in evidence of late, reasserted itself and currency values improved, but trading continued of small proportions, as traders were plainly unwilling to risk the taking of a definite position in the market under present unsettled conditions. Preparations for the Christmas holidays also served to accentuate the dulness and at the close business had dropped to almost negligible proportions.

The London check rate in Paris finished at 62.46, against 63.55 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at 7.43, against $7.48\frac{1}{2}$; cable transfers at 7.44, against $7.49\frac{1}{2}$; commercial sight bills at 7.41, against $7.46\frac{1}{2}$, and commercial sixty days at 7.38, against $7.43\frac{1}{2}$ a week ago. Antwerp francs finished at 6.80 for checks and 6.81 for cable transfers, in comparison with $6.88\frac{1}{2}$ and $6.89\frac{1}{2}$ last week. Closing rates for Berlin marks were 0.0150 for both checks and cable transfers, as against 0.0156 a week earlier. Austrian kronen are apparently unaffected by the variations in other currencies and remain at about $0.00014\frac{1}{2}$, with the close

0.00014½, against 0.00014¼ the preceding week. Lire finished the week at 5.11½ for bankers' sight bills and 5.12½ for cable remittances. This compares with 5.04½ and 5.05½ last week. Exchange on Czechoslovakia closed at 3.12 against 3.06; on Bucharest at 0.58½ against 0.62; on Poland at 0.00058½, against 0.00057, and on Finland at 2.50, against 2.52 a week ago. Greek exchange finished at 1.16 for checks and 1.21 for cable transfers. Last week the close was 1.13 and 1.18.

In the neutral exchanges, formerly so-called, the trend was sharply downward, and losses were more severe than in the case of the rates on the leading Continental centres. Guilders lost 44 points to 39.55, while declines ranging from 25 to 35 points were registered in the Scandinavian currencies, although some of the losses in the latter currencies were regained at the close. Swiss francs and Spanish pesetas also lost ground, but to a lesser extent. While the movement was in sympathy with that in sterling and the other Continental currencies, it was partly due to a cessation of the active buying noted a week earlier.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at 39.71, against 39.93; cable transfers at 39.82, against 40.02; commercial sight at 39.66, against 39.88, and commercial sixty days at 39.33, against 39.57 last week. The final figure for Swiss francs was 18.92 for bankers' sight bills and 18.94 for cable remittances. A week ago the close was 18.95½ and 19.97½. Copenhagen checks finished at 20.68 and cable transfers at 20.72, against 20.85 and 20.89. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.96 and cable transfers at 27.00, against 26.89 and 26.91, while checks on Norway finished at 19.21 and cable transfers at 19.07, against 19.08 and 19.21 the previous week. Spanish pesetas closed at 15.74 for checks and 15.75 for cable transfers, in comparison with 15.72 and 15.73 a week ago.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANK TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922. DEC. 16 TO DEC. 22 1922, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York Value in United States Money.					
	Dec. 16.	Dec. 18.	Dec. 19.	Dec. 20.	Dec. 21.	Dec. 22.
EUROPE—						
Austria, krone.....	0.00014	0.00014	0.00014	0.00014	0.00014	0.00014
Belgium, franc.....	0.095	0.0979	0.0986	0.0981	0.0983	0.0982
Bulgaria, lev.....	0.07133	0.06685	0.0695	0.06923	0.0705	0.0718
Czechoslovakia, krone.....	0.29706	0.27256	0.29158	0.30128	0.29767	0.30944
Denmark, krone.....	2.088	2.087	2.074	2.053	2.066	2.073
England, pound sterling.....	4.6501	4.6424	4.6310	4.5078	4.6415	4.6424
Finland, Markka.....	0.25113	0.250	0.25025	0.2505	0.25088	0.25163
France, franc.....	0.761	0.741	0.748	0.742	0.744	0.744
Germany, reichsmark.....	0.00186	0.00153	0.00145	0.00149	0.00157	0.00145
Greece, drachma.....	0.11943	0.12329	0.13257	0.13129	0.124	0.12314
Holland, guilder.....	4.002	4.002	3.994	3.968	3.984	3.982
Hungary, krona.....	0.00432	0.00437	0.00431	0.00433	0.00433	0.00432
Italy, lire.....	0.511	0.510	0.510	0.506	0.509	0.511
Norway, krone.....	1.906	1.908	1.905	1.891	1.898	1.905
Poland, mark.....	0.00057	0.00055	0.00057	0.00054	0.00050	0.00056
Portugal, escuda.....	0.436	0.438	0.434	0.472	0.474	0.475
Rumania, leu.....	0.06059	0.06050	0.06047	0.06030	0.06031	0.05953
Serbia, dinar.....	0.11286	0.108	0.10857	0.114	0.11471	0.11243
Spain, peseta.....	1.576	1.579	1.575	1.566	1.571	1.574
Sweden, krona.....	2.694	2.693	2.690	2.691	2.696	2.695
Switzerland, franc.....	1.898	1.899	1.893	1.888	1.891	1.894
Yugoslavia, krone.....	0.02806	0.02891	0.02868	0.02821	0.02871	0.02813
ASIA—						
China, Chefoo tael.....	7.342	7.313	7.358	7.321	7.329	7.329
" Hankow tael.....	7.333	7.304	7.350	7.313	7.321	7.321
" Shanghai tael.....	7.070	7.045	7.061	7.059	7.071	7.055
" Tientsin tael.....	7.392	7.363	7.408	7.371	7.379	7.363
" Hongkong dollar.....	5.311	5.268	5.284	5.284	5.275	5.268
" Mexican dollar.....	5.163	5.175	5.156	5.155	5.177	5.165
" Tientsin or Peking dollar.....	5.333	5.354	5.342	5.325	5.367	5.354
Yuan dollar.....	5.250	5.225	5.258	5.246	5.225	5.204
India, rupee.....	3.086	3.092	3.088	3.077	3.088	3.088
Japan, yen.....	4.892	4.896	4.898	4.892	4.899	4.897
Singapore (S. S.) dollar.....	5.329	5.313	5.342	5.317	5.325	5.317
NORTH AMERICA—						
Canada, dollar.....	0.99453	0.99444	0.9930	0.990781	0.991361	0.991632
Cuba, peso.....	0.99125	0.99188	0.99069	0.99022	1.0005	0.99438
Mexico, peso.....	4.890	4.83125	4.84531	4.8375	4.8375	4.835
Newfoundland, dollar.....	0.991719	0.991719	0.990313	0.987909	0.989433	0.989297
SOUTH AMERICA—						
Argentina, peso (gold).....	8.603	8.637	8.613	8.587	8.584	8.594
Brazil, milreis.....	1.204	1.205	1.201	1.184	1.179	1.166
Chile, peso (paper).....	1.223	1.240	1.255	1.252	1.261	1.267
Uruguay, peso.....	8.507	8.515	8.494	8.491	8.503	8.506

South American exchange quotations have been maintained and the undertone has been firm practically throughout. The Argentine check rate fin-

ished at 38 and cable transfers at 38½, against 38½ and 38¼ last week. For Brazil, however, weakness developed and the close was 11.75 for checks and 12.00 for cable transfers, against 12.25 and 12.30. Chilean exchange was firm and finished at 13½, against 12¾, with Peru unchanged at 4.19.

Far Eastern Exchange was quoted as follows: Hong Kong, 52¾@53, against 53¾@54½; Shanghai, 71¾@72, against 72¼@72½; Yokohama, 48¾@49¼, against 48¾@49; Manila, 49¾@50, against 49¾@49½; Singapore, 54½@54¾, against 54½@54¾; Bombay, 31@31¼, against 30¾@31, and Calcutta, 31¼@31½, against 31½@31¾.

The New York Clearing House banks in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$4,065,235 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending Dec. 21. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$5,029,735, while the shipments have reached \$964,500, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week ending Dec. 21.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$5,029,735	\$964,500	Gain \$4,065,235

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. 16.	Monday, Dec. 18.	Tuesday, Dec. 19.	Wednesday, Dec. 20.	Thursday, Dec. 21.	Friday, Dec. 22.	Aggregate for Week.
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
76,000,000	95,000,000	54,000,000	67,000,000	68,000,000	51,000,000	Cr. 421,000,000

Note.—The foregoing heavy credits reflect the huge mass of checks which come to the New York Reserve Bank from all parts of the country in the operation of the Federal Reserve System's par collection scheme. These large credit balances, however, show nothing as to the results of the Reserve Bank's operations with the Clearing House institutions. They represent only one side of the account, as checks drawn on the Reserve Bank itself are presented directly to the bank and never go through the Clearing House.

The following table indicates the amount of bullion in the principal European banks:

Banks of—	Dec. 21 1922.			Dec. 22 1921.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England.....	£ 127,444,219	£ 127,444,219	£ 128,431,144	£ 118,431,144	£ 128,431,144	£ 128,431,144
France.....	146,811,849	11,520,000	158,331,849	143,031,914	11,160,000	154,191,914
Germany.....	50,110,780	7,050,300	57,161,080	49,684,900	602,650	50,287,550
Aus.-Hun.....	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000
Spain.....	100,955,000	25,856,000	126,811,000	100,398,000	24,996,000	125,394,000
Italy.....	35,039,000	3,024,000	38,063,000	30,827,000	2,970,000	33,797,000
Netherl'ds.....	48,482,000	756,000	49,238,000	49,497,000	600,000	50,097,000
Nat. Belg.....	10,757,000	2,094,000	12,851,000	10,893,000	1,612,000	12,505,000
Switz'land.....	21,359,000	4,350,000	25,709,000	21,806,000	4,600,000	26,406,000
Sweden.....	15,221,000	15,221,000	15,270,000	15,270,000	15,270,000	15,270,000
Denmark.....	12,682,000	252,000	12,934,000	12,685,000	217,000	12,902,000
Norway.....	8,183,000	8,183,000	8,115,000	8,115,000	8,115,000	8,115,000
Total week.....	587,988,848	57,271,300	645,260,148	585,353,958	49,216,650	634,570,608
Prev. week.....	587,880,772	57,493,300	645,374,072	585,287,315	49,330,650	634,617,965

* Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £74,574,682 held abroad.

A "LABOR" ARGUMENT FOR "THE LIVING WAGE."

About three months ago, the "Times" gave Mr. Gompers an opportunity to prove the existence of a widespread "conspiracy" not merely to resist labor encroachments but to break up its organizations or, as he puts it, to "destroy" labor. In a four-column article on Sept. 17 he stated his case, we may fairly assume, as well as it can be stated; but all he accomplished was to produce evidence of a strong and nation-wide and growing propaganda for the open shop. Now the same journal has given opportunity to Mr. W. Jett Lauck to explain and uphold the "living wage," as an attainable thing and both an obligation

of and a benefit to society. In the "Times" of Dec. 17 he occupied three columns, and, as he is the "expert" economist of one railway union, we may assume that he has done the utmost possible in favor of his contention.

We must obviously start with a definition of the thing to be discussed. Fifteen years ago, says Mr. Lauck, an Australian judge defined the living wage as the least to meet the "normal needs of the average employee, regarded as a human being, living in a civilized community," and described this average worker as a married man with a wife and three dependent children. Now, says Mr. Lauck:

"This definition has been accepted by the best authorities in this country. The living wage, as defined to the Railway Labor Board by representatives of the workers and as now generally accepted, is a wage sufficient to enable the lowest grade or unskilled industrial worker to support himself, a wife and three dependent children, in health and decency and with reasonable comfort. The most authoritative studies distinguish three levels or standards of living among industrial workers: the pauper or poverty level, the minimum of subsistence level, and the minimum of health and comfort level."

In fairness to him, and as approaching the crux of the subject, we quote also Mr. Lauck's opening paragraph:

"The principle of the living wage may now be said to have been generally accepted by enlightened public opinion. Church organizations, without regard to denomination, statesmen, economists, publicists, the national industrial conferences of the last three years, arbitration boards and other wage adjustment agencies, including the Kansas Court of Industrial Relations, have sanctioned the living-wage principle. No individual, court, or organization in this country has had the courage to oppose openly the principle of the living wage."

Taken literally, this is true, and (aside from the mention of several organizations of very recent origin) it has long been true. For "the principle" of a living wage is just this: that it is desirable, on all good and reasonable grounds, that all persons should be able to live like human beings with immortal souls, and that conditions "ought" to be such as to permit and produce this. Not a doubt of it, Mr. Lauck, and it was as true in 1776 as in 1922. The sole difficulty with your four-column demonstration is that it fails to demonstrate; it states a "principle" which nobody disputes, but to carry that into practice is the one great problem over which, whether realizing that fact or not, mankind are now struggling.

If the "principle" alone sufficed, Mr. Lauck need not have said another word. But he seems dimly to realize that an aspiration and an objective are not an attainment, for he immediately proceeds to consider what he calls "technicalities" that have been put in the path. "The latest development of this character," he says, "was the deplorable majority opinion handed down by the Railroad Labor Board" on Oct. 28, in which "the principle involved was consciously evaded." The Board did call "a living wage" "a bit of mellifluous phraseology, well calculated to deceive the unthinking," and in that the Board was right. "The foundation of this pronouncement," says Mr. Lauck, "consisted of deliberate quibbling by the Board over the terms 'a' living wage and 'the' living wage." Not so; there was neither quibble nor attempt to quibble. The crux lies in the practical difference, in this matter, between what are called, as

parts of speech, the indefinite "a" and the definite article "the." The Lauck party err in taking one supposed family as a type of all and in assuming as real what is dubbed in labor circles "an American" standard of living. As an illustration, there might be two brothers, married and having three children, men of good character and as nearly duplicates as twins can be, working on the same job, and occupying similar flats on the same city block; yet their wives might have different "faculty" on spending and managing and different notions as to what reasonable living requires, and the children might differ, and what we call misfortune (sickness and otherwise) might visit them unequally. It is possible to select some one family and to investigate, with a careful study of every factor bearing on the case, how large a wage, at present commodity prices, will furnish a reasonable living, although, even in this one instance, there is neither fixity nor agreement upon what is "reasonable." But when we have finished we have obtained a theory, and if we seek to apply it to practice it is as if we attempted a general measuring with a yard stick which kept lengthening and shortening itself in an uncontrollable and unforeseeable manner. Many varying conditions affect necessary expenses (not to mention the unthrifty ones) and the purchasing power of the dollar also varies according to the hand that spends it. Hence, there is no such thing as "a" uniform living wage, applicable everywhere, even in a single industry, and for like reasons there is no uniform "saving" wage.

Against the Labor Board's action in October Mr. Lauck complains that "dire prophecies were vividly set forth as to the financial ruin of the railroads and the general collapse of our basic industries if the living wage was adopted." In contrast, in the pretended arbitrations of railway wages, some years ago, the only question considered was what the men "ought" to have and the question what the roads could pay was dismissed as aliunde; similarly, those who now call loudly for lower carrying rates (and the need of lower rates is undeniable) show indifference, or, at least, a lack of thought, as to what may happen to the roads. Bills to force rates down are talked of and even presented; but the roads must live, either as self-supporting or as carried on top of the other tax-loads of the country, or they must break down—here are the three grimly-fixed courses between which the choice must be made, voluntarily or by sheer drifting. Is it of no consequence, or of negligible consequence, what befalls the roads? When they break it will be almost as if the ground failed beneath our feet.

Our trouble is the old one. When the exchangeable power of the dollar falls and prices are rising trade is brisk, a hectic flush of seeming prosperity comes on, there is a "boom," and everybody is happy. The slide down into "Avernum" is easy, the climb out is difficult and character-trying. Labor kicks and screams against deflation as applied to the number of its wage dollars, because failing to perceive (or, at least, to recognize and admit) two immovable facts: (1) that no industrial place, and no single industry in all places, can force increase in the number of its dollars without the like attempt being successfully made elsewhere, so that blow answers blow; (2) that increasing wages is in effect a decrease of them, and wage deflation is really wage inflation. This sounds like a paradox and almost like a contradiction; but the meaning is that as nominal wages on a large scale

go up or down commodity prices follow, the power of the wage dollars being inversely as their number, because labor is much the largest factor in all commodity costs. Mr. Lauck argues that industry can afford to pay a living wage and that opponents of it neglect "the profit side," for a living wage would increase efficiency and would also cut the social burden of relieving misery which flows from wages unduly low. This is traveling around the circle again. It is not true that high wages produce higher efficiency, though efficiency can and should produce higher wages; and it is true that the low wage is low because the dollar is so feeble in buying.

WHY CRUDE RUBBER PRICES HAVE ADVANCED.

With but minor upward swings in the movement, the price of spot crude rubber at New York (standard ribbed smoked sheets) declined steadily from around 20 cents a pound in January 1922 to an average of but slightly under 14 cents in September. Rubber had suffered from economic conditions so long that the trade had lost heart. Prices had been falling ever since the war. Production had been going on faster than consumption. Imports were arriving in advance of demand. Large stocks were accumulating the world over and rubber producers and owners of stocks saw but little hope in the future.

Since September an almost unbroken rise has taken place which has carried the price up to around 28 cents a pound. It will be of interest to review the factors that have contributed to bring about this transformation which in the brief period of three months has doubled the price, raising it to a point higher than it has been for two years.

The general impression is that the so-called "Stevenson Plan" for compulsory control of rubber production through price-fixing has been the controlling factor in the price advance. Apparent confirmation of this view is found in the fact that the price began to rise as soon as it became evident the plan was going to be adopted—the price reaching its present level, which corresponds closely to the minimum price aimed at by the framers of the plan—shortly after it became a law. In other words, the market has been discounting the effect of a scheme which cannot begin to show results for some weeks or months to come.

The Stevenson Plan is contained in a Supplementary Report to the British Parliament, presented in October 1922, by the "Committee Appointed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to Investigate and Report upon the Present Rubber Situation in British Colonies and Protectorates," of which Sir James Stevenson is the Chairman. The text of this report is reprinted in another part of this issue. The recommendations it carries have been ratified by Parliament, the British Colonial Office, the Governments of the Federated Malay States, the Straits Settlements and of Ceylon.

Briefly described, the scheme adopts, as a standard of production, the actual output of each producer during the twelve months from Nov. 1 1919 to Oct. 31 1920. It seeks to bring about a curtailment of that standard production by 40% during 1923 by the imposition of a penalty upon each producer who shall, in the coming months, produce for export more than the 60% of the standard amount of 1919-1920 allotted him to export. This is done by an over-all export duty amounting to 4 pence a pound should he export

65% of his allowance—the duty increasing by progressive degrees to 12 pence, should he export 100% of his standard allowance.

The plan provides for moving the standard exportable amount up or down as the price of standard ribbed smoked sheets in London fluctuates. The minimum is placed at 15 pence and should the price of rubber average that figure during a three months period, the standard exportable quantity is automatically raised 5% for the next quarter. Similarly, if the price is maintained at an average of 18 pence for a like period, the standard exportable amount is automatically raised 10% for the ensuing quarter.

It is further provided that, should 70% of the standard production prove too high, and if the price of rubber has not averaged 12 pence a pound, the standard that may be exported at the minimum duty shall be reduced to 55%. If this reduction is still found insufficient to raise the price to 15 pence, the standard shall then be further reduced, and so on, by 5% reductions, until an average price of 15 pence a pound is secured. This corresponds, practically, with the present New York price.

Numerous have been the estimates made of the probable effect of the operation of the Stevenson Plan—many pointing to a prospective shortage of rubber within the next year. A fair sample of this view is seen in the analysis of one of the London economic journals (*The Statist*, Nov. 18), which estimates that, under the plan, the total prospective visible supply of rubber from all sources and at the 15 pence price will not exceed 265,000 tons for 1923, plus any percentage that may be released during the year, and that the world's requirements will amount approximately to between 382,000 and 391,000 tons.

If such estimates are reliable it is evident that a production shortage must come about and that the existing surplus stocks of rubber will be wiped out in 1923. As one of the New York brokerage houses puts it in a circular letter to its customers, "It would, therefore, appear that those buyers are likely to fare best who secure as much as possible of their requirements early."

In this country, as appears from the views of many prominent manufacturers and crude rubber merchants, the plan has been none too favorably received, though apathy is indicated in many quarters. It is claimed by some that any plan of compulsory restriction of the output and price-fixing of any commodity is an uneconomic infringement upon natural laws which, alone, should govern. Many claim that "turn and turn about" is fair play—that the British companies were relentless in their price demands when they had their innings a few years ago—innings that put fortunes into the pockets of many of their stockholders—and that America paid the price without a murmur. Some compare the move with the "buy a bale" cry of the South when cotton was in the doldrums—some sound the alarm that, if pushed too far, other grades than the plantation sheets from the *Hevea* might be found available for many purposes, and that the use of reclaimed rubber might be largely increased.

The view has also been expressed that Great Britain has distinctly "fallen down" in its management of her rubber industry—that the day has passed when large companies with high overhead expenses can hope to compete with the Chinese of the Malay Peninsula who can, and are now, producing rubber at a cost which enables them to live where a British

company would starve, and that the Chinese and native owned rubber plantation will be the logical future outcome. It is contended, furthermore, that this condition is now gradually taking place—that the Straits Chinaman is keen to pick up bargains in British owned plantations that have gone to the wall. In no quarter, however, is seen any desire on the part of American capital to enter the plantation industry in competition with the interests now in control—British, Dutch or Chinese. America seems content to rest with its trifling interest in rubber plantations.

The feeling in the United States is so strong that something detrimental to its interests may happen under the Stevenson restriction plan that, in an endeavor to remove existing objections, a delegation from the Rubber Growers' Association of London is expected to arrive in New York in January to discuss the whole question with the members of the Rubber Association of America.

It took Great Britain something more than two years to arrive at the present rubber curtailment program and it is held in many American quarters that it is now too late, or rather, that no curtailment plan is now needed and that its operation may be productive of more harm than good. Those who take this position attribute the general price advance to the gradual wiping out of the stocks of rubber that had been steadily accumulating for several years and which, as late as six months ago, were regarded as almost hopeless. The published reports of the Rubber Association of America tell a different story now than then, and they tell also that, month by month, more rubber is being consumed in our factories than is arriving from overseas. Herein is seen a more potent reason for the price advance than in the probable operation of the Stevenson Plan.

In a large measure the improved condition has been due to the increased demand for tires, brought about, in part, by revived business conditions in general, but more particularly by the great reduction in prices, amounting to 54% in the case of the large sizes of cord tires. The effect of these conditions is seen in the increased tire demand, resulting in an augmented production during the year which ended Oct. 1 1922, of 30% in casings, 23% in tubes and as high as 80% in solid tires. With the advance in tire prices now setting in this condition may be somewhat modified.

The third factor is found in the interest which has recently attached to experiments in new uses for liquid rubber latex. Prior to a few months ago all plantation rubber was coagulated and manufactured into the sheets of commerce before being exported from the points of origin. Of late, however, there has been a limited export to this country and Europe of rubber latex treated with a small amount of ammonia to prevent coagulation. Only a few hundred tons of latex has yet found its way into the United States and its use has been almost entirely experimental—largely in paper-making, where, it is expected, a large field for its use may be opened.

The impetus given to the crude rubber industry as a result of the revival of the tire industry and the gradual reduction of the surplus is positive and tangible and is sufficient to place that industry on a more substantial basis than it has enjoyed for several years. The latex factor, however, is but a potentiality at the present time, though enough of a potentiality that developments will be closely

watched. The world has long been looking for large new uses for rubber and it may be possible that this has been, or will be, found in the business of paper manufacture. The doubt expressed regarding the effect of the Stevenson Plan may be dispelled when the rubber men of London sit down to a conference with the rubber manufacturers of the United States. If the latter fear that a real shortage may result, strenuous measures are likely to be insisted upon to prevent such an occurrence.

MR. JAMES M. BECK ON THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

The three addresses on the Constitution of the United States delivered by Mr. Beck, the Solicitor-General of the United States, in Gray's Inn, London, in June last are now brought out in a book by Doran.

Their importance is indicated by the terms in which Earl Balfour introduced him. After referring to "the epoch-making character" of his earlier work, he said: "To-day he comes before us as neither judge nor advocate, but historian; and he offers to guide us through one of the most important and interesting enterprises in which our common race has ever been engaged."

Mr. Beck's theme was 'The Genesis, the Formulation, and the Fundamental Philosophy of the Constitution. The addresses are brief and distinct; and while the author says their brevity did not permit his going deeply or exhaustively into his subject, he has not failed to bring to light some important and, probably, not generally known facts in connection with each division of his subject.

For example, in the address on the Genesis of the Constitution, he quotes Edmund Burke's characterization of the colonists: "In other countries the people, more simple and of a less mercurial cast, judge of an ill-principle in government only by an actual grievance; here they anticipate the evil and judge of the pressure of the grievance by the badness of the principle." Then he points out that these hardy pioneers were the privileged heirs of the great political traditions of England founded upon the Common Law, and that they applied to this the genius and sense for constitutionalism which their colonial conditions had developed.

The immediate situation was not unlike that of the world to-day. A great war had devastated the country. As Washington said: "The whole world was in an uproar." The thirteen Colonies were small and remote, but they were sharers in the demoralization to the full. Impoverished in resources, stripped of the flower of their youth, complete disintegration had set in. Credit was gone, business paralyzed, lawlessness triumphant, and not only between class and class, but between State and State there were sharp controversies and an alarming diversity of spirit. The first Continental Congress that met in 1774 had no thought of founding a central Government or of separating from England. They met to defend their constitutional rights. The American Commonwealth began with the clash at Lexington and Concord. It had no head, no authority, and no union, and nearly defeated Washington's plans. The first articles of confederation were drafted in 1776, but were not finally adopted till March 1781, when the war was nearly over.

With the close of the war, Nov. 30 1782, Congress found itself with no money and no power or real authority. It quickly began to break up. Only fif-

teen members representing seven Colonies remained to transact the business of the new nation. Its calls to the States for money were little heeded; it faced \$2,400,000 interest due on the foreign debt; and a revolt broke out in the army which only Washington's personal appeal subdued. Things went from bad to worse. Shay's rebellion broke out in Massachusetts and spread to other States. Chaos seemed to have come. In October 1785 Washington wrote from Mt. Vernon: "I have beheld no day since the commencement of hostilities that I thought our liberties in such danger as at present. It was but the other day that we were shedding our blood to obtain the Constitutions under which we now live, and now we are unsheathing our swords to overturn them." At his suggestion, following a conference of a few earnest men at Mt. Vernon, a convention ultimately assembled in Philadelphia in May 1787, to "devise provision to render the Constitution of the Federal Government adequate to the exigencies."

The term "Constitution" had first been suggested by Sir Edwin Sandys for the use of the Virginia Colony in 1609. The idea of local self-government had been developing from the first in all the Colonies. Union was long desired. It was first suggested by William Penn in 1643, and again by Franklin in 1754. When the Convention opened various plans of a Constitution were at once presented. The Virginia delegation brought outlines of a new Constitution embodying a scheme of double sovereignty, drawn by Madison in accord with the suggestion of Peletiah Webster, a Philadelphia merchant, published four years before. Pennsylvania's delegates approved it. Charles Pinckney of South Carolina offered a plan which proved the embryo of the future document. Washington urged a strong federated union on the ground that a mere league would not suffice, and his influence was eventually decisive. He said, before the Convention opened: "It is too probable that no plan that we propose will be adopted. Perhaps another dreadful conflict is to be sustained. If to please the people, we offer what we ourselves disapprove, how can we afterwards defend our work? Let us raise a standard to which the wise and just can repair. The event is in the hand of God."

The debate was so bitter and the danger of the Convention breaking up so great that on June 28th Franklin made a moving appeal, calling attention to the fact that in their search in ancient history and among modern States for a suitable model they found themselves hopelessly in the dark, and that they had forgotten God. "I have lived," he said, "a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see that God governs in the affairs of men." He begged that prayers should be daily offered for Divine guidance.

After a session of 81 continuous days, on the 15th of September the Constitution was adopted subject to the approval of the States. It consisted of 4,000 words. Lord Bryce says: "History knows few instruments which in so few words lay down equally momentous rules on a vast range of matters of the highest importance and complexity."

Even including the 19 amendments, after 135 years of development, it does not exceed 7,000 words. Franklin secured the final signatures of the delegates by his appeal, in which he said: "There are several parts which I do not at present approve, but I am not sure that I shall never approve them. I consent to this Constitution because I expect no better, and be-

cause I am not sure it is not the best." He said he would keep his objections to himself outside of that hall,* and he hoped all would do so, for "if returning to our constituents we were to report our objections in order to gain partisans, we might prevent its being generally received." As a matter of fact, only three States ratified at once, and the necessary nine were only had after nearly a year; it was three years before all thirteen came in. Two had stood out even after it was in operation. The first ten amendments were made to secure the conditional votes, and but nine have been added since then. Commentary has only been necessary by the Supreme Court, "for adapting the meaning to the ever-changing conditions of human life."

The Essential Principles of the Constitution Mr. Beck considers to be: First, Representative Government. Its makers were practical men and were wearied with the doctrinaires of democracy as meaning the power of the people to legislate directly and without representatives. They gave no hint of a referendum or initiative; even amendments must be proposed by two-thirds of the House and the Senate, and then required three-fourths of the States to ratify. The conception of democracy has changed much since then, and to-day representatives are considered only mouthpieces of the people who select them. Time may yet justify the conception of the framers. The departure is certainly great.

Second: The most novel feature is the dual form of government. Previously it had not been thought possible to divide sovereignty, as it is done between the central Government and the States. To adjust this to the necessities of business has taken the constructive genius of the Supreme Court, especially in inter-State commerce. The inevitable tendency is toward centralization. Without this dual form of government the Constitution would long since have broken down.

Third: The guaranty of individual liberty through constitutional limitations. Hitherto the "liberties" of the people were held as a special grant of the Sovereign or the State. The framers held that the people have certain "inalienable rights," which could not be taken away. Their conception of individualism enforced in courts of law as against executive and legislatures was wholly new. By virtue of his inherent and God-given dignity as a human soul a man has rights, such as freedom of the Press, liberty of speech, property rights, and religious freedom, which even a hundred millions of people cannot rightfully take away. The free competition of man and man, the nobility of labor, the right to work, free from the tyranny of State or class, was their Gospel. Socialism was as abhorrent to them as was Absolutism.

Fourth: An Independent Judiciary. This is the balance wheel of the Constitution and must be beyond the possibility of attack. The nation is founded on the rock of property rights and the sanctity of contracts. The guaranty is as old as the Magna Charta; "due process of law" is but a paraphrase of "the law of the land," without which no freeman could be deprived of his possessions. With unbroken success the Supreme Court has discharged the difficult and most delicate duty of preserving the balance of power in the Government, and has stood as the idea and model to keep alive the sense of constitutional justice in the people and their representatives, which

*The sessions were all with closed doors and the pledge of secrecy.

cannot be left to the courts, and without which the nation cannot stand.

Fifth: The System of Governmental checks and balances. This stands as the brake upon precipitate action and the negation of unrestrained democracy. It marks the spirit of restraint which the framers imposed for themselves. If at times it seems to stand in the way of the people's desire for immediate action there will doubtless be found ways of expression.

Sixth: Joint power of the Senate and the Executives over foreign relations. Though this may at times lead to regrettable embarrassments, it is not only wise for us, but for the best interests of others, and even in the face of disturbance should not be changed. So far Mr. Beck.

The "Yale Review" says that "the great contribution of America to History has been political—an experiment in government." It then comments: "Over-emphasis of the importance of this experiment has led us from a conception of liberty wherein the personal rights of the individual were the supreme care of the State, to a conception wherein the individual has no personal rights. Society has become the chief care. From the ideal of as little government as possible we have passed to the ideal of as much government as possible. The responsibility of the individual gives place to the responsibility of the State."

Then it quotes from the distinguished writer and critic, L. P. Jacks, the editor of the "Hibbard Journal": "Treat man after the mind of Christ, as a being whose first need is light, and whose second need is for government, and you will find that as his need for light is progressively satisfied, his progressive need for government will progressively diminish."

America needs this reminder to-day. Only so shall we not only save Democracy, but we shall save both the man and the State.

GOVERNMENTAL ESTIMATING.

The statement in the President's Budget Message that the deficit on June 30 1923 was estimated at \$274,000,000, no doubt came as a distinct surprise to many. A much larger deficit appeared to be in prospect. In fact, a great deal of publicity had been given to figures promulgated by the Government last July forecasting that the deficit would be about \$700,000,000. How can we account for this vast difference in estimates made within five months of each other?

It will be well to go back and review the various estimates put forth for the fiscal year 1923. The first of these appeared in the Budget submitted by the President on Dec. 5 1921. At that time the estimated receipts were \$3,338,000,000, and the estimated expenditures \$3,506,000,000, thus indicating a deficit of \$168,000,000. Eight months later, early in July, at the second annual business meeting of the business organization of the Government, the President gave out revised estimates showing prospective receipts at \$3,074,000,000, and prospective expenditures at \$3,771,000,000, thus indicating a deficit on June 30 1923 of \$697,000,000. From information contained in the 1924 Budget, it now appears that the sum of \$125,000,000 should have been added to the estimated expenditures for 1923 to cover the repayment of discount accruals on War Savings Stamps, series of 1918, which become due on Jan. 1 1923. The prospective deficit, therefore, last July should have been stated as \$822,000,000. Five months later, upon the submission of the Budget of 1924 to Congress by the President on Dec. 4 1922, the estimated

receipts for the fiscal year 1923 are placed at \$3,430,000,000, and the estimated expenditures at \$3,704,000,000, leaving a prospective deficit of \$274,000,000. In these latter figures for expenditures the item of \$125,000,000 above referred to is included. The real difference, therefore, between the July estimate and the December estimate is \$548,000,000.

How can we rationally account for this sudden increase in the estimates of receipts, and decrease in the estimates of expenditures? The increase in the estimated receipts cannot be accounted for solely on the ground of the stimulation of revenue collections and larger customs revenue due to the operation of the new tariff law. Nor can the greatly reduced estimate of expenditures be taken as reflecting extra pressure by the Executive for economy and efficiency in Governmental expenditures. This pressure was in full force during the eight months prior to July 1, when the estimated expenditures for 1923 were placed at a much higher figure.

The real cause of these wide discrepancies in the Government figures would seem to be unscientific estimating in general and a lack of appreciation of the importance of Governmental estimates of this character. Prior to the adoption of the Budget system the Executive branch of the Government never attempted to formulate a financial program. Certain financial information was from time to time given to Congress and to the public, but there was no conscious effort at co-operation, and no concentration of responsibility for financial operations. Estimates of receipts and of expenditures were not taken seriously. It had been the practice for years—as a study of the figures themselves will show—for the officials of the various departments and establishments to put their estimates of receipts too low, and their estimates of expenditures too high. This was done on the one hand apparently to shun responsibility for revenues failing to come up to their estimates and on the other to a tendency to magnify their expenditure needs by estimating beyond the actual requirements.

This state of mind on the part of Government officials has continued during the Budget system. The Budget, being largely an instrument of publicity in national finance, immediately lays bare any such weakness, and the enforcement of Budget procedure will no doubt bring about in the near future a new point of view in Government estimates. It is pointed out that the estimates of receipts and expenditures by the officials of the British Government, taken over a period of years, show a remarkable approximation to the actual receipts and expenditures. This extraordinary skill in making estimates is ascribed to years of conscientious effort under a strong system of financial control. It is for this reason that financial statements issued by the British Government have gained the respect of the world.

Unless our estimates of receipts and expenditures are honestly and skillfully made, and the cumulative experience of prior years is brought to bear upon them, they will never have any real value either to inform the public with reference to national financial operations, or to furnish to the President the designed instrument of financial control. It is easy enough to compile figures to meet particular circumstances, juggling an item here and an item there, in order that a desired showing may be made for a given occasion. But real estimates—estimates which will stand the test of close scrutiny many months af-

ter they are made—are difficult of attainment, and yet are imperative in this instance. Furthermore, when once reached they carry their own reward to those who have conscientiously labored to forecast a true picture of financial operations.

Current Events and Discussions

WEEKLY RETURN OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

Aggregate increases of \$77,500,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation and a reduction of \$28,200,000 in reserves are shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly bank statement issued as at close of business on Dec. 20 1922 and which deals with the results for the 12 Federal Reserve banks combined. Besides increasing their note circulation the Reserve banks paid out \$15,300,000 of gold and \$12,900,000 of other reserve cash to meet the customary currency requirements of the holiday trade. Deposits show an increase of \$20,800,000 for the week and the reserve ratio declined from 75.1 to 72.8%. After noting these facts the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

The week saw a large volume of Government operations, including the collection of the last installment of income and profits taxes, the reduction of large amounts of Victory notes and Treasury certificates, the payment of interest on the first Liberty bonds and Victory notes and the issuance of new series of Treasury certificates and Treasury notes.

Member bank borrowings from the Reserve banks show a reduction of \$44,200,000 for the week, of which \$29,900,000 represents a decline in paper secured by Government obligations and \$14,300,000 a reduction in other discounts. Acceptance holdings declined by \$10,800,000. As a consequence of the large-scale Treasury operations, Reserve Bank holdings of Treasury certificates, other than Pittman certificates, show an increase of \$123,600,000, of which \$57,500,000 represent special certificates issued to cover advances to the Government pending collection of income tax checks and other funds from depository institutions.

Gold reserves show increases as follows: \$15,600,000 for the New York bank, \$4,800,000 for the Cleveland bank, \$4,400,000 for the Minneapolis bank and \$3,000,000 for the Dallas bank. Reductions in gold reserves are shown for the remaining eight banks. The largest reduction is \$9,300,000, as reported by the Kansas City bank. The Chicago bank reports a decrease of \$8,000,000, while Boston and St. Louis report each a decrease of \$7,500,000.

Holdings of paper secured by Government obligations decreased from \$344,800,000 to \$314,900,000. Of the total held last Wednesday \$202,200,000, or 64.2%, were secured by United States bonds, \$1,800,000, or 0.6%, by Victory notes, \$98,900,000, or 31.4% by Treasury notes and \$12,000,000, or 3.8% by Treasury certificates, compared with \$191,800,000, \$4,700,000, \$139,800,000 and \$8,500,000 reported the week before.

The statement in full in comparison with preceding weeks and with the corresponding date last year will be found on subsequent pages, namely, pages 2771 and 2772. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks on Dec. 20 1922 as compared with a week and a year ago follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) Since	
	Dec. 13 1922.	Dec. 21 1921.
Total reserves	—\$28,200,000	+\$163,600,000
Gold reserves	—15,300,000	+174,900,000
Total earning assets	+29,000,000	—264,700,000
Discounted bills, total	—44,200,000	—609,100,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	—29,900,000	—188,900,000
Other bills discounted	—14,300,000	—420,200,000
Purchased bills	—10,800,000	+125,200,000
United States securities, total	+124,000,000	+219,500,000
Bonds and notes	+4,900,000	+123,900,000
Pitman certificates	—4,500,000	—105,500,000
Other Treasury certificates	+123,600,000	+201,100,000
Total deposits	+20,800,000	+97,200,000
Members' reserve deposits	+22,400,000	+136,600,000
Government deposits	—16,400,000	—48,200,000
Other deposits	+14,800,000	+8,800,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation	+77,500,000	+9,200,000
F. R. Bank notes in circulation, net liability	—4,000,000	—70,200,000

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

Aggregate increases of \$102,000,000 in net demand deposits, apparently in anticipation of income tax payments due on Dec. 15, accompanied by a decrease of \$54,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve Banks, are shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly consolidated statement of condition on Dec. 13 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.

As against reductions of \$9,000,000 in loans secured by Government obligations and of \$24,000,000 in loans secured by stocks and bonds, other loans and discounts, mainly of a commercial and industrial character, show an increase of \$44,000,000. Under the head of investments the banks report reductions of \$14,000,000 in United States bonds and of \$6,000,000 in Treasury certificates, as against increases of \$4,000,000 in other Government securities and of \$9,000,000 in other investments. Member banks in New York City

report an increase of \$35,000,000 in commercial loans, largely offset by reduction in loans secured by Government and corporate obligations, and a reduction of \$12,000,000 in Government securities, as against an increase of \$6,000,000 in other securities. Total loans and investments of the reporting institutions are shown \$4,000,000 larger than the week before, while those of the New York City banks were \$2,000,000 less.

Total accommodation of the reporting institutions at the Federal Reserve banks declined from \$450,000,000 to \$396,000,000, or from 2.9 to 2.5% of their combined loans and investments. For the member banks in New York City a decrease from \$158,000,000 to \$125,000,000 in accommodation at the local Reserve bank and from 3.2 to 2.5% in the ratio of accommodation is noted.

As against the above noted increase in net demand deposits, Government deposits of the reporting institutions fell off \$11,000,000 and time deposits about \$4,000,000. The New York City banks report an increase of \$23,000,000 in their net demand deposits, as against a reduction of \$2,000,000 in time deposits and a nominal change in Government deposits. A reduction of \$32,000,000 in reserve balances with the Federal Reserve banks is shown, of which \$30,000,000 represents a decrease in the reserve balances of the New York City banks. Cash in vault, largely Federal Reserve notes, on the other hand, shows an increase of \$11,000,000, of which \$5,000,000 is reported by the banks in New York City. On a subsequent page—that is, on page 2772—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	
	Dec. 6 1922.	Dec. 14 1921.
Loans and discounts—total	+\$11,000,000	—\$46,000,000
Secured by U. S. Government obligations	—9,000,000	—210,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds	—24,000,000	+526,000,000
All other	+44,000,000	—362,000,000
Investments, total	—7,000,000	+1,050,000,000
United States bonds	—14,000,000	+549,000,000
Victory notes	+2,000,000	—134,000,000
United States Treasury notes	+2,000,000	+535,000,000
Treasury certificates	—6,000,000	—82,000,000
Other stocks and bonds	+9,000,000	+182,000,000
Reserve balances with F. R. banks	—32,000,000	+114,000,000
Cash in vault	+11,000,000	—9,000,000
Government deposits	—11,000,000	+36,000,000
Net demand deposits	+102,000,000	+773,000,000
Time deposits	—4,000,000	+711,000,000
Total accommodation at F. R. Banks	—\$4,000,000	—267,000,000

J. P. MORGAN & CO. AND T. W. LAMONT ON IMPOSSIBILITY OF GERMAN LOAN AT PRESENT—ATTITUDE TOWARD FRANCE.

In view of the fanciful reports which have been current during the past few weeks concerning the floating of a huge international loan for Germany, the statements which have come this week from J. P. Morgan & Co. and from Thomas W. Lamont of that firm are of moment as imparting a clear concept of the attitude of banking interests here toward the German loan question. The statement of J. P. Morgan & Co., issued on Dec. 17, dealt with a call made upon Mr. Morgan on the 16th inst. by Dr. Otto Wiedfeldt, the German Ambassador, and indicates that the latter in broaching the loan question was informed that "matters had manifestly reached such a point that it was not possible for us to discuss or consider a loan to Germany unless and until the reparations question was settled." The following is the firm's statement:

Dr. Otto Wiedfeldt, the German Ambassador, called on Mr. Morgan on Saturday to make inquiry as to the possibility of our undertaking to assist in floating a large, so-called international loan to Germany. In his reply Mr. Morgan advised to the statement that he had made following the sittings of the Bankers' Committee last June, and in effect told the Ambassador that our position was exactly the same as it was then. He informed him that while we greatly desire to be of service to the general situation, nevertheless matters had manifestly reached such a point that it was not possible for us to discuss or consider a loan to Germany unless and until the reparations question was settled.

Mr. Lamont's statements in the matter were made at a dinner of the Council on Foreign Relations, held in this city on the evening of Dec. 19, at which ex-Senator Root presided, and at which addresses were made by Albert Thomas, the well-known French labor expert; Walker D. Hines, formerly Administrator of the Railways of the United States, and John Foster Dulles, Counsel to the American delegation at the Paris Peace Conference. Mr. Thomas alluded to the statement of J. P. Morgan & Co., which had just appeared in the public press and which we give above. By inference, Mr. Thomas inquired as to the fuller meaning of this statement.

Senator Root thereupon called upon Mr. Lamont to speak informally on the matter, and his remarks in substance are given further below. Referring to the reasons why the floating of a German loan is impossible, Mr. Lamont declared that "when we say that the loan is impossible we mean that the investors of this country would not consider such a loan, would not buy bonds of Germany at the present time, and we bankers could not in good faith recommend such investment." "The reason is," he continued, "that Germany is not in any position at the present time to inspire our people with confidence to buy its bonds. Just now Germany is not in a position to fulfill any promise to pay." The settlement of the reparations problem, Mr. Lamont said, was the first thing requisite, besides which he said, "Germany must undertake many steps on her own account." There must, he said, "be stabilization and deflation," and "possibly there must be some scheme for the Allies to exercise a certain supervision of these steps that Germany takes." In alluding to France, Mr. Lamont said that "the investors of the United States have confidence in the thrift and stability of the people of France, and I believe that, as time goes on, if France desires it, the American investment community will be glad to make loans to her upon a large scale." Mr. Lamont also expressed concurrence in the view of Mr. Dulles that the rigid conditions laid down by the American Congress in the Act creating the Debt Refunding Commission constitute a serious handicap in effecting a settlement of the Allied debt to the United States. Mr. Lamont's comments on this point are deserving of serious consideration. As already indicated, Mr. Lamont spoke extemporaneously and the following is the substance of his remarks:

After listening to the three illuminating addresses made by the speakers of the evening, I have great reluctance to say anything, especially as I have made no preparation, but perhaps it may do no harm for me to inform the gentlemen of the Council once more that neither the firm of which I am a member, nor the American investment community in general, is going to make a loan of a billion and a half dollars to Germany. The recently repeated statements about such a loan are without foundation; nor, may I add, did the Department of State request the German Ambassador to see Mr. Morgan. This is another report that is untrue.

What Mr. Morgan said to the German Ambassador was in response to the latter's inquiry as to the possibility of floating a large German loan in this country. He explained to the Ambassador that such a matter was not in the hands of bankers, but in the hands of American investors. This is simply a repetition of what was said at the siring of the Bankers' Committee in Paris last May and June. The reasons why it is impossible to float such a German loan as the newspapers have mentioned must be patent to you. They do not lie within the province simply of the banker. He can only mobilize the investment powers of the country. When we say that the loan is impossible we mean that the investors of this country would not consider such a loan, would not buy bonds of Germany at the present time and we bankers could not in good faith recommend such investment. The reason is that Germany is not in any position at the present time to inspire our people with confidence to buy its bonds. Just now Germany is not in a position to fulfill any promise to pay.

Bankers are therefore unable to perceive the possibility of such a loan at the present time. The first thing on the program, as the bankers view it, is the settlement of the reparations problem, the fixing of a definite sum so that Germany will be aware of her obligation. Coincident with the final determination of reparations, Germany must undertake many steps on her own account. There must be stabilization and deflation. Possibly there must be some scheme for the Allies to exercise a certain supervision of these steps that Germany takes, including a hand in the administration of Germany's customs.

If and when these things are done, then I can imagine American investors may be prepared to lend some money to Germany, not on a gigantic scale, but enough to be of assistance at some point; but even so, it is difficult, if not impossible, to imagine that American investors will have such confidence in Germany as to make them willing to lend to Germany the amount of her reparations obligations.

As to France, however, there must be no mistaking the great sympathy which the American public has for France. The investors of the United States have confidence in the thrift and stability of the people of France, and I believe that, as time goes on, if France desires it, the American investment community will be glad to make loans to her upon a large scale. Let me say, too, before Mr. Thomas, that we in America have the utmost sympathy with France's desire for security and we realize what a perplexing problem it is.

Mr. Dulles has just referred to the Debt Refunding Commission Bill at Washington and has stated that the provisions of it hamper the American Administration in its discussions with its debtors. I might even go so far as to say that the provisions of that bill prevent Americans from showing to their associates in the war what the spirit of the people of this country have it in their heart to express. The bill, as originally drawn, you remember, gave to the Secretary of the Treasury power to refund these inter-Allied debts. But Congress added certain amendments, which provide that the entire debt shall be paid off within 25 years, with average interest of not less than 4½% per annum. This latter is a hampering provision, and it would appear that the Council on Foreign Relations would be well advised to study the situation with the utmost care so as to express its opinion as to the effect of this bill as it now stands, not only upon our debtors on the other side of the water, but upon our own commerce and industry. For instance, suppose that we were to say to Great Britain that she must remit annually to our Government the amount of approximately two hundred million dollars, for interest on her loan, and in addition must make further remittance for sinking fund. Such a plan would necessarily require Great Britain to ship large amounts of gold to this country, just as she did in order to make up the one hundred million dollars, or above, which she paid to our Government last October and November. Now if we, in effect, demand such heavy shipments of gold, what is the result? It inevitably means undue swelling of our own stock of gold, which amounts already to one-half of the world's supply. It means also that we compel Great Britain to postpone her return to a firm gold basis. Is either one of

those results desirable from our own point of view? I leave the answer to you, but I emphasize the point that what this situation requires is close study by men like yourselves.

Your Chairman, Senator Root, in his introductory remarks, uttered a very fine phrase: that was "that we Americans should gain an understanding of our international duties as well as of our international rights." I agree with that sentiment, and I feel that we well might take it away with us to-night as an abiding text for our thought.

J. P. MORGAN ACQUIRES VIENNA BANK SHARES.

A cablegram from Vienna Dec. 17 (copyright by the Chicago Tribune Co.), appeared as follows in the New York "Times" of the 18th inst.:

J. P. Morgan of New York to-day acquired 220,000 shares of the Viennese Boden-Kreditanstalt (Land Mortgage Bank).

In spite of the importance of the investment, Mr. Morgan desired no sort of representation in the administration.

This is the first American participation in Austrian financial establishments.

In reporting the confirmation of the above, "Financial America" Dec. 19 said:

At the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. yesterday, it was stated the cable dispatches from Vienna that J. P. Morgan & Co. had acquired 220,000 shares of the Viennese Boden-Kreditanstalt is correct.

The Morgan firm, with London banking interests, has purchased a substantial block of the stock of the Vienna Co. which is a land mortgage investment concern, the acquisition being made for investment purposes only.

The purchase represents stock issued as a result of the doubling of the capital of the investment company.

UNITED STATES AID TOWARD ADJUSTMENT OF EUROPEAN PROBLEMS—REPORTS OF AMERICAN COMMISSION TO DETERMINE REPARATIONS.

While the question of an international loan to Germany is disposed of so far as the United States is concerned, in the statements which we give elsewhere in this issue, made by J. P. Morgan & Co. and Thomas W. Lamont of that firm, the position of the United States in the matter of extending its influence toward an adjustment of European problems, and more particularly the reparations issue, has been the subject of endless reports during the week. One of these, coming from London (Associated Press) Dec. 20, stated that the United States, at the request of a trade commission headed by Wilhelm Cuno, the German Chancellor, had begun negotiations with France and England, looking to the appointment of a body of American business men for the fixing of a new basis for the payment of reparations, it was understood there. The cablegram continued:

In semi-final quarters: It was said that England's consent to such a plan had been cabled to Secretary Hughes to-day, and that the American State Department at Washington expected an early reply from France.

The proposal is understood to have reached Secretary Hughes through the United States Chamber of Commerce, which body was asked by Chancellor Cuno and his associates to appoint a commission, headed by Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, which would visit Germany and make an impartial survey of the country's financial and economic position.

The American commission was to be empowered to determine what amount of reparations Germany could pay, and upon the basis of its report a new reparations treaty would be drawn, which Germany would agree to fulfill if the plan were approved by England and France.

The United States Chamber of Commerce complied with the request of the German Chancellor to the extent of asking Mr. Hoover to take the question up with President Harding's Cabinet, which he did, with the result that the matter was placed in the hands of Secretary Hughes.

The negotiations between Mr. Hughes and the English and French Governments followed with the object in view of obtaining their consent to abide by the reparations sum fixed by the American Commission as within Germany's ability to pay.

Officials in London refused to comment on the subject to-night.

Denial that the United States had presented a proposal such as is indicated in the foregoing came in the following statement issued by Secretary of State Hughes at Washington on the 21st inst.:

The Department of State cannot discuss proposals which are made to it with respect to the European situation. The report that this Government had presented to other Governments a proposal for an American commission is unfounded. Of course, it follows that no assent of any other Government to such a proposal has been received.

Secretary of Commerce Hoover was also reported as having indicated that he was without knowledge in the matter, and a statement given out on the 21st inst. by Julius H. Barnes, President of the Chamber of Commerce, of the United States attributed the origin of the report to "the recognition by all countries that a definite settlement of the reparation problem would be a considerable gain on the road to world recovery." The statement of Mr. Barnes follows:

The report probably originates in the recognition by all countries that a definite settlement of the reparation problem would be a considerable gain on the road to world recovery. It is natural that business organizations of the world should look, for aid in determining reparations, to America, which refused at the outset to share in reparations, and therefore has no self-interest in the question.

It is manifest that our American Administration is properly exploring every avenue of hopeful progress in reaching a determination, in accord with France and the other Allies, but it is certainly a mistake to say that such efforts have been suggested by Chancellor Cuno, or from any German authority. The action of the American Government is certainly not based on German initiative, but is inspired undoubtedly by the belief

that the peace of the world and the recovery of the Allies, could be greatly facilitated by a settlement of the reparations question.

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States, representing the business men of America, stands ready, if called on, as indeed all other business organizations undoubtedly do, to assist in such an effort.

According to the New York "Times" of yesterday, Mr. Barnes and Eliot H. Goodwin, Vice-President of the Chamber, conferred with Secretary of State Hughes within the last ten days, and a proposal is reported to have been placed before Secretary Hughes by Mr. Barnes. Last night the New York "Evening Sun" printed the following from Berlin:

An official denial was issued to-day that Germany had requested America to make overtures for a joint American-Allied commission to fix reparations.

In asserting that the plan for an American commission was before Premier Poincare of France, Associated Press advices from Washington Dec. 21 said in part:

A plan under which an American commission would determine how much Germany should be required to pay the Allies in reparations has emerged from the effort to find a way for extending American aid toward the solution of the economic troubles of Europe.

Although discussions of the proposal have been kept thus far outside the formal channels of diplomacy, the exchange of views has developed a thorough understanding in authoritative circles that the United States, Great Britain and Germany all are willing to assent to the creation of such a commission.

The plan is now before Premier Poincare, and he is expected to make a decision after he has concluded a series of conferences with industrial leaders of his own country and of Germany. It is assumed that it will be communicated later to all the nations interested in reparation payments.

At the State Department there was a disposition to draw a sharp line of distinction between the activities of American and other business men in regard to the problem and the moves made by Government officials themselves. It became clear during the day, however, that the two groups had kept in close touch and that not only Secretary Hughes but Secretary Hoover and others high in the Administration were fully advised of efforts made by President Julius H. Barnes of the Chamber of Commerce and men in England, France and Germany who hold similar posts in the industrial world to find a formula for solution of the reparations problem.

In authoritative quarters it was learned to-day that before the commission proposal received the attention of Government officials a first effort to bring the combined weight of industrial influence in the Allied countries, Germany and the United States to bear on the reparations stumbling block were made nearly six months ago.

In Germany, Great Britain, the United States and France a series of private conferences were held between important figures in the international industrial world. The movement met with stiff opposition in France at that time, but later when the Council of Premiers faced complete rupture in London this month the effort was renewed with great hopes of success in finding a common ground for a final reparation settlement.

In the absence of any official statements as to the procedure on the part of the United States toward assisting in the adjustment of the European situation we give herewith some of the dispatches to the "Journal of Commerce" from Washington during the week; one of these under date of Dec. 17 said in part:

Secretary of State Hughes is preparing to follow the same tactics with respect to the adjustment of German reparations that he used in connection with the disarmament conference by presenting a carefully worked out program for the consideration of the European powers, it was suggested here to-night.

Despite the pronounced hints at the Whitehouse and in other high Administration circles that the United States is preparing to use the full force of its influence in foreign affairs for the untangling of the European economic situation, the State Department has maintained a policy of silence and has discouraged what has been considered unauthorized discussion of expected developments.

On the 18th inst. its advices from Washington had the following to say in part:

Action by the United States toward furthering a readjustment of German reparations now awaits the responses of the European powers to the unofficial feelers put out from Washington, according to the indications given to-day by the Government.

Beyond conceding that conversations are now going on to ascertain what reception might be accorded suggestions by this country for straightening out the economic difficulties abroad, officials continued to withhold comment upon the progress being made.

As the situation stands at present, the Government is understood to be willing to use its good offices for the furtherance of measures making the financial relief of Germany possible; but only too well aware that nothing of such a nature can develop until reparations have been scaled down will hold back its own ideas until assured of their friendly reception abroad.

On the 19th inst. the Washington bureau of the "Journal of Commerce" stated in part:

Discussion of means of righting the European muddle and extending aid to Germany slowed down in official circles to-day pending the response of France to the informal feelers sent out by the Government.

The Government maintained its attitude of silence with no hints of progress being made in the exertion of the influence of the United States in the situation, but in official quarters a far-reaching influence upon the efforts of those seeking a remedy for Europe's troubles is looked for as a result of J. P. Morgan's declaration to the German Ambassador that a loan to Germany cannot be considered until the reparations question is settled.

In its Washington advices Dec. 20 the paper quoted said:

Prospects of the Administration's hopes for a final settlement of the reparations question, clearing the way to financial aid for Germany from private interests in this country, may encounter obstacles in the attitude of France and England. The tone of dispatches from Paris and London is not regarded as favorable at this time.

Officially the Government has closed up and the movement for solution of the difficulties abroad is being held in abeyance for the time being. Administration leaders are intently watching the reception being given on the other side to the statements of the position of the United States and the leading bankers of the country as to what may be expected from America by way of assistance.

Reports from Paris thus far that the French are receiving coldly the suggestion of a reduction of reparations as a preliminary to smoothing out the international economic wrinkles bear out the official view that France must first be persuaded to make concessions. This, admittedly, is a difficult task. It is recognized that the faces of the French politicians must be saved from the charge of throwing away revenues when an enormous deficit is to be faced, while at the same time it is held that the general distribution of sacrifices to be made must be shown to France.

Beyond the general benefits of world betterment resulting from the removal of the German reparations knot, close observers hold that arguments will be advanced for more direct returns in connection with the French war debt.

Persistence of the cancellation idea in the London advices is regarded as indicating a supreme difficulty in that direction because of the Administration's constant insistence upon its policies of complete separation of the questions of reparations and the Inter-allied debts. Moreover, the policy of regarding the foreign debts owed the United States as distinct obligations apart from the Inter-European indebtedness tends to complicate the question of American participation in rehabilitation councils.

However, the indications given by the American Debt Funding Commission of its desire for a removal of the restriction placed upon it in discussing rates of interest and terms of maturities in its funding negotiations with foreign debtors is believed in some quarters to reveal possibilities of debt concessions by the United States on the score of the methods of liquidation, while insisting upon the eventual payment of the war-time obligations.

We also quote as follows the "Journal of Commerce" Washington dispatches of the 21st inst.:

The Administration has informed the Allied Powers informally, it is stated in official circles, that when the foreign situation gets to the stage where the good offices of the American Government would be welcomed, a proposal for discussion has been worked out by the Harding Administration and will be presented if a formal invitation to do so is extended.

It has been made plain that this Government has no intention of forcing itself into the European muddle, and that an unmistakable desire on the part of the Allied countries, especially France, for the assistance of America must be manifested before any formal action will be taken. It is realized that nothing can be done until the reparations question is adjusted.

As the key to the solution of the reparations problem is held by France, and as France has not evidenced any willingness to "sacrifice" the "assets" accruing to her by the Versailles Treaty, the American officials believe that any direct intervention by this country at this time would not only be futile, but might jeopardize future prospects of bringing about a "frank and full discussion of the situation."

The position of the Washington officials, according to authoritative spokesmen, is that the countries concerned must not only formally invite mediation, but in the invitation evidence a more receptive frame of mind than heretofore.

WAR CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY JANUARY 1.

Claims of American individuals, firms and corporations against Germany must be filed by Jan. 1 with the State Department for consideration by the Mixed Claims Commission. In stating that the procedure to be followed was announced on Dec. 18 by the Department of Commerce, the "Journal of Commerce" (Washington advices) added:

A. J. Wolfe, Chief of the Division of Commercial Laws, in announcing the rules, declared that all claims should be presented before Jan. 1 1923, in tentative form only. Ample opportunity will be given for amending petitions later on, he said. The rules follow:

1. Claims must be presented in the form of a petition in duplicate. The wording is immaterial. There are no special blanks issued.
2. The petitions must be filed on or before Jan. 1 1923.
3. The petitions must be sworn to before a notary public.
4. The petition must contain an allegation of the facts supporting the claim. This allegation need not be very detailed; a sufficient opportunity will be given to each claimant to add the necessary details in due course.
5. The petition must be accompanied with complete proofs of the American nationality of the claimant, as follows: (a) Native American individuals must, if possible, submit a birth certificate, or an attested copy thereof; (b) naturalized citizens must submit a certificate of naturalization or an attested copy thereof; (c) partnerships must submit the same documents with regard to each partner as provided for under (a) and (b) above; (d) corporations must submit a transcript of the certificate of incorporation and data showing the American character of the corporation.
6. All claims which grew out of the war, including direct damage and the increased cost of insurance for exportation and importation on account of submarine menace, are a proper subject for a petition to be presented to the Mixed Claims Commission.
7. Claims against German nationals or against the German Government, both in behalf of the principals and of agents abroad, provided they were American citizens, may be made.
8. The services of attorneys are not necessary in the filing of the petition, though it is advisable to entrust this work or later care of the claims to attorneys.

F. I. KENT ON FILING OF PETITIONS INCIDENT TO GERMAN PRE-WAR BALANCE CLAIMS.

Fred I. Kent, Chairman of the Commerce and Marine Commission of the American Bankers Association, has sent notices to American Bankers, who requested the co-operation of the Commission in collecting pre-war mark balances held with German banks, that it is necessary to file petitions with the Department of State of the United States, in accordance with the instructions sent out by the State Department on Oct. 24 1922, which requires that claims be presented to the Department on or before Jan. 1 1923. Mr. Kent states that American bankers will render a great service to their customers if they will call their attention to the requirement of the Department of State, since firms, corporations and individuals must file their claims before Jan. 1 1923, exactly in the same manner that is required of banks and bankers.

CLAIMS OF SHIPPERS FOR WAR RISK INSURANCE PREMIUMS.

The following Washington advices appeared in the "Journal of Commerce" of Dec. 16:

Claims of shippers for war risk insurance premiums to be presented to the Mixed Claims Commissions for collection from Germany must be filed with the State Department by Jan. 1. It was said to-day, as there is no intention at present to extend the time limit.

Request that a shipper's claim be presented to the Commission is sufficient, it was explained, as evidence may be submitted later, but the time limit was set by the State Department because some of the claimants were not sending in their statements and the Government must present to the German Government by March 9 1923 a list of the claims which will be prosecuted.

PREMIER MUSSOLINI'S CLAIMS AS PRESENTED AT PREMIERS' CONFERENCE IN LONDON.

The stand of Italy on the reparations questions, as set before the conference of Allied Premiers held in London Dec. 9-11, was made public at Rome on the 15th inst., coincident with a Cabinet meeting at which Premier Mussolini reported the unsuccessful conclusion of the conference. The latter's adjournment (without results) was referred to in our issue of Saturday last (page 2632). According to Premier Mussolini's memorandum, "no partial settlement is admissible. Italy cannot renounce any portion of her reparations unless an equitable settlement of the Inter-Allied debt question enables the Allies to renounce a corresponding portion of their reparations in favor of Germany." "The Italian Government," the memorandum states, "frankly demands this settlement from England on the ground that the Inter-Allied indebtedness, being of a quite special character, cannot be classed with ordinary debts." The Associated Press advices from Rome Dec. 15, which are authority for this, are quoted herewith:

At a Cabinet meeting this afternoon, a few hours after his return from the London Premiers' Conference, Premier Mussolini reported that parley had been unsatisfactory on account of insufficient preparation.

He said he would not attend the discussions when they are resumed in Paris unless there was suitable diplomatic preparation beforehand. There must be no more going back on decisions, he added, as vacillation has spelled failure. The Italian plan was one which, in his opinion, must eventually be followed.

The plan Premier Mussolini presented at the London Conference was published here to-day, and a noteworthy feature is it contains nothing about the United States. It declares, however, that not even the wealthy countries on both sides of the Atlantic will be able to escape the grave effects of unsatisfactory post-war conditions of the last four years continuing.

It maintains it would be utterly iniquitous to ruin Italy, France and Belgium for the sake of restoring Germany, and that in dealing with the reparation problem the inter-Allied indebtedness cannot be left aside.

The following are the principal points of the Mussolini memorandum: No partial settlement is admissible. Italy cannot renounce any portion of her reparations unless an equitable settlement of the inter-Allied debt question enables the Allies to renounce a corresponding portion of their reparations in favor of Germany.

The plan points out that England is in a position to effect such a settlement on the basis of the policy outlined in the Balfour note.

"The Italian Government," it says, "frankly demands this settlement from England on the ground that the inter-Allied indebtedness, being of a quite special character, cannot be classed with ordinary debts."

"The British Government and the most eminent Englishmen in trade and finance realize perfectly well that England cannot exact payment of these debts without flinging the Allies into an abyss of political crises and economic bankruptcy."

In brief, the Italian plan is to deal with the German "C" bonds in such a manner they virtually will be eliminated and Germany's reparation debt reduced to "A" and "B" bonds, or 50,000,000,000 gold marks, with a two-year moratorium; that the German Government undertake to persuade German bankers and merchants to guarantee a loan of a minimum of 3,000,000,000 marks, one-sixth to be used to stabilize the mark and the balance applied to reparations, but liens on the State revenues which already are pledged for reparations cannot be used as a guaranty for the loan.

Another provision of the plan is that the Powers entitled to reparations may demand that Germany continue to make reparations in kind and after expiration of the moratorium, when Germany's credit is restored, it resume payment of reparations.

ITALY REACHES OUT FOR NEW CAPITAL—TO ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT BY FOREIGN FINANCIERS.

The following is taken from a copyright cablegram to the New York "Times" from Rome Dec. 7, published in that paper of the 18th inst.:

It is believed that within a comparatively short time the Cabinet will issue a decree to facilitate the influx of foreign capital into Italy.

Fiscal laws existing up to the present time have led to a system of double taxation, by which a loan contracted abroad, for instance, was taxed in Italy after already having paid taxes in the country of its origin. This has led to the result that foreign capital invested in Italy or deposited in Italian banks awaiting reinvestment or as liquid reserves for international speculation, was gradually withdrawn, as the fear of fiscal policies on the part of the Italian Government grew.

Premier Mussolini has shown himself keenly alive to the necessity of repealing laws standing in the way of bringing foreign capital to Italy. At his first Council of Ministers on Nov. 8, he said:

"The Italian Government is firmly decided not to contract any more debts. It is also firmly decided to remove all obstacles to the influx of foreign capital needed in Italian private industries."

Mussolini has now gone one step further. Not only does he intend to remove obstacles, but he also intends to set up machinery to favor such an influx. He intends to carry out the first part of his program by exempting foreign capital employed in Italy from the payment of income tax, and

the second part by instituting a new department especially for studying the possibilities of foreign financing of enterprises in Italy, for supplying information and guidance to the prospective foreign investor. The organization of this department is now actively under way.

Aims to Be a Trade Focus.

The Government is also examining a scheme for conceding to foreign industries and exporters the use of some wharves and warehouses in certain Italian ports free of customs duties for goods to be re-exported to European countries. In this way Italy would become a clearing house for foreign trade in the Mediterranean basin, for which her geographical position renders her particularly suitable.

The opportunities for the profitable investment of capital to which the new department will chiefly draw the attention of prospective investors will fall under five main heads: First, the reclaiming and irrigation of agricultural land; second, the simplification and improvement of various Italian harbors, especially in the Adriatic; third, the electrification of railways and the taking over of public utility enterprises at present run by the Government; fourth, the financing of European and American commerce with the Near East and the Mediterranean basin, using Italy as a clearing house; fifth, the setting up of new industries which do not now exist in Italy, but whose life is amply guaranteed by the natural resources existing in Italian territory; sixth, work of various kinds in Italian colonies.

With the renewed confidence engendered by the advent of the Mussolini Cabinet, there is already a tendency noticeable for Italian capital, which was sent abroad during the last few troubled years, to return to Italy. The Government hopes that as confidence increases foreign capital may follow.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT LOAN OF \$2,500,000 TO BE FLOATED IN LONDON.

The following press advices from Jerusalem, Dec. 19, are credited to the Jewish Telegraph Agency:

Announcement is made that the Palestine Government has arranged for a loan of £2,500,000, floated in London. Pending conclusion of arrangements for the loan, the Crown agents in England advanced considerable sums at various times. Thus £1,250,000, or half of the loan, already has been spent. With the exception of £50,000, assigned as a loan to Trans-Jordan, and £300,000 to be used for the purchase from the French owners of the Jerusalem-Jaffa Railway, this money will be used for public works.

The Government long had a definite public works program in mind, but was prevented from carrying it out because of constant money stringency. This had also caused the suspension of road building and repairing, producing an unemployment problem among Zionist pioneers which only the house-building activity helped to solve.

OFFERING OF ARGENTINE NATIONAL MORTGAGE BANK BONDS (CEDULAS).

A block of Argentine National Mortgage Bank 6% guaranteed sinking fund bonds (Cedulas) was offered on the 20th inst. by Baker, Kellogg & Co., 120 Broadway, New York. The bonds were offered "at market,"—the market figures on the 19th inst. being \$346 bid and \$350 asked per 1,000 pesos. The bonds are issued in series by the Argentine National Mortgage Bank, established in 1886, and it is stated, are guaranteed by the Argentine National Government. They are free from all present and future Argentine taxes. The bonds (coupon) are in denominations of 1,000 and 5,000 pesos. Interest is payable semi-annually. Each series is redeemable by a sinking fund of 1% used to purchase bonds below par or by drawings at par. The sinking fund payments, it is stated, are sufficient to redeem the entire issue in each series in 33 years. Up to Dec. 31 1921 it is announced, there were issued of these bonds 1,259,648,250 pesos (\$534,720,660 U. S. currency) (peso equals 42.45 cents U. S. currency), and on Dec. 31 1921 there were outstanding 699,735,725 pesos (\$297,037,813 U. S. currency).

We also quote from the official circular the following regarding the bonds:

The bonds are issued in series, recent series being for 50,000,000 pesos each. It is provided by a law of the National Government that at no time may the total amount outstanding exceed 1,000,000,000 pesos. On Dec. 31 1921 699,735,725 pesos were outstanding. 1,259,648,250 pesos have been issued since the Bank started and 559,912,525 pesos have been retired through the operation of the sinking fund.

The sinking fund of 1% per annum operates to retire all bonds of each series in the maximum time of 33 years. The interest of 6% and the sinking fund of 1%, or 7% of the 50,000,000 of each series is received semi-annually by the Bank from borrowers, and after paying interest on bonds outstanding of the particular series, whatever balance remains is applied to retire bonds. This is done by buying them in the open market below par, or if not so obtainable, by drawings by lot at par.

Drawings of bonds do not take place so long as the bonds are below par. After bonds of a particular series have gone above par, the sinking fund begins to operate by semi-annual drawings, but the holder of a bond that is drawn can usually reinvest immediately, if he chooses, in bonds of a new series that is being issued and which can usually be obtained below par.

Payment of interest to American holders will be handled by a number of New York banks at the current rate for pesos on the day coupon is presented. The Irving National Bank, Columbia Trust Co., Equitable Trust Co., American Foreign Banking Corporation, First Federal Foreign Banking Association, the American Express Co., and others are performing this service. The date of the interest payments varies according to the series to which the bonds belong. Coupons and drawn bonds may be held ten years after due, and it is to the advantage of the American holder to let his coupons go unclipped until Argentine exchange is again at par, when he will receive approximately 42½ cents per peso for his coupons.

As to the bonds we also quote the following: The Argentine National Mortgage Bank was created in 1886 by Argentine Government for the purpose of making loans on real estate. The Bank is owned by the Government and its directors are appointed by the President with the consent of the Senate.

Loans are made by the Bank in much the same way that our Federal Farm Loan Banks operate. The borrower pays 6% interest, 1% sinking fund and 1% commission to the Bank. As security for the loan, the Bank takes a first mortgage on income-producing property, the amount of the loan being limited to 50% of the appraised value of the property and 40% of the insured value of permanent improvements, except in certain special cases narrowly defined by law, which constitute a relatively unimportant amount of the total of the bonds outstanding. The value of machinery and equipment is not considered. In the event that any installments of interest or sinking fund are more than sixty days overdue, the Bank may sell the mortgaged property at public sale without judicial proceedings.

As to how bonds are sold we quote as follows from the circular:

Bonds are sold in Argentina, as well as in this market, "flat," which means that interest is not added to the price paid by the purchaser as in the case of dollar bonds. The accruing of interest, however, is reflected in the price of the bonds. Interest accrues on a 1,000 peso bond at the rate of 5 pesos per month, or about \$1.80 with the peso worth 36 cents. As bonds of the different series have different interest dates, the price for different series may vary according to the amount of interest which has accrued since the date of the last interest payment.

OFFERING OF \$1,500,000 BONDS OF MINNEAPOLIS-TRUST JOINT STOCK LAND BANK.

A \$1,500,000 issue of Minneapolis-Trust Joint Stock Land Bank of Minneapolis 5% farm loan bonds was offered this week by the Union Trust Co. of Chicago, the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago and the Minneapolis Trust Co. of Minneapolis at 103 and interest, to yield 4.62% to the optional date and 5% thereafter. The bonds, issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act, are dated Nov. 1 1922, become due Nov. 1 1952 and are redeemable at par and interest on Nov. 1 1932 or any interest date thereafter. They are coupon bonds in denomination of \$1,000. Principal and interest are payable May 1 and Nov. 1. The bonds are legal investment for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government and acceptable at par as security for postal savings and other deposits of Government funds. They are exempt from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation.

These bonds are direct obligations of the Minneapolis-Trust Joint Stock Land Bank of Minneapolis and are secured by deposit with the registrar of the Farm Loan Bureau of the United States Treasury Department, of United States Government obligations or approved first mortgages upon improved farms. The capital stock of the Minneapolis-Trust Joint Stock Land Bank is owned by the Minneapolis Trust Co., affiliated with the First National Bank in Minneapolis. A previous offering of bonds of the Minneapolis-Trust Joint Stock Land Bank was referred to in our issue of Nov. 4, page 1995.

OFFERING OF \$1,500,000 BONDS OF THE JOINT STOCK LAND BANK OF MINNEAPOLIS.

An offering of \$1,500,000 First Joint Stock Land Bank of Minneapolis, 5% bonds was announced by Ames, Emerich & Co. of this city, Chicago and Milwaukee, on Dec. 19. Of the issue, \$1,000,000 dated Nov. 1 1922, Due Nov. 1 1952, and optional Nov. 1 1927, were offered at 101 $\frac{3}{4}$ and accrued interest, yielding about 4.70% to optional date and 5% thereafter; the other \$500,000, dated Nov. 1 1922, due Nov. 1 1952, and optional Nov. 1 1932, were offered at 102 $\frac{3}{4}$ and accrued interest, yielding about 4.65% to optional date and 5% thereafter. The bonds, coupon and registered and interchangeable, are in denomination of \$1,000. Principal and interest (May 1 and Nov. 1) are payable at the bank of issue or in New York City. The bonds are issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act, and are exempt from all Federal, State municipal and local taxation (excepting only inheritance taxes). They are acceptable by the United States Treasury as security for special deposits of public moneys; legal investment for all fiduciary and trust funds under jurisdiction of the United States Government, and of many of the States. As stated in our issue of Oct. 14 (page 1682, when \$1,000,000 of the bonds of the bank were offered by Ames, Emerich & Co.) the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Minneapolis, received its charter from the Federal Farm Loan Board Jan. 14 1919. It was organized under the Federal Farm Loan Act to do business in Minnesota and Iowa, and all its operations are subject to the supervision of the Board of which the Secretary of the United States Treasury is ex-officio Chairman. The authorized capital of the bank is \$500,000. The paid in capital of the bank is \$303,650. A majority of the stock of the bank is owned by interests which have been prominent in the farm mortgage business for the past sixty years.

OFFERING OF BONDS OF FIRST TEXAS JOINT STOCK LAND BANK.

William R. Compton Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., offered on Dec. 20 \$1,500,000 First Texas Joint Stock Land Bank (Houston, Tex.) 5% bonds issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act. The bonds were offered at 102.25 and interest, to yield over 4.70% to the optional date and 5% thereafter. The bonds, coupon, fully registerable and interchangeable, are issued in denomination of \$1,000; of the amount offered \$1,350,000 are dated Nov. 1 1922, optional Nov. 1 1932, and are due Nov. 1 1942; the other \$150,000 are dated May 1 1922, optional May 1 1932 and due May 1 1942. Interest is payable semi-annually May 1 and Nov. 1. Principal and interest are payable at the First Texas Joint Stock Land Bank or at the National Bank of Commerce or the Equitable Trust Co. in New York City. The bonds are acceptable as security for Postal savings and other deposits of Government funds and are exempt from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation. 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, credited to official sources, is taken from the circular:

The First Texas Joint Stock Land Bank was chartered by the Federal Farm Loan Board on Feb. 23 1919, and has a capital of \$350,000. While the terms of its charter permit it to operate in the States of Texas and Oklahoma, the bank has elected to confine itself to the richest agricultural sections of Texas. It has made loans in 48 counties of the State, all but six of these loans being on property in the rich Black Waxey Land Belt of Texas, which extends through the central eastern part of the State from the northern border to the Gulf.

Texas, the largest State in the Union, has, according to the United States Census of 1920, 114,020,621 acres and farm lands valued at \$4,447,420,321. Texas ranks first in the production of cotton, growing over one-fourth of the total produced in this country.

The First Texas Joint Stock Land Bank is under private ownership and management, and its operations are carefully restricted and supervised by the Government. The officers and directors are successful bankers and business men of broad experience, who are thoroughly familiar with agricultural conditions and land values in the territory in which this bank operates.

C. S. E. Holland, President and Treasurer of the Bank, is Vice-President of the Lumbermen's National Bank of Houston; Guy M. Bryan, Chairman of the Board, is also Vice-President of the Lumbermen's National Bank; R. S. Sterling, Vice-President, is President of the Humble Oil & Refining Co.; Jesse Andrews, Vice-President, is a member of Baker, Potts, Parker & Garwood, attorneys, of Houston.

Statement of the First Texas Joint Stock Land Bank as Officially Reported December 1 1922.

Acres of real estate security	408,952
Total amount loaned	\$4,314,989
Appraised value of real estate security	9,813,883
Appraised value per acre (land only)	\$24 00
Amount loaned per acre	\$10 55
Percentage of loans to appraised value of security	43.9%

An offering (\$1,500,000) of First Texas Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds was referred to in these columns Sept. 23, page 1380.

OFFERING OF \$2,000,000 BONDS OF SECURITIES COMPANY OF NEW JERSEY.

On Dec. 13 J. S. Rippell & Co. of Newark, N. J., announced an offering at 100 and accrued interest of \$2,000,000 6% collateral trust gold bonds (series 1) of the Securities Company of New Jersey. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1922 and mature Nov. 1 1932. Interest is payable May 1 and Nov. 1 at the Merchants & Manufacturers National Bank of Newark, N. J. Tax free in New Jersey, the interest is also free of normal Federal income tax of 2%. Each \$1,000 bond is secured by five shares of stock of the Fidelity Union Trust Co. of Newark on the basis of \$200 per share, but having a market value of \$350 per share. The following is from the official circular:

Callable at the option of the company in whole or part on 60 days' notice at 105 and accrued interest the first year, thereafter at one-half of 1% less than the next preceding year. If bonds are called for payment before maturity the interest return on the investment would be as follows:

If called the					
First year	11%	Fourth year	6.875%	Seventh year	6.285%
Second year	8.25%	Fifth year	6.60%	Eighth year	6.187%
Third year	7.33%	Sixth year	6.416%	Ninth year	6.111%
				Tenth year	6%

Each bond of \$1,000 secured by deposit with the Merchants & Manufacturers' National Bank of Newark, N. J., as trustee of five shares of Fidelity Union Trust Co. of Newark, N. J., stock, of the par value of \$100 each, on a basis of \$200 per share, equals \$1,000. Present market price of each share \$350 equals \$1,750.

The Securities Company of New Jersey agrees at all times to maintain with the trustee a margin of at least 50 points between the market price and the price at which the stock is deposited.

The Fidelity Union Trust Co. of Newark, N. J., is the largest trust company and fiduciary institution in New Jersey. Capital, \$5,250,000; surplus, \$3,300,000; dividends 16%. To the total of the surplus should be added an amount upwards of \$2,000,000 representing appreciation of securities over the book value which is not shown in the surplus. Deposits are in excess of \$55,000,000 and resources over \$65,000,000. Its liquid assets

being of a very high ratio of its deposits, places this institution in an exceptionally strong position. The Fidelity Union Trust Co. controls by stock ownership a number of trust companies in New Jersey, the aggregate resources of which are approximately \$30,000,000.

The total number of shares to be deposited with the trustee is 10,000 at \$200 per share equals \$2,000,000. Market price \$350, equals \$3,500,000, leaving a margin of \$1,500,000 over the total amount of bonds issued.

Earnings for the year 1922 of Fidelity Union Trust Co. are estimated at upwards of 25% net.

Temporary bonds certified by trustee will be delivered, exchangeable for permanent bonds when received.

OFFERING OF STOCK AND BENEFICIAL SHARES OF MANUFACTURERS FINANCE COMPANY AND MANUFACTURERS FINANCE TRUST.

W. W. Lanahan & Co., of Baltimore, are offering 8,000 shares of 7% cumulative preferred stock, 8,000 shares of 7%-10% cumulative second preferred stock and 4,000 shares of common stock (voting trust certificates) of the Manufacturers Finance Company (a Delaware corporation) and 12,000 7%-10% preferred beneficial interest shares of the Manufacturers Finance Trust (of Chicago, Ill.). The par value of all the issues is \$25 per share. The above are offered, in blocks consisting of:

- 3 shares 7%-10% Preferred Beneficial Interest shares of Manufacturers Finance Trust;
- 2 shares of 7% Cumulative Preferred Stock of Manufacturers Finance Company;
- 2 shares of 7%-10% Cumulative Second Preferred Stock of Manufacturers Finance Company;
- 1 share of Common Stock (Voting Trust Certificate) of Manufacturers Finance Company.

The price per block is \$240 per block, the offering being subject to prior sale and change in price. The preferred stock of the Manufacturers Finance Company is redeemable (after one year from date of issue) at \$30 per share and accrued dividends; the second preferred stock of the Manufacturers Finance Company is redeemable (after one year from date of issue and after retirement of all of preferred stock) at \$27.50 per share and accrued dividends; the preferred beneficial interest shares of the Manufacturers Finance Trust are redeemable (after one year from the date of issue) at \$27.50 per share and accrued dividends. From a letter and other information supplied by V. G. Dunnington, President of the Manufacturers Finance Company and the Manufacturers Finance Trust, W. W. Lanahan & Co. furnish the following summary:

Business.—The business of the Manufacturers Finance Company has been profitably conducted since early in 1910. It is the oldest of the so-called commercial banking companies, with headquarters in Baltimore, operating on the non-notification basis. Its business consists of the purchase of open accounts, acceptances, drafts, and notes receivable from reliable manufacturers, wholesalers and jobbers. The sellers of the accounts, &c., guarantee payment to them of 100%. The Manufacturers Finance Company makes payment for about 80% of the accounts, etc., at the time of purchase, the balance being paid as the accounts are collected. The Manufacturers Finance Trust is being organized for the purpose of conducting the business of purchasing accounts receivable, etc., in the State of Illinois and in States adjacent thereto. The entire issue of common beneficial interest shares of the Manufacturers Finance Trust will be owned by the Manufacturers Finance Company.

Assets.—The assets of the Manufacturers Finance Company are self-liquidating, consisting principally of cash and guaranteed accounts receivable, covering shipment of staple merchandise, the average payment of which accounts are about 45 days. The Manufacturers Finance Trust will commence business with approximately \$500,000 in cash.

Earnings.—The net earnings of the Manufacturers Finance Company for the eleven months ending Nov. 30 1922 were at a rate exceeding 5½ times the dividend requirements of 7% on the preferred stock (including the additional preferred stock about to be issued), and after allowing for the dividend requirements on the preferred stock, were at a rate exceeding 4½ times the dividend requirements of 7% on the second preferred stock (including the additional second preferred stock about to be issued), and after allowing for the above-mentioned dividend requirements on the first and second preferred stocks were at a rate exceeding 24.9% on the \$1,000,000 issue of common stock. It is reasonably assured that the earnings of the Manufacturers Finance Trust will be largely in excess of the dividend requirements on the preferred beneficial interest shares, in view of the fact that the Trust will immediately take over a profitable line of business from the Manufacturers Finance Company of Missouri.

Dividends.—The holders of the preferred stock of the Manufacturers Finance Company are entitled to cumulative dividends at the rate of, but not exceeding, 7% per annum before any dividend is paid to the holders of any other class of stock of the company; after payment of dividends at the rate of 7% per annum on the preferred stock, the holders of the second preferred stock are entitled to a fixed cumulative dividend at the rate of, but not exceeding, 7% per annum before any dividend is paid to the holders of the common stock and after the payment in any year of a dividend at the rate of 16% to the holders of the common stock the holders of the second preferred stock are entitled to share ratably in any dividend paid to the holders of the common stock up to, but not exceeding, an additional 3% in any one year. The holders of the preferred beneficial interest shares of the Manufacturers Finance Trust are entitled to a fixed cumulative dividend at the rate of, but not exceeding, 7% per annum before any dividend is paid to the holders of the common beneficial interest shares, and after the payment in any year of a dividend of 16% to the holders of the common beneficial interest shares the holders of the preferred beneficial interest shares are entitled to share ratably in any dividend paid to the holders of the common beneficial interest shares up to but not exceeding an additional 3% in any one year.

Legality.—All legal details pertaining to the issuance and sale of the stock of the Manufacturers Finance Company and pertaining to the organization, issuance and sale of the shares of the Manufacturers Finance Trust, will

be approved by Messrs. Smith & Smith, of Baltimore, for the company and Messrs. Venable, Baetjer & Howard, of Baltimore, for the bankers. And all legal details in connection with the organization of the Manufacturers Finance Trust and the issuance and sale of its shares have been approved by Messrs. Ickes, Lord & Cobb, of Chicago, for the trustees.

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

On Dec. 19 the War Finance Corporation announced that from Dec. 1 to Dec. 15 1922, inclusive, it had approved 22 advances, aggregating \$1,452,000, to financial institutions for agricultural and live stock purposes.

WAR FINANCE CORPORATION APPROVES ADVANCE FOR DARK TOBACCO GROWERS' CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION.

On Dec. 19 the War Finance Corporation announced that it had approved the application of the Dark Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, for an advance of not to exceed \$7,500,000 for the purpose of financing the orderly marketing of tobacco.

REPAYMENTS RECEIVED BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION.

From Dec. 1 to Dec. 15, inclusive, the repayments received by the War Finance Corporation totaled \$8,931,747, as follows:

On export advances and on loans made under war powers.....	\$54,768
On agricultural and live stock advances:	
From banking and financing institutions.....	\$3,885,860
From live stock loan companies.....	2,771,345
From cooperative marketing associations.....	2,219,874
	8,876,979
Total.....	\$8,931,747

The repayments received by the Corporation from Jan. 1 1922, to Dec. 15 1922, inclusive, on account of all loans totaled \$176,120,608.

SENATOR BORAH'S BILL TO LIMIT PROFITS OF JOINT STOCK LAND BANKS TO 6%.

Commenting on the bill introduced by Senator Borah on Dec. 2 designed to limit the profits of Joint Stock Land Banks to 6%, the same as dividends of the Federal Reserve banks, and to turn the excess profits over to the U. S. Treasury, the Taxpayers' News Service Bureau of Washington, under date of Dec. 9 said:

The Borah bill is considered to be a fair measure. It gives the banks a free field to do business at a good profit. It does not in any way interfere with their management or benefits to agriculture and it is likely to discourage the creation of an unreasonable number of new subsidized money-making corporations. It will also remove the incentive to take on unsafe loans in the hope of making 12% profit. It does not in any way affect Federal Land banks.

It is also observed by the Bureau that the bill will be "opposed by the capitalists who own stock in Joint Stock Land banks, but it will be favored by over two hundred thousand stockholders in Federal Land banks." It says further:

A sharp business rivalry has developed between the Federal Land banks and the Joint Stock Land banks. The Federals are co-operative organizations of which the borrowing farmers are the stockholders while the joint stocks are organized by capitalists for private profit.

The Bureau points out that "the next annual report of the Farm Loan Board will show that an average of one new Joint Stock Land bank every week has been organized for the last nine months, thirty-seven since February 23 1922. A total of sixty-eight charters have been granted in six years."

The Bureau also has the following to say in its statement of the 9th inst.:

The official report for October shows the total capital of the Joint Stock Land banks to be \$21,233,771 67. When they all earn 12% annually as some of the older ones are now doing, the National Treasury will receive each year under the proposed bill, \$1,274,026 30 on the present capitalization alone.

After a thousand such banks are organized this annual franchise tax paid for the tax exemption subsidy will repay a small part of the treasury losses sustained by tax exemption of the bonds.

Besides the extracts given above, the Taxpayers' News Service Bureau in its statement of Dec. 9 also said:

Senator Borah's bill to limit the profits of Joint Stock Land Banks to 6%, the same as dividends of Federal Reserve Banks and to turn the excess profits over to the National Treasury will be an important source of public revenue.

Senator Borah has in his possession circulars and letters showing that profits of 12% have been made since 1919 by some of the banks and that they have sold stock as high as \$140 a share. One bank increased its capital from \$250,000 to nearly a million dollars and the original stockholders furnished most of the capital for the increase.

A syndicate of Pacific Coast capitalists organized a string of these banks to cover the States west of the Rocky Mountains and a member of the Farm Loan Board resigned his \$10,000 position to become President of the Pacific Coast association. Another member of the Farm Loan Board resigned to become President of the First Carolinas Joint Stock Land Bank. Salaries of \$20,000 a year are paid some Joint Stock bank officials besides profits.

Senator Borah has in his possession a mimeograph copy of a speech delivered to officers of Joint Stock Land Banks at a convention held in Chicago in August by Farm Loan Commissioner Lobdell. In this speech Judge Lobdell warned the banks that some of them were charging excessive fees to borrowers that would make them "look rather uncomfortable in the hands of a Congressional investigating committee." He also said that personally the members of the Farm Loan Board would enlarge the powers of the Federal Land Banks and not have any Joint Stock Land Banks, if they were to now write a Farm Loan Act. He reminded them that there is a tendency to over-loan on inadequate security to get a large volume of business and specifically said of the special privilege granted them:

"Your institutions enjoy a subsidy, the like of which has never been granted to another enterprise under the Stars and Stripes."

This speech was not printed for general distribution to the public by the Joint Stock Land Banks nor by the Farm Loan Board. The Farm Loan Board in its official administrative capacity extends every courtesy to these favored banks and would not give undue publicity to its criticisms of their management.

Secretary of the Treasury Houston, during President Wilson's administration, recommended amending the law to tax the income from Joint Stock Land Bank bonds. He said that such a subsidy ought not to be granted to privately owned corporations organized for private gain.

Senator Gronna, a leader of the farmer senators, introduced a bill two or three years ago to abolish Joint Stock Land Banks and other bills were introduced to require their bond holders to pay Federal income taxes. Both measures found much support, but during the hard times of 1921, when farm loan bonds were hard to sell, they were permitted to lapse.

The records of the Federal Farm Loan Board show that ten Joint Stock Banks have been chartered to loan in Iowa and ten in Illinois, while only one is loaning in North Dakota, one in Montana and not any in New Mexico and several other States. The tendency of these banks is toward congestion in States where they are least needed and to stay out of States where farmers need financial aid. There is no limit on the number of Joint Stock Banks that may be organized in one State.

The Federal Land Banks are confined to separate districts so there is no clash of authority and they cover the entire United States. Their friends and the farm organizations favor raising their loan limit from \$10,000 to that enjoyed by the Joint Stock Banks.

The Borah bill is regarded as one of the best pieces of constructive legislation that has been offered in the interest of agriculture and of the public treasury.

It will be opposed by the capitalists who own stock in Joint Stock Land Banks, but it will be favored by over two hundred thousand stockholders in Federal Land Banks. Senator Borah receives many letters every day furnishing him facts that will be used in his arguments in support of his bill. It can be passed at this session of Congress if it receives sufficient public support.

The following is Senator Borah's bill, which was referred to the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency.

[S. 4084.]

A BILL to amend section 23 of the Act of Congress approved July 17 1916, known as the Federal Farm Loan Act.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 23 of the Federal Farm Loan Act, approved July 17 1916, is hereby amended by adding a new paragraph, to read as follows:

"That after carrying to reserve account the amounts heretofore required, and after all necessary expenses of a joint-stock land bank have been paid and provided for, the stockholders shall be entitled to receive an annual dividend of 6 per centum on the paid-in capital stock, which dividend shall be cumulative. The expenses of joint-stock land banks shall be subject to review and regulation by the Farm Loan Board. After the aforementioned dividend claims have been fully met the net earnings shall be paid to the United States as a franchise tax.

"One-half of the net earnings derived by the United States from the joint-stock land banks shall be held as a guaranty fund for the payment of bonds of joint-stock land banks that may go into liquidation, and one-half of said net earnings shall, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury, be used to supplement the gold reserve held against outstanding United States notes, or shall be applied to the reduction of the outstanding bonded indebtedness of the United States under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. Should a joint-stock land bank be dissolved or go into liquidation any surplus remaining, after the payment of all debts, dividend requirements as hereinbefore provided, and the par value of the stock, shall be paid to and become the property of the United States and shall be similarly applied."

RURAL CREDIT AT CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS—PRESIDENT HARDING'S MESSAGE.

At a three-day session in Washington, on Dec. 16 the National Council of Farmers' Co-Operative Marketing Associations certain recommendations were offered as to rural credit legislation, the report embodying the same reciting, however, that "the Council announce as its policy that the Co-Operative Marketing Associations do not ask anything from the Federal Government except that legislation be enacted to permit farmers and farmers' organizations to have the same access to the Federal credit system, adapted to its needs, that all other industries now possess." The report recommended modifications in the Federal Reserve System to meet special requirements of farm credits, and to permit the financing of farmers and farmers' co-operative marketing associations through normal banking channels, such modification involving among other things the extension of the maturity of agricultural paper to a maximum limit of nine months. The creation of a farm credits department in the Federal Land Banks, with capital sufficient to issue farm credit to the maximum of \$600,000,000, was another project endorsed by the conference. This department would discount or purchase agricultural paper and make

loans to co-operative marketing associations and to agricultural co-operative credit associations. None of the farm relief measures now pending were endorsed by name, but the House and Senate Banking and Currency Committees were requested to incorporate the recommendations in one rural credits bill, along with acceptable features of the nine farm credit bills already before Congress. Permanent organization of the Council was authorized at the closing session. Regarding the Council we quote the following from the Baltimore "Sun" of the 17th inst:

The emphasis given by the council to moderate methods in the rural credits system that should be instituted and the fact that the Council is the outgrowth of the work of men who sought to help themselves through the co-operative system of marketing has given the organization a standing that few expected it to have when its conference was called. President Harding is reported to have stated that this is one farmers' gathering that has talked in terms of economics instead of votes.

The quality of the men in the Council and the tone of the proceedings, not less than the nature of the recommendations, have led observers to the opinion that it is quite possible that within a short time the new organization will be enormously potent in forwarding the work of teaching the farmers how to market their crops and in guiding legislation for the farmers' benefit.

Absence of Ranting.

There was an impressive absence of the ranting that often is expected at farmers' meetings, almost none of the too familiar speeches dealing solely with the woes of the down-trodden farmers, and touching not at all on practical remedies. There was ample and frequent recognition of the acute condition in which the agricultural interests of the country were plunged shortly after the close of the war, but it was a calm and reasoning recognition, and the remedial thought uppermost was how the farmers could help themselves. When the legislative plan was reported by James C. Stone, leader in the co-operative movement of Kentucky tobacco growers, scarcely any opposition was heard.

The plans for a permanent organization were left in the hands of a committee of fifteen, headed by Judge Robert Bingham of Louisville, Chairman of the committee that called the conference and Chairman of the conference. He is said to have been moved to take up the co-operative idea by the plight of the Kentucky tobacco growers and to have gone forward until he saw the importance of sound rural credits in connection with the work of the co-operatives, as well as of individual farmers.

Judge Bingham Paying Bills.

The organization committee will not report until next May. In the meantime an organization will be maintained which is expected to keep in touch with the Department of Agriculture and with Congress. It was announced to-day that an individual would pay the costs of the organization here until until it was determined what should be done about the permanent organization. Judge Bingham is understood to be the individual defraying the costs.

The same paper gives as follows the text of the recommendations as to rural credits.

The committee reported as follows:

1. That this National Council announces as a general policy that the primary reliance of the farmer for credits for production or for marketing should be upon the local bankers, and that under normal conditions the local banker is likely to meet the greater part of such needs.

2. That the Federal Reserve System should be modified so as to meet the special requirements of farm credits and to permit the financing of farmers and farmers' co-operative marketing associations conveniently and efficiently through normal banking channels.

That such modification involves primarily the extension of the maturity of agricultural papers to a maximum limit of nine months, with the fixing of co-operative marketing paper issued for orderly marketing as such agricultural paper; with the maximum limit for loans on such agricultural paper to any one co-operative marketing association to be fixed as 50% of the capital and surplus of banks, members of the Federal Reserve System, subject to State laws wherever applicable, and that encouragement and inducement be made to have more State banks exercise the privilege of membership in the Federal Reserve System.

For Credit Corporation.

3. That adequate opportunity be presented for the creation of agricultural credit corporations with sufficient minimum capital to purchase or discount ordinary agricultural papers with a maximum maturity paper of nine months and live stock paper with a maturity of not more than three years; with rediscount corporations adequately capitalized to purchase such paper from agricultural credit corporations, with the privilege of rediscounting any such paper with its indorsement through the Federal Reserve System.

4. That the maximum basis of loans from farm land banks be raised from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

5. That a farm credits department in the Federal Land Bank be set up in each of the land banks with a capital of \$5,000,000, making a total of \$60,000,000 capitalized, against which credits may be issued to the extent of approximately \$600,000,000; and that these farm credits departments of the Federal farm banks be authorized to discount or purchase agricultural paper in a broad sense and to make loans or advances directly to co-operative marketing associations and agricultural co-operative credit organizations.

Restrictions on Loans.

6. That the right of the Federal Land Bank to purchase production credits shall be limited to production credits where the note of the individual is indorsed by the co-operative credit association; or is secured by a chattel mortgage on implements or animals, or both, and indorsed by the local banker; or where the note or draft itself is made by a co-operative credit association or producers, and that any Federal land bank may exercise any of the powers herein granted in any section or district of the United States.

And your committee further recommends that the Committees on Banking and Currency of the House and Senate be requested to consider these suggestions and to combine them, if possible, into a Rural Credits Act, to be introduced in such way as the Committee may deem advisable.

Your committee recommends that the Council announce as its policy that the co-operative marketing associations do not ask anything from the Federal Government, except that legislation be enacted to permit farmers and farmers' organizations to have the same access to the Federal credits system, adapted to its needs, that all other industries now possess; and to make provision for unforeseen emergencies by setting up a last reserve in such a manner as is above suggested in the farm credits department of the farm land banks.

Your committee further recommends that this Council take action through every individual member, representing every co-operative association, to make immediate personal contact with the Senators and Congressmen from each State, to urge that a rule be secured setting aside consideration of other bills until this legislation is secured; and that all of the farm organizations be asked to unite in support of legislation as generally outlined above.

With the opening of the conference on the 14th inst., President Harding, in a message of greeting, read by Senator Ernst (Republican) of Kentucky, expressed his interest in the work of the Council, and stated that he knew "no single movement that promises more help toward the present relief and the permanent betterment of agricultural conditions than this one." The President said:

Several weeks ago, when you called my attention to the fact that the National Council of Farmers Co-operative Marketing Associations was to meet in Washington this month, I was unwilling to deny myself the privilege of meeting with the organization, hoping it might be possible to do so. I find now that owing to pressure of many duties that is impossible. Hence, I am asking you to express to the gathering my deep interest in its work and my hope that most useful results may flow from the present session.

I know no single movement that promises more help toward the present relief and the permanent betterment of agricultural conditions than this one. Whoever has cared to read my recent message to the Congress will understand the depth of my conviction about the necessity to do everything possible to help the farmer through his present era of depression. I am anxious that the Government do everything within reason and sound procedure, and I am still more anxious that the farmers shall themselves co-operate to make the Government's efforts doubly efficacious.

In the long run, Government aid cannot be made effective unless the farmers shall be organized and alive to their own responsibility to establish and use practical instruments for the distribution of credits and the assurance of the most economical marketing methods. This association stands precisely for the best, most intelligent effort to establish such methods, and to teach the farmer and his friends to utilize them. Because I am convinced of this, I feel that this meeting is of unusual importance and significance, and I wish you would convey this expression in the most emphatic terms.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, Dr. Julius Klein, Chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce, also endorsed co-operative marketing at the session of the Council on the 14th inst., Secretary Wallace stating that the Department of Agriculture regards marketing as essentially a part of production, adding, "and it seems to us just as much our business to help the farmer market his crops intelligently and get fair prices for them as it is to help him produce them in the first place. A productive agriculture must be a prosperous agriculture." John F. Sinclair of Minneapolis, pleading for emergency price stabilization, declared "the Northwest will go to pieces next year" if such relief is not provided.

At the session on the 15th inst. co-operative marketing of farm crops received assurances of support from members of the Administrative, Executive and Congressional branches of the Government. Secretary Hoover, Eugene Meyer Jr., Managing Director of the War Finance Corporation, and Adolph C. Miller, member of the Federal Reserve Board, advised the delegates that commodity associations had done more toward restoring financial stability in the United States than any other factor, and Senator Capper of Kansas, leader of the Senate farm bloc, asserted the prospects were growing better daily for action on rural credits legislation. The Associated Press said:

Secretary Hoover said the farmer had every right to demand relief from the depression into which his industry had fallen, because it had suffered more than any other. He expressed the opinion that the farmers' greatest hope for relief lay in co-operative marketing and he predicted that the sentiment of the country would guarantee to them the constructive measures they needed. Lack of transportation facilities, Mr. Hoover said, had caused the farmer greater loss than high rates.

Senator Capper said "the co-operative idea offers more encouragement in pulling the farmer out of the hole in which he finds himself, due to financial and industrial conditions, than any other factor." The facts of the farmers' plight were being brought home to Representatives and Senators, and more attention was being given in Congress to the farmers' condition.

We refer in another article to Mr. Meyer's remarks. A press dispatch from Washington Dec. 16 regarding the deliberations that day (published in the New York "Times") said:

The conference, in its formal declaration of policy, held that the co-operative associations should ask nothing from the Federal Government other than the enactment of legislation to give to farmers and their organizations the same access to the Federal credits systems that all other industries possessed.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission was requested to hold hearings to open the whole question of revision of freight rates with a view to lessening the burdens borne by shippers of primary commodities.

Carl Williams of Oklahoma, President of the American Cotton Growers' Exchange, declared the conference to have been the most important move in American history for the betterment of the farmer. Not only would agriculture benefit, he said, but the consumers of farm produce everywhere would share in the reforms expected to follow.

The Senate Banking Committee hearings on farmer relief rambled into the field of foreign credit to-day and led to a brief discussion of the proposal to float a big international loan to Germany.

Director Meyer of the War Finance Corporation told the Committee that in its credit legislation Congress should not lose sight of the large credits owed in this country by Europeans. He said many German citizens had large deposits in American banks and that as a result it had been possible for American and German bankers to resume relations on a more stable basis.

This feature of the situation was referred to also by C. B. Howard of Atlanta, speaking for the American Cotton Growers' Association. Senator Pomerene asked whether there was need at this time for a loan to Germany for industrial purposes and Mr. Howard replied that in his opinion "our commerce with Germany would be assisted if we did not loan the money."

There is no demand from England and Continental Europe for credits, Mr. Howard stated, adding that especially in the cotton export business buyers in Europe seemed to have no difficulty to obtain credits either at home or abroad to finance their purchases. No European interests, he asserted, entitled to credit, had any difficulty in arranging it.

The Farmers' Union, having organizations in thirty-six States, through W. C. Lansdon of Kansas, urged legislation to establish credits for commodity marketing associations and personal credits for farm operations. He urged that the War Finance Corporation be maintained and be made the agent through which the Government expend its aid under any legislation that might be passed. The Norbeck bill, providing for the organization of a corporation to take over the assets of the War Finance Corporation and to be financed by stock subscription, was recommended by Mr. Lansdon as more nearly meeting the views of the union than any of the other pending measures.

CREDIT FACILITIES FOR FARMERS AND BRANCH BANKING DISCUSSED BY A. B. A. COMMITTEE AT WASHINGTON.

Better credit facilities for farmers were discussed with Senators Lenroot and Capper and with Government officials by the Administrative Committee of the American Bankers Association during their meeting last week in Washington, it is stated by J. H. Puelicher, President of the American Bankers Association. The branch banking question was also discussed with Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, Comptroller of the Currency Crissinger and members of the Federal Reserve Board. Mr. Puelicher said:

We informed Secretary Mellon, Comptroller Crissinger and members of the Federal Reserve Board as to the Association's attitude on the branch bank question, which occupied so prominent a place during the recent convention of the Association here in New York. We stated to these officers that the Association had put itself squarely on record as being opposed to branch banking.

Senators Lenroot and Capper and other Senators gave us very clear statements of the measures for more adequate agricultural credits introduced by Senators Lenroot and Capper. They frankly discussed their attitude, and we feel that the Association will be able to consider this most important subject more intelligently as a result. Agricultural credits will be continuously one of the major problems of study for helpful action by the Association.

EUGENE MEYER, JR., ON CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING ASSOCIATIONS—PROPOSED LEGISLATION.

Speaking before the National Council of Farmers Co-operative Marketing Associations, in session at Washington, Dec. 15, Eugene Meyer, Jr., Managing Director of the War Finance Corporation, emphasized the fact that co-operative marketing associations have come to stay and that they are destined to play an important and permanent part in the economic development of the country. Extended reference to the conference will be found in the preceding item in this issue. Among other things, Mr. Meyer said:

As a banker lending the public's money, I believe in the co-operative marketing associations. I believe that the spread of the movement, beginning with the first loan made by the War Finance Corporation to an association in July 1921 has done more to facilitate recovery from the acute and extreme depression of last year than any other single factor. I believe that the steady influence of the co-operative marketing associations, carrying out a program of orderly marketing and establishing credits on a sound basis with the War Finance Corporation and with the banks of the country, has materially shortened the period of depression. I can say fairly that very little exception can be taken to the policies or to the management and personnel of the thirty-two co-operative marketing associations to which the War Finance Corporation has authorized advances totaling \$178,000,000 during the past sixteen months.

Discussing the legislation now under consideration by Congress, Mr. Meyer pointed out that the bill recently introduced by Senator Capper is not only based upon the experience of the War Finance Corporation during the recent agricultural crisis, but represents the results of many conferences, in Washington and elsewhere, with the leaders of co-operative marketing associations and other agricultural organizations. It is based upon the principle, he said, of utilizing existing banking institutions to the fullest extent, supplementing those institutions with new machinery only to the extent that is necessary. He stated that his views now are what they were eight months ago, when he expressed the opinion that "agriculture is entitled to the best rediscount facility in the United States, and that facility is the Federal Reserve System. This great system cannot contemplate the formation of other systems for doing the things it can properly do. I have nothing to say about the formation of organizations to do what the system cannot properly do, but in no event should agriculture be satisfied with a second-class rediscount facility, such as is contemplated in some of the suggestions that have been made recently, when the adjustment of the eligibility rules of the Federal Reserve System to the business involved in the production and orderly marketing of agricultural products would give it a first-class facility. That is the point of view with which we in the War Finance Cor-

poration have approached the problem of permanent agricultural financing." "I do not think," continued Mr. Meyer, "that suggestions, even though they come from well-intentioned sources, which imply or signify a surrender on the part of the agricultural interests of the benefits of the Federal Reserve System should be entertained.

Mr. Meyer stated that, in his opinion, one of the most helpful things that could be done in the field of rural credits would be to bring into the Federal Reserve System the 9,640 country banks which are now eligible for membership but which have not entered the System. He added:

These 9,640 banks have an aggregate capital and surplus equal to and slightly in excess of the capital and surplus of the State banks and trust companies which already belong to the System; and their total resources—capital, surplus, and deposits—amount to more than \$9,000,000,000. In these banks, located for the most part in the agricultural sections of the country, lies the basis for the greatest development in rural credits that could possibly be brought about; and a way must be found to get at least a substantial portion of them into the System. This is a problem that requires no new legislation; these banks are eligible for membership under existing law. The immediate passage of the Capper bill, which seeks to make more available to co-operative marketing associations the rediscount facilities of the Federal Reserve System, would be valuable, of course. But how much more valuable would such action be if the paper of these associations were rediscountable at the Federal Reserve banks, not only through the State and national banks which are already members of the System, but also through the 9,640 banks which are eligible for membership under existing law and which so far have refrained from joining.

In closing, Mr. Meyer said:

The co-operative marketing movement is a hopeful sign for the future. But there are certain dangers which you, as representatives of the movement, must guard against. There are men in almost every community who have difficulty in distinguishing between orderly marketing and speculative holding. They do not mean to do any harm. They mean well. They merely wish to get better returns for the producer. I am happy to say that the War Finance Corporation has seen very little of them, and our experience, on the whole, has been very satisfactory, both from the business and the management point of view. The sincere and whole-hearted believers in the co-operative movement must do everything in their power to prevent any important co-operative marketing association from going so far astray from sound policies of orderly marketing as to permit the critics and enemies of the movement to discredit all by pointing out the failure of one.

THE NORRIS BILL SHOULD BE KILLED.

The following is from the New York "Commercial" of the 18th inst.:

The Senate Committee on Agriculture, dominated by the radical group of Republicans, has reported out the Norris bill, creating a \$100,000,000 Government corporation to buy and sell farm products and to loan money to finance their sales. This bill embodies the radical ideas which have swayed the farmers of the Northwest during the past few years and which have resulted in some of the unfortunate experiments that have so overburdened North Dakota.

The Norris bill very definitely puts the Government in business, which is something the American people desire to rid themselves of as rapidly as possible. There was some excuse for it as a war measure, but there is absolutely none in peace times. The expectation is, of course, that the Government shall buy grain from the farmers, paying them a fixed price for it and then taking the chance on disposing of it at a profit. In other words, the Government is to take all the speculative risk and guarantee the farmers good prices for their products. The proposition is, of course, absurd on its face. If the Government is to deal in grain, it can obtain only the market price for it, and if it should pay the farmers more than that, the deficit would have to be made up by taxation. The Government cannot control the market price. It may establish the price arbitrarily, but it does not follow that it could sell its holdings at that price.

If by any chance the Norris bill should become a law, the precedent it would establish would be ruinous. Evidently the farmers think they are the only element of the community that has a right to Government aid. If the Government is to pull them out of a hole, then it must offer the same kind of service to every other class of business. Viewed from that standpoint, the proposition falls with its own weight. Viewed from that standpoint, the Government is the people. The Treasury has to be filled out of the pockets of the people, and the farmers and other producers would simply be selling to themselves. The title of the Norris bill should be changed to read "An Act to Permit One to Hoist Himself by His Own Boot Straps."

FARMERS' CREDIT BILLS BEFORE CONGRESS— SENATE HEARINGS—R. C. LEFFINGWELL'S VIEWS.

Farmers' credit bills appear to be absorbing the attention of Congress, and efforts toward the displacing of the ship subsidy bill in the Senate in order to give prior attention to the bill of Senator Norris which would create a \$100,000,000 Government corporation to finance the sale of agricultural products have marked the course of the Congressional movements of the week. The Norris bill was favorably reported to the Senate on the 15th inst. by the Senate Committee on Agriculture. Regarding it the Associated Press dispatches from Washington Dec. 15 said:

Indications were that the bill, around which the next phase of the fight for agricultural relief legislation promises to centre, would be brought into the Senate in the near future and an attempt made to have it replace the Ship Subsidy bill. The Norris proposal has not received Administration approval, and yesterday Eugene Meyer, Director of the War Finance Corporation, told the Senate Banking Committee he was opposed to it.

Aid in disposing immediately of the surplus of agricultural products to European markets is one of the principal objects of the Norris bill, proposing a permanent Government corporation to deal in such products. The corporation would be composed of three members appointed by the President and would have power to issue \$500,000,000 in tax-exempt bonds. Its \$100,000,000 capital would be subscribed entirely by the Government, and

it would have power to operate Government ships and buy, sell, lease and operate elevators.

At the time the Norris bill was introduced on Nov. 22 the "Journal of Commerce" in special advices from Washington said:

Far more comprehensive than his previous bill, which had a large measure of support in the last Congress before it was superseded by the Kellogg bill revising the War Time Finance Corporation, Senator Norris said he believed a favorable report would be made because the Agricultural Committee had approved a bill very similar to this one.

The real object of the bill is to cut out the thousands of middlemen who take profits on food commodities between the time that they leave the hands of the producer and the time they reach the hands of the consumer.

"More than 40% of the cost of commodities to the consumer goes into the pockets of the middlemen," Senator Norris said. "Under the proposed system the producer could get more money for his commodity, while the consumer could buy it for less. The two suggestions seem contradictory on their face, but they are not."

Among the other of the numerous farmers' aid bills proposed is one introduced on Dec. 6 and sponsored by Senator Lenroot and Representative Anderson. Outlining its provisions, the Associated Press accounts from Washington Dec. 6 said:

The Administration's program for rural credits legislation became more definitely outlined to-day with the introduction in both House and Senate of an amended credits bill, with new features which were declared to have the support of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and officials of the Treasury Department and the Federal Farm Loan Board.

Introduced by Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin and Representative Anderson of Minnesota, author and Chairman, respectively, of the Congressional Agricultural Commission, the bill would utilize the existing Federal Farm Loan system as a basis by creating within it a farm credits department through which potential credit facilities would be provided for farmers' short and long-term loans to the extent of at least \$600,000,000.

Significance was seen in the introduction of the legislation, because of the recent White House conference attended by Secretary Wallace, Senator Watson of Indiana and a dozen other Republican Senators, at which the farm credits situation was discussed and an agreement reached to provide comprehensive credit machinery for the farmers through the Federal Farm Loan system.

The twelve farm loan banks at present have a Government subscription totaling only \$12,000,000, but under the new bill they would be provided with a revolving fund subscribed by the Government totaling \$60,000,000, divided equally among the twelve banks. The banks would also be authorized to rediscount farm paper with maturities of from six months to three years.

"The bill will enable the farmer to make loans for production and marketing purposes on a basis of maturity corresponding with his ability to realize and pay the loan from the proceeds of his farm or from the sale of products hypothecated as a basis of the loans," Mr. Anderson said to-day. "It will enable the farmer to draw money from the money centres of the country in such volume as to reduce the interest rates effective in agricultural sections without interfering with or in any way imperiling the business of banks whose deposits are subject to withdrawal on short notice.

"It requires no installation of new machinery, and permits the farmer to do his business in intermediate credits in the same way as he now does his business in relation to short-time credits.

"It will not impose upon the farmers' requirements for intermediate credit the large overhead which would be involved in the erection of an entirely new machinery to meet these requirements. It will provide a means for meeting the credit needs of co-operative producing or producing and marketing associations composed of farmers.

"In addition, the bill amends the Federal Reserve Act so as to admit to the Federal Reserve System State banks having a smaller capital than now required, providing these banks undertake to meet the present requirements within three years."

The White House conference referred to above took place Nov. 30, and the following statement was issued at the White House that day, making known the tentative program proposed:

At the close of a White House conference Thursday afternoon Secretary Wallace and Senator Lodge made the following statement:

"The President had in conference at the White House Thursday afternoon the Secretary of Agriculture and Senators Lodge, Watson, Capper, McNary, Gooding, Willis, Shortridge, McCumber, McLean, Nicholson, Fernald and Keyes. The Senators chiefly represented the Agriculture and Banking and Currency committees. Two hours were devoted to a discussion of a program for further relief of the American farmers and live stock growers, especially in the way of credits. The various measures proposed were given consideration, and a tentative program of legislation will be recommended to the House and Senate committees on Banking and Currency.

"The legislation thought to be best suited to the agricultural and live stock emergency contemplates provisions for:

"Increasing the maximum loan limits of Federal Farm Land banks from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

"Provision for the voluntary creation of live stock and agricultural credit associations primarily to deal with loans on live stock.

"Amendment of the Federal Farm Loan Act to provide for the rediscount of agricultural production and marketing paper. Also to add two members to the Federal Farm Loan Board.

"The program contemplates creating a division in the Federal Farm banks to deal specifically with production and marketing credits, thus supplying a means of discount to the farmer on longer time notes than are eligible to discount by the Federal Reserve banks. Credits to the maximum period of three years are to be provided where the turnover covers that period.

"The conference brought out a clear determination to develop a workable plan of dealing with the relief of farm credits at the short session of Congress and will have the cordial sanction of the majority in Congress and the President."

As we indicated in our issue of Dec. 9 (page 2528), President Harding in his message to Congress on the 4th inst. urged the need of financial facilities in behalf of the farmer. On Dec. 12 the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, to which most of the half dozen or more rural credits bills have been referred, began consideration of the measures before it.

On Dec. 11 the Senate Committee on Agriculture heard Senator-elect Frazier, who told of farmers' needs. Washington press dispatches the same day said:

Members of the Senate farm bloc met to-night to consider the proposed measures. The trend at the meeting was said to be toward the Lenroot-Anderson bill, which would use the Federal Farm Loan System as a basis for extending agricultural credits, but division of opinion prevented final action and another meeting of the bloc will be held to-morrow. It is said that there are prospects of an agreement then.

On the 12th inst. the Agricultural Committee heard additional members of a delegation from the Northwestern States upon the Norris bill and the Ladd bill to stabilize prices of the major agricultural products. A Washington dispatch in the "Journal of Commerce" referring to this said:

The witnesses strongly endorsed the Ladd bill, declaring that its enactment must go hand in hand with passage of credits legislation if the farmers of the Northwest were to be benefited.

Later in the day the hearings were enlivened by charges by former Representative Kelly of South Dakota, that the Chicago Board of Trade had contributed \$100,000 toward the organization of the American Farm Bureau Federation, one of the largest of the various farmers' associations. The witness accused J. R. Howard, President, and Gray Silver, legislative representative of the Federation, of "misrepresenting the farmers" belonging to the organization.

Rural credits legislation also was taken up again at a meeting of the Senate farm bloc to-night. Members of the bloc have been trying to agree on a definite measure, but leaders indicated that owing to differences of opinion the bloc would not go on record in support of any one bill.

In further advices, published in its issue of Dec. 14, the "Journal of Commerce" said:

The farm bloc, unable to unite upon any one rural credits scheme, has agreed to wait until the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency has evolved its final bill before undertaking to propose a substitute measure.

Senator Capper, head of the bloc, admitted that there was a wide diversion of opinion among the members as to what should be urged for the relief of the farmers, and that it was thought best to await the result of the hearings before making a definite commitment. While Senator Simmons of North Carolina, Senator Smith of South Carolina and Senator Norbeck of North Dakota have characterized as "wholly inadequate" the Lenroot-Anderson bill, some of the more conservative Democrats have indicated that they think the best plan to pursue is to assist in the evolution of the best bill they can get and to back it.

Smith Outlines Plan.

At the farm bloc night session Tuesday Senator Smith of South Carolina outlined his plan, which calls for the creation of the Agricultural Federal Reserve Board and Government subscription of \$500,000,000 to provide the initial capital. Senator Smith said the farmers produce 55% of the whole wealth of this country and were entitled to a system of credits that was just as broad as that given the commercial interests.

He said he was preparing a bill, which would be ready within the next few days, proposing a system patterned after the Federal Reserve Board, which would be devoted exclusively to agricultural credit extensions. This bill will be very much like the Simmons measure. He declared that the members of the farm bloc seemed to be much impressed with his bill and said he had discussed it to-day with Senator Borah of Idaho.

The session of the Banking and Currency Committee this morning was devoted to hearing Aaron Shapiro, a lawyer, who said he was a co-operative marketing specialist. He made two definite recommendations: First, that the present limit on agricultural paper eligible for rediscount at the Federal Reserve Board should be extended from six to nine months. Second, that a provision should be written into the bill making the Federal Reserve Board consider the paper of co-operative marketing associations as agricultural paper, eligible for rediscount.

Norbeck Visits President.

Senator Norbeck called at the White House to-day to discuss with the President the rural credits problem. Mr. Norbeck has criticized rather severely the Administration's program on the ground that it is not extensive enough.

Senator Simmons to-day said he was perfectly willing to permit an Administration Senator to get the credit for setting up an independent rural credit system, as he had no pride of authorship in his bill. However, he repeated that he thought the Lenroot-Anderson bill was a mere "pop-gun" measure and not worth anything to the farmers.

There has been such a variety of bills proposed by members of the farm bloc that the question has been asked as to whether they would ever be able to unite upon one program. Senator Capper said that he thought the bloc would reach an agreement in a short time. It is generally believed that the rural credits scheme will center around the Lenroot-Anderson bill, with the addition of the Meyer live stock bill and the Norbeck measure, providing for Federal assistance to facilitate exports of agricultural commodities.

On Dec. 15, when the Norris bill was ordered favorably reported a bill was introduced by Representative Steenerson of Minnesota, proposing a bureau of wheat price insurance to protect farmers from unreasonably low prices at the primary markets. The bill, to quote the press dispatches from Washington, would create a revolving fund of \$100,000,000 for purchasing, selling, transporting and storing wheat and its products whenever necessary to prevent undue depression or fluctuation in prices or unjust marketing manipulation "which would tend to increase the liability of the United States under the insurance policies." Under the bill the Secretary of Agriculture, before the planting season each year, would determine the insurable value of the various classes and grades of wheat to be raised the following year, based upon the average cost of production for the last preceding three years, with a reasonable profit added.

At the hearing before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee on the 15th inst. recommendations as to credit legislation considered desirable by the co-operative marketing associations were presented by Aaron Sapiro of California. He said the associations were in favor of legislation

which would represent a combination of certain features of the Capper and Lenroot bills.

On the 18th inst. former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury R. C. Leffingwell is said to have declared at the Senate Banking Committee's hearing that inadequate distribution facilities and not inadequate credits have caused the present trouble of the farmers. From the press accounts of his remarks we take the following:

"The farmer is now suffering from too much credit," Mr. Leffingwell added. "His trouble is inadequate marketing facilities, due in large measure, in my judgment, to the inability of Europe to purchase, because it is dropping to pieces. He is not suffering from over-production, but the people who are suffering for want of what he has to sell, are literally starving to death because they cannot get it. In other words, the situation is under-consumption and not over-production."

Inflation due to war causes was no greater in any field than in agriculture, Mr. Leffingwell asserted. Certain farmers "wisely" took advantage of the inflation in farm prices in 1919 and 1920 by selling out, he said, adding that the problems of many farmers to-day were due to their inability to conduct their business with decreasing prices for farm products. Any legislation attempting to maintain agricultural prices, he held, would be harmful to the farmers. Deflation was inevitable, he added, "as soon as the people come to their senses."

Although he credited the Federal Reserve System with saving the country from disaster, the witness declared the present banking system, was defective in that it was not sufficiently concentrated to enable the quick transfer of credits from one part of the country to another.

Referring to farm credits bills now pending before the committee, Mr. Leffingwell said he preferred the one introduced by Senator Capper of Kansas. He was opposed, he said, to anything partaking of the nature of a subsidy, and he criticized the Lenroot bill because, he said, it would result in withdrawing \$60,000,000 from the Treasury for the use of farmers.

At the hearing before the Committee on the 19th inst., Charles E. Lobdell, Chairman of the Federal Farm Loan Board, while approving the Lenroot bill as providing a workable rural credit scheme, told the Committee that he would prefer that the new system be attached to the Federal Reserve Banks instead of to the Federal Land Banks. The New York "Commercial," from which this is learned, also said:

Benjamin Marsh, of the Farmers' National Council, another witness, said that the farmers need higher prices more than additional credits.

"As now revised the Lenroot bill is workable and presents a practical plan for meeting the situation," said Mr. Lobdell. "We do feel that a more scientific system would be provided if the bill were amended by substituting Federal Reserve Banks for Federal Land Banks and the Federal Reserve Board for the Federal Farm Loan Board in the administration of the system."

"The Federal Reserve banks deal with personal credits as distinguished from farm land credits, while the Federal Land banks deal with land credits. The new farm credits department would deal with personal credits and therefore more properly should be attached to the Federal Reserve banks. The training of the administrative officers of the Federal Reserve banks has been in connection with personal credits, while the officers of the Federal Land banks are more experienced in the question of farm land credits."

Mr. Lobdell said that he approved the segregation of the activities of the farm credits department from the present activities of the land banks as provided in the revised Lenroot bill. The measure as originally introduced did not provide for this segregation.

In discussing the Capper bill Mr. Lobdell said that it did not seem to add much except Government supervision to existing live stock loan companies.

He said that if the Lenroot and Capper bills were combined, he thought the provision of the Capper bill authorizing agricultural credit corporations to issue debentures should be eliminated in order to avoid competition between these debentures and the debentures of the farm credits departments of the land banks. Eugene Meyers Jr., Managing Director of the War Finance Corporation, who drafted the Capper bill, took issue with Mr. Lobdell on this point, declaring that he saw no reason why these securities should injure each other any more than different kinds of securities do at the present time.

Mr. Lobdell approved the provision of pending bills increasing from \$10,000 to \$25,000 the maximum amount of loans of Federal Land banks on land mortgages. He said that the Farm Loan Board objected to any increase two years ago when it was difficult to provide sufficient funds to meet applications for loans, but that conditions are now such as make it possible to provide all the money desired.

Mr. Lobdell said he did not believe it was possible to induce many more State banks to come into the Federal Reserve System. He gave as the principal reason the fact that the Federal Reserve banks do not pay interest on the reserves of the member banks.

The following, from Washington, is taken from the New York "Herald" of yesterday (Dec. 22):

Desperate efforts were made to-day to prevent further disintegration of the farm bloc in the Senate, but with little success. Members of the bloc who have made glowing promises to aid the farmers are hopelessly deadlocked as to the best way to carry out their election pledges.

Senator Norris (Neb.) tried hard to rally support for his farm credit measure. He met rebuffs from several of the farm bloc members. Senator Harrison (Miss.) told Senator Norris frankly that he is opposed to those features of his bill providing that the Government go into the warehouse, elevator and merchandise business on a gigantic scale.

"To me these provisions," said Senator Harrison, "are not only socialistic but Bolshevistic and I will never approve them." Mr. Harrison declared he favored the Lenroot bill recommended by the Joint Agricultural Commission, which provides for large loans to farmers through the Federal Farm banks.

Senator Dial (So. Caro.) scored the Norris bill, saying he is opposed to putting the Government in private business. "We should direct our energies instead to taking the Government out of business," he said.

Further discussions in the bloc took place before the Banking and Currency Committee, which is trying to whip into line a rural credits bill which will have the support of the Administration. Senator Simmons injected a discordant note by insisting upon the adoption of the principles of his bill for a credit of \$500,000,000 to farmers.

The various farm organizations are also at odds over the proposed measure, so that Senator McLean (Conn.), Chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee, is now doubtful whether he will be able to report out a farm credit bill next Wednesday, after the holiday recess, which begins at the close of business to-morrow.

The farm bloc makes no secret of its intention to fight the Administration farm credit measure to the extent of insisting upon vital amendments in keeping with some radical ideas entertained by some of the members. The bloc intends to debate the farmers' bill, which is to take the place of the ship subsidy bill, "freely and fully." The fact is the bloc to a man is opposed to the subsidy bill and is not averse to using only the rural credits bill as an aid to the filibuster on the shipping measure.

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING PAPER ELIGIBLE FOR SIX MONTHS DISCOUNTING.

A ruling making bankers' acceptances of six months' maturity, drawn by growers of staple agricultural products or co-operative marketing associations, eligible for purchase or rediscount by the Federal Reserve banks was announced by the Federal Reserve Board on the 20th inst. With regard to the new ruling, the Associated Press had the following to say in its Washington dispatches:

Officials declared the decision, which makes the agricultural paper eligible for rediscount for six months instead of three, "should be of material assistance to co-operative marketing associations in financing the orderly marketing of crops."

Acceptances of six months have been asked for by many agricultural organizations and the longer period is believed by officials to accord more nearly with the turn-over period required by the farmers to market crops for whose production they have borrowed money.

The ruling requires that the acceptances be secured by warehouse receipts covering the products against which the acceptances are drawn. It is in line with a policy announced some time ago by the Board which made eligible for rediscount acceptances drawn to finance domestic storage of commodities pending their marketing.

Agricultural paper of this character is placed by the ruling on a parity with acceptances drawn against exports and imports which have been extended from three to six months.

Officials explained that the six months limitation was as far as the Board could go under existing law. Various bills are pending in Congress, however, to make acceptances with much longer maturity eligible for rediscount by the Reserve banks.

"Several kinds of borrowings are involved," said a statement issued by the Board explaining its decision. "If the grower desires to do the borrowing himself, he can draw a draft on the co-operative association at the time he delivers his crop, the association accepting it. He then discounts the draft at his local bank, which under the ruling may rediscount it at a Federal Reserve Bank as agricultural paper, with a maturity up to six months. If the association itself wishes to borrow directly from a bank in order to make payments to the growers who are its members, its notes are eligible for rediscount, but the Board has held that under existing law such notes are commercial notes, the maturity of which must not exceed ninety days, because the proceeds of such notes are used for the commercial purpose of buying the commodities from the growers."

"This ruling has rightly been regarded as a very liberal one, and will greatly facilitate the operations of co-operative associations. It is based upon the principle, long recognized by the Board, that the carrying of agricultural products for such periods as are reasonably necessary in order to accomplish orderly marketing is a legitimate and necessary step incident to normal distribution."

"The Board points out, however, that there is a distinction between carrying productions for such purposes as are reasonably necessary and mere speculative withholding from the market in the hope of obtaining higher prices. Under the Federal Reserve Act, paper drawn to finance speculation is ineligible for rediscount."

"The Reserve Board also points out that in determining whether or not an association is engaged in orderly marketing, rather than speculative holding, it is not improper to take into consideration the fact that each crop must ordinarily support the market until the next crop is harvested."

ACTING GOVERNOR PLATT OF RESERVE BOARD URGES MAKING NINE MONTHS PAPER REDISCOUNTABLE.

Amendment of the Federal Reserve Act so as to make nine months' paper rediscountable by member banks was urged by Acting Governor Platt of the Federal Reserve Board at the Senate Banking Committee's hearing on agricultural credit bills. The New York "Evening Post" of last night (Dec. 22) in stating this, said:

While under normal conditions the present limitation of rediscount privileges to six months' loans was satisfactory, changes in marketing conditions, he said, made it desirable to increase the length of the loans to nine months. Such an arrangement, with provision for long-time loans for the livestock industry, the Committee was told, would provide all the credits which agricultural interests required.

Emphasis was placed by Mr. Platt upon the short period of the turn-over in Federal Reserve banks on rediscounts, the average throughout the country being 110 days. This condition would continue, he said, should the loans be for nine months instead of six.

Should the Lenroot bill, providing for the sale of debentures based on personal credits of farmers be passed, administration of the law should not be placed in the hands of the Federal Reserve Board, Mr. Platt asserted. Many of the State banks would be put out of business, he predicted, should Congress authorize Federal loans to farmers based on production.

At the hearing before the Senate Committee on the 13th inst. on the proposal to extend from six to nine months the maximum maturity of agricultural paper which can be discounted by Federal Reserve banks, Aaron Sapiro, attorney for co-operative marketing associations, also proposed, according to the New York "Commercial," that the Federal Reserve Act be amended to provide specifically that Federal Reserve banks shall consider as agricultural paper the notes of co-operative organizations, two of the Federal Reserve banks having refused to construe the present law in this manner. The "Commercial" also stated in its Washington dispatch of that day:

The proposal to extend the maximum maturity of agricultural paper, as provided in several of the bills pending before the Committee, drew com-

ments from several members of the Committee, which indicated doubts in their minds as to the desirability of such a move. Senator Glass, of Virginia, who was Chairman of the House Committee on Banking and Currency at the time of the framing of the Federal Reserve Act, and who later served as Secretary of the Treasury, seemed especially doubtful of the wisdom of any action which might interfere with the liquidity of the paper held by Federal Reserve banks.

"The Federal Reserve System is essentially a reserve system as distinguished from a primary banking system," said Senator Glass. "The function of the Federal Reserve banks is not to discount paper, but to rediscount. Unless the Reserve banks are in a position to meet all emergencies, the purpose is destroyed. If you ever undertake to make of the Federal Reserve banking system a primary system you may wreck the whole system."

"The Dallas Federal Reserve Bank came near being wrecked a few years ago, even under present limitations. If the other Federal Reserve banks had not come to its aid it would have been wrecked."

Seek Orderly Marketing.

Commenting on the Dallas system, Mr. Sapiro said that speculators who held cotton bought at high prices were responsible and that the co-operatives were producers and were seeking only to promote orderly marketing and looked at things from a different viewpoint than the speculators. He declared that maturities of agricultural paper ought more nearly to approximate the period of turnover.

"The co-operative groups do not ask for more credits than are now given on commodities," said Mr. Sapiro. "They merely ask that the same credits now given to middlemen be now made available to the farmer and to the co-operative associations. We believe that the Federal Reserve system has been built up more from the standpoint of commercial interests than of the farmers. We ask for legislation which will put us on the same basis as other industries. The period of turnover in a manufacturing industry is less than in the case of agriculture where the turnover is more nearly on an annual basis. We feel that even reserve banking must be built up for the needs of the country in which we are operating."

Senator Penrose of Ohio, was another who expressed serious doubts as to the desirability of extending the maximum maturity of paper eligible for rediscount in Federal Reserve banks.

Mr. Sapiro said that he did not believe Congress should attempt to provide agricultural production credits but should confine its efforts to marketing credits.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE IN EXPLANATION OF ITS QUESTIONNAIRE.

The New York Stock Exchange took occasion on Dec. 18 to issue a statement explanatory of its questionnaire of last June, which was designed with a view to maintaining close supervision of members. This questionnaire was published in our issue of July 1, page 24. In its statement of this week, the Exchange says:

The first requisite for the sound and conservative conduct of a firm of brokers is the possession of an amount of capital so proportioned to the magnitude of its commitments that all probable business losses can be met by the firm out of its own funds without endangering the funds of its customers. Any deficiency of capital inevitably tends to a situation where the firm is financing weak accounts with the funds of its other clients.

Of equal importance to this safeguard is the requirement that securities deposited in the hands of a brokerage firm by its customers, either as margin or for safekeeping, be at all times so handled as to be free from unnecessary jeopardy; that no greater amount of these securities be used for hypothecation than is warranted by customers' debts, and that none of them be used in connection with private speculations of the firm itself.

The financial stability of every brokerage house conducting a margin business necessitates the strict requirement of ample margin in the accounts of all its customers without exception. Finally, no speculative ventures should be undertaken by members of the firm, jointly or individually, which involve any danger to the safety of customers' accounts entrusted to their keeping.

A business conducted in conformity with the above requirements will be as free from the danger of insolvency as it is possible to make it, and the questionnaire now in use by the New York Stock Exchange is so framed as to disclose whether or not those requirements are being met. By employing this questionnaire at short intervals the Exchange expects to be able to detect incipient infringements of these requirements before they have had time to reach dangerous proportions and to rapidly enforce remedial measures with a view to forestalling future insolvencies.

In printing the above the New York "Times" said:

The New York Stock Exchange yesterday issued an official statement in connection with the questionnaire sent to all members of the Exchange some months ago and which caused much perturbation when first received. The circulation of the questionnaire is believed to have been responsible for the correction of the financial position of many firms which were thought to have been overextended.

Early in the year when many brokerage houses failed, including some Stock Exchange houses, the impression prevailed that these failures occurred because these firms were carrying more stocks on their books than warranted by their capital. In order to compel member firms to "put their house in order," the Board of Governors of the Stock Exchange drew up and issued a questionnaire requiring details of each firm's bank balances, loans and collateral, the market value of negotiable securities in box and transfer books, customers' accounts, partners' accounts, firm investments and trading accounts, underwritings and syndicate participation accounts, capital accounts and profit and loss accounts. To explain more fully the purpose of the questionnaire, the New York Stock Exchange issued its statement of yesterday.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION OF BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE AFFECTING QUOTATIONS ON STOP ORDERS.

Secretary Rich of the Boston Stock Exchange announces the following amendment to the Exchange regarding stop orders:

BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE.
Secretary's Office.

Boston, Dec. 14 1922.

The Governing Committee, through the affirmative action of more than a majority of its members, has voted to amend Paragraph 3, Section 8, Article XX of the Constitution, by the addition thereto of the words,

"If objection is raised by any member," so that the paragraph as amended shall read:

"No quotations on securities which have been stopped will be permitted if objection is raised by any member."

In accordance with Article XXXIV of the Constitution, this paragraph as amended will stand as the law of the Exchange if not disapproved within one week by written protest of fifteen members.

GEORGE A. RICH, Secretary.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REQUIRES RECORDING OF TIME OF TRANSACTIONS.

A resolution requiring the keeping by members of a record of the time all transactions take place, has been adopted by the Governing Committee of the New York Stock Exchange, according to the following notice issued by Secretary Cox on Dec. 15:

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.
Committee on Quotations and Commissions.

December 15 1922.

In the matter of the resolution adopted by the Governing Committee on Dec. 13 1922, reading as follows:

Time of Transactions to Be Recorded.

"Resolved, That members of the Exchange and firms registered thereon, unless exempted from the provisions hereof by the Committee on Quotations and Commissions, shall cause to be kept in their offices a record of the time of day at which all transactions take place in securities admitted to dealings on the Exchange."

The Committee on Quotations and Commissions has determined that specialists, so-called two dollar brokers and odd-lot dealers shall be exempted from the provisions of this resolution.

E. V. D. COX, Secretary.

MEMBERS OF PHILADELPHIA STOCK EXCHANGE TO REIMBURSE EXCHANGE FOR CANCELLED MEMBERSHIP.

The following is from the Philadelphia "Record" of the 22nd inst.:

The members of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange yesterday voted to reimburse the exchange for the purchase of 15 memberships, which are to be canceled. The plan provided that each member of the exchange pay \$50 in 1923 and the same amount in 1924 and in 1925 to cover the purchase of these seats. This reduces the number of seats to 206.

PHILADELPHIA STOCK EXCHANGE RULING ON WITHDRAWAL OF ORDERS.

According to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of the 22nd inst. in a resolution adopted by the Governing Committee of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, members are prohibited from withdrawing orders from the floor for the purchase or sale of securities for the purpose of completing transactions outside the Exchange.

STOCK BROKERAGE FIRM OF HOUSTON, FIBLE & CO. OF KANSAS CITY FAILS.

Announcement was made from the rostrum of the New York Stock Exchange shortly before noon on Monday of this week (Dec. 18) of the failure of Houston, Fible & Co. with headquarters in Kansas City, Mo., and branches in Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Okla. The firm consisted of William R. Houston and William M. Fible, and through Mr. Houston was a member of the New York Stock Exchange, New York Curb Market, New York Cotton Exchange, and the Chicago Stock Exchange. The firm's liabilities are estimated, it is said, at from \$6,000,000 to \$15,000,000, with reported assets of \$5,000,000. Mr. Houston, it is said, came to New York the Friday preceding the failure to raise \$800,000 needed to tide his firm over its difficulties. He made, it is said, a last unsuccessful effort early Monday morning to obtain the necessary loan and then he is understood to have sent a special wire to Mr. Fible in Kansas City informing him of the situation and suggesting that the firm liquidate voluntarily upon consent of its clients. Upon receipt of this wire, it is said, Mr. Fible consulted the firm's attorneys and shortly afterwards the following notice was posted on the locked doors of the main offices of the organization:

The business of Houston, Fible & Co. is in my hands as assignee for the benefit of creditors.

THOMAS H. REYNOLDS.

According to later newspaper advices from Kansas City, Judge Arba S. Van Valkenburgh of the Federal District Court on Monday night (Dec. 18) named Mr. Reynolds temporary receiver for the firm "to conserve all the assets of the firm for all the creditors." This was done, it was said, to forestall possible attempts to throw the firm into bankruptcy.

The following press dispatch from Kansas City concerning the failed firm's affairs was printed in the New York "Times" of Thursday (Dec. 21). It read:

Plans for the resumption of business by Houston, Fible & Co., the brokerage firm which failed Monday, were discussed at a conference here to-day

of the partners, W. R. Houston and W. M. Fible, the receiver, Thomas H. Reynolds, and several of the larger customers.

Mr. Houston, who returned from New York to-day, announced that he wished to continue the business, if customers of the firm also desired it. Unless suspension by the New York Stock Exchange appeared to them to be a greater blow than it seemed to him, Mr. Houston said, the firm would continue. Receiver Reynolds said that preliminary discussion of the firm's affairs with some of the largest customers indicated that it was solvent and in a fair way to settle its difficulties with the New York Stock Exchange, pay 100% on the dollar and continue in business.

ALL CHARGES AGAINST EARL MENDENHALL AND FREDERICK T. CHANDLER, JR., NOW DROPPED.

All criminal charges against Earl Mendenhall and Frederick T. Chandler, Jr., partners in the defunct firm of Chandler Bros. & Co., of Philadelphia, which failed in July 1921, were dropped on Dec. 19 before Judge Davis in Quarter Sessions Court, according to a press dispatch from Philadelphia on that day appearing in the New York "Times." The five bills alleging false pretense and conspiracy still remaining after the defendants had been acquitted for the second time, it is said, were nolle prossed by the District Attorney. We last referred to the affairs of Chandler Bros. & Co. in our issue of Dec. 9, p. 2525.

GUTCHEON, NASH & CO., NEW YORK, FAIL.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed in the United States District Court against Emil D. Gutcheon, Jerome W. Gould and Robert E. Nash, trading as stock brokers under the firm name of Gutcheon, Nash & Co., at 8 West 40th Street, New York.

STATE INSTITUTIONS ADMITTED TO FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

The following institutions was admitted to the Federal Reserve System in the week ended Dec. 15:

District No. 10—	Capital.	Surplus.	Resources.
Bankers Trust Co., Denver, Colo.	\$1,000,000	\$250,000	\$4,265,518
None was admitted during the week ended Dec. 8.			

INSTITUTIONS AUTHORIZED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD TO EXERCISE TRUST POWERS.

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

- The First National Bank of Washington, N. J.
- The Citizens National Bank of Waynesboro, Pa.
- The First National Bank of Alexandria, Minn.
- The Charlotte National Bank, Charlotte, N. C.
- The Woodside National Bank of Greenville, S. C.
- The Miami Beach First National Bank, Miami Beach, Fla.
- The Joplin National Bank, Joplin, Mo.
- The First National Bank of Wenatchee, Wash.

SUBSCRIPTIONS OF \$825,000,000 TO TREASURY CERTIFICATE AND NOTE OFFERINGS.

Subscriptions aggregating \$825,000,000 (including \$41,000,000 of subscriptions for Treasury notes on which 4% Victory notes were tendered in payment) were reported by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon on Dec. 18, to the Treasury Department's combined offering of Treasury notes and Treasury certificates of indebtedness, to which reference was made in our issue of Dec. 9, pages 2527 and 2528. The books for the exchange of Victory notes for the short-time notes were closed on Dec. 15, as well as the books for subscription to the new notes and certificates. Allotments on the new Treasury notes and certificates were made as follows:

All subscriptions for Treasury certificates, of both Series FM2-1923 and Series TD-1923 allotted in full; all subscriptions for Treasury notes of Series C-1925 allotted in full up to amounts not exceeding \$500,000 for any one subscriber. Subscriptions over \$500,000 but not exceeding \$1,000,000, were allotted 75%, but not less than \$500,000 on any one subscription, while the subscriptions for over \$1,000,000 were allotted 50%, but not less than \$750,000 nor more than \$5,000,000 on any one subscription. All subscriptions for Treasury notes for which 4% Victory notes or Treasury certificates maturing Dec. 15 were tendered in payment were, however, allotted in full. Further details as to subscriptions and allotments will be announced as soon as final reports are received from the twelve Federal Reserve banks.

DELAYED IMPORT FIGURES.

Supplementing the announcement by the Department of Commerce at Washington Nov. 27 regarding the delay in furnishing statistics of goods imported under the new tariff law for the period from Sept. 29 to Oct. 31, which the Department then stated would not be available "until some time between

Dec. 20 and Jan. 1," we quote the following Washington dispatch from the New York "Times" Dec. 20:

Figures on the imports into the United States during November will not be ready for publication until January. Secretary Hoover announced to-day in response to inquiries from many sources.

With the enactment of the new tariff law, he said, the mass of work thrown upon the Government departments in revising classification schedules has greatly delayed the routine monthly reports. The statisticians have been obliged to prepare reports of imports in about 1,250 classifications, as compared with about 600 under the old law.

When a new system of making the compilations is worked out Mr. Hoover indicated that the Government would probably be able to satisfy the demand in some industries for special reports by furnishing weekly totals of commodities moving into and out of the United States in cases where those commodities are a large proportion of the total trade.

The previous announcement in the matter was referred to in our issue of Dec. 2, page 2434.

REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON UNSEATED BY THE HOUSE.

Representative Thomas W. Harrison, Democrat, of the Seventh Virginia District, was ousted on Dec. 15 from the House by 202 to 100 on the ground of irregularities in the 1920 election in his district. The House then seated John Paul, Republican contestant, who will serve until March. The vote on this was 201 to 99. Mr. Harrison was elected last November and will return to his seat in the new Congress.

In a final speech Mr. Harrison charged that the life of the Republican Party in his State was based on patronage, and then proceeded to read letters which he declared "proved incontrovertibly" that patronage had been sold there.

PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE WITH GOVERNORS OF FOURTEEN STATES ON PROHIBITION ENFORCEMENT.

Widespread violations of the Volstead Prohibition Enforcement Law have resulted recently in a number of important steps being taken by the Federal Government to curb the activities of certain elements whose activities have become notorious. Among recent developments worthy of note was the decision handed down by the U. S. Supreme Court, sustaining the Government in its right to enforce the Volstead Law on sea as well as on land—that is, on American-owned vessels and on foreign vessels in American territorial waters. This decision was followed by the tightening up of the enforcement regulations and some time later by a reorganization of the Prohibition Enforcement Bureau. The next step was a demand by the Attorney-General for closer co-operation between the Federal and State authorities in prosecuting violators of the law.

This week a conference was held at the White House in Washington preparatory to another drive for co-operation between Federal and State agencies. The conference, held on Dec. 18 at a luncheon given by President Harding, was attended by Vice-President Coolidge, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, Prohibition Commissioner Haynes, and the Governors of fourteen States. While no definite conclusions were reached, the White House, through Commissioner Haynes, expressed the opinion that the meeting and discussion had been helpful. It is said to be probable that another conference with Governors, of whom a number of new ones will take office on Jan. 1, will be held early in the year. Of those who attended the luncheon only one—Governor Ritchie of Maryland—came out flatly with the statement that the majority of his constituents did not believe that the Volstead Law could be enforced. He said that he was opposed to the law as an encroachment on State rights and the personal rights of the people.

It was said authoritatively, according to the daily papers, that there was no talk about the possibility of modification of the Federal prohibition laws, and that the only points considered were means to obtain more rigid enforcement. Practically all of the Governors, it was said, promised to give co-operation. There was some complaint that State enforcement laws were not effective in many instances, and that efforts to remedy this condition would be made. The lack of effective State laws, it was held, worked against effective enforcement. Governor Allen of Kansas was pronounced in his views that progress was being made and that helpful co-operation would come out of the discussions at the luncheon. Among the things which were distinctly harmful to prohibition enforcement, he said, were a leniency on the part of Federal courts when it came to a question of imposing fines and terms of imprisonment and the levity of the metropolitan press in its treatment of the prohibition problem in its news columns. At the conclusion of the luncheon con-

ference, which started at 1:30 and ended at 4 o'clock, Commissioner Haynes made this statement as spokesman for the Administration:

The President had at luncheon to-day the Vice-President, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Prohibition Commissioner and Governor Cox of Massachusetts, Governor Ritchie of Maryland, Governor Trimble of Virginia, Governor Hartness of Vermont, Governor McCray of Indiana, Governor Kilby of Alabama, Governor Hyde of Missouri, Governor Prouss of Minnesota, Governor Olcott of Oregon, Governor Allen of Kansas, Governor Morgan of West Virginia, Governor McKelvie of Nebraska, Governor Davis of Idaho and Governor Campbell of Arizona.

The Governors came to the White House from their annual conference, which was held this year at White Sulphur Springs. After luncheon the President invited from them a wholly informal expression of their views as to the effectiveness of the enforcement of the prohibition law under the concurrent activities of Federal and State authorities.

In many cases the reports of Governors were of an encouraging nature, indicating very gratifying progress in making the enforcement of the Volstead Act effective. Numerous instances of lack of co-operation were pointed out; many instances of the inadequacy of the Federal forces were suggested. On the whole, the informal conference was helpful to both State Executives and Federal officials who were present.

There was a preponderance of opinion that an earnest official appeal for reverence for the law and a cordial support of law enforcement by the press would combine to cure the worst conditions reported.

Attorney-General Daugherty also attended the conference, but it is said that Mr. Daugherty and Secretary Mellon did not enter a detailed discussion, simply listening to the views expressed by the Governors. Commissioner Haynes is reported to have said that a larger appropriation and the development of the enforcement personnel would be helpful to more effective work. While there was a general understanding that the discussions at the luncheon were to an extent confidential, each Governor was permitted to make public the opinions he held. Governor Ritchie made this statement:

The great majority of the people of Maryland believe that the Volstead law simply cannot be enforced there. Our people are imbued with a fine traditional respect for law and the established order, and we were effectively solving the temperance question by local option in the various units of the State. Under that method, when the people of a community wanted prohibition, they actually got it.

The Volstead Law changed all this. Our people in the main regard it as an unnecessary and drastic Federal infringement of their State and personal rights. The lack of respect for law and the actual lawlessness which have resulted is deplorable. The only remedy I see is to recognize that the Volstead Law is destructive of the rights of the States, and to turn the whole question back to the States, so that each may settle it in accordance with the will of its own people.

The necessities of the times and our great industrial expansion have, of course, made a great centralization of power in the Federal Government inevitable and desirable, and we have departed far from the old conception of the inherent rights of the States, but if the States are to preserve their autonomy and their ancient heritage as self-governing entities, I feel that the time has come for them again to assert their rights.

This apathy as to the rights of the several States will, unless now checked, result in extending still further the mistakes of overcentralization in the future. We are a diverse population with diverse views and problems; and different States desire different results. For Kansas to dictate to Maryland is foreign to the spirit of the Federal Union, and results in a sectional tyranny that the people of my State will not brook.

Governor Allen's views were set forth as follows:

To-day Kansas enjoys a better degree of temperance enforcement than her neighbors, because we are in the second generation of men who have never seen the saloon. Federal prohibition will become a national success when the business man realizes that the total abstainer makes the best workman and refuses to hire any person who takes a drink.

Prohibition has proved its worth already. We hear a lot of talk about more persons drinking more than ever and the drug traffic increasing as intoxicants become more scarce. The bootleggers deny the first assertion because they are striving with might and main to wipe the Volstead Law off the statute books in order to make it possible to distill and sell more intoxicants. The second assertion is absolutely untrue; statistics prove that drink and drugs are inseparable; where you find one you find the other.

Tighten up the prohibition laws; don't loosen them. The people soon will realize that prohibition is almost their salvation. In the Middle West I believe we have a better degree of enforcement because it is more truly American than the Atlantic seaboard. Here you have a greater number of Europeans and the Continental influence. Why, out West we still gaze in astonishment on a woman who smokes a cigarette.

Governor Trinkle of Virginia advised heavier fines and longer jail sentences for offenders against the dry laws. He said he refused to pardon any man, regardless of his prestige or position, who had been convicted of dispensing intoxicating liquors for gain.

"Take politics out of the prohibition enforcement agencies," Governor Trinkle said, "and we will have better enforcement. What we need is enforcement agents and officials who are in favor of the law themselves. I have found that prohibition is benefiting the State of Virginia already and those benefits will grow with time."

Governor Morgan of West Virginia, practically reiterated Governor Trinkle's view. Although he did not suggest making the enforcement laws more drastic he, too, said that the enforcement division of the Prohibition Department should be separated from politics. If a referendum were taken in West Virginia to-morrow, the Governor asserted, it would show that State to be overwhelmingly "bone dry." Governor Kilby of Alabama, felt that Federal resources should be increased, with more agents to help enforce the law. Governor Hyde of Missouri, said that closer co-operation between Federal and local enforcement agencies would bring better results.

TEXT OF THE ALLIED POWERS' PLAN FOR FREEDOM OF THE STRAITS.

The Lausanne Conference, like many other notable peace conferences held since the signing of the Armistice in 1918, has had its stages of proposals, counter proposals and compromises, and the Allied program for freedom of the Straits accepted on Dec. 20 by the Turkish delegates with minor reservations also represented in its final form a series of concessions between the Allied Powers on the one hand and the Turks on the other—mostly, perhaps, on the part of the Turks. The discussion preceding the presentation by Lord Curzon on Dec. 19 of the Allied Powers' final proposals at the Conference indicated clearly that the Allies were growing impatient with the refusal of the Turks to accept the conditions they had laid down. In reporting some of the salient features of the sessions on the 19th, copyright cable advices from Lausanne to the New York "Times" had the following to say:

Exasperated by the dilatory tactics of Ismet Pasha, Lord Curzon laid the Allied plan for the administration of the Straits on the conference table to-day and told the Turks and Russians bluntly that they might take it or leave it. He said there would be just one more session at which the subject would be discussed and that would be held to-morrow afternoon.

It would be easy to write of ultimatum and crisis, but the experience of many conferences, none of which has broken up in a fight, prompts me to the belief that what is likely to happen, if the Turks do not definitely accept the Allied plan, is that Lord Curzon will declare the Straits discussion ended and will ask the conference to turn to other matters the adjustment of which would lead to a revival of the Straits debate.

Ismet Will Answer Curzon To-day.

At Turkish headquarters it is said to-night that Ismet will reply to Lord Curzon to-morrow, returning neither a complete acceptance nor an out-and-out rejection of the plan. That is what he has been doing for the last two weeks. There is really little divergence between the proposals of the Allies and the Turks; but the Turks wish to withhold their final agreement in order to sell at a price their concessions on other points. The Allies said that the concessions they have made the Turks on the Straits issue should lead now to a clear-cut settlement.

While from the point of view of world politics the Russians' refusal to subscribe to the Allied plans for the Straits is serious enough, from a technically diplomatic point of view it doesn't prevent the making of peace between the Turks and the Allies.

When Lord Curzon began to speak in behalf of the Allies at the opening of to-day's session, it was evident that he was tired of temporizing and had oiled up his steam-roller. His first task was to reply to the Russian and Turkish counter-proposals presented yesterday. Turning first to the Russian plan, he said:

"This amounts to closing the Black Sea to warships. We don't intend to accept that principle. The Russian plan is based upon it, and ours upon another principle, which is the freedom of the Straits. It is impossible to reconcile the Russian plan with ours. We could talk here for years without doing it. The Allies have no other alternative than to reject it. That is our final reply to the Russians."

Taking up the Turkish proposals, he said:

Emphatic Rejection of Turk's Proposals.

"This plan has been carefully studied and I am ready to give the final Allied reply. If we should adopt the Turkish suggestions for demilitarization it would destroy the effect of our plan. There is nothing new in the Turkish suggestions. We have heard them all often and rejected them often. This matter has been discussed over and over and the Allies have gone the limit in their concessions. The Turks demand the right to fortify the north shore of the Sea of Marmora. We have decided against that, and it is impossible for us to recede. The Turks ask that Samothrace and Lemnos be taken from the Greeks. I have said three times in this conference that these islands will remain Greek. I now say it for the fourth and last time."

As for Turkey's demand that she be allowed to maintain 5,000 troops in the Gallipoli Peninsula, Lord Curzon said that the Allies' answer was negative.

"Although we have made concession after concession to the Turks," he said, "the time comes when the limit of concessions is reached, and that time has arrived here and now." Of the Turks' changes in the conditions governing the passage of warships, Lord Curzon said that they amounted to the rolled closing of the Straits and were inadmissible.

"It would amount to Turkey controlling the Straits, and the Allies have a different plan," he said.

Refusing the Turkish demand that no submarine be allowed to pass through the Straits, Lord Curzon declared it conceivable that the time might come when all warships would be submersible.

Answering the Turkish complaint that the League guarantee for Constantinople was not sufficient, Lord Curzon said in a very positive way:

"When you consider the concessions we have made, I do not believe any nation is so wrapped in guarantees as Turkey would be. We have all consulted our Governments, and I hereby state that if the Turks do not like our guarantee we will withdraw it, but we will make no better one. The Allied proposals are fair to every one, and Turkey will be most unwise to reject them. We have done everything possible to please the Turks. We will go no further."

The text of the Allied proposals was given in the "Times" advices as follows:

Freedom of the Straits. Article I.—Merchant ships, comprising hospital ships, yachts, fishing boats, as well as civilian airships:

A—In time of peace: Complete freedom of navigation and passage by day or night, whatsoever may be the flag or cargo, without any formality or tax charge, with the reservation of those taxes already existing by virtue of contracts with companies having contracted for lighting and buoyage. Pilot need not be carried.

B—In time of war, Turkey being neutral: Complete freedom of navigation and passage by day or night under the same conditions as above. The rights and duties of Turkey as a neutral power cannot authorize her to take any measure liable to hinder navigation through the Straits, of which the waters and air must remain entirely free in case of neutrality similar to times of general peace. Pilot need not be carried.

C—In time of war, Turkey being a belligerent: Freedom of navigation for neutral ships and civilian airships, provided ships or airships do not assist

the enemy, transport contraband, troops or enemy subjects. Turkey to have the right to visit said ships or airships, and to this effect airships must land and anchor in certain zones specified and organized to this effect by Turkey. The rights of Turkey to apply international rules toward enemy ships are maintained. Turkey to have full right to take the measures she judges necessary in order to prevent enemy ships from utilizing the Straits. These measures, however, must not be of a nature to prevent the free passage of neutral ships. Turkey undertakes to furnish ships with necessary instructions and pilots.

Article II.—Warships and military airships. (The term "warships" here comprise auxiliary vessels, troopships and airplane carriers.)

A—In time of peace: Complete freedom of passage day or night for whatever flag without any formality or tax charge whatsoever, but with the following reservation concerning the total forces: The maximum force which a single power can pass through the Straits to the Black Sea must not surpass that of the most powerful fleet of the States bordering on the Black Sea and existing in the Black Sea at the time of passage. But the Powers reserve the right at any time and in any circumstance to send a Black Sea force not exceeding three ships, none of which is over X tons. [In view of the execution of this rule every power bordering on the Black Sea must indicate to the Straits Committee on Jan. 1 and July 1 every year the number of battleships, cruisers, airplane ships, destroyers, submarines and naval airships it possesses in the Black Sea, differentiating the ships at war strength, ships at peace strength, in reserve, under repairs or in transformation.]

The Straits Committee will then inform the interested Powers that the most powerful fleet in the Black Sea comprises X battleships, X battle cruisers, X cruisers, X destroyers, X submarines and X airships. Every change, either at entry into the Black Sea or exit from the Black Sea, of a ship belonging to this force is to be immediately notified to the interested Powers. The fleet which is to pass through the Straits and enter the Black Sea will be calculated only by the number of Allied ships. Turkey will incur no responsibility concerning the number of ships passing through the Straits.

B—In time of war, Turkey being neutral: Complete freedom of passage day or night for whatever flag, without any formality or tax charge whatsoever, with the same limitations as those provided in Article II. These limitations, however, will not be applicable to a belligerent power to the detriment of its belligerent rights in the Black Sea. The rights and duties of Turkey as a neutral Power cannot authorize her to take any measure liable to hinder navigation through the Straits, the waters of which must remain entirely free, in case of neutrality, as in times of general peace. Warships and military airships of a belligerent will be forbidden to make any capture, execute any right of search or carry out any hostile act in the Straits. They will simultaneously be forbidden to sojourn more than twenty-four hours beyond the time necessary for the passage of the Straits, except in case of force majeure. Regarding the supply or repairs of warships and military airships: These will be ruled by the disposition of Convention 13 of The Hague, 1907, and concerning neutrality at sea.

C—In time of war, Turkey being a belligerent: Complete freedom of passage for neutral warships without any formality of tax charge whatsoever, but with the same limitations as those provided in Article II. Neutral military airships will undertake the passage of the Straits at their own risk and peril and will be liable to the right of inquiry regarding their character. To this effect airships must land in those zones which will be fixed and organized by Turkey. Measures to be taken by Turkey in order to prevent enemy ships using the Straits must not be of a nature to prevent the free passage of neutral ships or airships. Turkey undertakes to supply ships with instructions and pilots required.

Note 1. Submarines of powers at peace with Turkey must traverse the Straits only on the surface.

Note 2. The commander of a foreign naval force coming either from the Mediterranean or the Black Sea will communicate by courtesy to the signal station at the entrance to the Dardanelles or Bosphorus the number and names of the ships under his orders which are entering the Straits. The list of signal stations will be notified by Turkey. If there exists no station, or if no notification is made, freedom of passage of the Straits for foreign warships will nevertheless exist, and entrance to the Straits will not be retarded for this reason.

Authorization for a Military or Civilian Airship to Fly over the Straits.—The conditions provided by the present rules apply for said airships:

A—Liberty to fly over a tract of land of fifteen kilometers at the Narrows of the Straits.

B—Freedom in case of accident to land on the shores or on Turkish territorial waters.

Article III.—Sojourn in ports of the Straits and the Black Sea.

A—Articles I and II apply to the passages of ships and airships through and over the Straits and without interfering with the right of Turkey to decree such rules as she may judge necessary concerning the number of warships and military airships of a single Power at any one time visiting Turkish ports or aerodromes or concerning the duration of their sojourn.

B—The Powers bordering on the Black Sea will have similar rights concerning their ports and aerodromes.

C—The signatory Powers which previous to 1914 possessed the right to maintain stations in the zone of the Straits retain freedom to use this right under the same conditions.

D—The signatory Powers possessing the right to maintain ships on the Danube retain this right and that of replacing them by other ships, if necessary. The ships provided in C and D will be additional to those provided in Article II.

Demilitarization of the Zone of the Straits.—The expression "Straits" comprises at once the Dardanelles, the Sea of Marmora and the Bosphorus. The measures of demilitarization which follow are inspired by the necessity to maintain free from all hindrance navigation through the Straits.

Article I.—Demilitarized zones: The following zones and islands will be demilitarized:

First, the waters of both shores of the Dardanelles and Bosphorus to the extent of the zones specified hereafter. All Gallipoli and the regions to the southeast, comprising a strip of land four kilometers wide. A strip of twenty kilometers on the Asia Minor shores. On the Bosphorus a zone fifteen kilometers broad on both shores.

Second, all the islands of the Sea of Marmora except Amir Ali Adasi.

Third, in the Aegean Sea the islands of Samothrace, Lemnos, Imbros, Tenedos and Rabbit Island.

Article II.—Clauses of demilitarization (with reservations concerning the special disposition of Constantinople). In the zones and islands which are demilitarized must exist no fortification, permanent artillery work, submarine work, air station or naval base. In the territorial waters of the demilitarized islands and zones must exist no submarine work. No armed force must be stationed within the zones and islands demilitarized, beyond the police gendarmerie necessary to maintain order (limited in armament under the same conditions as the gendarmerie police in the demilitarized zones of Thrace).

It is, however, specified:

¶ A—That the Turkish Government shall have freedom to pass armed forces in transit through the demilitarized zones of the Straits.

¶ B—That in these zones it have freedom to organize a system of telegraphic telephonic and optical observation and communication.

¶ C—The Turkish fleet maintains the right to circulate and anchor in the zones of the Straits comprising the demilitarized zones and islands.

¶ Article III.—The regime of the zone of the Straits outside the demilitarized zones, that is to say, the Sea of Marmora and its shores. No submarine engines may be installed in the waters or on the shores of the Sea of Marmora. Besides, the Turkish Government will install no fixed battery liable to hinder the passage of the Straits, neither in the European coastal region of the Sea of Marmora nor the coastal region of Anatolia, to the east of the demilitarized Bosphorus zone.

¶ Article IV.—General dispositions concerning the region of Constantinople. Constantinople is interpreted here as comprising Stamboul, Pera, Scutari, Galata and the Island of Prinkipo. In Constantinople and in the immediate environs may be stations for the needs of a capital garrison of 12,000 men, maximum. An arsenal and naval base may be maintained in Constantinople.

Article V.—If, in case of war, Turkey, using her rights as a belligerent Power, was driven to modify the state of demilitarization provided above, she would be obliged to re-establish on the conclusion of peace the status quo ante bellum.

TURKS ACCEPT ALLIES STRAITS PLAN WITH RESERVATIONS AT LAUSANNE CONFERENCE.

The conference on Near East questions now in session in Lausanne, Switzerland, appeared this week to be well on its way to the goal set when the conference was called, namely the framing of a new treaty of peace between the Allied Powers and Turkey. The Turkish delegates accepted on Dec. 20, with reservations, the final plan put forward by Lord Curzon of the British delegation, in behalf of the Allied Powers, for freedom of the Straits, providing for the appointment of an International Straits Commission to put this plan into effect.

The action of the Turks was at first regarded generally as conclusive, but subsequent developments served to indicate that the Straits problem had by no means been definitely settled. Indeed, there appeared to be considerable doubt as to just how much had been accomplished. The impression that settlement of the problem of the Turkish Straits was not progressing as rapidly as had been forecast became general on Dec. 22 as the result of a statement issued by the Turkish delegation. This made it clear that Turkey's acceptance of the proposal to appoint an international commission of control depended upon acceptance by the Allies of certain conditions which the Turks demanded. The modifications of the original project for control of the Straits asked for by the Turks include an understanding that the international commission shall have no jurisdiction whatsoever over the so-called zones of demilitarization in the region of the Straits. The Turks, furthermore, have demanded a pact by which the Allies, individually and collectively, guarantee that the safety and neutrality of Turkey will not be jeopardized and that there be no aggression against Constantinople. With reference to these matters Associated Press accounts said:

Reports were in circulation that, just before the adjournment of Wednesday's discussion of the Straits question, when both the Allied and Turkish delegates were conciliatory, Ismet Pasha had made an important and final statement of Turkey's position. Nothing definite as to this statement could then be learned.

Last night Lord Curzon, M. Barrere and the Marquis di Garroni, heads of the British, French and Italian delegations, conferred on the Straits question and were later joined by Ismet Pasha. It was following this meeting that the Turkish delegation saw fit to issue the text of Ismet's last minute speech of Wednesday. It was given out in this form:

"To prevent misunderstanding concerning the Powers' international Straits Commission, Ismet Pasha wishes to make clear a point which seems to him essential:

"It results clearly from his declarations of yesterday and to-day that, conformably to the program of liberty of the Straits, the Commission should solely undertake the mission of seeing to it that the regulations concerning the passage of warships be observed.

"On the other hand, the points which the Turkish delegation accepts, and those on which it demands modifications, are one and indivisible."

In addition to the non-aggression pact, the Turks desire that the Straits Commission should have no jurisdiction over the zones of demilitarization or in such matters as light-houses and piloting in the Straits. They insist that all notifications of intentions to send warships through the waterway should be obligatory, and not merely "notification by courtesy," as the Allies wished.

The United States, it may be stated, has gone on record as opposing a Straits Commission. The two American ideas laid before the Conference were:

First—A completely free passageway for all vessels, like the Strait of Bell Isle between Labrador and Newfoundland, or Gibraltar, recognized by all nations as such; instead of which the plan accepted to-day restricts the number of war vessels of each nation to three, of not more than 10,000 tons each, and in case of war in the Black Sea the limitation is removed.

Second—That as commission and statutory regulations in the past have been the chief source of trouble, there should be no commission of the Straits, but a simple guaranty by Turkey in the form of a treaty with other nations that the Straits shall be kept open.

The second of these views was sent to the Conference, it appears, Monday Dec. 18, but became public only on Dec. 20. The American memorandum on this point follows:

The representatives of the United States, on behalf of their Government, take the position that full freedom of the Straits for all nations, without discrimination, will be best served by reliance on treaty rights and agreements, rather than on a joint or international commission for the Straits."

Had not the Turks and other delegations given out the American statement that the United States believed that "full freedom of the Straits for all nations of the world without discrimination would be served best by reliance on treaty rights and agreements rather than on a joint or international commission," as proposed in the Allied plan, the world might never have heard of it, cable dispatches said. Yet it is asserted that that statement was given to a Peace Conference secretary on Monday to distribute to all delegates. It was meant for the Conference, which, according to press reports, gave it no official consideration whatever.

Three main propositions regarding the regulation of the Straits were discussed at the Near East Conference.

The Allies proposed:

Narrowed demilitarized zones, admission of outside war fleets, the fleet of each Power to equal the fleet of the greatest Black Sea Power; unlimited commercial navigation; control of Straits to be turned over to the League of Nations without the Turks being held responsible for violations.

The Turks proposed:

Demilitarization on condition that their army and navy otherwise be unlimited and Gallipoli be garrisoned by 5,000 troops; limitation of the total of the combined outside warships admitted, to the greatest Black Sea fleet; unlimited commercial navigation; control of the Straits to be agreed upon later, but with Turkish representation assured.

The Russians proposed:

No demilitarization; closing of the Straits to all outside warships, but according to Turkey the right to make exceptions in cases of ships of less than 6,000 tons seeking admission for "peaceful purposes"; unlimited commercial navigation; full control of the Straits in the hands of Turkey with the Turkish garrisons and fortifications; guarantee that no treaty rights will be violated.

Russia will sign the Straits agreement, it is said, despite the fact that not a single one of her amendments was accepted by the peace conference nor one of her demands complied with.

She will sign, it is held, because the Soviets believe that it is vital to the interests of Russia to be represented on the international commission of control.

The protests of American religious organizations against the proposed expulsion of the Greek Patriarch from Constantinople found an echo on Dec. 16 at the Lausanne conference, when Ambassador Child informed the other diplomats of the receipt of many messages from the United States denouncing the Turkish proposal. Mr. Child said:

The American delegation desires to inform the sub-commission that the proposal to abolish or remove the institution of the Patriarchate from Constantinople has been met by vigorous disapproval and protest among large bodies of American citizens.

The American delegation wishes to emphasize the view of those whose protests we have received, that the Patriarchate was confirmed by the wisdom, not of foreigners in Turkey, but of Turkey itself, and an intolerable injustice will be done if there is insistence upon the abolition of this institution. We have adequate evidence of this view in telegrams from signatories representing large bodies of our population.

RUSSIAN PLAN FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE STRAITS SUBMITTED TO LAUSANNE CONFERENCE.

The proposals put forth in behalf of the Russian Government at the Lausanne Conference by George Tchitcherin with regard to the administration of the Straits on Dec. 18 were summarized in Associated Press dispatches as follows:

Confirmation of Turkey's sovereignty over the Straits, the latter being defined as including the Straits of Dardanelles, Sea of Marmora, the Bosphorus and the Aegean Islands.

Specifies the regulation applicable in time of peace to merchant ships and commercial airplanes, which would have full liberty of passage, and to warships and military forces. It declares that, by virtue of a principle "a long time established," the Straits would be recognized as closed to the warships, including submarines, of all navies excepting Turkey's and the flight of all military airplanes, except Turkish machines, would be prohibited. In absolutely isolated and exceptional cases and for definite purposes Turkey, by special decrees duly published, could authorize the passage of light warships, submarines excluded. The tonnage limit of these warships would be 6,000 and the gun calibre limit 15 centimetres.

Passage would not include the right to landings in the straits or the discharge of war material, and the commander of each warship would be required to give previous announcement of his intention to pass, so the Turkish authorities could verify the authorization.

During war time, in case Turkey were neutral, all merchantmen could pass freely, with the understanding that Turkey reserves the right to adopt proper steps to safeguard her neutrality. In exceptional cases she could permit the passage of light neutral warships, except submarines, but no warships or airplanes of a belligerent power and no military airplane of a neutral country could be allowed to go through.

In times of war, should Turkey be among the belligerents, neutral merchantmen and neutral merchant airplanes could pass, Turkey reserving the right of search. In isolated cases Turkey could also authorize the passage of neutral warships.

In order to guarantee her sovereignty and enforce the principle of closing the straits to warships, Turkey would be authorized to maintain in the straits zone, without restriction, military and naval forces, including submarines and air squadrons; erect fortifications, with artillery of unlimited calibre; lay mine fields, and, generally speaking, organize the military defense of the straits "by applying the technical means of warfare known to present and future times."

Without prejudice to Turkish sovereignty and to help commercial navigation an international commission would be appointed to sit in Constantinople, this commission to be composed of one representative of the States bordering on the Black Sea, and one each from Germany, the United States, France, Great Britain, Italy and Japan, under the presidency of a Turkish delegate.

GREAT BRITAIN REFUSES TO YIELD MOSUL OIL TERRITORY TO THE TURKS.

After a series of conversations between Lord Curzon and Ismet Pasha, the British delegation at Lausanne made public on Dec. 16 a memorandum sent to the Turks in which Lord Curzon reverts to the original British position on the Mosul region, namely that England will not give it up. In all the ten pages of the British memorandum the word "oil" is not once used, although, it is pointed out, oil is chiefly what the fight is about.

Great Britain's memorandum to the Turks concerning the Mosul oil territory, which was sent in the name of Great Britain alone and not in that of the Allies, insists that this vilayet cannot be surrendered, because it forms a part of the Kingdom of Irak, which, being a part of Mesopotamia, is under British mandate.

The memorandum calls attention to the fact that Mosul is on the Tigris and controls the road to Bagdad, and therefore possesses strategic importance for the protection of Bagdad. Moreover, it is set forth, Bagdad is dependent economically on the Mosul country and it is unthinkable that Mosul should be detached from Irak and handed over to the Turkish Government.

RUSSIAN DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE BREAKS UP.

The Disarmament Conference that was in session in Moscow the past week broke up without anything of importance being accomplished. The Berlin correspondent of the New York "Tribune" cabled that "the Disarmament Conference called by Soviet Russia foundered on the rock of Russo-Polish discord. The Conference was launched by the Soviet Government for the avowed purpose of winning for Eastern Europe the peace and security which Genoa failed to achieve for the Western nations. The failure of the project has aroused little surprise here. While it was followed with great interest as serving once more to emphasize the conflict of economic and political interests throughout Europe, the Conference was looked upon as a simple political manoeuvre of the Soviet Government on one hand, and an effort to counteract this manoeuvre by the other participants, on the other hand."

The Moscow representative of the New York "Herald" sent word that "the final meeting of the Disarmament Conference was a sad exhibition, the border representatives looking like lambs being led to slaughter. Though Litvinoff tried to boss the lambs, a diplomat told the New York 'Herald's' correspondent that it was the most unfortunate conference in his five years of experience with conferences. The border States apparently desired Russia to reduce her army 50% to their 5% reduction, because Russia has munitions works and military supplies which they lack. The border States were willing to sign arbitration and non-aggression pacts on condition that three months later a military commission be summoned to work out a reduction scheme."

EMPLOYMENT IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES IN NOVEMBER.

According to the monthly statement of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (U. S. Department of Labor), increases in the number of employees in November this year, as compared with employees for identical establishments in October 1922, are shown in 31 of the 43 industries, while the other 12 show decreases. Comparing identical establishments in 13 manufacturing industries in November 1922 and November 1921 it appears that in that month the present year the number of employees increased in 8 of the 13 industries and decreased in the remaining 5. The following is the Bureau's statement, made public Dec. 21:

The U. S. Department of Labor, through the Bureau of Labor Statistics, here presents reports concerning the volume of employment in November 1922 from 3,233 representative establishments in 43 manufacturing industries, covering 1,556,537 employees, whose total wages during the payroll periods reported amounted to \$48,961,271.

The continued strike during November in the pottery industry resulted in a further decrease of 38.3% in the number of employees, and of 42.0% in the total amount of the payrolls, as compared with the October report.

Increases in the number of employees in November 1922 as compared with employees for identical establishments in October 1922 are shown in 31 of the 43 industries, and decreases in the remaining 12 industries. Car building and repairing, as in the last two months, shows the greatest increase in employment, although the per cent of increase, 7.9, is only one-half of that in September and considerably less than in October. Stamped

ware, cotton manufacturing and agricultural implements show increases of 7.5%, 7% and 6.3%, respectively.

The women's clothing industry shows a decrease of 8.3%, millinery and lace goods a decrease of 4.5%, and the brick industry a decrease of 3.1%. All of these are seasonal industries.

Increases in the total amount of the payrolls in November 1922 as compared with October 1922 are shown in 31 of the 43 industries also, but in four cases the industries are not identical with those showing increases in the number of employees. The greatest increases, ranging from 13.8% to 12%, are shown in car building and repairing, cotton manufacturing, agricultural implements and shipbuilding.

Decreases in the total pay rolls in November as compared with October are shown in 11 of the 43 industries. Exclusive of pottery, mentioned above, women's clothing leads with a decrease of 13.3%, while millinery and lace goods, petroleum, and fertilizers each show decreases of about 5%.

COMPARISON OF EMPLOYMENT IN IDENTICAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 1922.

Industry—	No. of Estab-lish-ments	Period of Pay-Roll.	Number on Pay-Roll in—		% of In-crease or De-crease.	Amount of Pay-Roll in—		% of In-crease or De-crease.
			Oct. 1922.	Nov. 1922.		October 1922.	November 1922.	
Agricultural implements...	49	1 week	15,244	16,198	+6.3	\$356,030	\$390,551	+12.2
Automobiles...	115	1 week	170,375	167,853	-1.5	5,493,762	5,613,737	+2.2
Auto. tires...	56	1 week	40,409	49,675	+7	1,063,364	1,072,568	+9
Baking...	122	1 week	15,140	15,288	+1.0	411,404	420,860	+2.3
Boots & shoes...	117	1 week	72,621	73,538	+1.3	1,610,660	1,647,960	+2.3
Brick...	141	1 week	13,337	12,917	-3.1	297,579	296,222	-5
Carriages and wagons...	17	1 week	1,670	1,627	-2.6	38,517	37,090	-3.7
Carpets...	24	1 week	18,917	19,246	+1.7	511,921	521,659	+1.9
Car building & repairing...	84	1/2 mo.	65,711	70,916	+7.9	3,653,440	4,157,970	+13.8
Chemicals...	42	1 week	10,500	10,872	+3.5	243,794	248,018	+1.7
Clothing...	108	1 week	40,762	39,794	-2.4	1,045,515	1,016,323	-2.8
Men's...	89	1 week	10,516	9,644	-8.3	332,230	288,055	-13.3
Women's...	21	1 week	14,233	15,206	+6.8	303,730	338,097	+11.3
Cotton finishing...	132	1 week	106,126	113,514	+7.0	1,686,383	1,906,523	+13.1
Cotton manuf'g...	78	1 week	65,050	67,242	+3.4	1,603,234	1,683,263	+5.0
Elec. machin'y, appl. & supp.	24	1 week	2,798	2,730	-2.4	50,391	47,913	-4.9
Fertilizers...	30	1 week	5,344	5,455	+2.1	148,498	151,227	+1.8
Foundry and machine shops...	190	1 week	84,225	88,216	+4.7	2,260,456	2,384,106	+5.5
Furniture...	87	1 week	17,210	17,634	+2.5	407,522	436,763	+7.2
Glass...	98	1 week	26,344	27,848	+5.7	600,533	661,946	+10.2
Hardware...	22	1 week	17,616	18,218	+3.4	388,208	413,214	+6.4
Hosiery & knit goods...	105	1 week	46,893	47,119	+0.5	792,293	814,085	+2.8
Iron and steel...	132	1/2 mo.	181,145	185,488	+2.4	10,223,020	11,036,241	+8.0
Leather...	123	1 week	27,479	28,254	+2.8	638,930	663,352	+3.8
Lumber...	107	1 week	15,631	15,765	+0.9	382,308	382,007	-0.1
Millwork...	160	1 week	55,745	54,659	-1.9	974,451	963,511	-1.1
Sawmills...	18	1 week	3,064	2,926	-4.5	60,202	62,287	+3.5
Millinery and lace goods...	55	1 week	9,358	9,577	+2.3	197,100	198,266	+0.6
Paper boxes...	104	1 week	42,890	43,352	+1.1	1,035,025	1,045,876	+1.0
Paper and pulp...	27	2 wks.	39,431	40,788	+3.4	2,620,158	2,484,962	-5.2
Petroleum...	11	1 week	4,309	4,485	+4.1	123,234	130,832	+6.1
Pianos...	17	1 week	3,779	2,330	-38.3	94,795	64,984	-32.0
Pottery...	83	1 week	15,396	15,306	-0.6	525,320	518,840	-1.2
Printing...	94	1 week	26,951	27,302	+1.3	967,728	981,275	+1.4
Book and job newspapers...	15	1 week	9,443	9,643	+2.1	239,498	268,224	+12.0
Shipbldg., steel...	59	1 week	21,657	22,025	+1.7	308,128	309,991	+0.6
Shirts & collars...	129	2 wks.	30,189	37,409	+23.9	1,406,717	1,454,667	+3.4
Silk...	75	1 week	84,788	89,001	+5.0	1,877,274	1,998,913	+6.5
Slaughtering & meat packing...	12	1 week	5,949	6,397	+7.5	128,792	136,984	+6.4
Stamped wire...	21	1 week	5,283	5,411	+2.4	144,476	147,648	+2.2
Stoves...	8	1 week	1,463	1,438	-1.7	24,030	23,511	-2.2
Tobacco...	102	1 week	25,980	25,758	-0.9	456,157	478,576	+4.9
Chewing and smoking...	100	1 week	45,425	47,875	+5.4	1,003,735	1,063,285	+5.9
Cigars...	100	1 week	45,425	47,875	+5.4	1,003,735	1,063,285	+5.9
Woolen mfg...	100	1 week	45,425	47,875	+5.4	1,003,735	1,063,285	+5.9

Comparative data relating to identical establishments in 13 manufacturing industries for November 1922 and November 1921 appear in the following table. The number of employees increased in 8 of the 13 industries and decreased in the remaining 5 industries.

Car building and repairing, iron and steel, and automobiles show largely increased employment in the November comparison, as they did also in the October yearly comparison. The per cents of increase in November 1922 as compared with November 1921 are 29.3, 24.6 and 23.1, respectively.

Men's clothing, owing to the season, shows decreased employment of 15.5%. Cotton manufacturing shows a decrease of 8.4%, and silk a decrease of 6.9%.

The total amount of the pay rolls increased in all but 2 of the 13 industries in November 1922 as compared with November 1921, iron and steel showing the huge increase of 73.6%, automobiles an increase of 54.3%, and car building and repairing and leather increases of 28.5% and 24.7% respectively.

The two industries showing decreased pay rolls were men's clothing, 6.7%, and cotton manufacturing, 1.6%.

COMPARISON OF EMPLOYMENT IN IDENTICAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN NOVEMBER 1921 AND NOVEMBER 1922.

Industry—	No. of Estab-lish-ments	Period of Pay-Roll.	Number on Pay-Roll in—		% of In-crease or De-crease.	Amount of Pay Roll in—		% of In-crease or De-crease.
			Nov. 1921.	Nov. 1922.		November 1921.	November 1922.	
Automobiles...	45	1 week	97,964	120,589	+23.1	\$2,757,417	\$4,255,967	+54.3
Boots and shoes...	75	1 week	57,319	60,815	+6.1	1,214,163	1,371,613	+13.0
Car building & repairing...	57	1/2 mo.	42,582	55,052	+29.3	2,542,854	3,267,505	+28.5
Clothing, men's...	43	1 week	31,865	29,919	-6.1	769,510	717,769	-6.7
Cotton finishing...	17	1 week	13,710	13,700	-0.1	371,308	306,895	-17.9
Cotton manuf'g...	59	1 week	62,515	57,281	-8.4	904,355	978,884	+8.3
Hosiery & knit goods...	61	1 week	31,704	30,279	-4.5	519,517	522,401	+0.6
Iron and steel...	112	1/2 mo.	120,031	149,519	+24.6	5,049,016	8,763,560	+73.6
Leather...	33	1 week	11,863	13,823	+16.5	247,987	309,148	+24.7
Paper and pulp...	25	1 week	28,414	30,351	+6.9	668,751	735,557	+10.0
Silk...	53	2 wks.	13,053	12,993	-0.9	514,881	534,061	+3.9
Tobacco, cigars & cigarettes...	52	1 week	16,914	16,985	+0.4	288,448	322,031	+12.0
Woolen manufg...	22	1 week	20,695	20,129	-2.7	406,880	471,599	+15.9

INCREASE IN RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN NOVEMBER.

The retail food index issued by the United States Department of Labor, through the Bureau of Labor Statistics, shows that there was an increase of 2% in the retail cost of food to the average family in November as compared with

October. The index numbers based on 1913 as 100, were 143 in October, and 145 in November, 1922. The Bureau of Labor Statistics U. S. Department of Labor, makes this announcement Dec. 18 and says:

During the month from Oct. 15 1922, to Nov. 15 1922, 16 articles on which monthly prices are secured increased in price as follows: Strictly fresh eggs, 19%; butter, 7%; evaporated milk and cheese, 4%; sugar and bananas, 3%; storage eggs, 2%; fresh milk, oleomargarine, nut margarine, lard, rolled oats, navy beans, and coffee, 1%; bacon and tea increased less than five-tenths of 1%.

Sixteen articles decreased in price as follows: Oranges, 17%; pork chops, 10%; potatoes, 5%; raisins, 4%; sirloin steak, round steak, ham, hens and cabbage, 3%; rib roast, chuck roast, and prunes, 2%; plate beef and canned corn, 1%; and lamb and salmon, less than five-tenths of 1%.

Twelve articles remained unchanged in price. Crisco, bread, flour, corn meal, cornflakes, cream of wheat, macaroni, rice, onions, baked beans, canned peas and tomatoes.

For the year periods, Nov. 15 1921, to Nov. 15 1922, the decrease in all articles of food, combined, was 5%.

For the 9-year period, Nov. 15 1913 to Nov. 15 1922, the increase in all articles of food combined, was 38%.

Changes in Retail Prices of Food by Cities.

During the month from Oct. 15 to Nov. 15 the average family expenditure for food increased in 47 cities as follows: Boston, Fall River and Rochester, 4%; Atlanta, Baltimore, Bridgeport, Columbus, Denver, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Richmond, 3%; Buffalo, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Houston, Indianapolis, Louisville, Manchester, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Newark, New Haven, Norfolk, Portland, Me., Providence and Scranton, 2%; Birmingham, Butte, Charleston, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Little Rock, Mobile, Omaha, Portland, Ore., St. Louis, St. Paul, Salt Lake City, Savannah and Washington, D. C., 1%; Los Angeles, Peoria and Springfield, Ill., increased less than five-tenths of 1%. Four cities showed a decrease, San Francisco, 3%, and Memphis, New Orleans and Seattle, less than five-tenths of 1%.

For the period Nov. 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1922 all of the cities showed a decrease. Kansas City, Salt Lake City and Savannah, 8%; Fall River, Manchester, Memphis, Norfolk and Scranton, 7%; Bridgeport, Columbus, Houston, Mobile, Omaha, Peoria, Providence, Richmond and Springfield, Ill., 6%; Birmingham, Charleston, Cincinnati, Denver, Indianapolis, Jacksonville and Pittsburgh, 5%; Boston, Chicago, Milwaukee, New Haven, New Orleans, Portland, Me., Rochester and San Francisco, 4%; Baltimore, Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Little Rock, Louisville, Minneapolis, Newark, New York, St. Louis, St. Paul and Washington, D. C., 3%; Atlanta, Buffalo, Butte, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Portland, Ore., 2%; and Seattle decreased less than five-tenths of 1%.

As compared with the average cost in the year 1913 the cost of food in Nov. 1922 was 56% higher in Richmond; 54% in Boston, Buffalo, New York, Providence and Washington, D. C.; 51% in Scranton, 50% in Baltimore, 49% in Fall River and Philadelphia, 47% in Detroit, Manchester, Newark and New Haven; 46% in Chicago and Pittsburgh; 45% in Birmingham; 44% in Charleston, Dallas, Milwaukee and San Francisco; 43% in Atlanta and St. Louis; 42% in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Los Angeles and Minneapolis; 41% in New Orleans; 39% in Jacksonville, Omaha and Seattle; 38% in Kansas City; 37% in Indianapolis and Little Rock; 35% in Louisville and Portland, Ore.; 33% in Denver, and Memphis, and 25% in Salt Lake City. Prices were not obtained from Bridgeport, Butte, Columbus, Houston, Mobile, Norfolk, Peoria, Portland, Me., Rochester, St. Paul, Savannah and Springfield, Ill., in 1913, hence no comparison for the 9-year period can be given for these cities.

INCREASE IN WHOLESALE PRICES IN NOVEMBER.

The trend of wholesale prices of commodities was upward in November, according to information gathered in representative markets by the U. S. Department of Labor through the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Measured by the Bureau's weighted index number, which includes 404 commodities or price series, the increase from the general level of the month before was 1-3%. The Bureau advises to this effect, made public Dec. 18, also states:

Farm products again lead in price increases, due to advances in grains, cotton and cottonseed, hay, eggs, peanuts, sheep and wool. Prices in this group averaged 3½% higher in November than in October. Food articles and cloths and clothing advanced over 2% and chemicals and drugs advanced almost 2½% in average price from October to November. Smaller increases were recorded for building materials, housefurnishing goods and miscellaneous commodities, the increase in the last named group being caused by mounting prices of bran, cottonseed and linseed meal, and other cattle feed.

Further decreases took place in the group of fuel and lighting materials, soft coal and coke averaging less than in the month before. Metals and metal products, due to the drop in pig iron and steel billets, also showed a decline from the October level.

Of the 404 commodities or series of quotations for which comparable data for October and November were obtained, increases were shown in 189 instances and decreases in 71 instances. In 144 instances no change in price was reported.

Index Numbers of Wholesale Prices, by Groups of Commodities. (1913=100.)

	1921.		1922.
	November.	October.	November.
Farm products.....	121	138	143
Foods.....	139	140	143
Cloths and clothing.....	180	188	192
Fuel and lighting.....	197	226	218
Metals and metal products.....	114	135	133
Building materials.....	163	183	185
Chemicals and drugs.....	129	124	127
Housefurnishing goods.....	178	176	179
Miscellaneous.....	119	120	122
All commodities.....	141	154	156

Comparing prices in November with those of a year ago, as measured by changes in index numbers, it is seen that the general level has increased over 10½%. Farm products show the largest increase, 18¼%, with metals and metal products coming next with an increase of 16¼%. Building materials increased 13¼%, fuel and lighting materials 10¼%, and cloths and clothing 6¼% in average price in the year. Foods and miscellaneous commodities each show an increase of over 2½%. A slight increase is shown for housefurnishing goods, while chemicals and drugs were cheaper than in November of last year.

BRITISH RUBBER RESTRICTIONS DELEGATION TO VISIT U. S. TO CONFER REGARDING SAME.

The concern which has developed in the United States by reason of the British rubber restrictions proposed in October by a committee appointed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to investigate and report on the rubber situation in the British Colonies and Protectorates appears to have prompted the decision to send a delegation of British rubber growers of London to the United States for a consultation in the matter. The report of the Colonial Office committee, which was made known in London early in October, recommended a plan of Government intervention to assist the rubber trade in Ceylon, the Malay States and the Straits Settlements by graduated measures of restriction. Under the scheme proposed, it is provided that in lieu of existing export duties, a minimum export duty is to be levied on the percentage of standard production which is allowed to be exported under the scheme at the minimum rate of duty. The committee recommended that this minimum be fixed at the lowest possible rate not to exceed 1d. per pound. It also proposed that at the start the percentage exportable at the minimum rate was to be 60%. At the time the report was made public a cablegram from London, Oct. 11, published in the "Journal of Commerce," summarized its provisions as follows:

The scheme as framed would allow the export on minimum duty of 60% of standard production as the first stage, with the further provision that if during the second quarter after the initiation of the scheme, or in any subsequent three months, the price of rubber failed to average at least 1 shilling per pound the percentage of the standard production allowed to be exported at the minimum duty should be reduced to 55%.

If this production failed to raise the average price over the succeeding three months to 15 pence, then the percentage would be reduced to 50, and so on, by reductions of 5% at the end of each three months, until the average price aimed at was secured.

The plan proposes there shall be local committees in Ceylon and the Malay States and a central advisory committee in London to facilitate the operation of the plan.

Colonial Secretary Churchill has approved the scheme, which will be submitted to the respective Legislatures at an early date.

The committee recommends that the minimum duty be fixed at the lowest possible rate, not to exceed 1 penny a pound. If a producer desires to export above the percentage allowed at the minimum duty he shall pay an export duty on his total export at a rate varying according to the amount of the excess from 4 pence to 1 shilling per pound.

When the average price for three months is maintained at 15 pence or more the percentage on export will be raised automatically by 5% for the next ensuing three months, and if the price is maintained at 18 pence or more the percentage will be similarly raised by 10%.

On Oct. 13, in reporting the effect of the proposed scheme here, the New York "Evening Post" said:

Considerable excitement prevailed in the rubber market on receipt of further details of the British Government's scheme for restriction of production, although uncertainty still exists with respect to the practical workings of the plan. The immediate effect on the market was the withholding of supplies by regular dealers. Offerings of spott smoked sheets were made by the speculative element from 19 to 19½ cents a pound, which represents an advance of around 3 cents. However, this is but a nominal quotation. Advances received by leading dealers indicated a price of 10½ pence at London and 11.630 pence at Singapore.

On Oct. 25, "Financial America" printed the following from London:

A dispatch from Amsterdam states that it is unlikely that the interests favoring a restriction of the rubber output will obtain the consent of a majority of the planters in the Dutch Indies. Only a few planters are said to favor the plan.

We likewise quote the following from Amsterdam, Oct. 1, published in the New York "Evening Post" of Oct. 14:

At the last meeting at The Hague of the International Union for Rubber Cultivation in the Dutch East Indies, with Dutch, Belgian, British and French interests represented, it was decided—largely by a majority of the votes of the British members—to invite the Dutch Government to use its good offices in the present crisis of the rubber industry. The idea was that the Government should take into consideration the possibility of legislative measures that might assist the depressed industry towards recovery. It was also suggested that the Government appoint a committee to study the plans which had been proposed by the British and Dutch interests and to submit a list of recommendations.

As soon as the Dutch Government was apprised of the results of this meeting the Colonial Minister cabled to the Governor-General of the East Indies for his views on the matter. It was already known here in Holland that the East Indian Government had previously canvassed the views of the rubber producers, and that they were very generally opposed to any forced restriction of output. Last July the proposal was laid before the People's Council in Batavia, and was rejected by a vote of 32 to 2.

Colonial Viewpoint Overlooked.

The British interests, which were in favor of Government restriction on the rubber output as a remedy, had apparently overlooked this fact. They also seemed to be unaware that the Dutch East Indian Government would probably attach much less importance to the views of the International Union in Europe than to the views of the local producers, who were controlling most of the acreage in the colonies. The reports which were sent out to other countries by the Union were therefore rather optimistic, and the price of crude rubber advanced for a time to 9d. Later, when the outlook for Government intervention appeared less favorable, the price fell back to 6¼d.

Meanwhile the Colonial Minister, on receiving a report from the Governor-General of the East Indies, declined to intervene. He took the position that legal restrictions on the output of the rubber plantations would not be favorable to our colonies, even assuming that such restrictions could be carried out in practice. He also rejected the suggestion that he appoint a committee to investigate the restriction scheme, because such action might give rise to the belief that the Government was in favor of the idea. Nevertheless, he stated

that he was prepared to consider concrete proposals, provided that they were suitable to East Indian conditions.

The arguments of the Minister indicate that the British plans for restrictions are not regarded as favorable to the rubber companies in the Dutch East Indies. The British on their behalf maintained that the recent advance in the price of rubber was due to the voluntary curtailment, amounting to 25%, put into effect in the British colonies. Figures of exports from Java, Sumatra and the Straits Settlements, however, show that the decrease in exports in 1921 was only 4,000 tons out of a total of about 240,000 tons. This, of course, could not be the cause of a rise of 50% in rubber prices between June and December 1921.

In a current number of a Dutch weekly there is an article by a Mr. Burger, a rubber grower of Sumatra, which shows that the price of rubber reacted in 1922 because of the slump in the buying power of the Central European countries, which had been large purchasers in the preceding year. This more than offset the favorable conditions in the American market. Moreover, the weak financial position of many of the producers has forced them to market their rubber at a loss in order to obtain funds for the continuation of their business. This was especially true with the British companies, because the British banks do not supply working capital for the whole year, as in Holland, but only grant advances on documents of shipped products.

These facts are borne out by the figures of actual exports in the first five months of the current year, which show that the exports of the Dutch East Indies and Ceylon were about equal to those of the corresponding period in 1921, whereas the exports of the Federated Malay States and the Straits Settlements (British dependencies) show an increase of 28,000 tons, or approximately 40%. The larger offerings of the British producers caused a sharp decline in the price of rubber, and in view of these facts the Dutch at present are not inclined to venture upon any restrictive system. In fact, they intimate that although the British producers are continually advocating restriction they are increasing the output on their own estates, and they cite the foregoing figures as proof.

On Dec. 4 the New York "Times" printed the following cablegram from London, Dec. 3:

The "Times" (of London) in a financial article discussing the apprehensive comment in America on the recommendations made in October by the Colonial Office to assist the rubber trade in Ceylon, the Malay States and the Straits Settlements by graduated measures of restriction, and especially the inference that the plan aims at raising the price of rubber to 30 pence per pound, declares such inference is unwarranted.

The object of the committee which made the report to the Colonial Office had in view, the "Times" adds, was the provision of a living wage for the producer. The committee is still in being, the article continues, and it should be a simple matter for it to make a further statement of its intentions in the event of the price rising over 18 pence, and this should tend to allay any uneasiness among rubber manufacturers.

The rubber market proved more sensitive to the initial operation of the restriction scheme than had been contemplated by the committee, whose aim at the time of its deliberations hardly went beyond the goal of 18 pence as the price of rubber, says the "Times."

Regarding the proposed visit to the United States of the rubber delegation from London, we take from "Financial America" Dec. 5 the following Central News cablegram from London:

Stuart Hotchkiss having advised the Rubber Growers' Association of London that the proposed restrictions on output were considered dangerous, delegates of the Association will visit the United States in January, it was officially announced this evening.

They will consult American interests as to plans.

We give herewith in full the report of the Colonial Office Committee:

Supplementary Report of the Rubber Committee.

The Committee concluded their report of June 1922 by stating that they were unable to carry their inquiry further until the attitude of the Dutch was definitely known, as they did not feel justified at that time in recommending the adoption by one or more British Colony or Protectorate of either of the proposed schemes for Government intervention in the rubber industry.

Since the report was issued, the reply of the Netherlands Government to the proposals for co-operation with His Majesty's Government in legislating to ameliorate the situation in the industry has been received.

The Netherlands Government has decided not to take at present any legislative measures to restrict the production of rubber in the Netherlands.

2. The Committee have considered the question of whether in these circumstances a policy of restrictive measures in British Colonies and Protectorates alone could be adopted to the advantage of the British rubber industry, and in this consideration they have been influenced by the following facts:

(a) Excessive and increasing production of rubber owing to the failure of the producers to make voluntary restriction effective with the consequent continuation of the depression in the price of rubber.

(b) The general demand by the leaders of the rubber industry both in London and in Malaya for restrictive measures of necessary by one or more of the British Dependencies independently of the Netherlands Government attitude.

(c) The Committee have had before them the latest available estimates as to the figures of the world's production and absorption of rubber in 1922, together with figures of existing stocks.

Notwithstanding the fact that the rate of the world's absorption of rubber for the present year shows a substantial increase on the Committee's previous figure of 300,000 tons, they have decided to base their recommendations on the figure of absorption mentioned in their previous report, in order that they may err on the safe side.

4. The Committee have closely investigated the effects of the introduction in British Colonies and Protectorate of legislation framed to bring about more stable conditions in the industry even without Government control over production in other territories.

5. Inquiries have been made as to the possibility of securing voluntary restriction of tapping on British estates situated in such other territories in association with any restrictive measures that might be taken in the territories of the British Empire; the Committee understand that the Rubber Growers' Association have obtained the assurance of co-operation in this sense from the majority of these estates. This support will proportionately reduce the restriction in British Territories necessary to effect a readjustment of supply to demand.

6. In view of these new considerations and the predominating interest in the rubber industry held by British producers, the Committee have felt a revision of their previous attitude to be justified, and they accordingly desire to recommend that a scheme of Government intervention should be put into operation in Ceylon, the Malay States and the Straits Settlements as soon as possible.

The scheme which they recommend is practically that of Scheme 2 in their previous report, with certain amendments.

Recommendations.

(1) The scheme recommended adopts as the standard production the actual output of each producer during the 12 months—1st November 1919 to 31st October 1920—amplified in accordance with the suggested Rules contained in Appendix "A."

(2) In lieu of existing export duties, a minimum export duty is to be levied on that percentage of standard production which is allowed to be exported under this scheme at the minimum rate of duty. The Committee recommend that this minimum be fixed at the lowest possible rate not to exceed 1d. per pound.

If a producer desires to export a quantity greater than that allowed to be exported at the minimum rate of duty, he shall pay an export duty on his total export during that period of 12 months on the following scale:

	Duty per pound over all.	
	s.	d.
Not exceeding 65% of standard production	0	4
Over 65% but not exceeding 70%	0	5
Over 70% but not exceeding 75%	0	6
Over 75% but not exceeding 80%	0	7
Over 80% but not exceeding 85%	0	8
Over 85% but not exceeding 90%	0	9
Over 90% but not exceeding 95%	0	10
Over 95% but not exceeding 100%	0	11
Over 100%	1	0

At the initiation of the scheme the percentage exportable at the minimum rate is to be 60.

When the rubber situation improves so as to justify allowing an increased percentage of standard production to be exported at the minimum rate of duty the minimum would be substituted in its appropriate place in the scale.

(3) Alterations in the percentage of standard production would be governed by the price of standard quality smoked sheet in the London market, and it is proposed that, when the average price for such rubber during three consecutive months has been maintained at not less than 1s. 3d. per pound London landed terms, the percentage of production which may be exported at the minimum duty would be raised automatically by 5 for the next ensuing quarter. In the event of such average price being maintained at not less than 1s. 6d. per pound, London landed terms, during the whole of three consecutive months, the percentage of production which may be exported at the minimum duty would be raised automatically by 10 for the next ensuing quarter.

(4) Furthermore, in order that the operation of the scheme may secure the desired result, even though for reasons at present unforeseen 60% of standard production should prove to be too high, the Committee recommend that if during the second quarter after the initiation of the scheme or in any subsequent period of three consecutive months, the price of rubber, as hereinbefore defined has not averaged at least 1s. per pound, the percentage of standard production that may be exported at the minimum duty shall be reduced to 55, and if that reduction is not effective in raising the average price over the following three months to 1s. 3d. then it shall be reduced to 50 at the end of the three months, and so on by reductions of 5% at the end of each three months until that average price is secured.

Once the percentage has been lowered it would not be increased except on the basis of a price of 1s. 3d. as aforementioned. If during any quarter when the percentage of standard production that may be exported at the minimum duty is for the time being fixed at not under 65% and the price during that quarter has not averaged at least 1s. 3d. per pound, the percentage for the ensuing quarter would be reduced by 5.

(5) The application of the scheme in their several territories would rest with the local Governments concerned.

(6) The Committee recommend that an Advisory Committee be appointed in London for the purposes of co-ordinating the operation of the scheme in Ceylon, Malaya and such other territories as may be involved. They suggest that this Committee should consist of official and non-official members, whose duty would be to advise the Secretary of State on all matters referred to in connection with the operation of the policy now recommended, and that it should be charged with the responsibility of advising him as to the alterations in the rate of minimum duty required under the scheme.

(7) The Committee recommend that the Governments of the territories concerned should set up committees on which there should be representatives of the industry to deal with cases for special consideration in regard to local application of the scheme, and the Committee annex to this report rules that would require to be observed by these local committees in the administration of the scheme.

(8) The Committee cannot conclude this report without observing that, apart from the financial relief that may be expected to accrue to all rubber producers from the scheme, the discouragement it affords to more drastic tapping, cannot but benefit the estates of those managements who are voluntarily or compulsorily associated with the scheme and leave them ultimately in a stronger position than the estates whose trees have been subjected to tapping on an excessive scale.

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H. ERIC MILLER.
EDWARD ROSLING.
G. E. J. GENT, Secretary.

October 2 1923.

Appendix A.—Rules for the Guidance of Committees.

In issuing certificates of standard production—

1. "Standard production" shall be the quantity of dry rubber produced from any holding during the period from 1st November 1919 to 31st October 1920, provided that if the owner of any holding is unable to declare the output from his holding during that period in the absence of proper records, or if he proves to the satisfaction of the Committee that the output from his holding during that period was abnormal for any of the causes referred to in these rules, the Committee shall certify some other quantity as the standard production for such holding, in accordance with the rules as set out hereunder.

2. If any owner is unable to declare the quantity of rubber produced from his holding during such period, the Committee shall assess the amount to be deemed to be the standard production for that holding, but the quantities so assessed shall not exceed the quantity attained by multiplying the number of acres planted with rubber of each age by the output per acre allotted for trees of each age in accordance with the following table:

	Max. output for 12 mos.
Under five years	Nil
Between five and six years	120 pounds
Between six and seven years	180 pounds
Between seven and eight years	240 pounds
Eight years and over	320 pounds

3. If any owner claims that a portion of his holding is planted with trees which were not lapped prior to 1st November 1920 he shall be allowed as standard production in addition to his output from 1st November 1919 to 31st October 1920 an amount calculated according to the table in Rule 2 above.

4. If any owner claims that during the period 1st November 1919 to 31st October 1920 his output was less than his normal output owing to—

- (a) Lack of labor;
- (b) Abnormal ill-health of his labor forces;
- (c) Disease of his trees, from which they have since recovered;
- (d) Resting of the trees; or
- (e) Any other reasonable cause;

such addition shall be made to his actual output from 1st November 1919 to 31st October 1920 for the purpose of certification as would, in the opinion of the Committee, equal the loss of output sustained thereby, but in no such case shall the total output for the holding exceed the quantity to which he would have been entitled if he had applied under Rule 2 hereof.

5. If any owner can prove to the satisfaction of the Committee that prior to the commencement of the enactment he has entered into bona fide forward contracts for the sale and delivery of a quantity of rubber in excess of the amount of his normal "standard production" has arrived at under these Rules, diminished by the percentage of restriction for the time being in force, and that either—

(a) Such contract specifies that the rubber to be delivered under the contract is rubber from his holding only; or

(b) He is unable to contract on the market to buy in the excess contracted for over the quantity he would be allowed to produce at a price not greater than the price at which he has sold, the Committee may allow him as standard production such quantity as when diminished by the percentage of restriction for the time being in force would allow him to produce a sufficient quantity to cover his contracts, provided that certificates issued under this Rule may be revised by the Committee at any time when such contracts expire or the percentage of restriction for the time being in force is altered.

6. Certificates of "standard production" when issued may not be varied within 12 months of the date of such issue, but on the expiration of such period of 12 months or any subsequent period of 12 months any owner may apply for revision of the quantity for which his holding has been assessed on the grounds that further areas have since the issue of the certificate attained the age of five years and are in a condition to tap. In such case the Committee shall increase the quantity assessed in accordance with the Rules laid down herein.

7. If any owner states on his application form that he desires to be assessed at any quantity other than his actual output from the period of 1st November 1919 to 31st October 1920 and gives his reasons for this request, the Committee shall, before issuing any certificate, notify such owner of the quantity at which the Committee proposes to assess him, and inform him that in the event of his objecting to such assessment he must state his case personally or by his representative or by letter at a specified time and place.

FURTHER DECLINE IN STRUCTURAL STEEL SALES.

A considerable seasonal decline occurred in the sales of fabricated structural steel in November, according to reports received by the Department of Commerce through the Bureau of the Census. November sales amounted to 46.8% of shop capacity as against 57.3% reported for October. These percentages are based on a uniform capacity rating recently reported to the Bureau of the Census by almost all the reporting fabricators. Through these new ratings the total monthly capacity of the 140 identical firms reporting each month from April through November has been reduced from 223,685 tons to 211,510 tons. The following table shows the tonnage booked each month by these firms and the percentage of their revised capacity:

	Tonnage booked.	Per cent of capacity.*
April	193,520	91.5
May	173,588	82.1
June	164,770	78.2
July	143,907	68.0
August	146,621	69.3
September	137,485	65.0
October	121,150	57.3
November	99,940	46.8

*Increased percentages over previous reports for past months due to revision of capacities.

On the basis of these revised capacity reports and of known or reliably estimated capacities of other concerns, the Department of Commerce places the present capacity of the fabricated structural steel shops at 250,000 tons per month.

A considerable increase in the capacity of the structural steel fabricating shops of the United States since 1913 is shown in a special survey made by the Department of Commerce. A preliminary report, based on data received from 143 firms with a total revised capacity rating of 208,440 tons per month, shows an increase since 1913 of 45,025 tons in monthly capacity, or about 22%. The following table shows the total monthly capacity for each year as reported by the above firms, representing about 83% of the present estimated capacity of the United States, and the increase over the preceding year and over 1913:

	Total monthly capacity.	Increase over previous year.	Increase over 1913.
1913	163,415	—	—
1914	164,265	850	850
1915	166,500	2,235	3,085
1916	170,900	4,400	7,485
1916	175,935	5,035	12,520
1918	185,060	9,125	21,645
1919	188,800	3,740	25,385
1920	194,675	5,875	31,260
1921	197,575	2,900	34,160
1922	208,440	10,865	45,025

The increase noted in the year 1922 was largely due to the entrance of shipbuilding concerns into the fabrication of structural steel. The Department of Commerce points out that the capacity of structural steel shops is quite elastic in

that, when not busy on structural steel, a shop is often used for tank work, railroad cars, shipbuilding, etc., and, similarly structural work may be turned out in tank shops, shipbuilding plants, etc. The capacity figures given in the report refer to that portion of the fabricating capacity that is usually used for structural work; it is capable of expansion or contraction. The capacity as reported for this survey was defined as the amount of structural steel work that actually could be turned out running single turn on the character and class of structural work that the plant ordinarily secures. Structural work was considered for this purpose as all work using structural shapes.

NEW YORK "TIMES"-CHICAGO "TRIBUNE" CONTRACT FOR LLOYD GEORGE'S WAR MEMOIRS CANCELED.

The cancellation of the contract for the purchase by the New York "Times" and the Chicago "Tribune" of the serial rights for the United States and Canada to the War Memoirs of David Lloyd George, former Prime Minister of England, was made known by the New York "Times" in its issue of Dec. 16. The termination of the contract grows out of the action of the former Prime Minister in entering into a contract with the United Press for a series of articles on current politics. Exception was taken to this by the papers contracting for the rights to the Memoirs on the ground that the value of the book would be interfered with by the appearance of the articles before the publication of the book. This was disputed by Lloyd George, the controversy leading to the cancellation of the contract of the New York "Times" and Chicago "Tribune" with Mr. Lloyd George. Announcement of the closing of this contract had been made in our issue of Aug. 26, page 938. Regarding its cancellation, we quote the following from the New York "Times" of the 16th inst.:

The New York "Times" and the Chicago "Tribune" announced on Sept. 15 last that they had jointly purchased for the United States and certain other countries in the Western Hemisphere the serial rights to the War Memoirs of Mr. David Lloyd George, then Prime Minister of England. The price to be paid was 240,000, of which 24,000 was paid in advance. For reasons that will be set forth below, the contract for this purchase has now been canceled, at the instance of the New York "Times" and the Chicago "Tribune," and after legal proceedings had been begun by them against Mr. Lloyd George.

The contract was signed after representations had been made by the agent that the work had been begun and was then in progress, and that, although Mr. Lloyd George might soon retire from office and thus gain more time to devote to the work, yet even if he remained in office, half of it, he hoped, would be delivered to the purchasers by Jan. 1, 1923, and the remainder as rapidly as possible. However, to meet the contingency of Mr. Lloyd George's long continuance in office and arduous occupation with Governmental labors, a period of two years was allowed for the completion of the work.

With great surprise, therefore, the New York "Times" and the Chicago "Tribune" learned on Nov. 23 that Mr. Lloyd George, who had just retired from the office of Prime Minister, was about to enter into a contract with an American "syndicate" to write weekly and fortnightly articles on current topics for a period that, under a proposed option, might be extended to 108 weeks, overlapping the two-year period within which the Memoirs were to be completed, and, in the opinion of the purchasers, endangering their delivery and impairing their value.

The two newspapers at once made energetic protest, but on the following day, Nov. 24, Mr. Lloyd George entered into the new contract, whereupon they urged that the proper course was the cancellation of their contract for the purchase of the Memoirs. Mr. Lloyd George replied that he had not violated his contract with the New York "Times" and the Chicago "Tribune," either in letter or in spirit, and that the Memoirs would not be delayed. A subsequent communication addressed to the managing editor of the New York "Times" follows:

"18 Abingdon St., Westminster, S. W., I., Dec. 1 1922.
"Dear Sir—It is with great surprise that I learn that you take exception to the contract I have signed with The United Press for a series of articles on current politics, on the ground that the value of my book on the war will be interfered with by the appearance of these articles before the book is published. I cannot take your view that a series of short articles not encroaching in the least upon the material of the book can possibly influence the arrangements you have made for publication of the serial rights.

Moreover, I can assure you that the date of publication of my war memoirs will not be delayed by reason of my contract with The United Press. I am already engaged, and am employing the assistance of others, in accumulating material for these volumes. As the only Minister who held high office right through the war I imagine my book will be a contribution which no other person is in a position to make to the story of that tremendous event. Such a work is bound to take time, for all the facts must be carefully considered and verified, and the utmost care will be required in their compilation. It is not desirable, therefore, that the preparation should be hurried, and I intend to take ample time over it, at the same time avoiding any unnecessary delay.

"On the other hand, I never supposed for one moment that the contract which I signed with you would preclude me from the publication of political articles. Had there been such a clause in the contract I would never have signed it. Apart from my memoirs, I always intended to write as soon as I left office. I have my living to earn. After seventeen years in office I have retired a poor man, and it is absolutely imperative that I should turn to writing as a means of livelihood. The proceeds of the book for which you hold the serial rights are, as you know, to be given to charity.

"The terms of my contract are explicit, and I have not deviated from them. But I hate the idea of standing on the legal interpretation. I therefore set forth the above reasons for your judgment lest you should imagine that I am standing merely on the letter of my bond whilst making illegitimate profit for myself by infringing its spirit.

Yours truly,
"D. LLOYD GEORGE."

It was on Aug. 3 that the New York "Times" and the Chicago "Tribune" first committed themselves to the purchase of the Memoirs, and it was three weeks later when Mr. Lloyd George, whose prospective profits had in the meantime been criticised in the English press, announced that he would give those profits to charity. The New York "Times" and the

Chicago "Tribune" were therefore not aware at the time of this commitment of the later-announced purpose of Mr. Lloyd George.

A considerable correspondence by cable ensued upon Mr. Lloyd George's contracting, on Nov. 24, for the series of articles to be published before the Memoirs, but without immediate result. Meanwhile his new articles were being offered to newspapers in America in such phrases as "they will be released long before the Memoirs," "our contract covers everything George will write during the coming year and carries with it option on another year's series," and "new series much more valuable than the Memoirs," "articles being of current interest and injuring the value of the Memoirs." The originals of some of these messages, as delivered to the persons addressed, are in the possession of the New York "Times." Mr. Lloyd George has expressed strong disapproval of the phrases used in them in offering his new articles to American newspapers, and states that they were issued without his knowledge or authority.

The long cable correspondence failing to produce the desired result, the New York "Times" and the Chicago "Tribune", through their London counsel, the Honorable Sir Charles Russell, began on Wednesday last an action in the High Court of Justice in London, against Mr. Lloyd George, asking for an injunction restraining advertisements disparaging or prejudging or affecting the value of the Memoirs, restraining the publication of Mr. Lloyd George's articles written under the agreement made on Nov. 24 with an American "syndicate," and, alternatively asking for the rescission of the contract made by Mr. Lloyd George with the New York "Times" and the Chicago "Tribune." Leave was granted for a motion to be heard on Friday. On Thursday Messrs. Lewis & Lewis, solicitors for Mr. Lloyd George, arranged with Sir Charles Russell for the cancellation of the contract of the New York "Times" and the Chicago "Tribune" with Mr. Lloyd George and the return to the two newspapers of the advance payment less a part of the commission that had been paid by Mr. Lloyd George to his agent.

The settlement was concluded by the two subjoined letters, the first from a member of the firm of Lewis & Lewis, representing Mr. Lloyd George, to Sir Charles Russell, representing the New York "Time" and the Chicago "Tribune," the second Sir Charles Russell's reply thereto:

Ely Place, Holborn, Dec. 14 1922.

"Dear Sir:—I have seen Mr. Lloyd George with reference to my interview with you about his contract with regard to the serial rights of his book on the war with your clients. He wishes to state most emphatically that every shilling he has received has been paid to a separate banking account, and he has not used it in any way for his personal expenditure. He also wishes to add that at the time the contract was signed he had written several chapters, and this I can personally vouch for, as I read them.

"The advertisement which you tell me was issued in America, was issued without his knowledge or authority, and he disapproves of and expressly repudiates it. He has no wish to continue to remain a party to this contract, if your clients wish it dissolved, and he has instructed me to so inform you, but he thinks it due to his honor that any misunderstanding as to the use of the money paid as a deposit should be at once removed.

"Please let me hear from you.
Yours sincerely,

"REG. WARD POOLE."

"The Hon. Sir, Charles Russell, Bart, K. C. V. O.

London, Dec. 14 1922.

"Dear Sir:—I of course accept on behalf of my clients the assurance which you have given me that the amounts paid on account of the price of your client's book have been placed by him to a separate account, and have not been touched by him or used for his personal expenditure, and that he always intended to give the whole of the proceeds received by him to charity. I should like to take this opportunity of assuring you that neither I nor they intended to convey any suggestion to the contrary.

"I appreciate your offer to cancel the contract and I am instructed to accept it in the spirit in which it is made. May I conclude by saying that I think your client has met a difficult position in a fair and honorable manner, a view with which I am confident my clients agree.

"Yours sincerely,

"CHARLES RUSSELL."

The New York "Times" and the Chicago "Tribune" desire to say that at no time have they suggested that any improper disposition has been made of any part of the money by Mr. Lloyd George.

How the New York "Times" first learned of Mr. Lloyd George's new plans, and how, through the kindly intervention of a friend in London, opportunity was made, but necessarily rejected, to take the new series of articles away from the "syndicate" that had projected it, is shown in the dispatches assembled in the following cable message sent by the Managing Editor of the New York "Times" to its correspondent in London:

New York, Nov. 23 1922.

"Nyctim, London.

"Received to-night following from a London newspaper:

London, Nov. 23.

"Learned to-day Keen, United Press, been negotiating for series thirty articles by Lloyd George, each article about 2,000 words. Keen guaranteed £7,500, syndication proceeds beyond that amount to be divided between contributor and United Press. Immediately saw George, begged him not to close with offer until I informed you. He agreed not to close until Saturday, on which day Keen returns to America. Articles will be for publication weekly the first twelve weeks, subsequently at fortnightly intervals. They would be of undoubted world-wide import and interest, the subjects including American Relations, Reparations, the Irish Treaty, the Turkish Treaty, the Socialist Menace, International Trade, Our New Parliament. George is strongly impressed by Keen's attitude, the articles would be published in 150 papers. George values such wide publicity. Reply whether you want his articles. Think could get them for you for definite sum of £8,500, this to include South American newspaper rights. Only knew at last moment of these negotiations, and only my strongest personal entreaties got the matter held up. If you are interested better allow me to go up to £9,000 if necessary to clinch the matter, relying upon me getting you best bargain possible."

"To this I sent the following reply:

New York, Nov. 23.

"We will have absolutely nothing to do with Mr. Lloyd George's proposal to sell thirty syndicated articles. On his agent's representation that if he retired from office he would at once set to work to finish his War Memoirs, a start on which had already been made, the New York "Times" and the Chicago "Tribune" purchased the American rights to these Memoirs for £40,000. We would, therefore, regard an intervening series of articles as the grossest breach of faith toward us. The Memoirs are not yet fully marketed in this country, and not only would the announcement of this new series close our market entirely, but we should feel obliged to release those who have already contracted with us, if they so desired. We feel that if we took this new series and offered it to the newspapers that have bought the Memoirs, we might be justly regarded as having in effect defrauded them, and how much more would we be so regarded if we offered the new series to a new clientele? While we have not yet had time to consult the Chicago "Tribune" we can say that we shall not quietly submit to any deprivation of our rights."

"While it is difficult to believe such a course is contemplated by Mr. Lloyd George, the representations made are such that we feel we must act immediately. Will you therefore at once deliver copies of this message to Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Curtis Brown [Lloyd George's agent in the sale of the Memoirs] and Sir William Berry [owner of the London "Sunday Times" and head of Cassell & Co., book publishers, purchasers of the English rights] and make energetic protest against execution of any such plan, which would destroy serial value of Memoirs and greatly impair book value. The new series outlined would inevitably draw upon material properly belonging in Memoirs; and, in any case, Brown's assurances justify us in expecting prompt work on Memoirs. Since reply was sent to London newspapers have received strong protest from Chicago "Tribune," which will doubtless instruct its London correspondent to join in your efforts. We desire immediate assurance that other literary work will not be permitted to delay the Memoirs. Answer earliest moment Friday. VAN ANDA."

On the 18th inst. the New York "Times" in a cablegram from London said in part:

It appears that the New York "Times" and the Chicago "Tribune" were not the only publishers among those who had bought the rights to Mr. Lloyd George's War Memoirs to complain about his engagement to write a long series of other articles before completing the Memoirs. The New York "Times" and the Chicago "Tribune" began legal proceedings against Mr. Lloyd George on Wednesday last to compel the annulment of their contract with him, under which he was to receive nearly \$200,000 for the American serial rights, and on the following day Mr. Lloyd George consented to cancel the contract, thus ending the legal proceedings. It is understood that Sir William Berry, who, as head of "The London Sunday Times" and of Cassell & Co., book publishers, had purchased both the serial and the book rights for England, has now canceled his contract, and that a general annulment of all the contracts is under way.

"The Sunday Times," Sir William Berry's paper, is authority for the announcement of the general cancellation. Thus charity, which, according to Lloyd George's promise, was to receive the entire proceeds of the work, more than \$400,000, may find realization of its hopes somewhat deferred, if not diminished. On this point "The Daily Herald" expresses the hope that Mr. Lloyd George will give the proceeds of his new series of Articles to the charity that was to have benefited by the Memoirs.

On the 16th inst. Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, caused the insertion in the "Congressional Record" of the New York "Times" announcement of the 16th, the Senator stating:

Mr. President, as reflecting an interesting sidelight on the apparent effort of great European statesmen to influence public opinion in the United States on international political questions, I ask that there be printed in "The Record" an article published in the New York "Times" of this date relating to the cancellation of a contract by the New York "Times" and the Chicago "Tribune" for the publication of the memoirs of Mr. Lloyd George because of his subsequent arrangement with other publishers to give publicity to political articles written by the former British Premier. I ask unanimous consent that the article may be printed in "The Record."

The article was ordered printed as above.

SIR H. F. COOK, LONDON DRY GOODS MERCHANT, MAKES COMPANY LOSSES GOOD.

The following London cablegram (Dec. 12) (copyright) appeared in the New York "Times" of Dec. 13:

Sir Herbert Frederick Cook, Chairman of Cook, Son & Co., big London dry goods merchants, has for the second time this year started the world of finance.

In February, at the end of what was for his company a bad year, Sir Herbert gave his shareholders a pleasant surprise by making a personal gift of £85,312 to provide a full preference dividend. He has now followed this up by sacrificing shares in the company of the face value of £275,329 to make good the loss shown in the company's balance sheet in December of last year.

Sir Herbert's new proposal is that the loss of £275,325 on the balance sheet shall be written off by means of a reduction in the capital of the company, and he suggests that this reduction be effected by writing 19s. per share off 289,820 of the ordinary shares outstanding in his name.

PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK APPROVES ORDER OF I. S. C. C. DIRECTING CARRIERS TO CO-OPERATE IN PORT DEVELOPMENT.

Eugenius H. Outerbridge, Chairman, and the other members of the Port of New York Authority, expressed their gratification this week relative to the order issued by the Inter-State Commerce Commission on Dec. 16 calling upon the trunk line railroads and subsidiary lines entering the Port of New York to show cause why they should not immediately co-operate with the Port Authority, the State and Federal agency, in the carrying out of the comprehensive plan for the development of the Port as adopted by the Legislatures of New York and New Jersey and the Congress of the United States. The Port Authority's commanding position as the representative of the State and Federal Governments in the improvement of port facilities is emphasized by the action taken by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Chairman Outerbridge declared:

In view of the urgency for beginning the effectuation of the comprehensive plan, it is gratifying that the Inter-State Commerce Commission was able promptly to respond to the suggestion for co-operation between the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Port Authority. This follows the other avenues of co-operation with Federal authority already established, namely the War Department and the United States Shipping Board. The co-operation of these Federal agencies, with the powers they possess, supplementing the co-operation of the municipalities in the Port District, completes the chain of authority through which results will be brought about.

As the laws of the two States and of Congress require as the first principle that terminal operations within the Port District, so far as economically practicable, should be unified, the hearings now ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission are to give the railroads respondents a legal opportunity to show cause why appropriate orders for the immediate use of existing facilities in the unification of terminal operations within the Port District should not be made.

The order of the Interstate Commerce Commission is as follows:

At a General Session of the Interstate Commerce Commission, held at its office in Washington, D. C., on the 11th day of December 1922.

Docket No. 14,490.

In the matter of efficient, economical and joint use of terminals of common carriers in the Port of New York District and the cost to carriers of operating the terminals in performing common carrier services.

It appearing, That on the 30th day of April 1921, pursuant to legislative authority theretofore granted by the Legislatures of the two States, the States of New York and New Jersey entered into a compact creating a "Port of New York District" and creating "The Port of New York Authority" with power and authority to purchase, construct, lease and operate any terminal or transportation facility within said district, and to make plans for the comprehensive development of the Port of New York.

It further appearing, That by Joint Resolution of the Congress of the United States approved Aug. 23 1921, the said compact was ratified (Public Resolution No. 17, 67th Congress, S. J. Res. 88);

It further appearing, That on Feb. 23 and 24 1922 statutes were enacted by the Legislatures of the States of New York and New Jersey approving a comprehensive plan for the development of the Port of New York and granting power to the Port of New York Authority to effectuate a comprehensive plan, recited therein (Laws of New York, 1922, Chapter 43; Laws of New Jersey, 1922, Chapter 9);

It further appearing, That by Joint Resolution of the Congress of the United States approved July 1 1922, reciting the said comprehensive plan, the consent of Congress was given to the carrying out and effectuation of said plan and the said Port of New York Authority was authorized and empowered to carry out and effectuate the same (Public Resolution No. 66, 67th Congress, H. J. Res. 337);

And it further appearing, That the carrying out and effectuation of the said plan in accordance with the aforesaid laws will affect terminals used, and common carriers engaged in inter-State and foreign commerce;

It is ordered, That on the Commission's own motion, an investigation be, and it is hereby instituted for the purpose of determining that if any order in the premises may or should be entered by the Commission;

It is further ordered, That the following-named carriers subject to the provisions of the Inter-State Commerce Act be made parties respondent, namely:

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company.
The Central Railroad Company of New Jersey.
Lehigh Valley Railroad Company.
The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company.
Erie Railroad Company.
The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company.
West Shore Railroad Company (the New York Central RR. Co., lessee).
New York, Ontario & Western Railway Company.
New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad Company.
Erie Terminal Railroad Company.
Hoboken Shore Railroad Company.
New Jersey Junction Railroad Company.
National Docks Railroad Company.
The New York Central Railroad Company.
The New York New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company.
The Long Island Railroad Company.
New York Connecting Railroad Company.
The Staten Island Rapid Transit Railway Company.
Erie & Fort Lee Railroad Company.
Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company.

It is further ordered, That this investigation be assigned for hearing at such times and places as may be later determined;

And it is further ordered, That copies of this order be served on the aforesaid respondents, on the Governors of the States of New York and New Jersey and on the Secretary of the Port of New York Authority.

By the Commission:

(Seal.)

GEORGE B. MCGINTY, Secretary.

The Port of New York Authority was officially notified on the 18th inst. of the order issued on the 16th inst. by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, following conferences between the Port Authority and the Inter-State Commerce Commission, this order reciting the action of Congress in having approved the comprehensive plan previously adopted by the two States, and summoning the railroads as respondents so that the Commission may determine what appropriate orders may be issued at this time to aid in the effectuation of the comprehensive plan. Hearings will be held at times and places to be later designated by the Inter-State Commerce Commission. A memorandum presented by the Port Authority to the Inter-State Commerce Commission directing attention to the State and Federal sanction under which the Port Authority is functioning, says:

Influenced by the findings of the Inter-State Commerce Commission in the New York Harbor Case, 47 I. S. C. C. 843, the States of New York and New Jersey took up the subject of improvement in the port and harbor facilities of the Port of New York.

In April 1921 the States of New York and New Jersey executed a treaty for the purpose of dealing thereunder jointly with the subject of development and improvement of the shipping facilities and conditions in New York Harbor.

This treaty was approved by the Congress of the United States on Aug. 23 1921, Public Resolution 17, 67th Congress, S. J. Res. 88.

Under this treaty the States of New York and New Jersey agreed to and pledged to each other faithful co-operation in the future planning and development of the Port of New York. The treaty provided for the creation of a "Port of New York District," the boundaries of which were described in the treaty. It also created the "Port of New York Authority," a body corporate and politic, and conferred upon it broad powers and jurisdiction defined in the treaty. The members of the Port Authority were specifically empowered to apply to the Congress of the United States for its consent to and approval of the agreement or compact by them.

The treaty provided that the powers granted therein should not be exercised by the Port Authority until the Legislatures of both States had approved a comprehensive plan for the development of the port. It provided also that the Legislatures of the two States should, prior to the signing of the treaty agreement, or as soon thereafter as practicable, adopt a plan or plans for the comprehensive development of the port.

With the report of the Bi-State Commission a proposed plan for the development and improvement of the port was submitted, but in the legislation of the two States empowering the Port Authority to proceed, the Port Authority was required to take up, study and consider the report and plan of the Bi-State Commission and to report to the Legislatures of the two States on or before Jan. 1 1922 the results of their study, investigation, hearings and conferences and to submit a "comprehensive plan for the development of the Port District," passed upon the results of such study, investigations, hearings and conferences, together with their recommendations for such legislation as they deemed appropriate for the effectuation and consummation of such plan.

The members of the Port Authority were also required to confer with the governing bodies of all of the municipalities within the Port District, with dock, port, channel and improvement commissions, with any other bodies having to do with port and harbor facilities, with the Secretary of War, with the appropriate committee of Congress, with the Inter-State Commerce Commission and any and all other Federal authorities having jurisdiction in the premises.

All of the requirements of the treaty and of the statutes were complied with by the Port Authority, and a report was submitted to the Legislatures of the States of New York and New Jersey on Dec. 21 1921, which report included a comprehensive plan for co-ordination and improvement of the port facilities and recommendations of the Port Authority regarding legislation relative thereto.

In February 1922 the Legislatures of the States of New York and New Jersey by a statute approved the comprehensive plan so submitted by the Port Authority and granted to the Port Authority broad powers to effectuate same. The Port Authority was authorized and directed to proceed with the development of the port in accordance with said comprehensive plan as rapidly as might be economically practicable. It was vested with all necessary and appropriate powers not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States or of either State to effectuate the plan "except the power to levy taxes or assessments." It was directed to request the Congress of the United States to make appropriations for deepening and widening channels, and to make such grants of power as would enable the said plan to be effectuated. It was authorized to apply to all Federal agencies, including the Inter-State Commerce Commission, the War Department, and the Shipping Board, for suitable assistance in carrying out the said plan. It was authorized to issue bonds or other securities, which would be free from taxation.

The consent of Congress and approval of the plan and authority to the Port of New York Authority to execute the plan were conferred by the Congress of the United States in Public Resolution No. 88, 67th Congress, S. J. Res. 337, approved by the President July 1 1922.

This joint resolution of the Congress recited that the carrying out and execution of the plan will better promote and facilitate commerce between the States and foreign nations and provide better and cheaper transportation of property and aid in providing better postal, military and other services of value to the nation. The consent of Congress was given to the supplemental agreement between the States of New York and New Jersey covering the comprehensive plan and the plan was recited verbatim in the joint resolution. The principles to govern the development of the port were recited in the Congressional joint resolution, among them being that terminal operations within the Port District so far as economically practicable should be unified; that there should be consolidation of shipments at proper classification points, so as to eliminate and reduce duplication of effort in efficient loading of equipment and reduction of expenses; that the process of co-ordinating facilities should so far as practicable "adopt existing facilities as integral parts of the new system" so as to avoid needless destruction of existing capital investment and reduce so far as possible the requirements for new capital; that definite methods for prompt relief should be devised which could be applied for the better co-ordination and operation of existing facilities, while larger and more comprehensive plans for future development are being carried out.

The joint resolution contained the following:

"And the consent of Congress is hereby given, to the carrying out and effectuation of said comprehensive plan, and the said Port of New York Authority is authorized and empowered to carry out and effectuate the same; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as impairing or in any manner affecting any right or jurisdiction of the United States in and over the region which forms the subject of said agreement; provided, further, that no bridges, tunnels or other structures shall be built across, under, or in any of the waters of the United States, and no change shall be made in the navigable capacity or condition of any such waters, until the plans therefor have been approved by the Chief Engineers of the Secretary of War."

The Port Authority has pursued diligently and carefully an investigation of this subject and has exhausted its efforts in endeavoring to secure co-operation at the hands of the principal railroads serving the Port of New York. Its work has reached the point where it deems it necessary to invoke the assistance and co-operation of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. The joint resolution of July 1 1922 provides that consent therein given by the Congress is "subject always to the approval of the officers and agents of the United States as required by Acts of Congress touching the jurisdiction and control in the United States over the matters or any part thereof covered by this resolution."

The Port Authority, created in the manner above outlined and vested with the powers referred to, is by the joint resolution of Congress of July 1 1922, created a Federal agency to carry forward this work. The States of New York and New Jersey have spent more than \$600,000 in reaching the present point in the efforts to develop the port. (The members of the Bi-State Commission, and of the Port of New York Authority, have served and are serving without compensation, and therefore the above-mentioned sum does not include any compensation for them.)

It is pointed out that the Port Authority in its report to the New York and New Jersey Legislatures laid down a number of fundamental principles governing the development of the Port of New York. These principles involve the unification of terminals, the establishment of union stations, and the use of existing facilities wherever possible to link together the railroads on the New York and New Jersey sides of the harbor.

LOCKWOOD COMMITTEE RESUMES INVESTIGATION OF HOUSING SITUATION—SAMUEL UNTERMYER'S PROPOSAL FOR REGULATION OF LABOR UNIONS BY THE STATE.

The Lockwood State Legislative Committee, which was appointed in 1920, when the housing shortage was acute in New York to investigate the causes and the remedy therefor, resumed its hearings in this city on Dec. 12 after several months of inactivity. In resuming its inquiries the committee again took up the practices prevalent in labor unions, where it was charged by Samuel Untermyer, Counsel for the committee, that graft was practiced and other methods prevailed tending to keep up the high cost of building. Mr. Untermyer made the charge that the Building Trades Employers' Association had been fomenting trouble by attempting to prevent the amalgamation of the two warring labor unions—the International and the Independent.

On the second day of the committee's session, that is, Dec. 13, Mr. Untermyer submitted a program for legislation providing for the drastic supervision of all labor unions in this State. Mr. Untermyer's program also embodied proposals

such as he has made from time to time in the past for regulation of stock exchanges. The program proposed by Mr. Untermyer provides, so the daily papers report, for more extreme legislation of the sort than was ever before proposed in this State, and if enacted would virtually place both capital and labor, so far as they are concerned with labor unions and stock exchanges and the selling of securities, under the domination of the State Government. Among the bills which Mr. Untermyer suggested the committee have introduced and try to pass is one providing for a State trade commission with power to regulate labor unions, another to amend the workmen's compensation insurance Act to make such insurance a State monopoly, another would be a blue sky law regulating stock exchanges. The bill to regulate labor unions would require every union to take out a license, the license not to be granted until the trade commission has approved the union's constitution and by-laws. The recommendations proposed by Mr. Untermyer are as follows:

The establishment of a State Trade Commission, the purpose of which will be the effective suppression of illegal trade associations and other combinations that are now operating or may hereafter attempt to operate in this State in violation of the anti-trust laws. The bill will be on the same general lines as that prepared by Mr. Untermyer which was introduced at the last session of the Legislature. It is claimed to be the first serious effort to exterminate these combinations by administrative machinery rather than by judicial process. The bill will place in the hands of the commission the prosecution of offenses against the law, and the commission will have its own prosecutors and other legal machinery for that purpose.

That the State Trade Commission bill be accompanied by a "memorial to Congress" asking that the Federal Trade Commission bill be amended by enlarging its powers to conform to those of the State Trade Commission bill, and to place the prosecution of offenders against the Federal anti-trust laws under the jurisdiction of this commission, which will in like manner have its own legal staff of investigators and prosecutors, thus avoiding the duplication of work between the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice.

A bill to amend the Workmen's Compensation law by excluding all private companies and making it a State monopoly, as in Ohio and other States. It is claimed that this would eliminate the abuses and oppression that have arisen from the competition between the "State Fund" and the private companies, the result of which has been a continuous war by the private companies for the destruction of the "State Fund," so that, although the latter does the business for 15% less than the private companies, it gets only about 9% of the business. This is charged to be due mainly to the fact that employers who are required to insure their workmen also take out other forms of insurance that are not compulsory—such as "public liability" and the like, and that they give rebates upon workmen's compensation indirectly through concessions on other lines, in which there is no competition by the State. It is claimed that in this business of insuring workmen, which is made compulsory on the employers, the private companies distribute only about 65 cents on every dollar collected in premiums, whereas under a State monopoly at least 94 cents on every dollar could be distributed, thus increasing the benefits to the workmen without increasing the burden to the employers.

A bill to require fire and casualty insurance companies to dispose of their stock investments within five years, and limiting their future investments to those that are not permitted to life insurance companies.

A bill to regulate and supervise the constitution, by-laws, rules, regulations and practices of labor unions within the State through administrative machinery that will force the elimination of the abuses that have been brought to the attention of the committee in the testimony taken, and others that there was not time to expose. The bill will carefully safeguard all the fundamental rights of the union, such as the right to collectively bargain, to quit work, to protect and advance their interests on the subjects of wages, hours of labor, health safeguards and the like, and will support all the legitimate claims of organized labor. It will seek to put an end to the exploitation of the members of the unions by their officers by requiring strict accountability for the funds paid in to the union treasury.

Every labor union operating in this State will be required, under this law, to take out a license from the State Trade Commission above provided for.

Unions will not be permitted to restrict their membership or unduly limit the number of apprentices or to fine employers, or otherwise oppress the industry in which they control the labor. They will be subject to the same sort of supervision as will apply to trade associations of employers.

The decisions of the commission suppressing any such abuses will, however, be subject to the right of review by the union in the courts.

The bill that was introduced at the last session of the Legislature and then failed of passage to allow the State to appeal from orders dismissing indictments will be reintroduced and pressed by the committee.

A bill to regulate the issue and public sale of securities and to regulate stock exchanges. It is claimed that many of the existing trusts and combinations that have been formed would not have been organized and that their organization can be very largely restricted, if not prevented, by prohibiting the public sale of the securities of such corporations whose market value is based upon the tribute that they levy upon the people in the way of exorbitant profits. Pool manipulation will be restricted by requiring that all pool agreements be filed with the secretary of the exchange and be open to public inspection so that the public may know whether it is buying in a competitive open market or within limits fixed by a pool.

RAILROAD LABOR BOARD REITERATES STAND AGAINST TIME AND A HALF FOR MAINTENANCE OF WAY MEN.

The United States Railroad Labor Board in a decision issued on Dec. 15, upholds its former stand in denying maintenance of way men their request for time and a half after eight hours' work and on Sundays and holidays. By the Board's decision the present ruling of a pro rata rate for the ninth and tenth hours and time and a half after that hour is upheld. A request for a ruling on contract work, the decision stated, had been answered by previous decisions. These declared such contracting an attempt to avoid the

provisions of the Transportation Act. Ruling favorable to the employers were contained in the decision in that employees' work must start and end at designated assembling points and supervisory forces shall be compensated on the same overtime basis as the men supervised when the general force is required to work in excess of eight hours. The last ruling applies to foremen employed on a monthly basis.

In a dissenting opinion A. O. Wharton called attention to discontent and unrest among railroad employees "when an examination of the decision of this Board will disclose that there has been but one decision issued during its existence that represented any betterment of their conditions of employment."

Chairman Ben W. Hooper, while agreeing with part of the dissenting opinion, declared the discontent among the employees was not impressive. He said:

In view of the sufferings and losses of the farmers and producers of the country from which railroad labor has been largely exempt, the railway employees could consistently subdue their unrest and devote their enthusiastic exertions to the efficient service of the people who are paying for it.

It might also be remembered that many of the railroads have not been leashed with decisions of this Board. Some of the most important decisions that have ever been rendered by the Board were favorable to the employees. For example, the Pennsylvania case and the contract cases, in both of which the Department of Justice at Washington is defending the rights of the employees on up to the Supreme Court.

When the constituted authorities are being criticized for denying some of the contentions of a given class of citizens, it would be refreshing to make occasional mention of the fact that the same authorities have been equally as zealous in upholding the rights of that class. A degree of fairness along this line would obviate class hatred, allay unrest and strengthen loyal patriotism.

DECREASE IN POSTAL SAVINGS IN NOVEMBER.

The smallest decrease since February was registered by postal savings deposits during November, according to figures compiled at the Post Office Department, showing that the balance on Nov. 30 was \$375,000 lower than for Oct. 31. The October decrease was \$788,000 and in September it was \$1,100,000. The Department's statement made public Dec. 14 said:

Increased deposits in the smaller towns, especially in laboring centres, made up partly for the heavy withdrawals in the larger cities and prevented a greater drop in the total balance.

Considerable significance is attached to the increased deposits in mining and industrial cities as indicative of a return to better employment conditions. Postal savings is usually considered an accurate barometer of wage conditions, since it is utilized mostly by miners and wage earners, especially those of foreign extraction.

Uniontown, Pa., a typical mining town, registered its first increase since March, while Mount Pleasant, Pa., where mining is the only industry, reported the first increase for more than eighteen months. Other industrial cities, such as Gary, Ind., where withdrawals have not shown a let-up for two years; McKees Rocks, Pa., whose last increase was in December 1921; Bridgeport, Conn., which has been declining since last July, all reported increases during November.

Increases of more than \$10,000 during November were reported by four cities, Boston, Mass., heading the list with \$31,182; Philadelphia second with \$17,978; Buffalo third with \$11,225, and St. Louis fourth with \$11,192. Cities reporting increases of more than \$5,000 include Uniontown, Pa., McKees Rocks, Pa., Roslyn, Wash., Great Falls, Mont., Pocatello, Idaho, and San Diego, Calif.

Figures for cities having deposits of more than \$500,000 follow:

New York, N. Y.	544,020,714	Newark, N. J.	1,354,004
Brooklyn, N. Y.	13,149,661	St. Louis, Mo.	952,147
Boston, Mass.	6,457,155	San Francisco, Calif.	836,002
Chicago, Ill.	6,123,907	Los Angeles, Calif.	834,817
Seattle, Wash.	3,110,312	Milwaukee, Wis.	798,602
Philadelphia, Pa.	2,471,640	Jersey City, N. J.	736,271
Pittsburgh, Pa.	2,467,036	Cincinnati, Ohio	660,709
Detroit, Mich.	2,142,660	Cleveland, Ohio	604,362
Tacoma, Wash.	1,542,501	Uniontown, Pa.	553,617
Portland, Ore.	1,465,075	St. Paul, Minn.	534,809
Kansas City, Mo.	1,430,547	Columbus, Ohio	522,823

The Post Office Department also supplies the following:

Balance on deposit Oct. 31	\$133,442,000
Decrease during November	375,000
Balance on deposit Nov. 30	\$133,067,000

PAY OF TELEGRAPHERS ON WESTERN RAILROADS CUT BY RAILROAD LABOR BOARD.

A decision has recently been handed down by the U. S. Railroad Labor Board in Chicago in effect reducing the hourly rates of pay of 11,000 telegraphers on eleven Western railroads about \$1,500,000 a year. The decision, announced on Dec. 8, takes effect Jan. 1. It was given at the request of the carriers. The decision, it was asserted, was not made with a view to reducing wages but to correct inequalities brought about by a provision in an order of the Federal Railroad Administration providing for the inclusion in monthly pay of earnings for service performed on Sundays and holidays at hourly rates. This, the roads contended, resulted in telegraphers on some roads receiving more than the agents under whom they worked. The decision was accompanied by a dissenting opinion from A. O. Wharton, labor member of the Board, in which he favored distributing the aggregate

amount of the wages in dispute among employees in such a way as to eliminate the inequalities. The decision and a resolution accompanying it were interpreted in railroad circles, it is said, as marking the end of wage reductions for railroad employees until there is an appreciable change in economic conditions. Disputes between telegraphers and roads, other than the eleven involved in this decision, were retained on the docket, but under a resolution offered by W. L. McMenimen, labor member of the Board, and passed, all pending disputes before the Board were ended.

DELIVERIES OF GOODS TO FRANCE BY GERMANY UNDER WEISBADEN AND BERLIN AGREEMENTS.

It is learned through the Foreign Information Service (French Section) of the Bankers Trust Co., under date of Dec. 15 that goods valued at approximately 10 million francs had been delivered, up to Nov. 15, by Germany to France under the Weisbaden and Berlin agreements for the restoration of France's war devastated regions. The goods were delivered on orders placed in Germany by the inhabitants of the devastated areas and comprise principally materials for reconstruction of industry. Official figures received by the Bankers Trust Co., of New York, from its French Information Service, indicate that the principal deliveries to Nov. 15 1922 were approximately as follows:

	France.
Electrical supplies	900,000
Textile machinery	1,189,000
Material for public works	1,100,000
Steel and iron building materials	2,050,000
Material for foodstuff industries, breweries, etc.	830,000
Miscellaneous hardware	170,000
Machine tools	2,200,000
Bollers and steam engines	1,260,000

The Ministry of the Liberated Regions estimates that 7,000,000 francs worth of the above materials were delivered between Sept. 6 and Nov. 15.

NEW TAX IN PORTUGAL.

The Department of Commerce at Washington in its official organ, "Commerce Reports," Nov. 29, announced the following from Consul-General W. Stanley Hollis, Lisbon, Oct. 13:

Among the last acts of the Portuguese Parliament during the session which has just closed was the passing of a law establishing new taxes in this country. One of the principal provisions of the new law is a tax on the total amount of business transacted by all business or trading firms or concerns according to the following schedule:

- 10% on boarding and lodging establishments considered as belonging to the luxury class, such as expensive hotels.
- 5% on establishments of the first class.
- 3% on establishments of the second class.
- 2% on all other establishments.
- 10% on the sale of all articles of luxury.
- 2% on box receipts of theatres.
- ¼ per mille on sales of public funds or commercial values.
- 1% in all other cases.

Every person residing in continental Portugal or on the adjacent islands and engaged in any business or industry is subject to a tax on such business. Members of foreign diplomatic and consular corps whose home countries grant equal exemption to Portuguese representatives are exempted from all the provisions of this law.

Company, Profession and Real Estate Taxes.

Stock companies pay one-fourth of 1% on the capital, 40 escudos for each employee over 18 years of age, 20 escudos for the others, and 10% on the net profits. Other companies or individuals engaged in business pay 5% on the rent of premises used for factories, workshops, offices, stores, theatres, or otherwise occupied for business or industrial purposes; and the same rate as stock companies for employees and on net profits.

Those engaged in the liberal professions from the practice of which they derive their sole income are taxed 5% on the rent of the premises occupied by them in the exercise of their profession, 40 escudos for every employee over 18 years, and 20 escudos for others employed by them.

Taxes on immovable property showed a marked increase in the new law. The taxes that in 1914 amounted to less than 20 escudos will be four times as much in 1923; those that were then between 20.10 and 100 escudos will be six times as much; and those that were over 100 escudos will be seven times as much.

Income Tax—Old Taxes Abolished.

The new tax on application of capital (which is similar to an income tax) fixes 10% as the rate to be collected on income derived from interest (on deposits, etc.), dividends, and profits from partnerships.

The income tax ranges from ½ of 1% on the first 5,000 escudos to 10% on incomes of 65,000 to 70,000 escudos, with an increase of 1% for each additional thousand escudos up to a maximum of 30%. The minimum amount taxed is 3,600 escudos, with additional exemption for family men.

The following taxes are abolished: The old income tax, tax on manufacturing, water tax, tax on mines, tax on mineral water, sumptuary tax, and tax on consumption.

DECISION HOLDING INVALID NEW YORK STATE TAX ON NATIONAL BANK SHARES INVOLVES HUGE SUMS.

The decision of the Court of Appeals at Albany, N. Y., holding invalid the present State law taxing shares of stock of national banks, will, according to Charles L. Craig, Comptroller of the City of New York, cost the city \$20,-

000,000 in the event that the findings of the State court, are upheld by the United States Supreme Court. The ruling of the State court (given in the action of Goldfogel vs. the Hanover National Bank), was referred to in our issue of a week ago, page 2650. In indicating that the tax due this month, will presumably not be paid as a result of the decision, the "Wall Street Journal" of the 16th inst. said:

Decision by the Court of Appeals in Albany in the case of Hanover National Bank against New York City, unless it is reversed on appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States means refund of about \$14,000,000 to banks all over the State for amounts paid to the localities as tax on bank stocks in 1920 and 1921 and failure to collect in the future an annual tax of practically \$7,000,000.

The Hanover Bank suit was a test case in which twenty-six New York City banks joined, both national and State. The tax is 1% on the assessed value of the bank stock, total sued for in the twenty-six actions being \$2,307,977 paid in 1920 on an assessed valuation of \$230,797,700. Hanover Bank's share in the 1920 taxes was \$237,566, the highest claim being that of the Chase National for \$427,477 on an assessed valuation of \$42,747,700. These figures are for 1920. Taxes were also paid by all banks in 1921, but 1922 taxes have not yet been paid and now presumably will not be paid.

City Comptroller Craig's observations on the effect of the ruling were reported as follows in the New York "Times" of the 15th inst.:

The decision last Tuesday of the Court of Appeals regarding the bank tax, which the city has been collecting for several years, will cost the city upwards of \$20,000,000, and will require a rearrangement of the city budget, if the decision is upheld by the United States Supreme Court, according to Controller Charles L. Craig, who in a statement last night, pointed out what he termed the inequalities of the State Income Tax Law.

The city already has expended more than \$10,000,000 of the money collected from the tax, and unless relief is afforded this money will have to be refunded with interest. If the decision stands, the tax rate will be increased next year by five points, and probably by twenty points altogether during the next two years. According to the Controller, the Legislature must either reduce the requirements for mandatory expenditures, or be prepared to meet them by the exercise of the State's power of taxation.

"The bank tax decision," said the Comptroller, "unless qualified by relief that must originate in Congress and be made effective in the New York Legislature in a way to be sustained by the courts in decisions hereafter rendered, will cost the City of New York upwards of twenty millions of dollars. More than half of this sum has already been collected and expended and will have to be refunded with interest at the legal rate. The other half is a part of the resources of the general fund pledged to meet the requirements of the 1922 and 1923 budgets, and without the fulfillment of that pledge it is impossible to meet the requirements of those budgets."

Other Losses in Tax Charges.

The Comptroller pointed out that hundreds of millions of dollars were stricken from the tax rolls in the city and State by the State Income Tax Law. While the city lost millions in this way, the Comptroller said, the Legislature took from the city one-half of the fees paid for motor vehicle licenses by transferring this revenue to the State Treasury. The city, he also pointed out, has lost large sums of money because of mandatory legislation affecting education and has been deprived of the income from the excise tax.

"Regardless of these proceedings," said the Comptroller, "the first and immediate effect of the breaking down of the Income Tax Law is to require the remaking of New York City's budget for 1923. That budget, totaling \$353,350,975.67, was based upon the assumption that the city in 1923 would receive the bank tax, at least \$5,000,000. The failure of this tax will necessitate a \$5,000,000 reduction in the budget. If, by any acceleration of judicial process, the city should be required before the end of this year to refund upward of \$10,000,000 of bank taxes heretofore collected since the passage of the Income Tax Law, a further reduction in the 1923 budget would have to be made to that extent to provide for the redemption of the obligations upon which such moneys would have to be borrowed.

"It is possible that this refunding will not be required until after Jan. 1, in which event the shrinkage would occur in the budget for 1924, against which taxable resources the moneys to be refunded would have to be borrowed. Besides this, there will apparently be a failure to collect about \$5,000,000 of the bank tax for 1922, which is not due until the end of December, and from the payment of which the national banks have now established their exemption.

"As this source of income was a part of the moneys to finance the budget for 1922, a deficit there will necessarily occur. There is no provision under existing laws which authorizes such a deficit to be made up.

Needs Legislative Relief.

"Fortunately, the Constitution prohibits the Legislature from in any way impairing the city's power to raise taxes to provide for the principal and interest upon its debt.

"The net result of the legislative method of financing prescribed for the City of New York, by stripping it of its resources and saddling it with liabilities, is that within the last three years the city has lost the taxes on hundreds of millions of property on which exemptions have been granted under State laws and has suffered a corresponding impairment in its constitutional tax limit; and in the last two years the Legislature has imposed upon the City of New York expenditures of upward of \$80,000,000, to be raised by taxes levied in the years 1921 and 1922, over and above the expenditures theretofore required to be made, or taxes to be raised in the City of New York.

"Those responsible for the creation of these conditions acted with their eyes wide open and in the face of repeated protests, from the city, which were brushed aside without regard to the chaos inevitable upon such a course.

"Only two courses now remain open: The Legislature must either reduce the requirements for these mandatory expenditures, or must, by provisions in the State's appropriation bill and by the exercise of the State's power of taxation, prepare to meet them."

The following regarding a move to bring about an amendment to the Federal statute limiting the power of the States to tax national banks, is taken from a Washington dispatch Dec. 13 to the New York "Evening Post":

Yesterday's decision of the New York State Court of Appeals declaring invalid the State law taxing national bank shares will result in a renewed effort on the part of the New York State Tax Commission to bring about an amendment to the Federal statute which limits the power of the States to tax national banks, according to Walter W. Law Jr., President of the New York State Tax Commission. Mr. Law was in Washington to-day in the interest of the proposed legislation.

The New York Commission contends that the law as it stands works an unjust discrimination in favor of the national banks, because, under the present statute, the tax upon national bank shares is limited to the tax upon "other moneyed capital in the hands of individual citizens" of the State concerned. Senator Kellogg is the sponsor of a bill which would remedy this alleged discrimination by requiring that "the tax imposed shall not be at a greater rate than is assessed upon other moneyed capital employed in the business of banking."

In other words, the Kellogg bill would put the national banks on the same footing as other banking institutions as far as taxation is concerned, whereas under the present statutes the national banks have the benefit of the lower rating imposed on other capital. The national banks are naturally opposed to the Kellogg bill. Many States are interested in the controversy and Mr. Law is the chairman of a committee which includes Samuel Lord, Chairman of the Minnesota Tax Commission; Frank Robertson, Attorney-General of Mississippi, and Alexander Holmes, Deputy Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation of Massachusetts.

Peculiar Position of the Banks.

"A national bank is peculiar among corporations in that it is organized under the laws of the United States, but operates almost wholly within a single State," Mr. Law said, in discussing the proposed legislation. "Most national banks operate wholly within one State. The national banking law was first enacted during the Civil War to aid in selling Government bonds, and the national banks were given the power to issue currency. This power had been previously exercised by State banks, and had resulted in the wildest currency of those days. So a heavy tax was imposed upon all currency issued by State banks, which very properly gave national banks the monopoly of this valued privilege."

"Fearing that the States might attempt to retaliate by imposing heavy taxes on the national banks, however, the national banking law provided that any tax imposed by a State upon the shares of a national bank should not be greater than the tax imposed upon other moneyed capital in the hands of individual citizens of the State concerned. For over fifty years this statute remained on the books without interfering with the normal levying and collection of taxes against national banks, the words of the statute having become so modified by judicial interpretation that in effect the tax came to be limited only by the tax levied upon the shares of other institutions doing a similar banking business within the State."

"With the recent increased tax burdens due to the great war, however, national banks in different parts of the country have sought to invoke a strict interpretation of this archaic statute passed to meet conditions long since eliminated and thus on technical grounds to escape what we regard as their fair share of taxes. In New York State alone such taxes amount to nearly six million dollars a year, and there are now in litigation the taxes paid by many of the banks for three years past."

"The national banks rely on the Richmond case. In that case the United States Supreme Court held on June 5 1921 that moneyed capital in the hands of individual citizens was so invested as to come into competition with a national bank and that for that reason any taxation imposed upon the shares of a national bank greater than taxation upon the moneyed capital of individuals was contrary to the provisions of the existing statute. It is this statute which Senator Kellogg's bill is designed to amend."

"A bank should not be classed with an individual citizen for purposes of taxation. The first principle upon which all tax laws are based is that each taxpayer should contribute to the cost of government in proportion to his ability to share in the common burden. The wealthy man or the rich corporation should pay more than the poor man who has difficulty in meeting the expenses of his family. Judged by this standard a bank is in a position to pay more taxes than an individual, because the charter which is granted by the Government and which carries with it the supervision and inspection of government agents enables the bank to secure deposits from the public generally and to use the deposits for making profits."

Mr. Law referred to figures in the latest report of the Comptroller of the Currency, showing that on Sept. 15 1922 there were 8,240 national banks in the United States, and that these banks had on hand deposits to a total of over sixteen and a half billion dollars. He argued that there was little equity in claiming that the earning power of that vast sum should go free from taxes.

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AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE IN SESSION AT WASHINGTON.

The members of the American Bankers Association Administrative Committee, held a three-day session at the New Willard Hotel, Washington, Dec. 11 to 13. Official calls upon President Harding, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Commerce, the Federal Reserve Board and the Secretary of Agriculture were among the committee's activities on the 11th inst. On that date also the committee adopted a declaration commending the educational work of the Department of Agriculture and agricultural colleges in connection with boys' and girls' club work, and also endorsed the efforts of the Robert Morris Associates as "promising a better understanding of the fundamentals of banking."

On the 12th inst. the committee adopted a resolution endorsing President Harding's stand respecting transportation needs. The resolution said:

The resolution: "Resolved, That the Administrative Committee, American Bankers Association, commends the President of the United States on the courageous and conservatively progressive stand taken by him, particularly in respect to the necessities of transportation as a whole, in his recent message to Congress."

The following regarding the committee's conferences on the 12th inst. was contained in a special dispatch from Washington to the "Journal of Commerce":

The committee conferred to-day with Comptroller of the Currency Crissinger, discussing various national banking problems, including the moot question of branch banking by national banks. In connection with the branch bank question, President Harding let it be known to-day that in the absence of legislation on the subject he favors the establishment of branches by national banks where the privilege is allowed State banks. He believes that national banks ought to have every advantage that State banks have.

Government activities in obtaining foreign trade information from all parts of the world were outlined to the committee by Dr. Julius Klein, Director of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, who also discussed the indications of the growth of American export trade, particularly in the Far East.

The members of the Administrative Committee in attendance were:

J. H. Puelicher, President, Marshall & Halsey Bank, Milwaukee, Wis., and President of the Association, Chairman; J. W. Barton, Vice-President, Metropolitan National Bank, Minneapolis, Minn.; Samuel H. Beach, President, Rome Savings Bank, Rome, N. Y.; Alexander Dunbar, Vice-President, Bank of Pittsburgh N. A., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Walter W. Head, President, Omaha National Bank, Omaha, Neb.; Frank L. Hilton, Vice-President, Bank of the Manhattan Company, New York, N. Y.; William E. Knox, President, Bowery Savings Bank, New York, N. Y.; Thomas B. McAdams, Vice-President, Merchants National Bank, Richmond, Va.; H. A. McCauley, President, Sapulpa State Bank, Sapulpa, Okla.; Waldo Newcomer, President, National Exchange Bank, Baltimore, Md.; Theo. G. Smith, Vice-President, Central Union Trust Co., New York, N. Y., and Oscar Wells, President, First National Bank, Birmingham, Ala.

In addition, meeting with the committee were the chairmen of the four commissions of the Association and the chairman of the Committee on Federal Legislation, viz.: Fred I. Kent, Vice-President, Bankers Trust Co., New York, N. Y., Commerce and Marine Commission; Francis H. Sisson, Vice-President, Guaranty Trust Co., New York, N. Y., Public Relations Commission; Burton M. Smith, President, The Bank of North Lake, North Lake, Wis., Agricultural Commission; M. A. Traylor, President, First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill., Economic Policy Commission, and A. E. Adams, President, First National Bank, Youngtown, Ohio, Committee on Federal Legislation. Also the following members of the Headquarters Staff of the Association attended the meeting: F. N. Shepherd, Executive Manager, New York, N. Y.; Thomas B. Paton, General Counsel, New York, N. Y.; W. G. Fitzwilson, Secretary, New York, N. Y.; Walter Lichtenstein, Secretary, Economic Policy Commission, Chicago, Ill.; Gurden Edwards, Secretary, Public Relations Commission, New York, N. Y., and J. F. Olney, Secretary to Executive Manager, New York, N. Y. During the sessions of the committee reports were received from J. H. Puelicher, President; F. N. Shepherd, Executive Manager; T. B. Paton, General Counsel; Theo. G. Smith, President Trust Company Division; Samuel H. Beach, President Savings Bank Division; Waldo Newcomer, President National Bank Division; H. A. McCauley, President State Bank Division; Burton M. Smith, Chairman Agricultural Commission; Fred I. Kent, Chairman Commerce and Marine Commission; M. A. Traylor, Chairman Economic Policy Commission; Francis H. Sisson, Chairman Public Relations Commission, and Alexander Dunbar, Member of Delegation, Meeting of National Civic Federation. These reports covered reviews of past activities and programs for the future.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

Two New York Stock Exchange memberships were reported posted for transfer this week, the consideration being stated as \$93,000 and \$91,000. The last previous sale was at \$93,000.

The New York Stock Exchange will be closed to-day (Saturday, Dec. 23) and will thereby give its members a three-day holiday. The New York Curb Market, the New York Cotton Exchange, and the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange will also be closed to-day. Many out-of-town exchanges announced that they would remain closed to-day, among them being the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, the Chicago Stock Exchange, the Cleveland Stock Exchange, the Boston Stock Exchange, the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, and the New Orleans Cotton Exchange.

There was no Christmas celebration on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange this year, the Governors of the Exchange having decided it would be better to take part in the Bowling Green Community festival held yesterday afternoon.

The plans to increase the capital of The Equitable Trust Co. of this city from \$12,000,000 to \$20,000,000 (details of which were given in our issue of Dec. 9, page 2544) were ratified at a meeting of the stockholders of the institution on Dec. 20. Of the proposed increase \$4,000,000 will be in the form of a stock dividend, and the other \$4,000,000 will be provided by the sale of new stock to the stockholders at \$100 per share payable on or before Dec. 30 1922.

Seward Prosser announced on Dec. 19 that at the meeting of the directors of the Bankers Trust Co., this city, Guy Emerson had been elected a Vice-President. Mr. Emerson has been for six years Vice-President of the National Bank of Commerce in New York, from which he has resigned to take effect on Jan. 1 1923. During the war he was Vice-Chairman of the Liberty Loan organization and Director of War Sav-

ings in the Second Federal Reserve District. Mr. Emerson was born in New York, is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, and he spent four years in the Treasury Department at Washington. He was engaged in business in Texas for a year, and later in New York and entered the National Bank of Commerce in 1917.

The National Bank of Commerce in New York on Dec. 18 announced the appointment of Walter E. Lovblad and Oscar L. Cox to be Second Vice-Presidents, and Matthew J. Kelsh to be an Assistant Cashier. These appointments are effective Jan. 1 1923. Mr. Lovblad, who came to the bank early in 1919, was born in Chicago and was formerly engaged in the commercial paper business in that city. He was appointed an Assistant Cashier in March 1920. Mr. Cox has been with the bank since 1917 and for the past two years has been its field representative on the Pacific Coast. Mr. Kelsh has been with the bank since 1914 and was appointed an Assistant Chief Clerk in September 1921.

The trustees of the New York Trust Co. on Dec. 20 declared the usual Christmas bonus to officers and employees.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. this week, the regular quarterly dividend of 4% on the capital stock of the company and an extra dividend of 4% were declared, both payable Jan. 2 1923 to stockholders of record Dec. 26 1922. The directors voted the payment of additional compensation of 13% of the amount of salaries paid to officers and employees during the year.

The United States Mortgage & Trust Company of New York recently distributed its 1923 calendar, which is illuminated with a painting by Percy Moran, entitled the "End of the Revolution." It shows the presentation on Nov. 3 1781 of the British regimental colors to the Congress in session at Philadelphia, after the capitulation of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown. These calendars, depicting Revolutionary and Colonial subjects, have been issued by the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. every year since 1911.

The Metropolitan Trust Company of New York, following its practice of many years, has declared a Christmas bonus to its employees of 10% of the salaries paid them during the current year. Over 200 of the employees of the company enjoyed a dinner at the Astor Hotel Wednesday evening. A Christmas tree with gifts for everybody present and music and dancing rounded out the evening's pleasure.

The Gotham National Bank of New York started a Christmas Club on the 1st day of December. The first day there was only one enrolled, but enrollment is now, it is said, at the rate of about 200 a day. A special deposit department, to take care of savings accounts, was opened by the bank last November. During this year 10,000 depositors were secured and \$2,000,000 deposits added in this one department. Its success prompted the starting of the Christmas Club.

Harry De Mott, President of the Mechanics' Bank, Brooklyn, was elected a director of the New York Title & Mortgage Co. this week to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Edward M. Burghard. Mr. De Mott has been an active executive officer of the Mechanics' Bank for many years. He is a director of the Bank of Coney Island, a director of the Brooklyn Warehouse & Storage Co., Trustee of the Greater New York Savings Bank, director of the Morris Plan Company and of the New York Plate Glass Insurance Co.

The First National Bank and Citizens National Bank of Frankfort, N. Y., were consolidated at the close of business Dec. 20 under the corporate title of "Citizens First National Bank of Frankfort." The latter has a capital stock of \$100,000, surplus and profits of \$52,500, and deposits of approximately \$1,200,000.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Mutual Bank of Roseville (Newark), N. J., has been called for Jan. 9 to vote on the question of doubling the capital stock of the institution, thereby raising it from \$100,000 (consisting of

1,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each) to \$200,000 (consisting of 2,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each).

At a meeting of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Hoboken, N. J., on the 19th inst., the quarterly rate of dividend was increased from 4% to 5%, which dividend, if continued, will put the stock upon a 20% yearly basis. The capital of the bank is \$500,000; surplus fund, \$500,000, and undivided profits at the first of the year will approximate \$500,000, which in effect gives the bank a working capital of \$1,500,000. Total dividends paid to stockholders since the bank's incorporation in 1865 amount to \$1,326,815 09. The officers of the bank are: W. W. Young, President; Theo. Butts and Palmer Campbell, Vice-Presidents; Herman Goelz, Cashier, and Wm. H. De Veer, Assistant Cashier.

The Comptroller of the Currency has approved an application to organize the Franklin National Bank of Jersey City, N. J., with a capital of \$200,000 and surplus of \$50,000. The stock (par \$100) will be disposed of at \$125 per share. It is planned to begin business about July 1 next.

Announcement is made of the issuance of a charter for the First National Bank of Cranford, N. J., with a capital of \$100,000. John E. Fisher is President and Frank G. Newell, Cashier. The stock was offered at \$125 per share. The bank will begin business Jan. 2.

A charter has been issued for the First National Bank of Wyckoff, N. J., by the Comptroller of the Currency. The bank began business Dec. 18 with a capital and surplus of \$50,000. Its officers and directors are: John B. Zabriskie, County Judge of Bergen County, President; Herman Klomberg, Vice-President; Archer J. Mowerson, Vice-President; Richard E. Lawlin, Cashier; James M. B. Frost, Frederick G. Manwaring, William V. Pulis, Robert Mowerson and Peter S. Pulis, directors.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Franklin National Bank, of Philadelphia, on Jan. 9, action will be taken on the question of increasing the capital stock of the bank from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000, the increase to be made by a stock dividend from the undivided profits of the bank.

Announcement was made in Philadelphia on Thursday of this week (Dec. 21) of a proposed consolidation of the Bank of North America, the oldest bank in the United States, and the Commercial Trust Co. of that city. At the regular meetings of the directors of the respective institutions held on that day the proposed merger was approved and the terms of the consolidation will be submitted to the stockholders of the respective institutions for ratification at meetings to be held shortly. The new institution is to be known as the Bank of North America & Trust Co. and will have a capital of \$10,000,000. John H. Mason, President of the Commercial Trust Co. will become Chairman of the Board of the new bank and E. Pusey Passmore, President of the Bank of North America, its President. All present members of the boards of the two institutions will become directors of the new institution and all officers will be retained, it is said. The present banking quarters of the two banks at City Hall Square and 305 Chestnut Street it is said will be maintained by the enlarged bank. It will operate, it is said under the charter of the Commercial Trust Co. while the Bank of North America will surrender its national charter. The Philadelphia "Ledger" in its issue of yesterday (Dec. 22) gave the following brief history of the Bank of North America. It said:

One of the most important moves in connection with the consolidation is the surrender by the Bank of North America of its national charter. The bank was chartered by Congress in 1781, having been founded by Robert Morris who financed the War of the Revolution. It was opened Jan. 16 1782 and since that time has been directed by only eleven presidents. In all the 141 years of its existence the bank has not had a year in which it did not pay a dividend, though it had some narrow escapes, notably in the trying period of 1842, when the dividend was cut to one cent a share. With only two exceptions since 1847—and both of these were in Civil War times—has its dividend been below 2%.

In 1782 the bank took out a State charter, as there was question at that time whether the Continental charter under which it was operating covered the bank's needs. A few years later its charter was abrogated by the State Assembly, and a charter was obtained from the State of Delaware, and plans made to establish the bank in Wilmington. After a vigorous contest the Pennsylvania Assembly granted a new charter, which, however, was much more restrictive than the abrogated one.

The Bank of North America has had the unique distinction of not being required to carry the word "national" in its name, the only national bank in the country accorded such a privilege.

Elias N. Moor, Secretary and Treasurer of the Tacony Trust Co. of Philadelphia, died on the 11th inst. For thirty-five years Mr. Moor had been associated with the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co. His association with the Tacony Trust Co. covered a period of sixteen years.

At the board meeting of the Central National Bank of Philadelphia on Dec. 7, the directors resolved to ask the shareholders to vote, at the annual meeting on Jan. 9 1923, upon a proposal to increase the capital from \$1,000,000 to \$1,250,000, the new stock to be subscribed for by the stockholders at par.

The stockholders of the South Side Bank of Buffalo have approved plans to increase its capital from \$150,000 to \$300,000. Part of this increase has been effected by the declaration of a stock dividend of 50%, thereby bringing the present capital up to \$225,000. The additional \$75,000 will be offered to the public later. The par value of the stock is \$100 per share. The new issue is to be sold at \$175 per share. The enlarged capital insofar as the stock dividend is concerned is now effective; the additional will be sold prior to Jan. 1 1923. The officers have made application to convert the institution into a national bank, but it is not yet known how soon the change will become operative. Certain formalities have to be complied with, but it is expected that conversion will be completed early next year.

Announcement is made that the name of the National Produce Bank of Chicago has been changed to The National Bank of Commerce in Chicago. With this new title, which is more comprehensive, a broader field of operation is permitted; it is stated, under the same national charter, with no change in the personnel of the bank's officers or directors. Edwin L. Wagner is President of the bank, which is a member of the Federal Reserve System and of the Chicago Clearing House Association.

John G. Rodgers has been elected to the board of directors of the Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago, succeeding Francis A. Hardy. Mr. Rodgers is also Vice-President of the Northwestern Region of the Pennsylvania RR.

The directors of the First National Co. of Detroit at a meeting on Dec. 1 elected as Vice-President Hamilton Hadden, Manager of the Eastern District, whose offices are at 59 Wall Street, and Horace J. Elliott, Manager of the Central District, with offices at 209 South La Salle Street, Chicago. The First National Co. of Detroit was organized in 1919 as an adjunct of the First National Bank. It deals in the purchase and sale of Government, State, municipal and corporate bonds.

Announcement was made on Dec. 18 by the directors of the Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis of the merging of the Minneapolis National Bank with that institution. The consolidation went into effect immediately, the Minneapolis National Bank now being operated as the Lake Street office of the Northwestern National Bank at its old location at Lake Street and Nicollet Avenue. C. E. Hill, formerly Vice-President of the Minneapolis National Bank, has been elected a Vice-President of the Northwestern National Bank and will devote his time largely to the affairs of the Lake Street office. The Manager of the new office is G. J. Bach, with L. H. Berg and R. E. Bostwick, Assistant Managers. The Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. is the affiliated institution of the Northwestern National Bank, their combined resources being \$92,000,000.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Colorado National Bank of Denver, Colo., on Jan. 9 1923, action will be taken on a resolution to increase the capital stock of the bank to the extent of \$500,000, making the total capital \$1,000,000, the increase to be made by a stock dividend from the undivided profits.

The closing of the Ballantine State Bank, Ballantine, Mont., is reported in the weekly announcement (Dec. 8) issued by the Federal Reserve Board.

The Federal Reserve Board in its weekly announcement Dec. 15 reported the closing of the Morgan County Bank, Madison, Ga.

Through an agreement entered into between the stockholders of the Ocean Park Bank on the one hand, and the First National Bank of Los Angeles, the Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank and the First Securities Co. on the other, an affiliation has been consummated by which the stockholders of the Ocean Park Bank with branches in Venice and Santa Monica, will become co-partners in the First National-Pacific-Southwest Group. The merger of these institutions, which will be effective Jan. 2, does not mean, it is stated, the loss of identity for the Bay Cities banks because "the outstanding and important feature of the entire transaction lies in the fact that by this means the Ocean Park Bank in Ocean Park, Venice and Santa Monica, retain their individual institutions plus the support of the aggregate resources of the Pacific-Southwest banks, which under the call of Sept. 15 amounted to \$204,069,268 18. Under the same call the resources of the Ocean Park Bank were \$3,174,087 05." We are advised that the transaction does not entail an outright purchase of stock but the stockholders of the Ocean Park Bank, through an exchange of shares in the Pacific-Southwest banks, become co-partners in the entire business of the First National Bank of Los Angeles, the Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank and the First Securities Co. Under the plan of the merger, the present officers and employees will remain in charge in each of the cities in which the Ocean Park Bank operates. Under the terms of the merger an understanding was reached as to the continued local control of the Bay Cities banks. T. H. Dudley, who is President of the Ocean Park Bank, was at one time Mayor of Santa Monica. He has been President of the bank since its organization 20 years ago.

We also learn that by an agreement entered into between all of the stockholders of the San Fernando National Bank on the one hand and the First National Bank of Los Angeles, Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank and the First Securities Co. on the other an affiliation has been consummated by which the stockholders of the San Fernando National Bank are to become co-partners in the First National Bank of Los Angeles, Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank and the First Securities Co. The merger will become effective Jan. 2. An official announcement says:

The arrangements were worked out between Fred W. Prince, President of the San Fernando National Bank, and Charles F. Stern, Executive Vice-President of the Pacific-Southwest institutions. This transaction does not entail an outright purchase of stock, but the stockholders of the San Fernando National Bank, through an exchange of shares in the Pacific-Southwest banks, become co-partners in the entire business of the First National Bank of Los Angeles, Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank and the First Securities Co.

The affiliation of these institutions does not mean the absorption of the San Fernando National Bank, for the outstanding and important feature of the whole transaction lies in the fact that by this means San Fernando retains its own individual institution plus the support of the total resources amounting to more than \$200,000,000. Under the statement of condition on Sept. 15 the total resources of the San Fernando National Bank were \$883,443 05. On Dec. 12 these resources had increased to more than \$975,000.

Under the plan of the merger an understanding was reached as to continued local control over the institution and the continued authority of San Fernando officers and directors. The officers and directors of the San Fernando institution are as follows: Fred W. Prince, President; F. L. Shimmmin, Vice-President; Frank J. Hendershot, Cashier; W. L. Fletcher, Assistant Cashier. Directors: Fred W. Prince, F. L. Shimmmin, Hardman Fowler, E. A. Curtis and L. Q. Branson.

According to a press dispatch from Portland, Ore., under date of Dec. 13, printed in the San Francisco "Chronicle" of the following day, creditors of the old bond house of Morris Brothers, Inc. (now the Morris Brothers Corporation), who declined to participate in the new corporation by taking preferred stock for their claims, were to receive a Christmas dividend of 3% of their claims. This dividend, it is said, brings the total distribution to the non-assenting creditors up to 40 1-3%, as on Jan. 17 1922 they received 30% and on May 16 1922 7 1-3% of their claims. The present distribution, it is said, amounts to \$24,180 35, or 3% of approved claims of \$806,011 57. We last referred to the affairs of this company in our issue of Jan. 14 1922.

The annual statement of the Royal Bank of Canada for the fiscal year ended Nov. 30 discloses a sound position. With its large and complete organization throughout the

Dominion, the report of the bank reflects in a special manner the general conditions of the country. The bank has fully maintained its usual strong liquid position, the percentage of actual cash on hand and in bank to liabilities to the public being 28.20%. Of total assets of \$479,362,366, liquid assets are \$216,048,331, being 49.37% of liabilities to the public. Of this amount cash on hand and Dominion notes total \$63,935,920. Other principal items included in the liquid assets are call loans on bonds, debentures and stocks of approximately \$48,000,000; checks on other banks, \$20,573,642; balances due by banks and banking correspondents, \$27,893,715; Canadian municipal securities and British foreign and colonial public securities, other than Canadian, \$7,901,927; railway and other bonds, \$13,462,068. The profit and loss account shows that profits have been well maintained, the total for the year after deducting charges for management, accrued interest on deposits, making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts, having amounted to \$3,958,469, which equals 19.40% on the capital. This amount, added to the balance of profit and loss carried from the previous year, made the total amount available for distribution \$4,863,514.

THE CURB MARKET.

Trading was only moderately active in the Curb Market this week, while price movements for the most of the time were unsettled. Towards the end of the week the market improved and at the close prices generally were strong. Durant Motors in particular were active, and after early loss of some two points to 70 1/8, sold up to 75 1/4, with the close today at 75. Durant Motors of Indiana from 17 1/4 reached 22 1/2 and sold finally at 22 1/4. New Fiction Publishing Corp. also attracted attention, selling up to a new high record, from 12 1/4 to 15, though it reacted subsequently, the close to-day being at 14. Glen Alden Coal advanced from 54 to 56. Philip Morris Co. gained a point to 20 and sold finally at 19 1/8. Peerless Truck & Motor sold up from 69 1/4 to 73 1/4 and ends the week at 73. Standard Oil issues were also firmer. Standard Oil (Calif.) gained about three points to 59 1/8 but reacted to-day to 58 1/2. Standard Oil (Indiana) after a drop from 116 1/2 to 114 1/2, recovered to 117 and reacted finally to 115 1/4. Standard Oil (Kentucky) sold down from 119 1/2 to 117, then up to 123. Mammoth Oil weakened from 42 3/8 to 41 5/8, recovered to 43 and ends the week at 42 1/2. Maracaibo Oil Exploration lost three points to 12 3/4, advanced to 15 and finished to-day at 14 1/8. Merritt Oil improved from 6 3/8 to 8 1/4 and sold finally at 7 1/4.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 2785.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Dec. 6 1922:

GOLD.

The bulk of the available supplies this week have been taken for the United States of America, only a few purchases being made on Indian account. To-day's price—90s. 7d.—is the lowest quoted since Sept. 12 1919, when a quotation per fine ounce was first fixed for exportable gold. Gold valued at \$1,657,000 has been received in New York, \$925,000 from London and \$732,000 from Alexandria.

SILVER.

The market seems to present a rather more steady appearance, owing probably to the position in China, where the stocks of syces, &c., are shrinking somewhat quickly; there is, however, no reason for a renewal of confidence in the more distant future. Of course it is but natural that prices should rest awhile after the sharp fall of the last few weeks. America is not inclined to sell so readily now that there is a possibility of China replenishing its stocks from San Francisco. The stemming of the decline rendered it more difficult for bears to cover; this, together with a few Indian buying orders, brought a fairly strong reaction from the lowest price touched last week, but to-day buyers seem to be satisfied for the moment. The "Gazette de Hollande" announces that "a new florin is shortly to be issued in Holland, of a lower alloy than that at present in circulation. Since November 1921 2,200,000 of those florins and 16,000,000 half-florins have been minted for the Dutch East Indies. For this country there was no necessity for putting the new florin into circulation immediately, as there existed a sufficient quantity of legal tender. The necessity, however, has now arisen, and the new florin will shortly make its appearance. The decision is of great importance for Holland. The increase of silver florins will render possible the withdrawal of a number of silver notes. The only outward difference between the old and the new florin is that the date has been placed underneath the coat of arms instead of over it." The heavy accumulation of silver rupees in the Indian note reserves, as set out below, is not ceasing when compared with the coinage operations, which have been upon a very important scale since 1916. The lowest figures recently attained in this reserve were 1,044 lacs on April 7 1919; the total in the reserve on the 15th ult. had risen by 9,018 lacs to 9,062 lacs, which is about equal to the grand total of coins minted during 1918 and since, notwithstanding that the mintage of 1918 and 1919 were each over 50% more than the mintage of any year since 1874. The increase of 8,018 lacs is well over a quarter of the mintage during the 20 years' coinage commencing with the accession of Edward VII. In these circumstances the reserve would seem adequate for any possible demands likely to arise for many years to come.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

In Lacs of Rupees—	Nov. 15.	Nov. 22.	Nov. 30.
Notes in circulation	17820	17761	17730
Silver coin and bullion in India	9062	9002	8972
Silver coin and bullion out of India	—	—	2432
Gold coin and bullion in India	2432	2432	2432
Gold coin and bullion out of India	—	—	—
Securities (Indian Government)	5742	5742	5742
Securities (British Government)	584	585	594

No silver coinage was reported during the week ending 30th ult. The stock in Shanghai on the 2d inst. consisted of about 36,100,000 ounces in sycee, \$35,000,000 and 240 silver bars, as compared with 38,200,000 ounces, \$33,500,000 and 210 silver bars. The Shanghai exchange is quoted at 3s. 1 1/4d. the tael.

Quotations—	Cash.	Bar Silver per oz. std.—	Two Mos. per oz. fine.	Bar Gold per oz. fine.
Dec. 1	32 3/4d.	32 1-16d.	91s. 4d.	—
Dec. 2	32 3-16d.	31 15-16d.	—	—
Dec. 4	32 3-16d.	31 15-16d.	91s. 1d.	—
Dec. 5	32 7-16d.	32 1-16d.	90s. 10d.	—
Dec. 6	32 3/4d.	32d.	90s. 7d.	—
Average of above five days	32.312d.	32d.	90s. 11.5d.	—

The silver quotations to-day for cash and forward delivery are each 1/4d. above those fixed on the 30th ult.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

London, Week Ending—	Dec. 16.	Dec. 18.	Dec. 19.	Dec. 20.	Dec. 21.	Dec. 22.
Silver, per oz.	30 7-16	30 1/2	30 1/4	30 3/4	30 1/4	30 3/4
Gold, per fine ounce	88.0	88.6	88.9	89.4	89.1	88.9
Consols, 2 1/2 per cents	56	56	56	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2
British 5 per cents	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/2	99 1/4	99 1/4
British 4 1/2 per cents	94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	95	95
French Rentcs (in Paris) fr.	59	59.22	59.20	59.25	59.5	59.30
French War Loan (in Paris) fr.	76.15	76.15	76.30	76.35	76.50	—

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been:

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (std.):	Domestic	Foreign
Dec. 16	99 1/4	62 1/4
Dec. 18	99 1/4	62 1/4
Dec. 19	99 1/4	62 1/4
Dec. 20	99 1/4	62 1/4
Dec. 21	99 1/4	63
Dec. 22	99 1/4	62 1/4

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings for the current week show an increase as compared with the corresponding week last year, and owing to the large expansion in the bank exchanges outside of New York the revised totals for the previous week, as indicated further below, also show an increase, whereas our telegraphic returns for that week had indicated a small decrease.

Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ending Saturday, Dec. 23, aggregate bank clearings for all the cities in the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will show an increase of 12.5% as compared with the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$8,028,762,604, against \$7,134,537,996 for the same week in 1921. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph— Week ending Dec. 23.	1922.	1921.	Per Cent.
New York	\$3,598,000,000	\$3,398,500,000	+8.8
Chicago	497,102,474	420,409,201	+18.2
Philadelphia	448,000,000	363,000,000	+23.4
Boston	238,000,000	254,000,000	+17.3
Kansas City	120,144,820	114,443,902	+4.8
St. Louis	a	a	a
San Francisco	122,500,000	107,500,000	+19.7
Pittsburgh	140,098,296	150,000,000	-6.0
Detroit	118,227,148	86,735,500	+36.3
Baltimore	85,027,161	64,596,762	+55.7
New Orleans	62,577,880	47,985,285	+30.5
Eleven cities, 5 days	\$5,595,277,779	\$4,997,750,700	+12.0
Other cities, 5 days	1,096,357,725	947,597,530	+15.6
Total all cities, 5 days	\$6,691,635,504	\$5,945,348,230	+12.5
All cities, 1 day	1,338,137,100	1,189,089,666	+12.5
Total all cities for week	\$8,028,762,604	\$7,134,537,996	+12.5

a No longer report clearings. * Estimated.

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends on Saturday and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day, while we go to press late Friday night. Accordingly, in the above the last day of the week has in all cases had to be estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous—the week ending Dec. 16. For that week the increase is 2.7%, the 1922 aggregate of the clearings being \$7,776,806,052 and the 1921 aggregate \$7,575,642,739. Outside of this city, however, the increase is 12.9%, the bank exchanges at this centre actually recording a decrease of 4.5%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the Boston Reserve District the increase is 10.6%, in the Philadelphia Reserve District 12.5%, and in the Cleveland Reserve District 3.8%. Owing to the shrinkage in the clearings at this centre, the New York Reserve District (including this city) registers a loss of 4.3%.

The Richmond Reserve District records a gain of 19.7%, the Atlanta Reserve District of 20.9% and the Chicago Reserve District of 14.6%. In the St. Louis Reserve District the improvement reaches 29.3%. The Minneapolis Reserve District adds 10.3% to its last year's total and the Kansas City Reserve District 11.4%. The Dallas Reserve District and the San Francisco Reserve District are also able to show increases, the former having an increase of 12.7% and the latter of 13.6%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week ending Dec. 9.	1922.	1921.	Inc. or Dec.	1920.	1919.
Federal Reserve Districts.					
(1st) Boston.....9 cities	414,570,525	374,966,384	+10.6	428,697,715	521,789,679
(2nd) New York.....9 "	4,330,134,835	4,522,712,703	+4.5	5,155,375,529	5,949,923,984
(3rd) Philadelphia.....9 "	528,199,011	460,995,024	+12.5	550,975,753	577,570,634
(4th) Cleveland.....8 "	389,779,545	347,549,210	+11.7	460,740,816	483,733,857
(5th) Richmond.....8 "	187,089,114	165,490,183	+11.7	190,256,096	228,071,497
(6th) Atlanta.....11 "	193,380,058	159,352,326	+20.9	150,824,986	229,081,247
(7th) Chicago.....19 "	802,614,835	700,063,177	+13.2	849,463,081	910,031,451
(8th) St. Louis.....7 "	84,077,619	65,035,224	+29.2	75,107,016	78,242,036
(9th) Minneapolis.....7 "	130,735,427	118,463,738	+11.3	153,958,341	91,883,485
(10th) Kansas City.....11 "	284,759,545	228,679,859	+24.5	292,894,819	367,696,438
(11th) Dallas.....5 "	61,167,390	54,283,489	+12.7	65,286,204	65,407,212
(12th) San Francisco.....14 "	429,187,517	377,780,422	+13.6	421,712,299	408,604,213
Grand total.....116 cities	7,776,806,052	7,075,842,739	+9.9	8,222,085,957	9,980,801,169
Outside New York City.....	3,615,550,811	3,113,182,054	+12.9	3,740,832,641	4,085,469,830
Canada.....28 cities	351,420,610	353,923,200	-0.7	453,634,069	425,122,557

We now add our detailed statement, showing last week's figures for each city separately, for the four years:

Clearings at—	Week ending December 15.				
	1922.	1921.	Inc. or Dec.	1920.	1919.
First Federal Reserve District—Boston—					
Bangor.....	751,784	1,026,193	-26.7	925,000	816,454
Portland.....	a	a	a	a	a
Mass.—Boston.....	352,000,000	347,000,000	+10.1	396,276,451	488,212,953
Fall River.....	2,667,197	1,729,795	+54.2	1,791,387	3,273,097
Holyoke.....	a	a	a	a	a
Lowell.....	1,389,027	1,460,650	-4.0	1,255,831	1,204,452
Lynn.....	a	a	a	a	a
New Bedford.....	1,697,562	2,064,599	-17.8	1,802,586	2,497,746
Springfield.....	5,330,628	4,359,388	+22.3	5,235,991	5,233,558
Worcester.....	4,288,509	3,194,412	+34.3	5,146,772	5,113,038
Conn.—Hartford.....	10,227,368	8,928,146	+15.6	10,614,334	9,181,359
New Haven.....	6,218,050	5,203,203	+19.5	5,649,363	6,227,042
R. I.—Providence.....	a	a	a	a	a
Total (9 cities).....	414,570,525	374,966,384	+10.6	428,697,715	521,789,679
Second Federal Reserve District—New York—					
N. Y.—Albany.....	4,924,968	4,791,720	+3.0	4,631,622	5,370,606
Binghamton.....	1,071,100	1,024,500	+4.0	1,234,500	1,350,300
Buffalo.....	643,847,491	37,987,676	+15.4	47,157,480	49,769,072
Elmira.....	644,065	Not included	a	a	a
Jamestown.....	d1,164,988	1,009,893	+15.4	1,091,632	a
New York.....	4,261,255,241	4,462,400,685	-4.6	5,081,138,326	5,875,331,327
Rochester.....	10,271,904	8,747,603	+17.4	12,609,812	13,121,567
Syracuse.....	4,374,530	3,637,290	+20.3	4,442,222	4,385,892
Conn.—Stamford.....	42,646,442	2,270,137	+16.3	2,824,131	a
N. J.—Montclair.....	568,171	783,199	-27.5	650,800	595,230
Total (9 cities).....	4,330,134,835	4,522,712,703	-4.5	5,155,375,529	5,949,923,984
Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia—					
Pa.—Allentown.....	1,301,332	945,773	+37.0	1,110,514	926,422
Bethlehem.....	3,842,010	2,755,553	+39.4	3,667,719	a
Chester.....	1,389,000	1,096,842	+26.7	1,398,462	1,604,728
Lancaster.....	3,043,455	2,544,734	+19.6	2,479,328	2,418,735
Philadelphia.....	501,000,000	446,000,000	+12.3	535,168,294	596,414,546
Reading.....	3,496,254	2,707,133	+29.1	2,900,000	3,108,837
Seranton.....	e5,010,270	4,781,849	+2.7	5,230,562	4,789,250
Wilkes-Barre.....	e5,213,209	3,083,537	+7.5	2,746,043	2,783,140
York.....	1,534,179	1,337,594	+14.7	1,541,614	1,537,493
N. J.—Trenton.....	4,369,212	4,439,569	-1.6	4,734,240	3,949,453
Del.—Wilmington.....	a	a	a	a	a
Total (10 cities).....	528,199,011	460,995,024	+12.5	560,976,753	577,570,634
Fourth Federal Reserve District—Cleveland—					
Ohio—Akron.....	66,878,090	5,000,000	+37.6	7,546,000	12,583,000
Canton.....	5,117,223	3,707,907	+36.2	5,132,861	5,326,988
Cincinnati.....	69,021,558	65,599,366	+5.2	75,703,848	80,059,384
Cleveland.....	105,440,347	90,359,677	+16.7	140,000,000	168,802,293
Columbus.....	15,948,300	13,830,300	+15.3	16,706,300	15,058,300
Dayton.....	a	a	a	a	a
Lima.....	693,438	810,724	-15.1	812,964	1,420,842
Mansfield.....	a	a	a	a	a
Springfield.....	a	a	a	a	a
Toledo.....	a	a	a	a	a
Youngstown.....	e4,559,579	3,165,236	+40.0	5,067,271	4,354,331
Pa.—Erie.....	a	a	a	a	a
Greensburg.....	a	a	a	a	a
Pittsburg.....	153,221,400	*165,020,000	-7.2	199,781,572	198,128,819
W. Va.—Wheeling.....	a	a	a	a	a
Total (8 cities).....	360,779,845	347,549,210	+3.8	450,740,816	483,733,857
Fifth Federal Reserve District—Richmond—					
W. Va.—Huntington.....	2,127,800	1,849,408	+15.1	2,000,000	a
Va.—Norfolk.....	e10,735,103	7,591,808	+41.7	9,135,514	14,864,873
Richmond.....	55,236,423	49,581,709	+12.0	59,239,915	83,047,544
B. C.—Charleston.....	3,824,813	2,050,000	+13.4	2,209,000	5,109,000
Md.—Baltimore.....	93,859,368	74,811,468	+25.3	97,731,496	104,613,921
D. C.—Washington.....	22,715,607	20,505,744	+10.8	18,928,971	19,045,657
Total (6 cities).....	187,299,114	156,490,183	+19.7	190,236,896	226,671,497
Sixth Federal Reserve District—Atlanta—					
Tenn.—Chattanooga.....	66,771,693	5,151,655	+31.4	6,000,000	7,000,000
Knoxville.....	3,842,755	2,822,689	+35.2	3,200,000	3,587,439
Nashville.....	e19,525,000	19,075,768	+3.9	21,923,491	25,697,893
Ga.—Atlanta.....	55,236,423	49,581,709	+12.0	59,239,915	83,047,544
Ala.—Birmingham.....	3,824,813	2,050,000	+13.4	2,209,000	5,109,000
Md.—Baltimore.....	93,859,368	74,811,468	+25.3	97,731,496	104,613,921
D. C.—Washington.....	22,715,607	20,505,744	+10.8	18,928,971	19,045,657
Total (6 cities).....	187,299,114	156,490,183	+19.7	190,236,896	226,671,497
Seventh Federal Reserve District—Chicago—					
Mich.—Adrian.....	206,128	187,855	+9.7	a	196,607
Ann Arbor.....	829,556	530,000	+56.5	a	660,688
Detroit.....	112,674,945	87,989,000	+28.1	135,476,111	145,124,932
Grand Rapids.....	6,551,654	7,255,726	-9.7	5,995,268	6,464,796
Lansing.....	1,900,260	1,608,600	+13.9	1,500,000	1,675,264
Ind.—Ft. Wayne.....	2,215,434	2,071,615	+6.9	2,400,000	2,223,805
Indianapolis.....	21,140,600	18,873,000	+12.0	17,599,000	17,959,000
South Bend.....	a	1,901,926	+45.3	a	1,748,370
Wis.—Milwaukee.....	36,217,210	29,112,264	+24.4	33,243,431	33,401,589
Ia.—Cedar Rapids.....	2,207,590	1,351,608	+63.3	1,982,001	2,512,847
Des Moines.....	9,596,537	9,703,414	-1.1	9,222,911	11,461,088
Sloux City.....	5,660,634	4,584,305	+23.5	6,500,000	10,297,931
Waterloo.....	1,233,428	1,176,185	+4.9	1,115,032	2,039,947
Ill.—Bloomington.....	1,444,098	1,450,013	-1.1	1,695,466	1,925,349
Chicago.....	588,020,935	622,498,789	+12.6	618,225,034	661,680,103
Decatur.....	a	a	a	a	a
Danville.....	1,212,248	1,194,615	+1.5	1,345,831	1,635,116
Peoria.....	4,301,607	4,304,601	+1.3	4,563,550	5,370,047
Rockford.....	2,175,989	1,901,564	+14.6	2,400,000	2,500,000
Springfield.....	2,445,909	2,998,097	-2.2	2,713,079	2,220,829
Total (19 cities).....	802,614,835	700,063,177	+14.6	849,463,081	910,031,451
Eighth Federal Reserve District—Louisville—					
Ind.—Evansville.....	4,538,264	4,422,691	+2.6	4,738,166	4,799,226
Mo.—St. Louis.....	a	a	a	a	a
Ky.—Louisville.....	33,906,131	27,637,844	+22.7	31,684,394	19,128,037
Owensboro.....	1,044,912	1,026,347	+1.8	699,522	1,530,500
Tenn.—Memphis.....	29,138,001	20,713,019	+40.7	21,268,316	3,143,825
Ark.—Little Rock.....	13,572,168	9,681,698	+40.2	11,532,592	16,193,615
Ill.—Jacksonville.....	348,398	310,119	+9.2	784,780	523,218
Quincy.....	1,929,745	1,234,806	+23.9	1,434,246	1,623,615
Total (7 cities).....	84,077,619	65,035,224	+29.3	72,107,016	78,242,036
Ninth Federal Reserve District—Minneapolis—					
Minn.—Duluth.....	e8,523,762	7,411,655	+15.0	13,324,289	7,980,376
Minneapolis.....	78,232,199	70,137,000	+11.5	89,389,104	92,492,292
St. Paul.....	35,965,020	32,819,488	+9.6	46,408,728	21,874,148
No. Dak.—Fargo.....	2,160,942	2,096,660	+3.1	3,000,000	3,500,000
So. Dak.—Aberdeen.....	1,454,055	1,193,762	+21.8	1,558,159	1,810,418
Mont.—Billings.....	570,494	649,533	-12.2	1,205,958	1,571,068
Helena.....	3,829,685	4,156,240	-7.9	1,915,105	2,832,196
Total (7 cities).....	130,735,427	118,463,738	+10.3	153,798,341	91,883,485
Tenth Federal Reserve District—Kansas City—					
Neb.—Fremont.....	625,534	424,139	+23.2	508,286	647,627
Hastings.....	527,902	549,560	-3.9	508,286	645,054
Lincoln.....	4,148,356	3,275,387	+26.7	4,043,051	5,172,640
Omaha.....	42,637,238	35,820,666	+19.0	43,517,825	56,935,647
Kan.—Topeka.....	e2,815,308	2,534,710	+11.1	2,835,140	3,597,649
Wichita.....	10,119,472	9,958,065	+1.0	10,951,464	13,661,418
Mo.—Kan. City.....	146,097,751	133,744,757	+9.2	180,000,000	248,388,193
St. Joseph.....	a	a	a	a	a
Oka.—Muskegoe.....	a	a	a	a	a
Oklahoma City.....	a	a	a	a	a
Tulsa.....	e25,227,430	20,614,509	+22.4	25,960,005	13,939,157
Colo.—Colo. Spgs.....	1,246,450	979,679	+27.6	970,725	1,051,315
Denver.....	e20,709,042	20,075,996			

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS FOR NOVEMBER.

The Bureau of Statistics at Washington has issued the statement of the country's foreign trade for November and from it and previous statements we have prepared the following. In the case of the merchandise movement, however, the figures of exports alone are shown this time, the enactment of the new tariff law having delayed the compilation of the import figures as stated more at length in the foot note to the table.

FOREIGN TRADE MOVEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.
(In the following tables three ciphers are in all cases omitted.)

000s omitted.	Merchandise.			Gold.			Silver.		
	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1922	383,000	(7)	3,431	18,308	14,877	6,599	5,858	744	
1921	294,092	210,943	83,144	607	51,298	50,691	4,804	61,108	
1920	675,328	321,209	355,319	19,870	66,889	47,019	3,144	5,025	61,881
1919	740,014	424,810	315,204	51,558	2,397	49,461	19,052	7,019	12,333
1918	322,327	251,008	71,229	9,048	1,920	7,128	7,150	5,940	1,660
1917	487,327	220,535	266,793	7,223	2,906	4,317	4,789	9,080	40,297
1916	516,167	176,968	339,199	29,335	46,973	17,638	7,846	2,583	5,263
1915	327,670	155,497	172,173	3,691	60,981	57,320	5,971	3,376	2,595

a Excess of imports.

Totals for eleven months ended Nov. 30:

000s omitted.	Merchandise.			Gold.			Silver.		
	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1922	3,490,340	(7)	34,165	248,730	214,561	55,894	62,959	17,065	
1921	4,188,833	3,271,652	917,181	41,730	359,532	317,802	44,430	57,726	13,296
1920	7,507,730	5,012,424	2,495,306	305,083	872,408	567,325	83,424	24,101	
1919	7,390,016	3,523,653	3,866,363	421,925	63,820	358,105	208,424	79,723	128,701
1918	5,583,201	2,820,320	2,762,879	39,490	60,277	20,787	204,540	67,045	137,495
1917	5,433,378	2,734,556	2,698,822	367,346	535,359	168,043	74,000	47,186	26,819
1916	4,959,472	1,586,801	3,372,671	127,819	527,369	399,550	61,587	29,711	32,678
1915	3,195,364	1,506,704	1,688,660	19,537	406,542	387,005	46,768	31,881	14,887

b Excess of imports.

Note.—The compilation of the figures of merchandise imports under the new Tariff Law, from Sept. 22 to Nov. 30, has been much delayed, according to the Department of Commerce, on account of the many and complicated changes in classification and rates of duties. For 1922 exports only are shown. Imports will be published as soon as the reports are received.

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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.

	National Bank Circulation Afloat on—		Total.		
	National Bank Notes.	Fed. Res. Bank Notes.	Bonds.	Legal Tenders.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Nov. 30 1922	739,018,690	31,468,700	736,065,365	25,433,762	761,499,127
Oct. 31 1922	737,660,690	46,468,700	734,520,475	26,158,712	760,679,187
Sept. 30 1922	737,901,940	56,788,700	734,465,253	26,255,914	760,751,197
Aug. 31 1922	735,460,690	67,518,700	733,623,323	26,082,024	759,705,549
July 31 1922	734,546,300	84,318,700	732,585,640	25,616,387	758,202,027
June 30 1922	733,876,690	87,318,700	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	729,702,240	110,359,700	727,465,523	24,569,959	752,035,482
Feb. 28 1922	729,426,740	126,393,700	724,480,758	25,130,699	749,611,367
Jan. 31 1921	728,523,240	126,393,700	724,235,815	25,932,109	750,167,924
Nov. 30 1921	728,351,240	139,393,700	723,023,965	26,283,132	749,307,097
Oct. 31 1921	727,512,490	149,768,600	716,304,820	26,984,017	743,288,847
Sept. 30 1921	727,005,490	155,768,700	709,836,355	27,402,759	743,239,113
Aug. 31 1921	724,770,490	208,355,200	711,000,305	24,148,669	735,148,874
July 31 1921	723,675,190	224,105,200	702,570,407	29,570,407	732,141,179

\$40,044,400 Federal Reserve bank notes outstanding Nov. 30 (of which \$25,405,400 secured by United States bonds and \$23,639,000 by lawful money), against \$118,533,400 Nov. 30 1921.

The following shows the amount of each class of United States bonds and certificates on deposit to secure Federal Reserve Bank notes and national bank notes on Nov. 30:

Bonds on Deposit Nov. 30 1922.	U. S. Bonds Held Nov. 30 to Secure—			Total Held.
	On Deposit to Secure Federal Reserve Bank Notes.	On Deposit to Secure National Bank Notes.		
	\$	\$	\$	
2s, U. S. Consols of 1930	5,813,400	582,496,950	588,310,350	
4s, U. S. Loan of 1925	1,768,000	82,764,900	84,532,900	
2s, U. S. Panama of 1930	257,000	48,212,240	48,469,240	
2s, U. S. Panama of 1935	130,300	25,544,600	25,674,900	
2s, U. S. 1-Year Certifs. of Indebtedness	23,500,000		23,500,000	
Totals	31,468,700	739,018,690	770,487,390	

The following shows the amount of national bank notes afloat and the amount of legal tender deposits Nov. 1 and Dec. 1 and their increase or decrease during the month of November:

National Bank Notes—Total Afloat—		Amount afloat Nov. 1 1922	Net increase during November
Amount afloat Nov. 1 1922			
Amount of bank notes afloat Dec. 1 1922		\$760,679,187	819,940
Legal Tender Notes—		\$761,499,127	
Amount on deposit to redeem national banks Nov. 1 1922		\$26,158,712	
Net amount of bank notes retired in November		724,950	
Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes Dec. 1 1922		\$25,433,762	

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 2814.—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.
	Mts. 1961bs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.
Chicago	225,000	571,000	4,539,000	2,112,000	156,000	167,000
Minneapolis	3,446,000	180,000	495,000	397,000	381,000	281,000
Duluth	1,415,000	1,000	—	4,000	599,000	—
Milwaukee	33,000	54,000	336,000	564,000	209,000	98,000
Toledo	—	694,000	72,000	626,000	—	7,000
Detroit	—	39,000	62,000	72,000	—	—
St. Louis	66,000	587,000	390,000	502,000	13,000	1,000
Peoria	41,000	27,000	690,000	297,000	10,000	11,000
Kansas City	—	1,539,000	207,000	167,000	—	—
Omaha	—	435,000	527,000	182,000	—	—
St. Joseph	—	197,000	147,000	60,000	—	—
Indianapolis	—	37,000	482,000	78,000	—	—
Total wk. '22	365,000	9,038,000	7,999,000	5,155,000	780,000	1,264,000
Same wk. '21	339,000	6,211,000	12,113,000	3,090,000	497,000	395,000
Same wk. '20	320,000	7,226,000	3,861,000	3,091,000	1,236,000	596,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday Dec. 16 1922 follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	405,000	2,302,000	32,000	320,000	200,000	154,000
Philadelphia	123,000	1,345,000	163,000	169,000	—	2,000
Baltimore	35,000	332,000	193,000	21,000	—	79,000
Newport News	2,000	—	—	—	—	—
Norfolk	1,000	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans*	72,000	408,000	410,000	23,000	—	—
Galveston	—	252,000	—	—	—	—
Montreal	70,000	790,000	69,000	593,000	143,000	—
St. John, N. D.	32,000	1,245,000	—	—	—	—
Boston	35,000	388,000	—	41,000	—	3,000
Total wk. '22	777,000	6,562,000	807,000	1,207,000	343,000	422,000
Since Jan. 1 '22	25,847,000	288,306,000	142,399,000	67,762,000	17,089,000	45,873,000
Week 1921	485,000	5,180,000	2,409,000	327,000	95,000	552,000
Since Jan. 1 '21	25,143,000	278,196,000	96,714,000	44,188,000	17,129,000	24,443,000

* 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, December 16, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Peas.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	1,824,097	141,874	184,420	208,016	699,578	62,018	—
Portland, Me.	432,000	26,000	28,000	20,000	305,000	—	—
Boston	1,168,000	—	2,000	—	319,000	—	—
Philadelphia	1,234,000	44,000	3,000	—	37,000	—	—
Baltimore	363,000	35,000	31,000	—	162,000	—	—
Norfolk	—	—	1,000	—	—	—	—
Newport News	—	—	2,000	—	—	—	—
Pensacola	—	2,000	—	—	—	—	—
Mobile	—	2,000	10,000	—	—	—	—
New Orleans	42,000	201,000	52,000	13,000	—	—	—
Galveston	53,000	—	—	—	43,000	—	—
St. John, N. D.	245,000	—	32,000	94,000	103,000	—	—
Total week 1922	5,364,997	470,874	345,420	335,016	1,758,578	62,018	—
Same week 1921	5,314,505	1,731,105	172,005	397,691	1,354,741	49,000	—

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. 16 1922.	Since July 1 1922.	Week Dec. 16 1922.	Since July 1 1922.	Week Dec. 16 1922.	Since July 1 1922.
	Barrels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
United Kingdom	81,750	2,074,871	2,063,384	52,866,695	173,000	18,098,237
Continent	226,565	3,101,359	3,204,613	129,218,331	266,874	32,329,295
So. & Cent. Amer.	35,000	634,300	—	90,000	—	34,000
West Indies	—	—	—	21,000	—	753,700
Brit. No. Am. Colon.	—	2,000	—	—	—	1,700
Other countries	2,105	345,355	—	1,031,973	—	13,500
Total 1922	345,420	7,046,547	5,304,997	183,227,999	470,874	51,139,432
Total 1921	172,005	7,033,568	5,314,506	168,665,042	1,736,105	53,812,560

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange for the week ending Friday, Dec. 15, and since July 1 1922 and 1921, are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.		Corn.			
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.		
	Week Dec. 15.	Since July 1.	Week Dec. 15.	Since July 1.		
North Amer.	9,470,000	240,630,000	233,450,000	597,000	53,470,000	58,178,000
Russ. & Dan.						

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, Price. Includes entries like 103.68 Beadel Realty, 20.50 Beadel Realty, 500 Great Neck Stores, etc.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, Price. Includes entries like 50 Nat. Drug Stores, com., 50 do preferred, 40 Rainier Motor, pref., etc.

Table with columns: Bonds, Price. Includes entries like \$95,000 Buffalo City Gas Co. 1st M., \$8, 1947, \$30,000 23rd & 29th St. RR. 1st M., etc.

Table with columns: Bonds, Price. Includes entries like \$2,000 Columbus & Ninth Ave. RR. 5a, 1933, etfs. deposit, \$2,000 Columbus & Ninth Ave. RR., etc.

By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, Price. Includes entries like 225 Fidelity Trust Co., 25 Fidelity Trust Co., 25 Bates Mfg. Co., etc.

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, Price. Includes entries like 5 First National Bank, Boston, 50 Fidelity Trust Co. etf. of dep., etc.

Table of Shares and Stocks with prices per share. Includes companies like Texas Gas & Elec. Co., Walpole Tire & Rub., and 500 Nat. Zinc & Lead Co.

Table of Shares and Stocks with prices per share. Includes companies like 123 Mason-Parkins Paper Corp., 1,000 The Royalty Synd., and 5,650 Essex Aulline Works, Inc.

APPLICATION TO CONVERT APPROVED. Dec. 14—The Harlan National Bank, Harlan, Ky. Conversion of the Harlan State Bank, Harlan, Ky.

CHARTERS ISSUED. Dec. 14—12281 The First National Bank of Blue Ridge, Summit, Pa. President, Chas. R. Lewis; Cashier, John Carraway.

CHANGE OF TITLE AND LOCATION. Dec. 13—11558 The First National Bank of Garden City, So. Dak., to "The Farmers' National Bank of Vienna," So. Dak.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION. Dec. 12—11946 The Commerce National Bank of Charlottesville, Va., \$100,000. Effective June 30 1922.

CONSOLIDATION. Dec. 16—3318 The First National Bank of Winfield, Kan., \$100,000, and 4556 The Cowley County National Bank of Winfield, Kan., \$100,000.

CERTIFICATE ISSUED AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL OFFICES. Dec. 4—4247 The Lincoln National Bank of Washington, D. C. Permit No. 47.

By Messrs. Barnes & Loffland, Philadelphia:

Table of Shares and Stocks with prices. Includes companies like 117 Bergner & Engel Brew'g, 33 do Common, and 1,350 Petrol Corp.

Table of Shares and Stocks with prices. Includes companies like 1 Rochester & Syracuse RR, 1 Baptist Commonwealth, and 1 Babard Inn Book.

Table of Bonds with prices. Includes companies like \$500 Altoona Gas Co. 5s, 1932, \$3,000 Imp. Russian 5 1/2s, and \$2,000 Imp. Russian 5 1/2s.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week.

The dividends announced this week are:

Large table of Dividends with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes Railroads (Belt RR, Great Northern), Public Utilities (Adirondack Pow. & L.), and various other companies.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED. Dec. 14—The First National Bank of Lexington, Tenn. Capital, \$25,000.

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE APPROVED. Dec. 12—First National Bank in Redlands, Calif. Correspondent, F. N. High, 1105 West Olive Ave., Redlands, Calif.

APPLICATIONS TO CONVERT RECEIVED. Dec. 14—The First National Bank of Castle, Okla. Conversion of the Castle State Bank, Castle, Okla.

Dec. 14—The State National Bank of Paden, Okla. Conversion of the State Bank of Paden, Okla. Correspondent, A. R. Novotny, Paden, Okla.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Banks.			
Battery Park National	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Bryant Park	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Extra	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Central Mercantile	4	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Extra	2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Chemical National (monthly)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Colonial (special)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Commonwealth	5	Jan. 15	Jan. 1 to Jan. 14
Europe, Bank of.	6	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Extra	4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Fifth National (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 2	Dec. 27 to Jan. 1
First Security Co. (quar.)	5	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Extra	10	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Garfield National (quar.)	3	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Extra	3	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Greenpoint National	3	Jan. 1	Dec. 21 to Jan. 1
Extra	2	Jan. 1	Dec. 21 to Jan. 1
Hanover National (quar.)	6	Jan. 2	Dec. 21 to Jan. 1
Irving National (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Mechanics, Brooklyn (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Mechanics & Metals National (quar.)	5	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Extra	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Nassau National (Brooklyn) (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Extra	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
New Netherlands (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Dec. 24 to Jan. 1
Park National (quar.)	6	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Standard	4 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Stock dividend	<100	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Washington Heights, Bank of (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Yorkville (quar.)	5	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Extra	30	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Trust Companies.			
Bankers (quar.)	5	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Brooklyn (quar.)	6	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Central Union (quar.)	6	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Extra	4 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Columbia (quar.)	4	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Extra	4	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Empire (quar.)	3	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Extra	4	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Equitable (quar.)	4	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Fidelity-International (quar.)	2 1/2	Dec. 30	Dec. 23 to Jan. 17
Fulton	5	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Extra	5	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Metropolitan (quar.)	4	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
New York (quar.)	5	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Peoples (Brooklyn) (quar.)	4	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Title Guarantee & Trust (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Extra	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
U. S. Mortgage & Trust (quar.)	4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Extra	4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Fire Insurance.			
Continental	\$3	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Fidelity-Phenix	\$3	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Miscellaneous.			
Abttil Power & Paper, com. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Aeme Road Machinery, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 1	Dec. 27 to Dec. 31
Aeolian Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Algonquin Printing	*\$25		
Stock dividend	*\$100		
American Cyanamid, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
American-Hawalian SS. (quar.)	25c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Amer. Shovel & Mfg. pref. (quar.)	*\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
American Stone (stock dividend)	*\$20		
American Surety (quar.)	\$1.25	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Anglo-American Oil (interim)	23 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of coup. No. 24
Arrol Mfg. (stock dividend)	*\$700		
Armstrong Cork, com. (quar.)	*\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 27
Common (extra)	*\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 27
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 27
Arundel Corp., com.	\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 27
Preferred	3 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 27
Asbestos Corp. of Canada, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 27
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 27
Associated Industries, 1st pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 30
Atlas Brick, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Auburn Automobile, com. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Augusta Knitting Mills, com. (quar.)	*\$1 1/2		
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1 1/2		
Austro, Nichols & Co., pref. (quar.)	*\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Babcock & Wilcox (quar.)	2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Baltimore Acceptance Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Barnet Leather, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Bayuk Bros., 1st & 2d pref. (quar.)	*\$20	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Beech-Nut Packing, pref. B (quar.)	*\$1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Bliss (E. W.) Co., com. (quar.)	*\$50	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
1st preferred (quar.)	*\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
2d preferred (quar.)	*\$150	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Boston Sand & Gravel, com. (quar.)	2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
1st preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Boston Varnish (stock div.)	*\$100		
Boston Wharf	3	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
Brandram-Henderson, Ltd., pref. (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
See note (8)			
British-Amer. Tobacco, ordinary	4	Jan. 15	See note (8)
Ordinary (interim)	4	Jan. 15	See note (8)
British Empire Steel, pref. B (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 13
Browne & Sharpe Mfg. (in stock)	*\$1600		
Cadet Knitting, common	250	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
1st pref. and pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Canada Cement (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Canadian Cottons, Ltd., com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 4	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 4	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Canadian Explosives, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Canadian Oil, com.	1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Carter (William) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
Cement Securities Corp. (quar.)	*\$2	Dec. 22	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Christmas dividend	*\$1	Dec. 22	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Chace Cotton Mills (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Cheney Bigelow Wire Works (in stock)	*\$50		
Chic. Jet. Ry. & U. S. Yds., com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Chicago Morris Plan Bank (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
City Investing, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Preferred (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
City & Suburban Homes	2 1/2	Dec. 4	Dec. 2 to Dec. 3
Cleveland Automobile, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Cleveland Worsted Mills (quar.)	1	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Clinchfield Coal Corp., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 8
Coastwise Transportation, pref. (quar.)	*\$2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 27
Columbia Patent Fire Arms Mfg. (quar.)	50c	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Columbus Mfg.	4	Jan. 2	Dec. 19 to Jan. 1
Commercial Safe Deposit	10	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Connor (John T.) Co., com. (in com. stk.)	*\$70		
Consolidated Royalty Oil (quar.)	3	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Cosden & Co., common (quar.)	3	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 30
Crawford-Terry Co., common (quar.)	5	Dec. 31	Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
Common (payable in common stock)	10	Dec. 31	Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
1st and second preferred	3	Dec. 31	Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
First and second pref. (special)	2	Dec. 31	Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
Preferred Class C	3 1/2	Dec. 31	Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
Crane Simplex Co., Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Creamery Package Mfg., com. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 10	Dec. 31 to Jan. 17
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 10	Dec. 31 to Jan. 17
Cuba Company, preferred	*\$3 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Continued).			
Days & Brown Woolen (in stock)	*\$3.233		
Davis Mills (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 23	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
Detroit Creamery, com. (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Dec. 23 to Jan. 1
Detroit Steel Prod., pref.	3 1/2	Jan. 1	
Dietsoph Products, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Dixon Joseph Crucible Co. (quar.)	2	Dec. 30	Dec. 23 to Jan. 1
Dodge Mfg., pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Dom'lou (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Dom'lou Lincas, Ltd., pref.	3 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 18 to Feb. 1
Dom'lou Steel Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Dom'lou Stores, Ltd., Class A (quar.)	2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Class B (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Douglas (W. L.) Shoe, pref.	3 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Dow Drug, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Dec. 22 to Jan. 4
Common (extra)	5	Jan. 1	Dec. 22 to Jan. 4
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Dec. 22 to Jan. 4
Eagle Warehouse & Storage	4 1/2	Dec. 20	Dec. 16 to Dec. 20
Edwards (Wm.) Co., 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 20	Dec. 16 to Dec. 20
7% preferred	3 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Elliot-Fisher, com. (in com. B stock)	*\$70	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Emery & Beers Co., Inc., 1st pref.	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Estey-Welte Corp., preferred	4	Jan. 1	Dec. 28 to Jan. 1
Excelsior Shoe	*\$4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Fairbanks-Morse & Co., com. (quar.)	*\$75	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Common (extra)	*\$75	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Federal Acceptance Corp., com. (No. 1)	\$1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Preferred (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Federal Oil, preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Firestone Tire & Rubber 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Seven per cent pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Fisher Body Ohio Co., pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
General Aluminum & Brass, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
General Fireproofing, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Dec. 21 to Dec. 31
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Dec. 21 to Dec. 31
Globe Art, common (quar.)	2 1/2	Dec. 30	Dec. 21 to Dec. 31
Common (payable in common stock)	108	Dec. 30	Dec. 21 to Dec. 31
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Dec. 21 to Dec. 31
Globe Wernleko, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Goodwin, Ltd., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Dec. 21 to Jan. 1
Gossard (H. W.) Co., common	*\$1	Dec. 28	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Great Lakes Steamship (quar.)	*\$2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Greelock Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 25
Gulf Oil Corp. (No. 1)	*\$7 1/2		
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Hathaway Oil (stock dividend)	*\$50		
Hayward Woolen (in stock)	1 1/2		Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Heath (D. C.) & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Hillier Collieries, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Home Title Insurance (quar.)	3	Dec. 30	Dec. 24 to Jan. 9
Howe Sash, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
Humble Oil & Refining (quar.)	*\$2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
Stock dividend	*\$75		
Huntington Devel. & Gas, pref. (quar.)	*\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Hupp Motor Car, pref. (quar.)	*\$4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Ice Services Co., Inc., pref.	3 1/2	Dec. 19	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
Internat. Merc. Marine, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
International Shoe, common (quar.)	*\$0	Jan. 1	
Hawalian Pineapple (in stock)	*\$30		
Johnson (R. F.) Paint, 7% pref. (quar.)	*\$1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	*\$2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Kaynes Co., preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Kayser (Julius) & Co., pref. (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Kelly Island Lime & Transport (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Kelly Island, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Latrod Lumber, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Lawton Mills Corporation (quar.)	2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Extra	2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Lawyers Mortgage Co. (quar.)	2 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Stock dividend	*\$25		
Liberty Steel, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Dec. 21 to Dec. 31
Lockwood, Greene & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Long Island Safe Deposit	3 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Lowell Bleachery (in stock)	*\$50		
Lupton (F. M.), Publisher, Inc., cl. A (quar.)	*\$0	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Mack Motors & Forbes, common (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Common (extra)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Manchester City, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Dec. 21 to Jan. 1
Manning, Maxwell & Moore, Inc. (quar.)	*\$1	Jan. 5	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Merchants & Miners Transp. (quar.)	2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Mexican Eagle Oil, common	39.8c	Dec. 31	Holders of coup. No. 20
Preferred	*\$9.8c	Dec. 31	Holders of coup. No. 27
Miami Ice & Fuel (Dayton, O.), pf. (quar.)	*\$2	Jan. 1	
Michigan Copper & Brass (in stock)	*\$200	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Michigan Drop Forge, com. (mthly.)	25c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Michigan Lumber & Chem., pf. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Midland Securities (quar.)	\$2.50	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Midway Gas, common (quar.)	\$0.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.40	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Mohawk Rubber, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Dec. 24 to Dec. 26
Monomac Spinning (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Moon Motor Car, common (quar.)	*\$7 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Common (extra)	*\$12 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Mortgage-Bond Co. (quar.)	3	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Nash Motors, common (stock dividend)	(9)	Dec. 28	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Nashua Manufacturing, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
National Casket (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Dec. 31 to Jan. 1
National Fuel Gas (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
National Licorice, common (special)	10	Jan. 9	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Naumkeag Steam Cotton	*\$5	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Special	*\$5	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
New Bedford Cotton Mills (in stock)	*\$200		
New England Fuel Oil	5	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 28
New Fiction Publishing Corp., pf. (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
New Orleans Cold Storage & Warehouse	5	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 13
New York Title & Mortgage (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Extra	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
New York Transportation	50c	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Newton Steel, common (quar.)	*\$2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
North Star Oil & Ref., Ltd., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Ohio Brass, common (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred (quar			

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Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Robinson (Dwight P.) & Co., 1st pf. (qu.)	1%	Jan. 1	Payable
Roxbury Carpet (stock dividend)	100		to stockholders' meeting Dec. 28
Ryder & Brown (stock dividend)	*100		to stockholders' meeting Dec. 27
Saco-Lowell Shops (stock dividend)	*50		to stockholders' meeting Dec. 20
Sanford Mills (stock dividend)	*200		to stockholders' meeting Dec. 20
Sayers & Seville, com. and pref. (quar.)	1%	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Securities Company	2%	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Shuter-Wooden (stock dividend)	*200		Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Silver King Coalitions Mines	*150	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Simmons Co., com. (in com. stock)	*100		Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Singer Mfg. (quar.)	*1%	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Smyth (John M.) Co., pref. (quar.)	*1%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Spalding (A. G.) & Bros., com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 6
First preferred (quar.)	1%	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Second preferred (quar.)	2%	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Spanish River P. & P. Mills, com. (qu.)	1%	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Preferred (quar.)	1%	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Standard Coupler, pref.	4%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 9
Standard Textile Products A & B (qu.)	1%	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Sterling Products (quar.)	*1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 13
Superior Copper	*82	Dec. 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Superior Steel, 1st & 2d pref. (quar.)	3*83-1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Tabor Mill (stock dividend)	*100		Holders of rec. Dec. 28
Tamarack & Chester Cons. Min. (in stk.)	*100	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 28
Textile Banking Co. (quar.)	2%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 28
Thayer-Poss Co., preferred (quar.)	1%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Tintic Standard Mining	*100	Dec. 22	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Tranque & Williams Steel Forg. (quar.)	50%	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Trumbull Steel, com. (quar.)	*250	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Preferred (quar.)	*1%	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Tunketa Tobacco, pref. (quar.)	1%	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Union Cotton Mfg. (stock dividend)	*50		stockholders' meeting Dec. 28
Union National Corp., pref. (quar.)	2%	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Union Twist Drill, pref. (quar.)	*1%	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
United Alloy Steel, com. (quar.)	*500	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Preferred (quar.)	*1%	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
United Eng. & Fdry. com. (in com. stk.)	*750	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
United Profit Sharing (quar.)	150	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 3
United Verde Extension Mining (qu.)	50%	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 22
U. S. Gauge, preferred	3%	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
U. S. Industrial Alcohol, pref. (quar.)	*1%	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
U. S. Paper Goods, pref. (quar.)	*1%	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 25
Van Dorn Iron Works, pref. (quar.)	1%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Victor Talking Machine, com. (quar.)	*82	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Preferred (quar.)	*1%	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Wampanoag Mills (stock dividend)	*33-1-3	Subj. to	stockholders' meeting
Warner (Chas.) Co. of Del., com. (qu.)	50%	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
1st & 2d pref. (quar.)	1%	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Warren Brothers Co., 1st pref. (quar.)	75%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
2d preferred (quar.)	87-1/2%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Weber & Heilbronner, com.	50%	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Preferred (quar.)	1%	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 23
Weber Piano, pref. (quar.)	1%	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Wellington Piano Case (stock div.)	*1200		Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Welsbach Co., preferred	3%	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
West (John) Thread, class A & B (quar.)	82	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Class A & B (extra)	81	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Westchester Title & Mfg.	5	Jan. 5	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Western Reserve Cotton Mills, pref. (qu.)	*2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Westinghouse Air Brake (quar.)	*1 75	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Stock dividend	*35	Subj. to	stockholders' meeting
Westmoreland Coal (quar.)	*1 25	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Whitman (William) Co., Inc., pref. (qu.)	1%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Wilcox & Gibbs Sewing Machine (in stk.)	*200		Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Will & Baumer Candle, pref. (quar.)	2%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Wilson (C. R.) Body Co., pref. (quar.)	*1%	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Winnboro Mills, common (quar.)	2%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Preferred (quar.)	1%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Woods Manufacturing, pref. (quar.)	1%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 27
York Manufacturing (stock dividend)	*100	Subj. to	stockholders' meeting Dec. 26
Young (J. S.) Co., common (quar.)	2%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Common (extra)	1%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Preferred (quar.)	1%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Youngstown Sheet & Tube, com. (quar.)	*81	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Preferred (quar.)	*1%	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam).			
Alabama Great Southern, ordinary	3 1/2%	Dec. 28	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
Preferred	3 1/2%	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 19
Albany & Susquehanna	4 1/2%	Jan. 24	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Albany & Susquehanna (special)	2	Jan. 8	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Ashland Coal & Iron Ry. (quar.)	1	Dec. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Aitch. Topela & Santa Fe, pref.	2 1/2%	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Atlanta & West Point	3	Dec. 30	Dec. 19 to Jan. 1
Atlantic Coast Line RR., common	3 1/2%	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Hatteras & Ohio, preferred	2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Bangor & Aroostook, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Beech Creek (quar.)	50%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Boston & Albany (quar.)	2 1/2%	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Boston & Providence (quar.)	2 1/2%	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
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	1 1/2%	Dec. 30	Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
Canada Southern	1 1/2%	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Canadian Pacific, common (quar.)	2 1/2%	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Chesapeake & Ohio, common	1 1/2%	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Preferred (No. 1)	5	Dec. 26	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Chicago Burlington & Quincy	5	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Chicago Indian & Loyal, common	2 1/2%	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Preferred	2 1/2%	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Chicago & North West, common	3 1/2%	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Preferred	3 1/2%	Dec. 30	Dec. 9 to Jan. 1
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
Chic. St. P. Minn. & Omaha, common	2 1/2%	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Preferred	3 1/2%	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Cin. N. O. & Tex. Pacific, common	3 1/2%	Dec. 26	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Common (extra)	1	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 4
Clev. Cin. Chic. & St. L., common	1 1/2%	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 4
Preferred (quar.)	1	Dec. 30	Dec. 17 to Jan. 1
Colorado & Southern, common	3	Dec. 30	Dec. 17 to Jan. 1
First preferred	2	Dec. 30	Dec. 17 to Jan. 1
Second preferred (annual)	3	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. July 20
Cuba RR., preferred	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 8
Detroit River Tunnel (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
El Paso Southern (quar.)	2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 8
Hookins Valley	2	Jan. 1	Dec. 12 to Jan. 4
Hillside Central, leased lines	1 1/2%	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
to let & Chicago (in car.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Leakawanna RR. of N. J. (quar.)	1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 6
Lehigh Valley, com. (quar.)	87 1/2%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
Preferred (quar.)	*1 25	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
Little Rock & Nav. RR. & Coal	*1 25	Jan. 15	Dec. 19 to Jan. 15
Louisiana & Northwest (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Macon & Dalton RR., common	\$10	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Common (special)	\$15	Dec. 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Preferred	*1 25	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Manhattan Ry., certificates of deposit	1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Dec. 18 to Jan. 1
Certs. of deposit (in scrip warrants)	0 1/2%	Jan. 2	Dec. 18 to Jan. 1
Michigan Central	4	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Extra	6	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
(?) Minn. St. Paul & S. S. Marie, com. & pf.	2	Dec. 28	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Mobile & Birmingham, preferred	2	Jan. 1	Dec. 2 to Jan. 1

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Railroads (Steam)—Contd.			
Morris & Essex	4 1/2%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
New York Central RR. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Feb. 1	Dec. 30 to Jan. 24
New York Chicago & St. Louis—			
Common	1 1/2%	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
New York & Harlem, com. & pref.	\$2.50	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
N. Y. Lackawanna & Western (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
New York Philadelphia & Norfolk	\$3	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Northern Securities	4	Jan. 10	Dec. 28 to Jan. 10
Extra	2	Jan. 10	Dec. 28 to Jan. 10
Phila. Balt. & Washington	*3	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Philadelphia & Trenton (quar.)	2 1/2%	Jan. 10	Dec. 31 to Jan. 11
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	\$2.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
Pitts. Ft. Wayne & Chic., com. & pf. (qu.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
Pittsburgh & West Virginia, pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Rensselaer & Saratoga	4 1/2%	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
St. Louis Southwestern, pref.	2 1/2%	Jan. 1	Dec. 15 to Jan. 1
Southern Pacific Co. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Union Pacific, com. (quar.)	2 1/2%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
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. 16
Western Pacific RR. Corp., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
Western Ry. of Alabama	3	Dec. 30	Dec. 9 to Jan. 1
Public Utilities.			
Alabama Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
American Gas & Elec., common (quar.)	3 1/2%	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Common (payable in common stock)	2 1/2%	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Amer. Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
American Public Service, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
American Telephone & Telegraph (quar.)	2 1/2%	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Quarterly	2 1/2%	Apr. 23	Holders of rec. Mar. 16
Quarterly	2 1/2%	July 18	Holders of rec. June 20
Appalachian Power, pref. (quar.) (No. 1)	1 1/2%	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Ashville Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
Associated Gas & Electric, pref. (quar.)	88c	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Bangor Ry. & Electric, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
Beck's Telp. of Canada (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Boston Elevated Ry., com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
First preferred	\$4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Seven per cent preferred	\$3.50	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Braintree Tr. L. & Pow., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Brooklyn Union Gas (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Buffalo General Electric (quar.)	2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Canadian General Elec., com. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Capital Traction, Washington, D. C. (qu.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Carolina Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Central Ills. Public Service, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
Central States Electric, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
Cincinnati Gas & Elec. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 1	Dec. 15 to Dec. 21
In Gas Transportation (annual)	10	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Cin. & Hamilton Traction, common (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 1	Dec. 21 to Jan. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 1	Dec. 17 to Jan. 1
Cincinnati Street Ry. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Cincinnati & Sub. Bell Telp. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Citizens Pass. Ry., Phila. (quar.)	\$3.50	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
City Gas of Norfolk, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
Cleveland Ry. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Consol. Gas, El. L. & P. of Balt., com. (qu.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred, Series B (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred, Series A (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Consolidated Traction of N. J.	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Consumers Gas (Toronto), com. (quar.)	2 1/2%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Continental Passenger Ry., Philadelphia	\$23	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
Dayton Power & Light, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Detroit Edison (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Dominion Power & Transmission, pref.	3 1/2%	Jan. 15	Dec. 18 to Dec. 31
Duluth Edison Electric, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Duluth-Superior Traction, preferred	75	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Eastern Texas Elec. Co., com. (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 13
Preferred	3	Jan. 8	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
El Paso Electric Co., preferred	500c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Erie Lighting, pref. (quar.)	\$4.50	Jan. 1	Dec. 2 to Dec. 31
Frankfort & Southw. Pass., Phila. (qu.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Gold & Stock Telegraph (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Haverhill Gas Light (quar.)	\$ 1.12 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Hillside Bell Telephone (quar.)	2	Dec. 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 28
Hillside Traction, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Kansas City Power & Lt., 1st pf. A (qu.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 1

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Public Utilities (Continued).			
United Gas Impt., common (quar.)	750	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Preferred (quar.)	87 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 29a
Utah Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	134	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Utilities Securities, pref. (quar.)	113 1/2	Dec. 27	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Washington Water Pow., Spokane (qu.)	134	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Extra	1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Western Union Telegraph (quar.)	134	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
West India Electric Co. (quar.)	134	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
West Kentucky Power & L., pref. (qu.)	134	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
West Philadelphia Pass. Ry.	(6) 85	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Winnipeg Elec. Ry., pref. (quar.)	134	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
Wisconsin Edison	\$1	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 6a
Wisconsin Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	*134	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Worcester (Mass.) Gas Light, com. (qu.)	*2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Preferred (quar.)	*2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 27
Yadkin River Power, pref. (quar.)	134	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Banks.			
America Bank of (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a
American Exchange National (quar.)	314	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 26a
Amer. Exch. Secur. Corp., cl. A (qu.)	2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Butchers & Drovers Nat. Bank (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 30 to Jan. 2
Chase National (quar.)	4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 18a
Chase Securities Corp. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 18a
Chatham & Phenix National (quar.)	4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 17 to Jan. 1
Colonial (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Columbia	4	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 18a
Extra	2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 18a
Commerce, Nat. Bank of (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Extra	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Com. Exchange (quar.)	5	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Coal & Iron National (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 13
Coney Island (Bank of)	6	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
East River National	6	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Fifth Avenue (quar.)	6	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
First National (quar.)	45	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Greenwich (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a
Extra	1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a
Importers & Traders National (quar.)	6	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a
Extra	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a
Manhattan Co., Bank of the (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a
Extra	1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a
Manhattan Co. (Bank of the) in stock	100	(a)	Dec. 5
Mutual (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 42a
Extra	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 42a
Mutual (payable in stock)	150		Holders of rec. Dec. 11
National City Bank (quar.)	4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16a
National City Company (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Extra	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Public National (payable in stock)	*100	Dec. 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Public National (quar.)	4	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Seaboard National (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 26a
Extra	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 26a
State (quar.)	4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16a
United States Bank of the (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Trust Companies.			
Bank of N. Y. & Trust Co. (quar.)	5	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Commercial (No. 1)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21 to Jan. 1
Equitable (payable in stock)	*33 1-3	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Guaranty (quar.)	3	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Hudson (quar.)	2 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 10 to Jan. 1
Laysons Title & Trust (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Extra	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Stock dividend	*50	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 26a
Manufacturers (Brooklyn) (quar.)	3	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
United States (quar.)	12 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a
Fire Insurance.			
Globe & Rutgers Fire (pay. in stock)	*400		Holders of rec. Dec. 11
National Liberty (payable in stock)	*50	Dec. 21	Holders of rec. Dec. 11
Niagara Fire	*50	Ratified	by stockholders Dec. 14
Miscellaneous.			
Abtibi Power & Paper, pref. (quar.)	134	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Acceptance & Finance Corp., com.	\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21 to Jan. 2
Preferred A (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21 to Jan. 2
Preferred B (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21 to Jan. 2
Acme Coal Mining	2	Feb. 5	Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Adams Express (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Advance-Rumely, pref. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16a
Air Reduction (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Alliance Realty (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 28
Allis-Chalmers & Dye Corp., pref. (qu.)	134	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Inc., pref. (quar.)	134	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 23a
Amalgamated Oil (quar.)	*75c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Amer. Art Works, com. & pref. (quar.)	*75c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Amer. Bank Note, com. (extra)	\$10	Dec. 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Common (payable in common stock)	70	Dec. 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	75c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
American Beet Sugar, preferred (quar.)	134	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 9a
Amer. Brake Sh. & Fdry., new com. (qu.)	\$1	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 22a
New preferred (quar.)	134	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 22a
American Can, common (quar.) (No. 1)	134	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a
Preferred (quar.)	134	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Amer. Car & Fdy., com. (quar.)	3	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	134	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
American Cigar, preferred (quar.)	134	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
American Express (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14a
Amer. La France Fire Ins., com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Preferred (quar.)	134	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 27 to Jan. 2
American Lace Manufacturing (quar.)	2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Extra	2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
American Locomotive, common (quar.)	134	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 13a
Preferred (quar.)	134	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 13a
American Manufacturing, pref. (quar.)	134	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
American Multigraph, pref. (quar.)	134	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
American Piano, common (quar.)	134	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	134	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
American Radiator, com. (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Common (payable in common stock)	750	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
American Sales Book, common	8	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
American Sewer (quar.)	144	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 26a
Extra	15	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 26a
American Shipbuilding, common (quar.)	2	Feb. 1 '23	Holders of rec. Jan. 15 '23
Common (quar.)	2	May 1 '23	Holders of rec. Apr. 14 '23
Common (quar.)	2	Aug. 1 '23	Holders of rec. July 14 '23
American Smeat, Secur., pref. A (quar.)	134	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Preferred B (quar.)	134	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
American Snuff, common (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14a
Preferred (quar.)	134	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14a
Amer. Steel Foundries, com. (in com. stk.)	118	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 13a
Preferred (quar.)	75c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
American Stores (quar.)	134	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
American Sugar Refining, pref. (quar.)	134	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
American Thread, preferred	*2 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
American Tobacco, pref. (quar.)	134	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 9a
Amer. Type Founders, com. (quar.)	*1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
American Wholesale Corp., pref. (quar.)	134	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Amer. Window Glass Mach., com. (qu.)	134	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 8a
Preferred (quar.)	134	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 8a
American Woolen, com. and pref. (quar.)	134	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
Armour & Co., preferred (quar.)	134	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Associated Oil (quar.)	134	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16a
Ault & Wiborg Co., pref. (quar.)	134	Apr. 2	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Babcock & Wilcox (quar.)	134	Apr. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Stock dividend	*3 1-3	(a)	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Baldwin Locomotive, com. and pref.	8 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 2a

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Miscellaneous (Continued).			
Banetley Corporation	*3 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Barthart Bros & Spin—1st & 2d pref. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 26
Bentley Creamery, com. (quar.)	4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21 to Jan. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21 to Jan. 1
Beach Royalties (monthly)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Beach-Nut Packing, com. (quar.)	60c	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Beach-Nut Packing, com. (extra)	48c	Dec. 26	Holders of rec. Dec. 16a
Bechtel Steel, com. & pref. B (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Seven per cent cum. preferred (quar.)	134	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10 to Jan. 1
Seven per cent non-cum. pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10 to Jan. 1
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Borne, Strymer & Co. (in stock)	*400	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 10 to Dec. 30
Bowyer Roller Bearing, stock dividend	*3 1-3	Dec. 28	Holders of rec. Dec. 24
Brier Hill Steel, preferred (quar.)	134	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21 to Jan. 1
British-American Oil (quar.)	50c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Extra	50c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Brunswick-Balke-Collender, pref. (qu.)	134	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21 to Dec. 31
Quincy Co. (see Lion Special)	\$2a	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 29a
Buycrus Co., pref. (quar.)	134	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Prof. (extra) (acc't accumulations)	4 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Prof. (special) (acc't accumulations)	4 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Burns Bros., preferred (quar.)	43	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22a
Prior preferred (quar.)	134	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Burt (F. N.) Co., common (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	134	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Burrhus Adding Machine (quar.)	2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Bush Terminal Bldg., pref. (quar.)	134	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Byers & Strubbe Printing	50c	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
California Oil & Gas	5c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
California Petroleum, pref. (quar.)	134	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Canada Bread, preferred (quar.)	134	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 17 to Dec. 31
Canadian Fairbanks-Morse, preferred	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Canadian Locomotive, com. (quar.)	1	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Case (J. I.) Threshing Mach., pref. (qu.)	134	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 11a
Central Aguirre Sugar (quar.)	134	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16a
Central Coal & Coke, preferred (quar.)	134	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Celluloid Company, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Certain-Teed Products Corp.—			
First and second preferred (quar.)	134	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 14a
Champion Coated Paper, pref. (quar.)	134	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Champion Car (quar.)	\$1 50	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 19a
Chapman Valve (stock dividend)	*20	Ratified	by stockholders Dec. 19
Chesbrough Mfr. com. (quar.)	*2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Stock dividend	*20	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Chesbrough Mfr., com. (quar.)	3 1/2	Dec. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Preferred (quar.)	134	Dec. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 12a
Chicago Mill & Lumber, pref. (quar.)	134	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 23a
Chicago Railway Equipment (quar.)	2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Stock dividend	*50	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Chicago Yellow Cab (monthly)	33 1-30	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Chiles Securities—			
Common (monthly pay. in cash scrip)	*14	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Common (payable in com. stock scrip)	134	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Prof. and pref. B (payable in cash)	3 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Cleveland Union Stock Yards (quar.)	20	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Special (in cash)	20	Dec. 23	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Cliett, Peabody & Co., pref. (quar.)	134	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a
Coca-Cola Co., common (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Preferred	3 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Colonial Finance Corp., com. (quar.)	25c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
Preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
Commercial Solvents Corp., Cl. A. (qu.)	\$1	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Commercial Tabulating-Recording (qu.)	\$1.50	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 23a
Quint (J. I.) Co. com. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Preferred	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Consolidated Car-Heating (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Continental Can, common (quar.)	75c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Preferred (quar.)	134	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Continental Can, com. (in com. stock)	*3 1-3	Subj.	stockholders meet. Dec. 29
Continental Motors, pref. (quar.)	134	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 12a
Cornell Mills (quar.)	4	Dec. 23	Holders of rec. Dec. 12a
Stock dividend	*50	Subj.	stockholders meet. Dec. 22
Corona Typewriter, first pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
Second preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
Crampton (W.) Ship & Eng. Bldg. (qu.)	1	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
Cruible Steel, preferred (quar.)	134	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Cuban-American Sugar, pref. (quar.)	134	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Cumberland Pipe Line (stock dividend)	*100	(4)	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Dalton Adding Machine, pref. (quar.)	134	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21 to Jan. 2
Del. Lat. & Ware. Co. (in stock)	\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Detroit & Cleveland Navigation	\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Detroit Motor Bus (quar.)	*2	Jan. 1	

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Miscellaneous (Continued)				Miscellaneous (Continued)			
Goodyear Tire & Rubb. of Can., pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	N. Y. Plate Glass Ins. (stock dividend)	433-1-3	Ratified	by stockholders Dec. 15
Prior preference (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	New York State Realty & Terminal	6	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Goulds Manufacturing, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	New York Steam Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	New York Transit	80	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 6
Great Lakes Towing, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Dec. 16 to Jan. 2	Special	3	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 6
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Dec. 16 to Jan. 2	Nipissing Mines (quar.)	3	Jan. 20	Dec. 31 to Jan. 17
Great Western Sugar, new common	\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Extra	3	Jan. 20	Dec. 31 to Jan. 17
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	North American Co., com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Greenfield Tap & Die Corp., pref. (qu.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Preferred (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Northern Pipe Line	5	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 4
Gulf States Steel, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Special	15	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 4
Hamilton-Brown Shoe (extra)	*1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16	Nunnally Co.	50c.	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
Hamilton-Brown Shoe (payable in stock)	*25	(e)		Ogilvie Flour Mills (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Hanes (P. H.) Knitting (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Ohio Oil (quar.)	*3	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Harbison-Walker Refrac., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Ohio Oil (stock dividend)	*6300	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Hart, Schaffner & Marx, Inc., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 28	Holders of rec. Dec. 19	Oklahoma Natural Gas	1	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 25
Hathaway Mfg. Co.	*25			Orpheum Circuit, Inc., pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Holme (Geo. W.) Co., com. (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 18	Ottawa Car Mfg. (quar.)	1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Common (extra)	4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 18	Bonus	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 18	Owens Bottle Co., common (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Hendee Mfg., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Hercules Powder, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 23	Dec. 16 to Dec. 22	Pacific Burt Co., common	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Hibernia Securities, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 26	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Hollinger Cons. Gold Mines	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15		Pacific Mills (stock dividend)	*10		
Homestead Mining (monthly)	50c.	Dec. 26	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Pacific Oil	\$1.50	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Hoop Rubber, common (quar.)	81	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Pack-Detroit Motor, com. (quar.)	1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Hudson Motor Car (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22	Common (payable in common stock)	100	Dec. 29	Dec. 23 to Dec. 29
Extra	25c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Hurley Machine, com. (quar.)	*50c.	Jan. 4	Holders of rec. Dec. 28	Pan-Am. Pet. & Transp., com. A & B	*20	Feb. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Common (in stock)	*70			Pan-Am. Petrol. & Transp., com. A & B (qu.)	*20	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Panhandle Prod. & Ref., pref. (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Illinois Pipe Line	8	Dec. 30	Nov. 30 to Dec. 28	Park City Mining & Smelting (No. 1)	10c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Imperial Oil, common (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Park Utah Mining (quar.)	15c.	Dec. 21	Holders of rec. Dec. 11
Common (extra)	5c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Parke-Davis & Co. (stock dividend)	100	Dec. 25	Dec. 19 to Jan. 1
Preferred (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Peoples Truck & Motor (quar.)	75c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Independent Pneumatic Tool (quar.)	*2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Pennington (P. J.) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Special	*2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Perthshire, Milliken Co., 1st & 2d pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Indiana Pipe Line (quar.)	\$2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Phelps-Dodge Corp. (quar.)	*1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Indiana Pipe Line Co. (special)	\$20	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 14	Phila. & Camden Ferry (special)	\$10	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Ingersoll-Rand Co., com. (special, cash)	10	Jan. 5	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Phillips Petroleum (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Ingersoll-Rand Co., preferred	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 18	Pick (Albert) & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Dec. 22 to Dec. 40
Intercolonial Coal Mining, com.	4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23	Pierce Manufacturing Co. (quar.)	*8		
Preferred	3 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23	Extra	*18		
Internat. Button Hole Sew. Mach. (qu.)	10c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Pierce Mfg.	*20	Subj. to	stockholders' meeting
International Cement, common (quar.)	75c.	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Stock dividend	*50	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Pittsburgh Plate Glass (quar.)	5	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 5
International Harvester, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 23	Stock dividend	*30	Subj. to	stockholders' meeting Jan. 29
Common (payable in common stock)	72	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 23	Pittsburgh-Rolls Corporation, com. special	2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
International Salt (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
International Silver, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Dec. 16 to Jan. 1	Plymouth Cordage (stock div.)	*100	Subj. to	stockholders' meeting Jan. 20
Pref. (accout. accum. dividends)	1	Jan. 1	Dec. 16 to Jan. 1	Pond Creek Coal, common (quar.)	37 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Inter-State Gasoline, common	3	Jan. 1	Dec. 2 to Jan. 1	Potomac Mills	*25		
Intertype Corp., 1st pref. (quar.)	*82	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Prairie Oil & Gas (quar.)	2	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Second preferred	*82	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Prairie Oil & Gas (stock dividend)	*200		Dec. 21 to Dec. 29
Island Creek Coal, com. (quar.)	\$3	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Prairie Pipe Line (stock dividend)	*200		Holders of rec. Dec. 27
Common (extra)	\$3	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Price Brothers & Co., Ltd. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Principals Paper Mills, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Jones Bros. Tea, com. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 23	Common (special)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Kanawha & Hoeking Coal & Coke, pref.	3 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Pullman Company (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Kaufmann Dept. Stores, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Pure Oil, 8% pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Kelly-Springfield Tire, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Six per cent. 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	Five and one-quarter per cent. pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Kennecott Copper Corp. (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 22	Quaker Oats, common (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Kerr Lake Mines, Ltd. (quar.)	125c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2	Preferred (quar.)	2 1/2	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Kibruer Mill (stock dividend)	*50	By holders	by stockholders Dec. 18	Quinn's Mills (stock dividend)	*60	Feb. 28	stockholders meet. Dec. 20
King Philip Mills (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Railroad Steel-Spring, com. (quar.)	3	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Kirby Lumber, pref.	14	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Ranger Texas Oil (quar.)	20c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Extra	14	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Realty Associates	1c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Kresge (S. S.) Co., common	3 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Extra	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Reece Buttonhole Machine (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Kress (S. H.) & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Reece Folding Machine (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Kroger Grocery & Baking, new pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Reo Motor Car, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Laclede Steel	*2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Common (extra)	1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Lanett Mills (payable in stock)	*100	Subj. to	stockholders' meet. Dec. 28	Reynolds (R. J.) 100, com. & com. B (qu.)	75c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
Laurens Cotton Mills	3 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 23	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
Laurentide Co. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22	Reynolds Spring, pref. A & B (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
Lehigh Valley Coal Sales (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14	Richardson Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
Library Bureau, common (quar.)	3 1/2	Jan. 2	Dec. 22 to Jan. 1	Richardson Brothers (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 1	Dec. 22 to Jan. 1	Extra	50c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Liggett & Myers Tobacco, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Stock dividend	*100	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Lincoln Mfg. (stock dividend)	*40	Subj. to	stockholders' meet. Dec. 21	Rickenbacker Motor Co. (No. 1)	5	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Lit Bros. (payable in stock)	*100	Subj. to	stockholders' meet. Dec. 28	Rogers (Wm. A.) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Lockwood Co. (stock dividend)	*44	Ratified	by stockholders Feb. 15	Royal Baking Powder, com. (quar.)	2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Loose-Wiles Biscuit, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16	Common (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Second preferred (annual)	7	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Lorillard (P.) Co., com. (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Royal Dutch (interim)	*10	Jan. 1	
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Safety Car Heat & Ltg. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 23	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Loft, Inc. (quar.)	25c.	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Sagamore Mfg. (stock dividend)	*662-3	Subj. to	stockholders' meet. Dec. 18
Louis Star (gas quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 18	St. Joseph Lead (quar.)	25c.	Mar. 20	Mar. 10 to Mar. 20
Mack Trucks, com. (No. 1)	\$1	Dec. 28	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Extra	25c.	Mar. 20	Mar. 10 to Mar. 20
1st & 2d pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	St. Louis National Stock Yards	*2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Macy (R. H.) & Co., Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 18	St. L. Rocky Mt. & Pac. Co., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Magor Car Corp., com.	25c.	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 23	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 23	St. Maurice Paper (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 27	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Mallinson (H. B.) & Co., Inc., pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Steele Cotton Mills	*50	Jan. 15	
Mammi Sugar, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Stock dividend	*600		
Manhattan Electrical Supply (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Schulte Retail Stores, com. (in pref. stk.)	\$5	Dec. 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Manhattan Electric, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 18	Shaw-Walton Co. (quar.)	3	Dec. 30	Dec. 27 to Jan. 1
Maple Leaf Milling, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 3	Extra	10	Dec. 30	Dec. 27 to Jan. 1
Preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 18	Holders of rec. Jan. 3	Scott & Williams, Inc., com. (in stock)	*700	Jan. 1	Dec. 24 to Jan. 1
Marland Oil (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Seavill Mfg. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Matheson Alkali Works, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Sears, Roebuck & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Ltd.	25c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Shell (Gulf Oil), common (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Maverick Mills (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Sherwin-Williams Co., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
May Department Stores, com. (quar.)	*2 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Sinaloa Exploration & Development	\$5	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
McCull Corp., 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Singer Mfg. (payable in stock)	*331-3	(e)	
McCully Store Corp., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Solar Refining (payable in stock)	*100	(e)	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Merchants Despatch Transp. (quar.)	2 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 27	Southern Express	3 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Mergenthaler Linotype (quar.)	2 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 27	Southern States Oil (monthly)	1	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Merrimack Chemical (quar.)	\$1.25	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 18	Southern States Oil (payable in stock)	5c.	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Mexican Crude Rubber	3	Jan. 2	Dec. 25 to Jan. 1	South Porto Rico Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
Mexican Petroleum, com. (quar.)	*4	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 29	South West Pa. Pipe Lines (quar.)	4	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*2	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 29	Speer Manufacturing, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Michigan Stamping (quar.)	*2 1/2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Standard Oil (Calif.) stock div.	*100	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Extra	*1	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Standard Oil (Ind.) (stock dividend)	*100	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 28
Middle States Oil (quar.)	30c.	Jan.					

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Texas Pacific Coal & Oil (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 9a
Thompson (John R.) Co., com. (mthly.)	*1	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Common (monthly)	*1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 23
Preferred (quar.)	*1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 23
Tobacco Products Corp., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Tonopah Belmont Devel. (quar.)	5c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Tonopah Extension Mining (quar.)	5c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 11a
Extra	5c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Tonopah Mining	15	Jan. 5	Holders of rec. Dec. 25
Traylor Engineering & Mfg., pf. (qu.)	*2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Truscott Steel, common (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
Turman Oil (monthly)	1	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Underwood Typewriter, com. (quar.)	2 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 2a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 2a
Union Bag & Paper (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Union Carbide & Carbon (quar.)	8 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 6a
Union Natural Gas (quar.)	1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Stock dividend	75c.	Dec. 20	Jan. 1
Union Tank Car (stock dividend)	75c.	Dec. 23	Holders of rec. Dec. 22a
United Drug, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
United Dyewood, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
United Fruit (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Extra	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
United Retail Stores, Class A (cash)	2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 11a
Special (In Un. Ret. Stores Candy Stk.)	2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 11a
United Shoe Machinery, com. (quar.)	45c.	Jan. 5	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Preferred (quar.)	43 1/2	Jan. 5	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
U. S. Gypsum, common (quar.)	1	Dec. 31	Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
Common (payable in common stock)	7/10	Dec. 31	Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 31	Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
U. S. Printing Card (quar.)	50	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Extra	50	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
U. S. Print & Litho, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
U. S. Radiator, pref. (acc. accum. divs.)	1 1/4	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 8a
U. S. Realty & Imp. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 30	Nov. 29 to Nov. 50
United States Steel Corp., com. (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 18a
U. S. Tobacco, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 18a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 18a
Universal Leaf Tobacco, com. (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Utah Copper Co. (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Vacuum Oil (stock dividend)	*2000	Dec. 30	Dec. 16 to Dec. 29
Van Zandt, Inc. (stock dividend)	*114	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Virginia Iron, Coal & Coke, pref.	2 1/4	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Vulcan Detinning, pref. & pref. A	1 1/4	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Wabasso Cotton Co. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22a
Wahl Co., common (monthly)	50c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 22a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 22a
Waldorf System, common (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
First preferred (quar.)	20c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Second preferred (quar.)	20c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Walton Adding Machine, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Walworth Mfr., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Wausatta Mills (stock dividend)	*50c.	Subject to stockholders' meet.	Dec. 26
Ward Baking, common (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Common (extra)	5	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Common (payable in common stock)	7/20	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Washburn Wire, com. stock div.	*300	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Wayne Coal (No. 1)	2	Dec. 30	Nov. 30 to Dec. 30
West Coast Oil (quar.)	*150	Jan. 5	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
West Point Manufacturing	3	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Western Electric, common (quar.)	2 1/4	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 12a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 12a
Western Grocer, preferred	3 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg., com. (qu.)	8 1/2	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Preferred (quar.)	8 1/2	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
White Eagle Oil & Ref. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
White Eagle Oil & Ref. (in stock)	25	Dec. 26	Holders of rec. Dec. 22a
White Motor (quar.)	8 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Whiting & Davis (stock dividend)	*6000	-----	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
William Machine Works (stk. div.)	*400	-----	-----
Williams Tool, pref. (quar.)	*2 1/4	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Wilson & Co., inc. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23a
Wicusette Mills (stock dividend)	*200	-----	-----
Woodruff Cotton Mills	10	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Woolworth (F. W.) Co., pref. (quar.)	*100	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 9a
Worcester Salt (stock dividend)	*100	-----	-----
Worthington Pump & Mach., pf. A (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22a
Preferred Class B (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22a
Wright-Hararavos Co. (quar.)	2 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22a
Wristley (Wm.) Co., com. (monthly)	50c.	Jan. 1	Dec. 26 to Dec. 31
Wristley (Wm.) Co. (stock dividend)	*10	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Wueller (Rudolph)	2	Mar 1 '23	Holders of rec. Feb. 19 '23
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	Jan 1 '23	Holders of rec. May 22 '23
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan 1 '23	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr 1 '23	Holders of rec. Mar. 22
Wyoming Associated Oil (quar.)	*2	Jan. 12	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Yale & Towne Manufacturing Co.	8 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14

* 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. † Payable in stock. ‡ Payable in common stock. § Payable in scrip. & On account of accumulated dividends. ¶ Payable in Liberty or Victory Loan bonds. † Payable in New York funds. ‡ Three shares of Oil Lease Development Co. stock for every 100 shares of Middle States Oil stock.

† At rate of 7% per annum on the pref. stock entitled to dividends for the period from Jan. 1 to July 15 1923.

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.

r One-half share (Founders' shares) in com. stock of United Retail Stores Candy Co

s Subject to approval of stockholders.

t Quoted ex-dividend on Dec. 8.

u Ratified 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 Ratified by stockholders at meeting on Dec. 12.

† Payable in new Class "B" common stock.

‡ N. Y. Stock Exchange rules that Ingersoll-Rand Co. shall sell ex the 100% stock dividend on Dec. 7.

§ The New York Curb Market Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on these dates and not until further notice.

1 Subject to approval by stockholders at meeting on Dec. 21.

2 The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that the following stocks shall sell ex the stock dividend as follows: General Baking, 200%, on Dec. 28; Studebaker Corp., 25% on Dec. 29; Manila Elec. Corp., 40% stock div., Dec. 28.

3 Three new shares for every seven shares held.

4 Subject to approval by stockholders at meeting on Dec. 27.

5 Less 67c. to cover third and fourth installments of 1921 income tax.

6 Less 70c. to cover third and fourth installments of 1921 income tax.

7 Payment of dividend withheld awaiting result of litigation.

8 Transfers received in London up to Jan. 2 will be in time to enable transferees to receive dividend.

9 Three shares of Pref. A stock and four shares of Common stock for each outstanding share of Common stock, and N. Y. Stock Exchange ruled that the Common stock be quoted ex the stock dividend on Dec. 29.

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. 16. 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 Dec. 16 1922 (000 omitted.)	New Capital.		Loans, Discounts, Investments, etc.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Authorities.	Net Demand Deposits.	Time Deposits.	Bank Circulation.
	Nat'l. State, Tr. Cos.	Sept. 15, Nov. 15						
Members of Fed. Reserve Bank of N. Y. & Trust Co.	\$ 4,000	\$ 11,841	\$ 67,103	\$ 810	\$ 6,731	\$ 45,588	\$ 5,940	---
Bk of Manhat'n	10,000	12,500	124,159	2,585	13,900	100,858	17,925	---
Mech & Met Bk	10,000	17,847	170,460	4,639	20,688	159,191	5,841	994
Bk of America	5,500	4,551	69,396	1,503	9,329	68,979	2,832	---
Nat City Bank	40,000	50,929	505,564	7,313	62,067	*564,400	61,731	2,138
Chem Nat Bank	4,500	16,004	114,586	1,195	12,808	94,987	10,557	345
Nat Bkch & Dr	500	214	4,850	75	603	4,065	7	297
Amer Exch Nat	5,000	7,846	95,440	1,261	10,223	76,462	7,849	4,961
Nat Bk of Com.	25,000	37,778	19,736	392	33,236	24,336	14,818	380
Pacific Bank	1,000	1,701	22,803	1,327	3,577	23,911	908	---
Chat & Phen Nat	10,500	9,810	149,683	6,308	17,934	121,719	24,172	5,854
Hanover Nat Bk	5,000	20,529	112,947	4,238	13,573	100,288	---	100
Corn Exch Bank	8,250	11,553	169,442	7,485	21,151	153,507	22,312	---
Imp & Trad Nat	1,500	8,627	34,561	1,138	3,450	26,024	966	51
National Park	10,000	23,757	156,577	919	15,899	121,224	5,513	5,451
East River Nat	1,000	834	14,652	328	1,731	12,532	2,043	50
First National	10,000	47,398	310,045	529	23,080	171,165	27,546	7,253
Irving National	12,500	11,027	188,418	4,483	25,251	185,810	8,739	2,514
Continental Bk	1,000	929	7,498	145	895	6,116	---	---
Chase National	20,000	21,787	318,971	4,611	39,873	289,596	30,413	1,096
Fifth Avenue	500	2,430	23,212	887	2,918	20,846	---	---
Commonwealth	400	975	8,748	527	1,096	8,454	96	---
Garfield Nat.	1,000	1,621	14,470	485	2,503	14,239	33	397
Fifth National	1,200	1,058	17,213	278	2,274	16,793	778	248
Seaboard Nat.	4,000	6,934	75,330	221	9,541	71,801	1,559	64
Coal & Iron Nat	1,500	1,339	15,361	836	1,708	12,813	858	416
Bankers Tr Co.	20,000	25,039	261,817	1,248	29,491	*230,958	21,809	---
U S Mfg & Tr	3,000	4,419	63,383	889	9,622	44,391	5,686	---
Guaranty Trust	25,000	17,654	358,598	1,551	40,812	*378,505	31,091	---
Fidel-Intern Tr	1,500	1,856	19,720	393	2,279	17,336	---	---
Columbia Trust	5,000	8,003	80,465	1,082	9,843	75,067	5,869	---
N Y Trust Co.	10,000	17,696	147,344	527	15,878	117,452	11,992	---
Metropolitan Tr	2,000	3,894	38,380	612	4,314	31,688	4,787	---
Farm Loan & Tr	5,000	15,056	127,337	696	13,015	*91,453	26,436	---
Columbia Bank	2,000	2,116	28,532	920	3,958	29,451	2,042	---
Equitable Trust	12,000	15,754	142,746	1,563	21,793	*185,813	12,577	---
Total of averages	279,350	443,270	4,390,375	61,225	603,814	3,710,645	376,118	32,258
Totals, actual condition Dec. 16	4,468,350	60,754	539,790	2,765,652	372,159	32,365	3,159	---
Totals, actual condition Dec. 9	9,439,193	58,821	616,669	3,691,468	377,592	3,159	---	
Totals, actual condition Dec. 2	2,439,558	56,250	491,309	3,757,511	379,496	32,112	---	
State Banks Not Members of Fed'l Reserve Bank.	1,000	2,119	18,588	1,734	2,025	19,095	56	---
Greenwich Bank	250	877	5,576	368	413	2,829	2,092	---
Brewery Bank	2,500	4,684	32,938	3,486	1,865	28,470	51,541	---
State Bank	2,500	4,684	32,938	3,486	1,865	28,470	51,541	---
Total of averages	3,750	7,681	107,052	5,688	4,303	59,394	53,689	---
Totals, actual condition Dec. 16	106,853	5,895	4,562	50,683	53,737	---		
Totals, actual condition Dec. 9	107,279	5,587	4,280	50,768	53,588	---		
Totals, actual condition Dec. 2	106,477	5,487	4,032	49,836	53,424	---		
Trust Companies Not Members of Fed'l Reserve Bank.	7,500	15,066	51,822	1,560	3,469	33,429	1,010	---
Title Guar & Tr	4,000	6,832	25,409	905	1,683	15,820	835	---
Lawyers Tit & T	3,500	8,234	26,413	655	1,786	17,609	1,175	---
Total of averages	11,500	21,899	77,231	2,465	5,052	49,249	1,845	---
Totals, actual condition Dec. 16	76,999	2,342	5,201	49,650	1,723	---		
Totals, actual condition Dec. 9	77,341	2,534	4,941	49,245	2,006	---		
Totals, actual condition Dec. 2	77,801	2,510	5,559	50,896	2,042	---		
Gr'd agr., av'ge	472,851	4,574,658	69,278	513,169	3,810,288	431,652	32,258	---
Comparison with prev. week	+10,854	+2,033	+720	+8,209	+3,937	+154	---	
Gr'd agr., act'l cond'n	16,452,208							

	Actual Figures.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve banks.....	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks.....	5,695,000	639,790,000	645,485,000	600,000,530	39,090,470
Trust companies.....	2,342,000	3,201,000	5,543,000	7,447,500	95,500
Total Dec. 16.....	8,037,000	649,553,000	657,590,000	617,269,070	40,320,930
Total Dec. 9.....	8,100,000	622,790,000	630,890,000	507,743,500	23,146,500
Total Dec. 2.....	7,997,000	609,971,000	617,968,000	518,440,190	7,472,190
Total Nov. 25.....	7,885,000	498,645,000	506,530,000	512,098,010	-5,568,010

* 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. 16, \$11,164,770; Dec. 9, \$11,327,760; Dec. 2, \$11,384,880; Nov. 25, \$11,589,550.

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.

	Dec. 16, 1922.	Differences from previous week.
Loans and investments.....	\$223,817,400	Dec. \$896,800
Gold.....	4,343,500	Inc. 213,900
Currency and bank notes.....	20,217,800	Inc. 178,200
Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York.....	66,674,500	Dec. 347,200
Total deposits.....	786,038,300	Dec. 3,430,700
Deposits, eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City exchanges and U. S. deposits.....	735,433,000	Dec. 5,317,600
Reserve on deposits.....	121,085,000	Inc. 84,900
Percentage of reserve, 20.3%.		

RESERVE.
 State Banks..... 16.90%
 Trust Companies..... 5.08%
 Total..... 19.87%

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and companies combined on Dec. 16 was \$66,574,500.

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 Vault.	Reserve in Depositories.
Aug. 26.....	5,334,972,100	4,599,909,500	86,402,300	809,486,700
Sept. 2.....	5,311,517,600	4,597,237,500	80,259,400	619,063,200
Sept. 9.....	5,297,744,400	4,596,272,800	88,940,400	616,544,100
Sept. 16.....	5,297,309,200	4,615,835,300	90,326,700	625,919,600
Sept. 23.....	5,538,205,100	4,640,919,500	89,350,200	680,815,100
Sept. 30.....	5,317,617,500	4,634,693,500	88,371,200	616,428,800
Oct. 7.....	5,326,359,700	4,649,378,900	86,018,300	624,721,000
Oct. 14.....	5,335,281,000	4,628,354,800	89,391,200	623,553,900
Oct. 21.....	5,397,918,000	4,699,067,000	89,798,300	642,922,400
Oct. 28.....	5,402,995,200	4,650,920,500	88,484,300	618,226,400
Nov. 4.....	5,394,373,600	4,623,416,200	87,330,900	623,119,700
Nov. 11.....	5,348,725,300	4,573,740,400	91,084,000	614,916,700
Nov. 18.....	5,331,539,900	4,569,953,000	89,248,500	617,659,300
Nov. 25.....	5,314,688,500	4,561,416,100	87,309,000	613,970,600
Dec. 2.....	5,327,909,200	4,592,129,500	88,954,800	612,086,200
Dec. 9.....	5,309,488,800	4,542,829,600	91,414,200	609,280,700
Dec. 16.....	4,798,476,400	4,545,721,000	93,839,300	609,293,500

* 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.	Net Profits.	Loans Dis-counts.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depositories.	Net Demand Deposits.	Net Time Deposits.	Nat'l Bank Cir-culation.	Average	
									Average	Average
Members of Fed'l Res. Bank. Battery Park Nat. W. R. Grace & Co.	1,500	1,219	11,120	108	1,203	7,769	471	197		
Total	2,000	2,550	21,850	101	1,691	8,937	8,731	197		
State Banks										
Bank of Wash. Hts.	200	329	5,098	693	276	4,642	778			
Colonial Bank.....	800	1,879	16,822	2,508	1,462	19,871				
Total	1,000	2,208	23,920	3,201	1,740	24,513	778			
Trust Companies										
Mech. Tr., Bayonne	200	667	9,715	405	246	4,100	5,473			
Total	200	667	9,715	405	246	4,100	5,473			
Grand aggregate.....	3,200	5,435	55,494	3,797	3,632	37,550	14,982	197		
Comparison with previous week.....			-1,128	+6	-145	-484	-1,376	-1		
Gr'd agr. Dec. 9.....	3,200	5,43	56,622	3,791	3,827	38,034	16,358	195		
Gr'd agr. Dec. 2.....	3,200	5,29	58,587	3,551	3,765	38,291	18,036			
Gr'd agr. Nov. 25.....	3,200	5,29	59,276	3,643	3,701	33,656	18,433	190		
Gr'd agr. Nov. 18.....	3,200	5,29	60,198	3,734	3,653	39,198	18,279	196		

a U. S. deposits deducted, \$438,000.
 Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$2,055,000.
 Excess reserve, \$24,850 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. 20 1922.	Changes from previous week.	Dec. 13 1922.	Dec. 6 1922.
Capital.....	\$9,100,000	Same	\$9,100,000	\$9,100,000
Surplus and profits.....	85,928,000	Same	85,928,000	85,928,000
Loans, disc'ts & investments.....	948,000,000	Inc. 3,556,000	845,441,000	848,679,000
Individual deposits, incl. U. S. Due to banks.....	117,748,000	Dec. 7,333,900	110,355,000	115,174,000
Time deposits.....	110,782,000	Dec. 1,859,000	112,641,000	112,739,000
United States deposits.....	17,819,000	Inc. 3,744,000	23,117,000	28,099,000
Exchanges for Clearing House Due from other banks.....	27,425,000	Inc. 6,323,000	70,737,000	75,359,000
Reserve in Fed. Res. Bank.....	70,339,000	Inc. 1,585,000	68,754,000	68,698,000
Cash in bank and F. R. Bank Reserve excess in bank and Federal Reserve Bank.....	11,729,000	Inc. 1,012,000	16,717,000	9,994,000
	3,090,000	Inc. 1,098,000	1,962,000	2,490,000

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Dec. 16, 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."

	Week ending Dec. 16 1922.			Dec. 9 1922.	Dec. 2 1922.
	Members of F. R. System.	Trust Companies.	Total.		
Capital.....	\$35,175.0	\$5,000.0	\$40,175.0	\$39,675.0	\$39,675.0
Surplus and profits.....	98,939.0	14,117.0	113,056.0	113,455.0	113,455.0
Loans, disc'ts & invest'm'ts.....	648,882.0	43,102.0	691,984.0	690,887.0	690,493.0
Exchanges for Clear House Due from banks.....	28,654.0	565.0	29,219.0	28,278.0	31,236.0
Time deposits.....	99,031.0	31.0	99,062.0	91,417.0	97,783.0
Bank deposits.....	116,001.0	687.0	116,688.0	115,106.0	114,211.0
Individual deposits.....	527,133.0	28,710.0	555,843.0	547,621.0	557,468.0
Time deposits.....	21,129.0	560.0	21,689.0	21,761.0	21,807.0
Total deposits.....	603,263.0	29,357.0	632,620.0	684,488.0	693,516.0
U. S. deposits (not incl.).....		11,959.0	11,959.0	8,565.0	9,256.0
Res'v with legal deposit'rs.....		3,852.0	3,852.0	3,380.0	3,197.0
Res'v with F. R. Bank.....	54,327.0		54,327.0	54,926.0	53,708.0
Cash in vault.....	11,786.0	1,547.0	13,333.0	12,560.0	11,970.0
Total reserve and cash held.....	66,113.0	5,129.0	71,242.0	70,860.0	68,875.0
Reserve required.....	54,474.0	4,348.0	58,822.0	58,118.0	58,713.0
Excess res. & cash in vault.....	12,139.0	2,328.0	14,467.0	14,094.0	11,300.0

* Cash in vault 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. 20 1922 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

	Dec. 20 1922.	Dec. 13 1922.	Dec. 21 1921.
Resources—			
Gold and gold certificates.....	129,802,772	145,467,932	288,793,000
Gold settlement fund—F. R. Board.....	233,248,975	190,287,892	164,917,000
Total gold held by bank.....	363,051,747	335,695,794	453,620,000
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent.....	650,224,228	669,409,428	593,316,000
Gold redemption fund.....	7,627,377	9,186,317	15,999,000
Total gold reserves.....	1,019,903,352	1,014,291,541	1,062,935,000
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.....	20,291,996	29,742,088	42,253,000
Total reserves.....	1,040,195,348	1,044,033,629	1,104,188,000
Bills (discounted): Secured by U. S. Government obligations—for members.....	126,029,410	160,660,710	187,396,000
For other F. R. banks.....	16,320,630	23,212,921	79,974,000
All other—for members.....	41,225,220	51,223,507	61,707,000
For other F. R. banks.....			
Bills bought in open market.....	183,581,261	235,109,139	298,197,000
Total bills on hand.....	39,517,750	36,172,659	7,743,000
U. S. bonds and notes.....			
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	3,500,000	4,000,000	36,460,000
One-year certificates (Pittman Act).....	85,450,000	23,143,000	38,084,000
All other.....			
Total earning assets.....	312,049,011	298,421,789	380,424,000
Bank premises.....	10,744,277	10,325,180	6,899,000
5% redemp. fund agt. F. R. bank notes.....	174,000	199,000	1,644,000
Uncollected items.....	163,328,474	167,055,560	129,859,000
All other resources.....	1,874,597	2,030,353	3,339,000
Total resources.....	1,534,366,471	1,502,041,572	1,617,264,000
Liabilities—			
Capital paid in.....	28,680,950	28,680,950	27,114,000
Surplus.....	60,197,127	60,197,127	59,318,000
Deposits:			
Government.....	760,112	2,475,564	9,291,000
Member banks—Reserve account.....	700,789,927	680,828,371	700,640,000
All other.....	13,564,379	11,487,293	13,042,000
Total deposits.....	715,110,420	694,741,229	722,973,000
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	605,539,259	591,809,217	666,571,000
F. R. notes in circ'n—net liability.....	3,048,200	3,559,200	20,810,000
Deferred availability items.....	115,706,987	110,994,282	95,117,000
All other liabilities.....	0,088,528	0,069,586	25,361,000
Total liabilities.....	1,534,366,471	1,502,041,572	1,617,264,000
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	79.2%	80.4%	79.5%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.....	12,491,675	11,673,377	12,044,117

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Charles J. Peabody will withdraw from the firm of Spencer Trask & Co. on Jan. 1 after an active partnership of 35 years. He will devote himself more to many and varied interests, but will continue to make his office with the firm and remain intimately associated with it. Erastus W. Bullock, who is compelled to lay aside business responsibilities because of prolonged and serious illness, will also withdraw from the firm on Jan. 1. C. Everett Bacon and F. Malbone Blodgett, the incoming partners, have for some years been confidential and valued members of the organization. Mr. Bacon is a son by marriage of Mr. Peabody.

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Dec. 21, 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 2734 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. 20 1922.

Table with 10 columns for dates from Dec. 20 1922 to Dec. 21 1921. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold and gold certificates, Total gold held by banks, Total gold reserves, Total reserves, Bills discounted, Total bills on hand, Total earning assets) and LIABILITIES (Capital paid in, Surplus, Deposits, Total, Ratio of gold reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, Distribution by Maturity, Federal Reserve Notes, Amount chargeable to Fed. Res. Agent, How Secured). Values are in dollars.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DEC. 20 1922

Table with 13 columns for cities: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold and gold certificates, Total gold held by banks, Total gold reserves, Total reserves, Bills discounted, Total bills on hand, Total earning assets) and LIABILITIES (Federal Reserve Notes, Amount chargeable to Fed. Res. Agent, How Secured). Values are in dollars.

RESOURCES (Concluded)— Two ciphers (00) omitted.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland	Richmond	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Bank premises.....	\$ 5,251.0	\$ 10,744.0	\$ 639.0	\$ 7,042.0	\$ 2,571.0	\$ 2,108.0	\$ 7,781.0	\$ 971.0	\$ 1,042.0	\$ 5,169.0	\$ 2,095.0	\$ 1,768.0	\$ 47,181.0
9% redemption fund against Federal Reserve bank notes.....	422.0	174.0	75.0	89.0	68.0	468.0	665.0	103.0	196.0	200.0	146.0	19.0	2,625.0
Uncollected items.....	71,758.0	163,328.0	63,723.0	70,931.0	61,781.0	31,754.0	99,051.0	48,627.0	19,823.0	49,446.0	28,594.0	50,576.0	759,392.0
All other resources.....	419.0	1,875.0	431.0	721.0	533.0	342.0	841.0	385.0	1,685.0	846.0	1,817.0	4,948.0	14,840.0
Total resources.....	410,805.0	1,534,366.0	415,801.0	491,959.0	230,240.0	220,280.0	811,570.0	223,929.0	139,734.0	216,446.0	139,181.0	444,988.0	5,279,299.0
LIABILITIES.													
Capital paid in.....	\$ 8,126.0	\$ 28,681.0	\$ 9,327.0	\$ 11,708.0	\$ 5,600.0	\$ 4,309.0	\$ 14,772.0	\$ 4,813.0	\$ 3,536.0	\$ 4,623.0	\$ 4,195.0	\$ 7,671.0	\$ 107,261.0
Surplus.....	16,483.0	60,197.0	17,945.0	22,509.0	11,030.0	9,114.0	29,025.0	9,388.0	7,468.0	9,646.0	7,394.0	15,199.0	215,398.0
Deposits—Government.....	385.0	766.0	874.0	749.0	689.0	128.0	532.0	463.0	580.0	1,027.0	135.0	386.0	6,715.0
Member bank—reserve acct.....	122,139.0	700,790.0	108,583.0	141,804.0	54,938.0	53,632.0	270,389.0	68,396.0	49,555.0	80,773.0	54,482.0	134,753.0	1,840,209.0
All other.....	1,982.0	13,555.0	942.0	1,668.0	784.0	782.0	3,759.0	2,173.0	1,602.0	2,638.0	678.0	4,496.0	35,039.0
Total deposits.....	124,498.0	715,111.0	110,399.0	144,221.0	56,391.0	54,542.0	274,660.0	71,032.0	51,737.0	84,438.0	55,295.0	139,635.0	1,881,959.0
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	209,230.0	605,539.0	224,773.0	252,370.0	103,844.0	127,843.0	422,690.0	96,834.0	59,183.0	71,552.0	39,719.0	243,004.0	2,456,711.0
F. R. bank notes in circulation—net liability.....	150.0	3,048.0	8.0	430.0	924.0	797.0	1,394.0	87.0	485.0	3,037.0	1,709.0	60.0	12,490.0
Deferred liability items.....	50,077.0	115,707.0	51,127.0	57,850.0	51,117.0	2,294.0	65,383.0	40,219.0	15,748.0	41,607.0	29,669.0	36,699.0	576,997.0
All other liabilities.....	2,011.0	6,083.0	2,223.0	2,871.0	1,334.0	1,381.0	3,646.0	1,186.0	1,577.0	1,543.0	1,800.0	2,820.0	28,474.0
Total liabilities.....	410,805.0	1,534,366.0	415,801.0	491,959.0	230,240.0	220,280.0	811,570.0	223,929.0	139,734.0	216,446.0	139,181.0	444,988.0	5,279,299.0
<i>Memoranda.</i>													
Ratio of total reserves to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined, per cent.....	64.1	79.2	71.7	68.9	67.1	76.1	78.2	63.3	74.3	53.9	59.4	69.1	72.8
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.....	2,430.0	12,492.0	2,254.0	2,729.0	1,631.0	1,198.0	3,961.0	1,564.0	890.0	1,598.0	865.0	1,531.0	33,162.0

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 20 1922.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleve.	Richm'd	Atlanta	Chicago.	St. Louis	Minn.	K. City.	Dallas.	San Fr.	Total.
Resources—													
Federal Reserve notes on hand.....	\$ 80,900	\$ 399,610	\$ 38,160	\$ 24,640	\$ 27,200	\$ 69,698	\$ 86,800	\$ 23,270	\$ 10,950	\$ 17,660	\$ 17,350	\$ 51,070	\$ 847,308
Federal Reserve notes outstanding.....	227,308	789,134	241,439	270,524	113,217	133,862	462,171	113,578	62,063	81,719	43,739	280,953	2,818,805
Collateral security for Federal Reserve notes outstanding.....	15,300	283,184	38,160	13,275	2,400	2,400	11,610	13,052	7,471	3,383	7,471	11,196	346,292
Gold and gold certificates.....	19,819	35,041	13,982	13,101	3,323	5,231	15,472	4,603	1,770	3,383	2,473	19,166	187,454
Gold redemption fund.....	108,000	341,000	160,389	155,000	62,795	92,000	374,645	58,300	30,000	47,360	21,500	185,953	1,633,942
Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board.....	84,187	129,000	61,038	89,058	47,099	34,231	72,054	39,065	17,241	30,976	21,295	74,934	701,117
Eligible paper (Amount required).....	3,442	31,239	5,663	20,341	4,229	9,410	21,880	2,407	2,897	3,675	18,818	7,023	131,013
Excess amount held.....													
Total.....	538,954	2,009,114	526,701	586,029	257,855	346,823	1,033,022	252,833	137,973	184,773	123,655	618,199	6,615,931
Liabilities—													
Net amount of Federal Reserve notes received from Comptroller of the Currency.....	\$ 308,298	\$ 1,188,744	\$ 279,599	\$ 295,164	\$ 140,417	\$ 203,351	\$ 548,971	\$ 136,848	\$ 73,013	\$ 99,379	\$ 61,098	\$ 331,123	\$ 3,666,113
Collateral received from Gold.....	183,119	659,225	180,371	181,466	66,118	99,631	390,117	74,513	44,822	50,743	22,444	205,119	2,117,688
Federal Reserve Bank (Eligible paper).....	87,629	161,145	66,731	109,399	51,329	43,641	93,934	41,472	20,138	34,651	40,113	81,957	832,130
Total.....	578,954	2,009,114	526,701	586,029	257,855	346,823	1,033,022	252,833	137,973	184,773	123,655	618,199	6,615,931
Federal Reserve notes outstanding.....	\$ 227,308	\$ 789,134	\$ 241,439	\$ 270,524	\$ 113,217	\$ 133,862	\$ 462,171	\$ 113,578	\$ 62,063	\$ 81,719	\$ 43,739	\$ 280,953	\$ 2,818,805
Federal Reserve notes held by banks.....	17,946	153,595	16,606	18,154	9,373	6,019	39,481	16,744	2,880	10,167	4,020	37,949	362,094
Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation.....	209,362	605,539	224,773	252,370	103,844	127,843	422,690	96,834	59,183	71,552	39,719	243,004	2,456,711

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 2734.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business December 13 1922. Three ciphers (000) omitted.

Federal Reserve District.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richm'd.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	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.....	\$ 16,601	\$ 107,115	\$ 19,475	\$ 31,192	\$ 12,256	\$ 7,641	\$ 46,855	\$ 18,760	\$ 9,220	\$ 10,425	\$ 4,500	\$ 16,266	\$ 300,336
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	241,227	1,630,293	249,068	374,743	119,632	55,780	847,096	138,931	43,777	73,797	54,075	152,074	3,680,485
All other loans and discounts.....	567,881	2,247,948	335,271	651,223	319,507	337,805	998,576	296,848	107,728	304,598	212,515	748,370	7,277,270
Total loans and discounts.....	825,709	3,985,348	603,814	1,057,158	451,395	401,226	1,592,557	453,539	250,725	448,826	271,090	916,710	11,258,091
U. S. bonds.....	102,748	597,730	61,920	177,218	65,335	28,645	140,604	52,937	28,756	62,666	35,224	135,663	1,489,446
U. S. Victory Notes.....	741	10,312	1,015	2,354	557	1,503	5,331	2,017	224	2,010	956	7,044	35,464
U. S. Treasury notes.....	20,741	414,948	25,479	37,796	3,855	3,625	84,539	12,514	10,639	14,630	8,160	25,138	657,064
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness.....	3,175	12,465	2,760	3,498	3,177	7,103	28,382	3,635	2,774	7,183	4,713	10,109	88,972
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	170,306	757,197	181,637	292,288	55,097	36,489	420,801	87,922	29,595	60,660	9,204	159,287	2,260,483
Total loans & disc'ts & invest'm'ts, incl. bills redisc'd with F. R. Bk.	1,123,420	5,777,000	876,525	1,566,810	579,416	478,591	2,272,214	613,464	322,113	595,996	329,347	1,253,951	15,789,520
Reserve balance with F. R. Bank.....	84,363	615,361	67,421	93,987	34,899	32,533	201,146	43,267	20,364	50,723	26,434	89,736	1,360,204
Cash in vault.....	21,471	66,865	18,892	36,207	14,900	10,720	59,329	9,008	6,771	12,904	10,370	22,904	320,341
Net demand deposits.....	814,808	4,789,658	693,307	855,158	333,238	279,567	1,448,244	356,617	206,071	443,706	238,628	652,797	11,111,839
Time deposits.....	237,431	778,203	58,302	555,823	144,442	160,041	733,828	176,419	83,918	123,592	70,825	568,289	3,690,573
Government deposits.....	16,787	70,215	2,380	10,693	5,543	5,167	15,965	11,541	3,031	3,201	1,911	5,226	51,129
Bills payable with F. R. Bank:													
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	7,000	138,447	13,218	17,414	14,160	1,350	17,025	7,514	1,023	7,308	160	5,500	233,128
All other.....				20	688				1			127	836
Bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank:													
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	203	500	238	116	191	193	104	113	17	8	5	50	1,733
All other.....	34,945	17,593	11,848	15,122	13,807	9,192	18,391	8,940	2,442	9,836	3,088	16,411	161,185

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.	
	Dec. 13.	Dec. 6.	Dec. 13.	Dec. 6.	Dec. 13.	Dec. 6.	Dec. 13.	Dec. 6.	Dec. 13.	Dec. 6.	Dec. 13 '22.	Dec. 6 '22.
Number of reporting banks.....	64	64	50	50	264	264	209	206	311	311	784	784
Loans and discounts, incl. bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank:												
Loans sec. by U. S. Govt. oblig'ns.....	\$ 197,238	\$ 108,030	\$ 36,664									

Bankers' Gazette

Wall Street, Friday Night, Dec. 22 1922.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The stock market was depressed early in the week. This was due chiefly to announcement on Monday that the dividend on Great Northern had been reduced from 7%, which rate had been maintained 24 years, to 5%.

On the other hand, the produce markets have been continuously strong, wheat at 128 1/2 registering a new high price for this crop, and cotton selling above 26 cents per pound.

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. 22, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Railroads, Industrial & Miscell., and various other stock categories.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Table showing transactions at the New York Stock Exchange. Columns: Week ending Dec. 22 1922, Stocks (Shares, Par Value), Railroad, etc., Bonds, State, Mun. and Foreign Bonds, U. S. Bonds.

Table showing sales at the New York Stock Exchange. Columns: Week ending Dec. 22, 1921, 1922, 1921. Rows: Stocks—No. shares, Par value, Bonds, Government bonds, State, mun., etc., bonds, RR. and misc. bonds, Total bonds.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table showing daily transactions at the Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore exchanges. Columns: Week ending Dec. 22 1922, Boston (Shares, Bond Sales), Philadelphia (Shares, Bond Sales), Baltimore (Shares, Bond Sales).

* In addition there were sales of rights: Saturday, 1,240; Monday, 3,582; Tuesday, 2,160; Wednesday, 8,075; Thursday, 6,088.

Table showing daily record of U. S. Bond Prices. Columns: Dec. 16, Dec. 18, Dec. 19, Dec. 20, Dec. 21, Dec. 22. Rows: First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, Third 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, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table showing quotations for U. S. Treasury certificates of indebtedness. Columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 2760.

Foreign Exchange.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 61 1/2 @ 4 62 1/2 for sixty days, 4 63 1/2 @ 4 64 1/2 for cheques, and 4 64 1/2 @ 4 65 1/2 for cables.

Table showing foreign exchange rates. Columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Rows: Sterling, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders, Domestic Exchange.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Dec. 16, Monday, Dec. 18, Tuesday, Dec. 19, Wednesday, Dec. 20, Thursday, Dec. 21, Friday, Dec. 22); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, Industrial & Miscellaneous); PER SHARE (Range since Jan. 1, 1922, On basis of 100-shares lot); PER SHARE (Range for previous year 1921). Rows include various stocks like Ann Arbor, Atchafalaya, and American Express.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-rights. ‡ Less than 100 shares. § Ex-dividend and rights. ¶ Ex-dividend. † Ex-rights (June 15) to subscribe share for share to stock of Glen Alden Coal Co. at \$5 per share and ex-dividend 100% in stock (Aug. 22).

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Saturday, Dec. 10.	Monday, Dec. 13.	Tuesday, Dec. 19.	Wednesday, Dec. 20.	Thursday, Dec. 21.	Friday, Dec. 22.
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* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. a Ex-dividend and rights. s Ex-dividend. ** Ex-rights.

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* 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.

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now—"and interest"—except for income and defered bonds.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest, Price, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for U. S. Government, Foreign Government, and State and City Securities.

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a:Due Jan. d:Due April. c:Due May. g:Due June. h:Due July. i:Due Aug. o:Due Oct. p:Due Nov. q:Due Dec.

Table of N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE BOND prices, including columns for Bond description, Price Friday, Week's Range, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE BOND prices, including columns for Bond description, Price Friday, Week's Range, and Range Since Jan. 1.

* No price Friday; latest bid and asked this week. g Due Jan. d Due Feb. e Due June. f Due July. n Due Sept. o Due Oct. # Option sale.

BONDS		Price		Week's		Bonds	Range	
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE		Friday		Range of			Since	
Week ending Dec 22		Dec 22		Last Sale		Sold	Jan. 1	
Interest	Period	Bid	Ask	Low	High		No.	Low
N O Texas & Mexico 1st 6s.	1925 J D	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/4	100 1/2	3	95 1/2	101 1/2
Non-conv income 5 1/2 A	1935 A O	76 1/4	78 1/2	76 1/4	77 1/2	36	62	80 1/2
N Y Cent RR conv deb 6s.	1935 F A	104	104 1/2	103 1/2	104	268	98	108 1/2
Consol 4 1/2 Ser A	1935 F A	81 1/2	82 1/2	81	82 1/2	20	78 1/2	86 1/2
Ref & Imp 4 1/2 "A"	2012 A O	88	88 1/2	87 1/2	88	52	85 1/2	92
Ref & Imp 4 1/2	2012 A O	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	143	93 1/4	99 1/4
N Y Central & Hudson River								
Mortgage 3 1/2	1907 J J	76 1/2	77	76 1/2	77 1/4	26	74 1/2	83 1/4
Registered	1907 J J							
Debtenture gold 4s	1934 M N	91	92	91	92	24	84	93
Registered	1934 M N							
30-year debenture 4s	1943 J J	89 1/2	89 1/2	88	89 1/2	6	86 1/2	89 1/2
Lake Shore coll gold 3 1/2	1938 F A	73 1/4	74	74	74 1/4	6	69 1/4	74 1/4
Registered	1938 F A							
Mich Cent coll gold 3 1/2	1908 F A	71	73	70 1/2	73 1/2	3	68 1/2	74 1/2
Registered	1908 F A							
Battle Cr & Stur 1st gu 4s	1938 F A	80 1/4	80 1/4	80	80 1/4	3	72	78
Beech Creek 1st gu 4s	1936 J J	86 1/4	86 1/4	86 1/4	86 1/4	3	80	82
Registered	1936 J J							
2d guar gold 5s	1936 J J	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	3	84 1/2	91 1/2
Beech Cr Ext 1st g 3 1/2	1935 A O	76	76	76	76	3	60	60
Cart & Ad 1st g 4s	1931 J D	80	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	3	82 1/2	90
KA & G R 1st g 5s	1935 J J	75	78	74	74	3	74	81 1/2
Lake Shore gold 3 1/2	1937 J J	71 1/4	77 1/2	71 1/4	71 1/4	3	71 1/4	80 1/4
Registered	1937 J J							
Debtenture gold 4s	1928 M S	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	36	80 1/4	90
25-year gold 4s	1931 M N	92	92 1/2	92 1/4	93 1/4	6	88 1/2	95 1/4
Registered	1931 M N							
Mob & Mal 1st gu 4s	1931 M S	86	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	3	82 1/2	85 1/2
Mahon C R RR 1st 5s	1934 J J	96 1/4	96 1/4	96 1/4	96 1/4	3	96	102 1/2
Michigan Central 5s	1931 M S	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	3	100	100
Registered	1931 M S							
4s	1940 J J	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	3	92 1/4	99 1/4
Registered	1940 J J							
J L & S 1st gold 3 1/2	1931 M N	79	82	80 1/4	82 1/4	15	70 1/4	81 1/4
1st gold 3 1/2	1932 M N	81	81 1/4	81	81 1/4	3	80 1/4	81 1/4
20-year debenture 4s	1929 A O	91	91 1/2	91	91 1/2	15	86 1/2	94
N J June RR guar 1st 4s	1938 F A	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	3	82 1/2	82 1/2
N Y & Harlem 3 1/2	2000 M N	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	3	75 1/2	81
N Y & Northern 1st g 5s	1924 A O	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	3	99	99
N Y & Pu 1st cons gu 4s	1928 A O	82 1/2	83	82 1/2	83 1/2	3	77 1/2	86 1/2
Rutland 1st con g 4 1/2	1941 J J	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	3	78	86 1/2
Or & L Cham 1st gu 4s	1948 J J	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	3	76	75 1/2
Rut-Canada 1st gu 4s	1949 J J	69 1/2	73 1/2	71	72 1/2	1	66	75 1/2
St Lawr & Adir 1st g 5s	1936 A O	92 1/2	95 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	3	87 1/2	93 1/2
2d gold 5s	1936 A O	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	3	92 1/2	96 1/2
Pitts & L Erie 2d g 5s	1928 A O	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	3	97	99
Pitts McK & Y 1st gu 6s	1932 J J	101 1/4	105	105	105 1/4	3	105	110 1/4
2d guaranteed 6s	1934 J J	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	3	99 1/4	99 1/4
West Shore 1st 4s guar.	2361 J J	83	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	65	78 1/2	87
Registered	2361 J J							
N Y C Lines eq tr 5s	1930-22 M N							
Equity trust 4 1/2	1920-22 J J							
N Y Chic & St L 1st g 4s	1937 A O	88 1/2	89 1/2	88 1/2	89 1/2	3	82 1/2	92 1/2
Registered	1937 A O							
Debtenture 4s	1931 M N	86 1/2	87	86 1/2	87	7	80 1/2	89 1/2
N Y Connect 1st gu 4 1/2 A	1933 F A	89	89 1/2	89	89 1/2	3	81 1/2	94
N Y N H & Hartford								
Non-conv debent 4s	1947 M S	51	57	59 1/2	59 1/2	45	45	63 1/2
Non-conv debent 3 1/2	1947 M S	47	55	51	51	2	44	56 1/2
Non-conv debent 3 1/2	1954 A O	47	51	47	47	2	43 1/2	53 1/2
Non-conv debent 4s	1955 J J	50	50	50 1/2	51 1/2	1	40 1/2	50
Non-conv debent 4s	1956 M N	49 1/2	50	49 1/2	49 1/2	1	41	50
Conv debenture 3 1/2	1956 J J	49 1/2	50 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	1	47 1/2	54 1/2
Conv debenture 6s	1930 J J	70	70	70	70	132	67 1/2	85 1/2
Cons Ry non-conv 4s	1920 F A	50	50	50	50	3	50	54
Non-conv debent 4s	1955 J J	50 1/2	51 1/2	50 1/2	51 1/2	3	50 1/2	54
Non-conv debent 4s	1956 J J	50 1/2	52	50 1/2	52	3	50 1/2	54 1/2
4% debentures	1957 M N	3 1/2	4	4	4 1/2	27	31	37
Harlem R-Pr Ches 1st 4s	1954 M N	78 1/2	80 1/2	78 1/2	80 1/2	3	71	82 1/2
E & N Y Air Line 1st 4s	1955 F A	55 1/2	60	55 1/2	55 1/2	3	59	70
Cent-New Eng 1st gu 4s	1931 J J	62 1/2	62	62	62 1/2	3	61 1/2	68 1/2
Housatonic Ry cons g 5s	1937 M N	63 1/2	65	63 1/2	65	3	61 1/2	68 1/2
Northampton RR 1st 4s	1934 A O	70	70	70	70	3	68 1/2	74 1/2
N Y Prov & Boston 4s	1942 A O	45 1/4	45 1/4	45 1/4	45 1/4	70	33	59 1/2
N Y W Ches & B 1st Ser 1 1/2	1945 J J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	3	83	93 1/2
New England cons 6s	1945 J J	74	74	74	74	3	73	83 1/2
Consol 4s	1945 J J	35 1/2	52	52	52	3	26	56
Providence Secur deb 4s	1957 M N	75	75	75	75	3	75	80 1/2
Providence Term 1st 4s	1956 M N	62 1/2	65	62 1/2	65	3	60	65
W & C East 1st 4 1/2	1943 J J	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	3	67	79
N Y O & W ref 1st 4s	2192 M S							
Registered \$5,000 only	2192 M S							
General 4s	1955 J D	62 1/2	67 1/2	62 1/2	67 1/2	2	65	70 1/2
Norfolk Sou 1st & ref A 5s	1951 F A	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	11	80	91 1/2
Norfolk & West 1st 6s	1941 M N	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	3	104	109 1/2
Norfolk & West gen gold 6s	1931 M N	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	3	107	109 1/2
Improvement & ext 4s	1934 F A	103 1/4	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	3	104 1/2	109 1/2
New River 1st gold	1932 A O	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	12	84 1/2	94 1/2
N & W Ry 1st cons g 4s	1936 A O	81	81	81	81	27	83 1/2	91 1/2
Registered	1936 A O							
Div 1st lien & gen g 4s	1944 J J	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	84	103 1/2	124 1/2
10-25 year conv 6s	1938 M S	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	59	84	89 1/2
10-year conv 6s	1929 M S	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	59	84	89 1/2
Pocon C & C Joint 4s	1941 J D	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	3	83 1/2	91 1/2
Solo V & N E 1st gu 4s	1930 M N	80	80	80	80	66	84	91 1/2
Northern Pacific prior lien RR	1907 Q J	86	86	86	86	66	84	91 1/2
Registered	1907 Q J							
General lien gold 3s	2047 Q F	61 1/4	61 1/4	61 1/4	61 1/4	37	60	65
Registered	2047 Q F							
Ref & Imp 6s Ser B	2047 J J	100	100	100	100	292	105 1/2	116 1/2
Ref & Imp 4 1/2 Ser A	2047 J J	88 1/2	90	88 1/2	90	43	86	93 1/2
5s	2047 J J	98 1/2	99 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	43	96 1/2	100 1/2
St Paul-Duluth Div g 4s	1906 J J	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	3	79 1/4	84 1/2
N E-Gt Norj 1st g 5 1/2	1936 J J	100	100	100	100	3	103 1/2	109
St Paul & N P gen gold 6s	1923 F A	100	100	100	100	3	100	101
Registered certifiates	1923 F A							
St Paul & Duluth 1st 5s	1931 F A	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	3	96 1/2	100
1st consol gold 4s	1935 F A	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	3	82 1/2	88 1/2
Wash Cent 1st gold 4s	1948 Q M	77 1/2	83	84	84	605	77	85 1/2
Nor Pac Term Co 1st g 6s	1933 J J	109	109	109	109	3	107	108 1/2
Oregon-Wash 1st & ref 4s	1961 J J	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	605	77	85 1/2
Pacific Coast Co 1st g 5s	1946 J D	71 1/2	83	79	83 1/2	605	60	93
Paducah & Ill 1st g 4 1/2	1955 J J	91 1/2	93 1/2	91 1/2	93 1/2	339	66 1/2	85
Parish-Lyons-Med RR 4s	1958 F A	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	339	66 1/2	85
Pennsylvania RR 1st g 4s	1923 M N	92	92	92	92	3	92 1/2	99 1/2
Consolidated 4s	1943 M N	76 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	3	75 1/2	82 1/2
Consolidated 4s	1948 M N	76 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	3	75 1/2	82 1/2
Consol 4 1/2	1960 F A	95 1/2	97 1/2	95 1/2	97 1/2	36	92 1/2	103
General 4 1/2	1965 J D	101 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	163	93	95
General 4 1/2	1968 J D	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	60	105 1/2	113 1

Table of New York Stock Exchange bonds, Week ending Dec 22. Columns include Bond Name, Interest, Price, Range, and Date. Includes sections for BONDERS, Street Railway, and Gas and Electric Light.

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Table with columns: Bonds, N.Y. Stock Exchange, Week ending Dec 22, Interest, Price, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, and Rate Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for Bonds, Oils, Mining, Coal, Iron and Steel, and Telegraph and Telephone.

Quotations for Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f."

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, and various security names. Includes Standard Oil Stocks, RR. Equipment, and Short Term Securities.

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Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and stock prices. Includes a 'Siles for the Week' column.

Main table listing various stocks and bonds under the heading 'STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE'. Columns include stock names, prices, and dates.

* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend. ‡ Ex-dividend and interest. § Ex-dividend. ¶ Ex-dividend. †† Assessed.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Dec. 16 to Dec. 22, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various bonds like Alaska Deb., At Gulf & W.I.S.S., etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange Dec. 16 to Dec. 22, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Alliance Insurance, American Gas, etc.

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Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange Dec. 16 to Dec. 22, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

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Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Dec. 16 to Dec. 22, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

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Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Dec. 16 to Dec. 22, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Amer Pub Service, Amer Rehabilitation, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1, and various stock names like Thompson, J.R. com., United Carb. & Carbon, etc.

New York Curb Market.—Official transactions in the New York Curb Market from Dec. 16 to Dec. 22, inclusive:

Large table with columns: Week ending Dec. 22, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1, and various stock names under Industrial & Miscell., Former Standard Oil, and Other Oil Stocks.

Mining (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range since Jan. 1.			
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.		
Copper Range Co.	38 1/4	38 1/4	38 1/4	500	38 1/4	Dec	43 July	
Cork Province Mines	1	15c	18c	10,000	13c	Dec	22c Aug	
Cortez Silver	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	15,900	84c	Jan	1 1/4 Oct	
Cresson Con Gold M & M	1	2 1/2	3 1/2	2,300	2 1/2	Oct	3 Jan	
Daily Mining	10	3 1/2	3 1/2	100	3 1/2	Nov	8 1/2 June	
Dean Consolidated Corp.	1	70c	77c	18,200	36c	Aug	77c Dec	
Divide Extension	1	10c	11c	14,000	10c	Aug	2 1/2 Jan	
Dolores Esperanza	5	1 1/2	2c	3,600	10c	Feb	3 1/2 Aug	
Dryden Gold Corp.	61c	54c	61c	33,400	54c	Dec	61c Dec	
El Salvador Silver Mines	1	2c	1c	74,000	1c	Dec	22c Aug	
Emma Silver	1	2c	3c	49,000	1c	Mar	5c Aug	
Eureka Crosses	1	28c	21c	28c	0.40c	18c	Jan	41c July
Florence Silver	1	37c	37c	1,000	15c	Feb	38c Dec	
Fortuna Con Mining	30c	21c	30c	225,000	5c	Oct	30c Dec	
Gadsden Copper	1	70c	70c	200	59c	Mar	1 3/8 Apr	
Goldfield Consol Mines	10	6c	6c	7,000	3c	Jan	12c Apr	
Goldfield Deep	10c	9c	10c	78,000	3c	Jan	12c Apr	
Goldfield Development	1	6c	6c	23,000	3c	Jan	60c Sept	
Goldfield Florence	1	24c	21c	25c	9c	July	30c Apr	
Gold Zone Divide	1	8c	8c	3,000	7c	May	10c Apr	
Green Monster Mining	50c	6c	6c	7c	2,000	3c	Dec	22c Mar
Guantanamo M & M	10c	10c	12c	2,000	10c	Dec	12c Dec	
Hard Shell Mining	1	4c	3c	46,000	3c	Dec	48c Mar	
Harrill Divide	10c	6c	5c	11,000	6c	Aug	18c June	
Hecla Mining	25c	7 1/2	8	700	4 1/2	Jan	9 Nov	
Herrietta Silver	54c	50c	55c	800	30c	Aug	1 1/2 Oct	
Hilltop-Nevada Mining	1 1/2	95c	105c	7,300	13c	June	1 1/2 July	
Hollinger Cons Gold Min	5	12	12	7 1/2	Jan	14 1/2	Sept	
Hull South Co.	1	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,000	2 1/2	Jan	3 1/2 Mar	
Hubb Copper	1	5c	5c	1,000	5c	Dec	3 1/2 Mar	
Independence Lead Mining	20c	25c	30c	31,600	6c	Jan	76c May	
Iron Blossom Con M.	100	29c	28c	25c	9,000	16c	Mar	35c Aug
Jerome Verde Devel.	1	2 1/2	2 1/2	300	2	Dec	5 Feb	
Jim Butler Tonopah	1	6c	6c	3,000	4c	July	10c Feb	
Jumbo Extension	1	5c	5c	2,000	2c	Jan	9c Aug	
Knox Divide	10c	2c	3c	7,000	2c	Dec	7c Aug	
La Rose Consol	5	19c	19c	1,000	19c	Dec	63c Mar	
Lone Star Consol	1	6c	6c	9,000	1c	Jan	14c Oct	
MacNamara Mining	1	4c	4c	7c	21,000	4c	Dec	14c Mar
Marsh Mining	1	6c	6c	7c	6,000	Jan	1 1/2 May	
Mason Valley Mines	5	1 1/2	2	1,700	1	Oct	1 1/2 Mar	
McKinley-Darragh	5c	13c	20c	9,800	8c	June	40c Apr	
National Tin Corp.	50c	25c	23c	29c	47,000	14c	Dec	67c Mar
Nevada Ophir	1	14c	15c	3,000	8c	Nov	52c Mar	
Nevada Silver Horn	1	1c	1c	5,000	1c	Nov	14c Mar	
New Cornelia	1	17	17	100	15	Oct	20 June	
New Dominion Copper	5	2 1/2	3	4,500	2	Jan	3 1/2 Dec	
New Jersey Zinc	100	173	169	173 1/2	38 1/2	14 1/2	June	174 1/2 Apr
New Ray Mines	1	22c	22c	1,000	18c	Apr	25c Apr	
Nipissing Mines	5	5 1/2	5 1/2	2,300	5 1/2	July	6 1/2 Mar	
Ohio Copper	10	55c	60c	132,300	1c	Aug	60c Dec	
Ray Hercules	1 1/2	4 1/2	15,000	1	Feb	2 1/2	Mar	
Red Hills Florence	1	2c	2c	11,000	5c	Jan	12c May	
Rex Consolidated Mining	1	5c	6c	11,000	5c	Jan	12c May	
Richmond Cop M & Dev.	24c	20c	24c	24,000	20c	Dec	30c Nov	
Sandstorm Kendall	1	1c	1c	4,000	1c	Aug	6c Oct	
San Toy Mining	1	2c	2c	1,000	2c	Nov	10c Mar	
Seven Metals	1	1c	1c	1,000	1c	Dec	3c Feb	
Silver King of Arizona	1	1c	1c	3,000	1c	Dec	5c Oct	
Silver King Divide Reorg.	1	10c	10c	3,000	8c	Nov	20c Jan	
Silver Mines of Amer.	18c	16c	18c	7,000	10c	Apr	20c Mar	
Silver Pick Consol	1	5c	5c	3,000	2c	Sept	23c Mar	
Simon Silver Lead	1	30c	30c	1,000	20c	Nov	90c Apr	
South Amer Gold & Plat.	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	400	3 1/2	Nov	5 1/2 Apr	
Spearhead	7c	5c	8c	33,000	1c	May	19c Sept	
Standard Silver-Lead	1	24c	25c	15,000	10c	Jan	28c Dec	
Stewart Mining	1	5c	5c	9,000	2c	Jan	18c Apr	
Success Mining	1	44c	46c	23,000	1c	Mar	70c Oct	
Teck-Hughes	80c	75c	80c	8,400	20c	Jan	99c Nov	
Tonopah Belmont Dev.	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	2,300	1 1/2	Jan	1 1/2 June	
Tonopah Divide	1	65c	68c	71c	19,300	46c	Mar	68c Apr
Tonopah Extension	1	3 1/2	4	16,000	1 1/2	Feb	4 1/2 Dec	
Tonopah Mine	1	1 1/2	2 1/2	3,300	1 1/2	Jan	2 1/2 Sept	
Tri-Bullion S & D	5	7c	7c	1,000	5c	Mar	26c May	
Trinity Copper	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	100	1 1/2	July	3 Jan	
Tuolumne Copper	1	48c	48c	63c	14,000	35c	Nov	1 May
United Eastern Mining	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	44,300	1 1/2	Apr	2 1/2 Jan	
United Verde Extension	1	27	27	28	2,100	25 1/2	Oct	30 1/2 May
U S Cont Mines, new	19c	18c	18c	4,000	9c	Oct	55c Jan	
Unity Gold Mines	5	3 1/2	3 1/2	1,500	2 1/2	Mar	5 1/2 Feb	
Victory Divide	10c	1c	1c	1,000	1c	Nov	6c Sept	
West End Consolidated	5	1 1/2	1 1/2	9,500	70c	Feb	1 1/2 Mar	
West End Extension Mf.	6c	6c	7c	20,000	3c	Nov	8c Oct	
Western Utah Copper	1	9c	11c	3,000	8c	May	17c Jan	
White Caps Mining	10c	10c	9c	11c	12,000	3c	Feb	18c Oct
Wilbert Mining	1	7c	7c	2,000	1c	Jan	15c July	
Yerington Consol	1	3c	3c	1,000	2c	Apr	5c Mar	
Yukon-Alaska trust	1	14	14	100	14c	Dec	2c Mar	
Yukon Gold Co.	5	76c	80c	800	50c	Nov	1 1/2 June	

Bonds	Friday Last Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range since Jan. 1.			
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.		
Allied Pack conv deb 6s '39	75	75 1/2	75 1/2	\$12,000	59	Jan	90 Apr	
Deb 6s ofts of dep.	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	2,000	54 1/2	Oct	67 Sept	
8s Series B w 1	1030	82 1/2	83 1/2	4,000	7c	Feb	99 1/2 May	
Aluminum Mfrs 7s	1933	105 1/2	106 1/2	16,000	103 1/2	Feb	107 Aug	
Amer Cotton Oil 6s	1924	103 1/2	103 1/2	14,000	103 1/2	Jan	105 Aug	
Amer G&E deb B 6s 2014	1925	97 1/2	97 1/2	3,000	93	Oct	99 1/2 July	
Amer L & Trac 6s	1925	110	110	1,000	96	Jan	112 Oct	
Am Republic Corp 6s w 1'37	100 1/4	100	100 1/2	30,000	100	May	101 1/2 Aug	
Amer Smelt & Refin 5s 1947	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	1,000	80	Nov	93 1/2 Aug	
Amer Tel & Tel 6s	1924	100 1/2	100 1/2	80,000	99 1/2	Jan	101 1/4 Apr	
Anaconda Cop Min 7s 1929	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	63,000	100 1/2	Jan	104 1/2 Aug	
6% notes Series A	1929	101	101 1/2	50,000	96 1/2	Jan	102 1/2 Aug	
Anglo-Amer Oil 7 1/2s	1925	103 1/2	103 1/2	11,000	102 1/2	Jan	103 1/2 Aug	
Armour & Co 7% notes 1930	105	104 1/2	105	85,000	101 1/2	Jan	105 1/2 July	
Au Gulf & W I S S L 5s 1959	52	52	56 1/2	40,000	50 1/2	Oct	66 1/2 May	
Beaver Board 8s	1933	69	69	2,000	61	May	81 Sept	
Bethlehem Steel 7s	1923	104 1/2	104 1/2	31,000	100 1/2	Jan	106 1/2 Aug	
Equipment 7s	1935	102 1/2	102 1/2	4,000	95	Nov	95 1/2 Nov	
Boston & Maine RR 6s '33	104 1/2	104 1/2	110 1/2	15,000	104 1/2	Feb	112 Aug	
Canadian Nat Ry 7s 1935	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	15,000	99 1/2	Jan	101 1/2 Jan	
Canadian Pac 6s	1924	105 1/2	105 1/2	10,000	98	Feb	108 Sept	
Central Steel 8s	1941	95	93 1/2	95 1/2	11,000	91	Dec	99 1/2 Apr
Charcoal Iron of Am 8s 1931	95	93 1/2	95 1/2	11,000	91	Dec	99 1/2 Apr	
Cities Ser 7s Ser C	1966	94	94	1,000	87	Feb	98 Sept	
Deb 7s, Ser D	1966	80 1/2	80 1/2	10,000	85	Mar	92 1/2 Nov	
Colun Graphophone 8s '26	102 1/2	30	31 1/2	9,000	22 1/2	Jan	49 Mar	
Certificates of deposit	20	20	30	7,000	20	Dec	40 Mar	
Cons G E L & P Balt 6s '49	1952	103	103 1/2	8,000	99 1/2	June	107 1/2 Sept	
5 1/2s Series E	1952	99 1/2	99 1/2	22,000	98 1/2	Nov	101 1/2 Sept	
Consol Textile 8s	1941	107 1/2	107 1/2	4,000	102 1/2	Jan	107 Sept	
Copper Export Assn 8s '25	1941	97 1/2	98 1/2	29,000	94	Feb	100 1/2 June	
Copper Trunk Ry 6 1/2s 1936	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	25,000	101 1/2	Nov	103 1/2 Aug	
Chubb Tel Int 7 1/2s	1941	105 1/2	105 1/2	2,000	102 1/2	Jan	107 1/2 June	
Deere & Co 7 1/2s	1931	101 1/2	102 1/2	22,000	95	Feb	103 Aug	
Detroit City Gas 6s	1947	101	100 1/2	31,000	99 1/2	Nov	103 Sept	
Detroit Edison 6s	1932	102 1/2	101	102 1/2	445,000	101	Dec	105 Nov
Dunlop T & R of Am 7s 1942	96 1/2	96 1/2	97	515,000	95 1/2	Dec	97 1/2 Dec	
Fed Land Bank 4 1/2s	1942	100 1/2	100 1/2	94,000	100	May	101 1/2 Aug	
Gair (Robert) Co 7s	1937	98 1/2	98	98 1/2	30,000	95	Feb	100 May
Galena Signal Oil 7s	1930	103 1/2	103 1/2	7,000	100 1/2	Jan	107 Sept	
General Asphalt 8s	1930	104	104	105 1/2	13,000	100	Nov	107 Apr
Grand Trunk Ry 6 1/2s 1936	102 1/2	104	105 1/2	5,000	102	Jan	108 1/2 Aug	
Gulf Oil Corp 7s	1933	103 1/2	103 1/2	36,000	102 1/2	Jan	104 May	
Gulf Oil of Pa 5s	1937	98 1/2	97	38,000	96 1/2	Nov	97 1/2 May	
Hocking Valley RR 6s 1924	100 1/2	100 1/2	98	9,000	100 1/2	Apr	101 Sept	
Hook Rubber 7% notes '36	90 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	38,000	95	Jan	102 Aug	

Bonds (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range since Jan. 1.		
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	
Inter R T Ss J P M reots.	97	96 1/2	97	12,000	72	Jan	83 1/2 Dec
Certificates of deposit	96	95 1/2	97	79,000	89 1/2	July	98 1/2 Oct
7s class A	1922	100 1/2	100 1/2	1,000	100 1/2	Dec	103 1/2 Dec
Kansas City Pow & Lt 6 1/2s	1922	90 1/2	90 1/2	50,000	90	Nov	93 1/2 Sept
Kansas Gas & El 6s	1952	96 1/2	97 1/2	29,000	96	Nov	99 Dec
Kennecott Copper 7s 1930	103	105	105 1/2	44,000	101 1/2	Jan	106 1/2 Jan
Laclede Gas Light 7s	1941	101	101	38,000	94 1/2	Feb	103 Aug
Libby McNeill & Libby 7s '31	100	100	101 1/2	18,000	98 1/2	Apr	102 1/2 Sept
Liggett-Winchester 7s 1942	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	1,000	98 1/2	Mar	104 1/2 Sept
Louis Gas & Elec 5s	1952	91 1/2	91 1/2	65,000	91	Dec	91 1/2 Nov
Manitoba Power 7s	1941	97	97 1/2	18,000	89	Jan	100 May
Missouri Pacific Ry 6s 1949	100	97 1/2	98 1/2	19,000	97 1/2	Dec	100 1/2 Oct
Morris & Co 7 1/2s	1930	106 1/2	106 1/2	6,000	102 1/2	Jan	107 May
Nat Aeme Co 7 1/2s	1931	94 1/2	95 1/2	53,000	92	Mar	100 Sept
Nat Cloak & Suit 8s	1930	105 1/2	105 1/2	1,000	95	Jan	106 Sept
National Leather 8s	1925	101 1/2	101 1/2	12,000	95 1/2	Jan	102 Oct
N Y N H & H 7s w L	1925	80 1/2	81 1/2	126,900			

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.		
												\$	\$
Akron Canton & Y'n	October	196,796	190,116	1,821,853	1,391,816	Miss St P & S S M	October	5,025,351	4,533,760	38,329,295	35,894,684		
Alabama & Vicksb.	October	270,802	367,190	2,470,826	2,817,535	Mississippi Central	October	155,462	130,415	1,231,259	966,725		
Ann Arbor	2d wk Dec	96,033	103,946	2,809,016	4,902,207	Mo & North Arkan.	October	158,802	130,751	491,781	28,129,286		
Atch Topeka & S Fe	October	198,617	186,915	15,656,745	15,848,159	Missouri Kan & Tex	October	3,218,571	3,170,751	25,939,290	22,851,279		
Panhandle & S Fe	October	888,765	1,025,406	6,455,816	8,012,410	Mo K & T Ry of Tex	October	2,392,221	2,652,735	17,531,249	22,851,279		
Gulf Colo & S Fe	October	2,571,774	2,564,051	19,158,857	25,056,542	Mo Kan & Tex Syst	October	5,782,994	6,024,768	44,749,709	53,359,848		
Atlanta Birm & Atl	October	382,801	340,392	3,241,862	2,592,420	Missouri Pacific	October	9,187,213	10,690,338	82,310,143	92,725,126		
Atlanta & West Pt.	October	268,757	216,161	2,095,853	2,102,044	Mobile & Ohio	2d wk Dec	420,153	364,448	17,106,965	17,399,201		
Atlantic City	October	307,113	288,966	4,106,416	4,163,201	Columbus & Greenv	October	145,914	178,053	1,270,384	1,276,625		
Atlantic Coast Line	October	6,118,955	5,543,204	57,583,462	55,335,540	Monongahela	October	382,016	545,576	2,900,122	3,522,058		
Baltimore & Ohio	October	19,702,229	19,045,952	160,049,024	167,210,726	Monongahela Conn.	November	167,910	107,114	1,512,598	727,267		
B & O Ch Term	October	304,063	290,277	2,545,576	2,167,506	Montour	October	213,355	121,681	809,625	1,250,135		
Bangor & Aroostook	October	592,857	753,831	6,340,230	6,010,175	Nashy Chatt & St L	October	2,159,004	2,007,571	18,286,321	17,580,850		
Bellefonte Central	October	12,189	7,104	88,695	62,677	Nevada-Cal-Oregon	1st wk Dec	9,173	6,294	311,303	409,698		
Belt Ry of Chicago	October	610,752	572,241	4,977,838	4,590,300	Nevada Northern	October	76,176	27,385	463,411	290,901		
Bessemer & L Erie	October	2,176,595	1,320,603	11,732,576	11,950,996	Newburgh & Sou Sh	October	171,051	189,318	1,587,065	1,147,838		
Bingham & Garfield	October	27,094	11,302	181,328	153,956	New Or Great Nor.	October	227,741	220,116	2,111,704	2,150,807		
Boston & Maine	October	7,474,118	7,314,654	65,940,045	65,245,877	N O Texas & Mex.	October	329,184	304,780	2,290,016	2,220,631		
Bklyn E D Term	October	123,582	121,066	1,309,776	1,099,893	Beaun S L & W	October	207,990	183,603	1,677,317	1,570,612		
Buff Roch & Pittsb.	2d wk Dec	506,386	190,069	15,665,852	14,936,948	St L Brownsv & M	October	373,316	459,038	4,334,677	5,070,566		
Buffalo & Susq.	October	175,348	221,281	1,213,120	1,706,813	New York Central	October	3,573,437	3,038,680	29,175,425	28,299,430		
Canadian Nat Rys.	2d wk Dec	2,485,339	2,631,323	17,483,655	17,200,153	Ind Harbor Belt	October	1,168,737	950,255	8,472,273	7,621,124		
Canadian Pac	2d wk Dec	4,113,000	3,811,000	17,354,000	15,853,000	Michigan Central	October	8,255,638	6,985,138	67,610,184	61,990,774		
Caro Clinch & Ohio	October	633,332	734,062	6,293,675	6,219,053	Clev G C & St L	October	7,815,894	7,337,704	69,145,581	67,370,597		
Central of Georgia	October	2,194,787	2,025,083	18,913,304	18,835,161	Cincinnati North	October	234,404	276,630	2,776,606	2,448,820		
Central RR of N J	October	5,152,097	4,788,880	40,105,672	44,347,958	Pitts & Lake Erie	October	3,328,714	1,977,647	22,258,238	19,272,208		
Cent New England	October	669,220	781,518	5,539,200	6,963,639	N Y Chic & St Louis	October	3,697,333	3,205,962	32,337,457	30,128,540		
Central Vermont	October	791,590	670,838	6,006,912	5,933,207	N Y Connecting	October	313,430	254,984	2,459,237	2,828,389		
Charleston & W C	October	267,945	297,780	2,688,061	2,751,618	N Y N H & Hartf.	October	11,542,713	10,659,735	101,487,175	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	1,112,052	10,300,577	12,055,548		
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 Burl & Quincy	October	17,093,728	16,903,575	134,290,929	141,724,841	Norfolk Southern	October	770,714	757,180	6,893,007	6,626,264		
Chicago & East Ill.	October	2,371,433	2,701,931	19,936,499	22,826,018	Norfolk & Western	October	7,302,396	7,249,808	76,637,774	66,602,019		
Chicago Great West	October	2,345,274	2,383,312	19,925,452	20,631,130	Northern Pacific	October	10,005,134	11,027,033	78,299,890	78,117,396		
Chic Ind & Louisv.	October	1,524,651	1,401,638	13,111,581	12,726,479	Perkins	October	791,157	911,622	6,817,526	7,369,394		
Chic Milw & St Paul	October	15,888,055	14,989,444	128,434,131	123,609,668	Pennsylv RR & Co.	October	6,250,906	5,607,089	52,949,176	51,828,433		
Chic & North West	October	1,864,079	1,489,340	12,235,715	12,335,524	Balt Ches & Atl.	October	2,608,127	2,435,526	26,185,602	24,560,654		
Chic Peoria & St L.	October	178,033	207,834	1,747,842	1,738,359	Long Island	October	101,979	98,970	996,696	1,073,212		
Chic River & Ind.	October	632,595	3,090,926	3,090,926	11,753,215	Mary Del & Va.	1st wk Dec	28,302	25,514	1,405,299	1,445,965		
Chic R I & Pacific	October	112,919	125,154	98,841,937	117,533,215	Tol Peor & West.	October	1,168,692	974,731	12,058,932	11,403,300		
Chic R I & Gulf	October	505,847	611,724	4,813,605	6,475,952	W Jersey & Seash	October	671,645	593,859	5,722,137	5,658,414		
Chic St P M & Om.	October	2,537,965	2,877,077	23,146,827	23,694,228	Peoria & Pekin Un.	October	180,995	164,570	1,500,624	1,399,427		
Cine Ind & Western	October	460,556	368,032	3,538,558	3,058,293	Pero Marquette	October	3,602,421	4,002,982	31,587,005	32,342,129		
Colo & Southern	October	1,200,578	1,336,780	10,819,039	10,973,539	Phila & Reading	October	117,465	102,981	1,074,782	1,055,592		
Pt W & Den City	October	953,246	1,115,749	7,848,756	9,471,616	Phila & Western	November	8,802,560	7,948,308	64,554,342	70,705,677		
Fein & Orange Val	October	273,333	365,004	2,352,150	2,575,086	Pittsb & Shawmut	October	70,664	68,033	752,596	744,059		
Wichita Valley	October	178,333	210,968	1,055,150	1,401,655	Pittsb Shaw & North	October	69,836	136,845	835,478	1,069,916		
Delaware & Hudson	October	3,973,663	4,002,492	30,432,204	38,357,067	Pittsb & West Va.	October	252,004	271,925	2,301,219	2,356,982		
Del Lack & Western	October	3,475,022	7,548,162	61,245,545	72,430,985	Port Reading	October	169,059	202,136	1,462,264	1,899,799		
Deny & Rio Grande	October	3,397,224	3,784,315	27,218,189	27,411,992	Pullman Company	October	5,654,154	4,940,600	54,413,177	54,858,658		
Denver & Salt Lake	October	333,764	330,356	1,178,978	2,423,381	Quincy Om & K C.	October	153,186	118,282	975,427	1,093,433		
Detroit & Mackinac	October	190,387	181,333	1,580,725	1,674,155	Rich Fred & Potom.	October	965,594	773,596	9,050,348	8,143,282		
Detroit Tol & Front.	October	780,033	630,108	7,467,782	5,411,318	Rutland	October	509,138	519,296	4,789,973	4,910,675		
Det & Tol Shore L.	October	338,999	349,345	2,929,832	2,370,880	St Jos & Grand Isl.	October	305,303	398,373	2,754,221	2,847,628		
Dul & Iron Range	October	732,705	415,027	6,317,042	7,782,240	St Louis East Fran.	October	6,429,608	7,721,301	65,320,897	68,968,217		
Dul Missahe & Nor.	October	1,775,056	1,313,326	13,687,250	12,085,035	St W & Rio Gr de	October	149,831	147,018	1,124,344	1,450,829		
Duluth So Sh & Atl.	October	84,333	130,718	4,215,200	4,270,002	St L S F & Texas	October	1,58,031	173,923	1,406,885	1,615,993		
Duluth Winn & Pac	October	170,997	180,718	1,642,707	1,988,733	St L S W of Texas	October	1,842,404	1,834,210	14,712,201	14,193,393		
East St Louis Conn.	October	192,630	168,038	1,639,970	1,390,345	St Louis Southwest	October	796,552	844,183	6,150,746	5,479,608		
Eastern SS Lines	October	548,465	495,889	5,141,941	4,661,058	St L S W of Texas	October	594,790	502,666	25,815,040	24,346,314		
Elgin Joliet & East.	October	2,095,680	1,630,107	17,140,186	16,186,969	Total system	2d wk Dec	68,292	122,994	6,614,688	982,994		
El Paso & Sou West.	October	902,851	894,173	9,251,820	9,349,056	St Louis Transfer	October	646,115	630,403	4,792,782	5,306,263		
Erie Railroad	October	9,504,959	10,540,392	75,588,414	87,295,065	San Ant & Aran Pass	October	88,638	84,514	8,288,286	1,016,878		
Chicago & Erie	October	1,136,951	1,044,077	9,265,339	9,022,218	San Ant Uvalde & G	October	4,203,614	3,878,118	36,938,134	35,535,577		
N J & N Y RR	October	130,555	125,851	1,249,242	1,247,771	Seaboard Air Line	October	2,409,931	2,193,010	23,982,507	24,972,295		
Florida East Coast	October	934,202	930,711	11,147,440	11,376,884	Atlantic S S Lines	October	1,199,461	963,459	7,758,518	8,711,904		
Fonda Johns & Glov	October	129,950	117,598	1,159,353	1,130,637	Arizona Eastern	October	286,117	194,812	2,592,584	2,314,979		
Ft Smith & Western	October	173,722	192,491	1,348,706	1,486,459	St Louis Harris & S A	October	2,158,831	2,153,412	18,127,408	21,033,905		
Galveston Wharf	October	223,403	199,887	1,295,385	2,483,569	Hous & Tex Cent.	October	1,596,878	1,818,411	12,235,944	11,495,923		
Georgia Railroad	October	474,319	484,785	4,226,160	4,739,602	Hous E & W Tex	October	308,534	305,612	2,598,547	2,479,608		
Georgia & Florida	October	128,726	121,645	1,111,583	1,170,479	Louisiana West.	October	382,825	460,687	3,447,569	3,717,546		
Grand Trunk Syst.	2d wk Dec	2,075,228	1,871,516	10,146,700	9,888,444	Morg La & Texas	October	814,876	861,158	6,576,767	7,260,152		
At & St Lawrence	October	239,532	175,940	2,257,076	2,283,903	Texas & New Or.	October	772,337	834,927	7,171,702	7,184,058		
Ch Det Can G T Jet	October	208,583	205,813	1,837,427	1,644,072	Southern Railway							

Latest Gross Earnings by Week.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the first week of December. The table covers 17 roads and shows 3.72% increase over the same week last year.

	1922.	1921.	Increase.	Decrease.
Ann Arbor	96,033	103,946		\$ 7,913
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh	506,387	316,317	190,070	
Canadian National Railways	2,485,839	2,634,323		148,484
Canadian Pacific	4,113,000	3,811,000	302,000	
Duluth South Shore & Atlantic	84,333	71,496	12,837	
Grand Trunk Ry System	2,075,228	1,717,516	357,712	
Canada Atlantic				
Detroit Grand Hav & Milw.				
Grand Trunk Western				
Mineral Range	7,140	2,270	4,861	
Minnesota & St. Louis	338,843	335,307	3,536	
Iowa Central				
Mobile & Ohio	420,153	363,448	56,705	
St. Louis Southwestern	594,700	502,668	92,122	
Southern Railway System	3,575,974	4,027,096		451,122
Texas & Pacific	737,409	702,254	35,155	
Western Maryland	442,337	335,182	107,155	
Total (17 roads)	15,477,466	14,922,832	1,162,153	607,519
Net Increase (3.72%)			554,634	

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross and net earnings with charges and surplus of STEAM railroad and industrial companies reported this week:

	Gross from Railway		Net from Railway		Net after Taxes	
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
Kansas City Southern—						
November	1,828,828	1,679,068	449,095	375,093	331,079	269,685
From Jan 1, 18,407,564	30,185,393	4,853,462	5,466,601	3,484,203	4,385,324	
Monongahela Connecting Ry—						
November	167,910	107,114	171	22,270	-2,306	20,322
From Jan 1, 1,512,598	727,207	197,871	9,317	173,899	-10,413	
Phila & Western—						
November	70,664	66,033	31,682	30,061	16,021	16,863
From Jan 1, 752,596	744,059	336,796	294,787	170,629	126,985	

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY CO'S.

Name of Road or Company.	Week or Month.	Latest Gross Earnings.		Jan. 1 to Latest Date.	
		Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Adirondack Pow & Lt	November	557,786	458,887	\$5,610,166	\$4,773,849
Alabama Power Co.	November	641,490	414,161	\$5,593,473	\$4,504,954
American Pr & Light.	October	2274,939	2144,898	\$26970,406	\$25696,520
Anner Water Wks & Elec.	October	2482,730	1832,395	\$2,898,941	\$2,475,954
Appalachian Pow Co.	November	265,184	230,206	\$1,278,901	\$1,113,097
Arkansas Lt & Power	November	98,899	85,177	\$890,769	\$849,340
Asheville Pow & Lt.	October	74,868	69,837	\$1,113,097	\$1,002,217
Associated Gas & Elec.	October	174,672	146,408	\$1,922,376	\$1,694,931
Bangor Ry & Electric	October	131,659	124,753	\$1,476,772	\$1,408,192
Barcelona Tr, Lt & P	October	4081,364	3185,930	\$7,715,045	\$6,218,832
Baton Rouge Elec Co	October	47,998	48,860	\$578,604	\$550,714
Beaver Valley Trac.	October	55,275	50,738	\$255,867	\$241,508
Binghamton Lt H & P	October	89,329	81,648	\$997,042	\$894,264
Blackstone Val G & R	October	49,762	44,828	\$540,756	\$515,856
Boston "L" Railway.	November	11488700	9175959	\$45166757	\$35918907
Brazilian Tr, Lt & P.	August	1768000	1574400	\$12633800	\$11412000
Bklyn Rapid Transit.	October	3004,045	2800,910		
Brooklyn City R.	November	963,829	917,279	\$4,861,766	\$4,685,461
Bklyn Heights (Rec)	June	7,449	6,079	43,015	36,510
Bklyn Co & Sub	June	216,775	213,477	1,284,073	1,078,121
Coney Isl & Bklyn.	June	271,618	267,507	1,381,351	1,313,514
Coney Isl & Graves	June	17,443	16,294	47,967	45,907
Nassau Electric.	June	451,026	416,752	2,503,465	2,294,376
N Y Consolidated.	June	1955,669	1896,158	11,088,691	11,040,717
South Brooklyn.	June	111,042	91,521	529,512	445,148
Cape Breton El Co, Ltd	October	57,789	62,182	\$627,238	\$699,205
Carolina Power & Lt.	October	207,870	150,921	\$1,928,504	\$1,655,370
Cent Miss Val El Co.	September	47,175	45,506	\$538,622	\$513,992
Cities Service Co.	November	1183,019	1176,893	\$14564,749	\$14094,814
City Gas Co. Norfolk.	November	77,801	77,387	\$25,578	\$26,300
Citizens Trac Co & Sub	September	64,937	55,081	\$80,697	\$82,614
Cleve Paines & East	September	64,259	65,368	\$51,565	\$59,522
Colorado Power	October	87,430	69,398	\$1,004,066	\$1,046,254
Columbia Gas & Subs	November	1716,407	1473,126	\$6,815,967	\$7,170,799
Columbus Electric.	September	165,851	166,980	\$1,923,539	\$1,687,282
Com W'th Pr, Ry & Lt	October	2823,302	2644,468	\$6,311,730	\$5,749,569
Connecticut Power	October	163,750	144,578	\$1,693,166	\$1,493,500
Consumers Power Co.	October	1324,767	1184,492	\$12,177,340	\$11,564,444
Cumb Co Pow & Lt.	October	301,888	268,638	\$3,445,930	\$3,254,501
Dayton Power & Lt.	July	311,857	295,485	\$2,508,362	\$2,380,509
Detroit Edison Co.	November	2466,557	2163,304	\$23,643,063	\$21,012,304
Duluth Superior Trac	September	146,659	143,220	\$1,293,941	\$1,340,580
Duquesne Lt Co, Sub	October	1620,539	1290,012	\$3,771,551	\$3,275,154
East St. Louis & Sub.	September	333,243	287,201	\$3,011,154	\$4,130,590
Eastern Shore Gas & Electric & Subs.	September	43,079	38,378	\$491,480	\$453,937
East Texas Elec Co.	October	149,076	130,793	\$1,738,201	\$1,692,590
Edison El III of Brock	October	129,457	114,248	\$1,354,031	\$1,234,493
El Eighth Avenue RR.	June	104,584	104,728	611,699	595,356
El Paso Electric.	October	192,012	190,302	\$2,281,237	\$2,278,868
El Lt & Pr of Ab & Roc	October	34,698	31,584	\$69,772	\$43,411
Elric Ltg Co & Subs.	November	118,334	96,135	\$1,042,988	\$901,965
Fall River Gas Works	October	98,258	95,287	\$997,127	\$1,019,753
Federal Lt & Trac Co	October	422,391	404,723	\$4,058,723	\$3,953,363
Fort Worth Pow & Lt	October	236,435	221,973	\$2,494,906	\$2,702,617
Galveston-Hous El Co	October	275,547	297,419	\$3,300,945	\$3,794,945
Gen G & El & sub cos	October	1129,221	1008,054	\$12,059,411	\$11,253,260
Georgia Ry & Power.	September	1197,558	1125,337	\$14,748,802	\$14,582,883
Great West Pow Sys.	October	633,308	567,719	\$6,239,267	\$5,892,760
Havata El Ry, Lt & P	October	1065,144	1088,689	\$6,688,372	\$6,592,760
Haverhill Gas Light.	October	49,043	50,372	\$638,244	\$512,947
Honolulu Rap Trans.	October	82,785	81,359	\$804,443	\$781,738
Houghton Co Elec Lt	October	45,935	46,721	\$517,376	\$579,374
Hudson & Manhattan	November	938,391	901,167	\$10,018,037	\$9,550,295
Hunting N Dev & Gas	October	104,607	81,095	\$1,180,392	\$1,075,510
Idaho Power Co.	October	186,496	166,285	\$2,424,076	\$2,279,100
Illinois Traction	October	645,358	633,203	\$5,607,883	\$5,994,254
Indiana Power Co.	June	58,632	60,590	\$46,303	\$63,318
Interborough Rap Tr	June	4322,480	4387,398	\$5,197,947	\$8,082,543
Kansas City Pr & Lt.	October	760,856	661,648	\$7,742,801	\$6,783,558
Keokuk Electric Co.	October	34,015	32,748	\$383,818	\$371,474
Kentucky Trac Term	October	135,729	125,688	\$1,596,430	\$1,632,184
Keystone Telep Co.	November	142,628	136,955	\$1,534,442	\$1,374,766
Key West Electric.	October	21,718	22,267	\$248,976	\$267,194
Lake Shore Electric.	September	230,855	219,201	\$1,866,400	\$1,979,420
Lexington Ut Co & Sub	September	104,505	103,032	\$1,093,312	\$1,092,349
Long Island Electric	June	36,644	36,636	\$182,604	\$162,977
Lowell El & Lt Corp.	October	123,484	104,885	\$1,281,756	\$1,166,870
Manhat B'dge & Line	June	24,176	24,463	\$41,971	\$43,246
Manhattan & Queens	June	33,555	30,014	\$82,321	\$60,720

Name of Road or Company.	Latest Gross Earnings.				Jan. 1 to Latest Date.	
	Week or Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	
Market Street Ry.	November	803,710		\$ 7,444,615		
Metropolitan Edison.	October	281,520	223,842	\$2,835,917	\$2,707,424	
Milw Elec Ry & Light.	October	1667,185	1547,643	\$1801,762	\$1801,196	
Miss River Power Co.	October	228,495	229,780	\$2,889,378	\$2,774,482	
Munic Serv Co & Subs	September	346,186	196,546	\$3,004,417	\$2,550,279	
Nashville Ry & Lt Co	June	325,355	310,854	\$3,075,128	\$3,743,143	
Nebraska Power Co.	October	310,463	266,983	\$3,367,223	\$3,123,016	
Nevada Calif Electric	October	219,680	253,518	\$3,324,300	\$3,168,249	
New Bedford G & Lt.	October	283,598		\$2,687,320		
New Eng Power Sys.	September	477,737	455,221	\$5,590,252	\$5,330,828	
N J Pr & Lt & sub cos	October	67,006	50,474	\$656,837	\$479,930	
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Ry, Gas & El Co.	October	176,083	178,857	\$1,744,778	\$2,216,043	
New York Dock Co.	October	295,135	349,701	\$4,269,292	\$4,828,920	
N Y & Harlem (City L)	June	127,493	143,103	\$803,590	\$74,411	
New York & Long Isl.	June	50,884	51,109	\$275,457	\$278,450	
N Y & Queens County	June	63,678	114,578	\$581,678	\$16,613	
N Y Railways.	June	824,322	847,788	\$4,508,609	\$4,710,075	
9th Avenue RR.	June	42,004	46,376	\$261,005	\$272,520	
Nor Caro Public Serv	September	102,444	86,473	\$1,589,056	\$1,467,427	
Nor Ohio Elec Corp.	October	817,838	701,569	\$9,120,681	\$9,012,011	
Nor Ohio Trac & Lt.	October	814,834	694,002	\$7,144,204	\$7,144,204	
Nor W Ohio Ry & Pr.	October	45,168	44,690	\$467,613	\$476,466	
Nor Texas Elec Co.	October	273,076	297,927	\$3,086,435	\$3,664,983	
Pacific Power & Light	October	257,343	247,869	\$2,989,246	\$2,837,512	
Paducah Electric.	October	48,475	43,956	\$532,710	\$523,210	
Palmetto Pow & Lt Co	October	47,798	39,005	\$582,614	\$582,689	
Penn Central Lt & Power Co & Subs.	September	236,439	183,789	\$3,347,211	\$2,250,518	
Penn Edison & subs.	October	253,072	211,625	\$2,567,748	\$2,527,159	
Phila Co Subs and Natural Gas Cos.	October	1057,581	923,659	\$1,168,808	\$1,150,522	
Philadelphia Oh Co.	October	72,358	70,253	\$769,932	\$477,119	
Philadelphia & West.	October	73,691	74,300	\$81,932	\$78,026	
Phila Rapid Transit.	November	3694,515	3487,998	\$8,647,711	\$8,619,568	
Phila Bluff Co.	October	83,164	69,679	\$24,998	\$29,721	
Portland Gas & Coke.	October	276,067	264,276	\$3,357,733	\$3,377,028	
Portland Ry, Lt & P.	October	843,381	811,185	\$10,022,177	\$9,985,720	
Pub Serv Corp of N J.	November	6950,081	6463,674	\$78,179,368	\$75,283,802	
Puget Sd Power & Lt.	October	878,635	819,944	\$10,351,213	\$10,086,462	
Read Tr & Lt Co & subs	October	243,265	249,839	\$2,934,337	\$2,993,412	
Republic Ry & Lt Co.	October	719,918	703,061	\$7,793,408	\$7,568,619	
Richmond Lt & RR.	June	71,354	74,205	\$773,053	\$744,276	
Ridgely Ry, Lt & P.	October	49,787	52,474	\$569,820	\$569,046	
St L Rockf Mt & Pac.	June	423,634	277,087	\$1,622,444	\$1,91	

Companies	Gross Earnings		Net Earnings	
	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Phila Rap Trans Co. Nov	3,694,545	3,487,908	1,006,315	995,603
11 mos ending Nov 30	38,647,717	38,619,508	10,881,820	10,448,981
Portland Gas & Coke Co. Oct	276,067	264,276	110,735	63,906
12 mos ending Oct 31	3,357,733	3,377,023	1,007,029	905,827
Pub Serv Corp of N J. Nov	6,950,081	6,463,674	615,640	422,988
12 mos ending Nov 30	78,179,368	75,283,802	4,433,640	2,436,096
Southwestern Pr & Lt. Oct	904,399	884,464	441,310	440,244
12 mos ending Oct 31	9,672,089	10,165,464	4,656,048	4,256,782
Southwestern Pow & Lt. Oct	904,399	884,464	19,935	---
12 mos ending Oct 31	9,672,089	10,165,464	---	493,375
Texas Power & Light. Oct	473,691	465,020	221,000	213,779
12 mos ending Oct 31	4,792,448	5,074,242	1,970,776	1,720,029
Third Ave Ry System. Nov	1,180,435	1,139,368	243,132	227,774
5 mos ending Nov 30	6,054,601	5,946,603	1,266,133	1,133,166
Utah Securities Corp. Oct	783,062	721,467	388,218	357,526
12 mos ending Oct 31	8,670,837	8,740,658	4,283,402	4,162,911
Virginia Ry & Pr Co. Nov	873,481	846,138	379,193	287,355
11 mos ending Nov 30	8,576,646	9,296,909	123,811	124,545
West Virginia Utilities. Oct	100,105	83,975	42,657	40,659
11 mos ending Oct 31	891,804	704,587	352,947	224,779
Winnipeg Electric Ry. Nov	489,662	481,818	80,420	57,813
11 mos ending Nov 30	4,960,389	5,032,068	620,826	649,419

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.

Boston Elevated Railway.

(Report for Four Years Under Public Operation.)

Edward Dana, General Manager, under the caption "Four Years Under Public Operation," has issued a statement dealing with the principal facts for the four years ended June 30 1922, the first four years under which operations of the road have been under public control. The statement contains statistics showing revenues and expenditures by years since 1910. The statement says in substance:

Fares, &c., Period 1910 to 1918.—From 1910 to June 30 1918, the fare had remained at 5c, and the gross revenue during these 9 years had increased from \$15,250,000 to \$19,500,000. Operating expenses had increased from

\$10,000,000 to \$14,250,000, the chief factors being the gradual increase of the pay-roll and the increased cost of fuel.

During these years allowance for renewals or depreciation had been insufficient and also during this period in order to hold the 5c. fare in face of increased operating expenses and other fixed charges, adequate current maintenance had not been provided. Under these circumstances, with insufficient renewals, &c., and with the passing of the dividends completely for the year, the year ending June 30 1918 showed an operating deficit of \$598,442.

Public Control.—The above facts which resulted in the experiment with public control beginning July 1 1918, under the service-at-cost plan, which is based on sound economic principles. It was designed to put an end to the down-hill flight which had been going on unceasingly, as new subways had been added which increased the charges on the car rider and as operating expenses steadily increased notwithstanding insufficient provision for maintenance and renewals.

Five-Cent Fare Adopted—Results by Years.—The first year of public operation required increase in fares. At the same time substantial increases in wages, &c., were occasioned by war conditions, with the result of an actual deficit of \$5,415,500.

During the first year it was necessary to use the reserve fund of \$1,000,000 created under the Act and to assess the cities and towns in the district served \$3,980,151, in order to provide sufficient funds to meet the cost of service during that year.

During the second year it was necessary to go to a flat 10c. fare on the entire system in order to keep pace with the rise of wages and costs. At the end of the second year receipts exceeded cost of service by \$17,079, which was transformed to a deficit by a retroactive wage award in July 1920.

During the third year operating expenses reached \$24,684,558, including for wages the maximum of \$16,753,668. Subway rentals likewise had increased from \$559,000 in 1919 to approximately \$2,000,000 in 1921. Wages had been further increased by arbitration in July 1920. Yet the efforts made by the entire operating organization resulted in meeting the situation without departing from the 10c. fare and holding the operating expenses to an increase of approximately \$350,000 over the second year in the face of estimated increase in wages, cost of materials and supplies of over \$3,000,000. Receipts during the third year exceeded the cost of service by \$550,254 and permitted restoration of \$131,985 to the reserve fund after payment of the second year's deficit.

The fourth trustee year shows that after meeting all costs of service there remained a balance of \$1,385,211. This, plus the \$131,985 of the third year, has been applied in restoring the reserve fund to its original total of \$1,000,000, and in making the first payment of \$57,195 to the State for distribution to the cities and towns that contributed to the loan assessment in 1919.

Operating expenses had been reduced from \$24,684,000 to \$22,113,000 and the pay-roll had been reduced from \$16,753,000 to \$14,920,000.

Short Haul Fare Now 5 Cents.—Gross revenue fell from \$34,224,000 in the third year to \$32,781,000 in the fourth year. The Public Trustees had inaugurated a system of local 5c. fares in conjunction with the flat 10c. fare which at the present time results in 21% of the total traffic being handled for 5c. and which has restored millions of riders on short hauls who were lost on account of the introduction of the 10c. fare. The average fare consequently at the present time is 8.95c.

The retention of the basic 10c. fare has been necessary in order to secure the gross revenue required to meet the cost of service, which in 1922 amounted to \$31,396,281. As contrasted with this the gross revenue during the year 1917, when 381,000,000 revenue passengers were carried at a universal 5c. fare, amounted to only \$19,788,953. It can readily be seen that any hope of meeting the cost of service with a universal 5c. fare cannot be realized.

At the present time with the joint 5 and 10 cent fare passengers are being carried at the rate of 360,000,000 per year, against 325,000,000 in 1919 and 381,000,000 in 1917.

Labor, &c.—During this period two decreases in compensation have been amicably adjusted between management and employees and a constant effort has been made to operate the property always in the interest of the car rider with the fewest men possible.

The average number of men on the pay-rolls during the four trustee years has been as follows:

1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.	1921-22.
9,748	10,021	9,264	8,915

The labor turnover has been reduced to a minimum and in fact all platform men or car service employees have been in service 4 1/2 years or more, which necessarily results in benefit to the service. This compares with a former annual labor turnover of 55%.

In this connection it has been possible to work out an 8-hour day as well as a guaranteed pay of 8 hours for all platform men. The so-called spare men reporting each day represent 6.7% of the total to-day as compared with 20% previously.

Accidents, &c.—Expense incurred on account of injuries and damages for the 4th trustee year was \$476,844, the lowest of any of thirteen years.

The total expense on account of injuries and damages, including the cost of operating claim department, trial of cases, &c., for the last trustee year amounted to \$620,208, which represents 1.89% of the gross revenue, the lowest ratio in the railway's history.

Mileage Operated.—Although the mileage operated last year (49,662,045) was less than any year back to 1905, the introduction of two and three-car train service and cars of larger carrying capacity, with scientific rearrangement of schedules has provided additional service where needed and permitted the elimination of mileage where not required.

The number of revenue seat miles per revenue passenger for the last year was 7.5, which would indicate adequate service allowance by mileage operated only where required. At congested points more seats are provided where it previously existed.

Maintenance and Depreciation.—Under the Act the Trustees were charged with the responsibility of providing for proper maintenance. The percentage of total railway operating revenue applied to maintenance and depreciation consequently had been approximately 24%, whereas previously the percentage of operating revenue applied to maintenance and depreciation had been 17%.

Car Equipment.—With respect to car equipment the number of disabled cars in 1921 shows a reduction of 68.7% for surface cars and 53% for rapid transit cars over 1918. The percentage of cars out of service in bad order has been reduced to 5%. During the period of public operation 535 new cars have been placed in service and 140 additional cars are now on order.

Track Reconstruction.—A reasonable program of track reconstruction has been maintained which has resulted in improved operation, lessened the wear and tear on rolling stock, and reduced derailments. During the Trustee year approximately 7% of the track has been rebuilt, as compared with an average of 2 1/4% for the previous 6 years, which means 22 miles of track as compared with 8.

Financial Situation.—The railway to-day has over \$2,000,000 cash on deposit, \$1,000,000 of which is in the reserve fund created under the Public Control Act. For the first time in 11 1/2 years the railway has no money borrowed from the banks. As contrasted with this there was a floating debt in excess of \$5,000,000 during the first Trustee year.

COMPARATIVE DIVISION OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Total receipts	\$32,781,493	\$34,224,150	\$32,689,201	\$25,223,496
Operating Expenses—				
Wages	\$14,920,406	\$16,753,668	\$10,381,207	\$13,554,684
Materials and supplies	3,056,521	2,899,984	3,321,672	4,096,539
Injuries and damages	476,844	627,629	627,626	805,353
Depreciation	2,004,000	2,004,000	2,004,000	2,004,000
Fuel	1,056,013	2,309,278	1,996,717	1,901,597
Total oper. expenses	\$22,113,784	\$24,684,558	\$24,331,222	\$22,362,172
Taxes	\$1,610,090	\$1,306,736	\$1,075,497	\$841,612
Rent of leased roads	2,549,625	2,673,167	2,607,566	2,587,130
Subway and tunnel rents	1,974,141	1,947,963	1,591,323	1,491,999
Int. on B. E. bonds & notes	1,483,787	1,483,626	1,593,258	1,423,142
Miscellaneous items	58,476	54,479	69,285	37,373
Dividends	1,606,372	1,623,367	1,402,970	1,360,220
Total cost of service	\$31,396,281	\$33,673,896	\$32,672,121	\$30,203,647
Gain	\$1,385,211	\$550,256	\$17,080,080	\$4,980,152
Back pay applying to May and June 1919, but paid in Oct. 1919				435,348
Total loss				\$5,415,500

Note.—For the years ended June 30 1918, 1917, 1916 and 1910 the following results were shown: 1918, loss, \$598,442; 1917, loss, \$43,037; 1916, gain, \$9,800; 1910, loss, \$198,739. V. 115, p. 2579.

Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey).

Statement by President Teagle Before Senate Investigating Committee.)

President W. C. Teagle submitted the following prepared statement before a sub-committee of the Committee on Manufactures of the U. S. Senate at the resumption of the investigation into prices and conditions in the oil industry:

Operations.—The operations of the company are almost equally divided between domestic and foreign business.

(a) **Foreign Business.**—Our foreign business may be classified as follows: (1) Through subsidiaries we are at present producers of crude in Peru, Rumania, Mexico, Venezuela and Columbia, our current aggregate foreign production being about 47,000 barrels per day. As a safeguard against the possible contingency of the crude oil resources of the United States proving insufficient to enable the American petroleum industry to maintain its present position in the world's market, we have made large capital investments in the exploration and acquisition of potential producing properties in foreign countries where no barrier to American enterprise of this character exists.

(2) Our foreign subsidiaries own refineries in Canada, Peru, the Argentine, Italy, Cuba, Spain, France, Colombia, Mexico and Rumania, with a daily aggregate refining capacity of 80,000 barrels.

(3) Our foreign subsidiaries have extensive marketing and distributing plants in Continental Europe, Canada, South America and the West Indies.

(b) **Collateral Activities.**—(1) In addition to and as an adjunct to our oil business we own and operate under the American flag 50 tank vessels, aggregating 557,500 tons deadweight, and through foreign subsidiaries 42 tank vessels aggregating 355,360 tons deadweight.

(2) The discovery of oil in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, coincident with the search for oil, of large deposits of natural gas, logically led the original Standard Oil Co. into the business of making this gas available to the public. Our natural gas interests represent a not inconsiderable part of our business.

(3) We are interested in auxiliary enterprises incidental to our industry, such as the manufacture or cooperation material, box shooks, tanks, pumps and similar equipment, but our activities go no further, and to correct a somewhat popular misconception I may say that the Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey) carries on an oil business and that we have no interest, financial or otherwise, in banks, railroads, copper or sulphur mines, restaurants, chain stores or any other unrelated business.

(c) **Domestic Oil Business.**—(1) The company of itself has no producing properties in the United States. It owns the capital stock of the Carter Oil Co., which has producing properties in the Appalachian field, the Mid-Continent field and in Wyoming, with a daily production during the year 1922 of 23,685 barrels. Another subsidiary, the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana, owns producing properties in Louisiana and Arkansas, with a daily production for the same period of 11,153 barrels. We also own a majority stock interest in the Humble Oil & Refining Co., with producing properties in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Southern Oklahoma with a daily production for the same period of 28,715 barrels, our proportion of which upon the basis of our stock interest in the company amounts to about 18,000 barrels daily. This gives us 3.65% of the total crude oil production in the United States during this year. The Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana and the Humble Oil & Refining Co. supplement their own production of crude by purchases from other producers operating in the same districts.

(2) **Pipelines.**—The company owns the capital stock of the Tuscarora Oil Co., Ltd., the pipeline of which, across the States of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, is a part of a through trunk line system, from the Mid-Continent field, The Oklahoma Pipe Line Co.—another subsidiary—has gathering and trunk lines in Oklahoma connecting through intermediate lines with the pipeline system owned and operated by the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana, and with these connections constitutes a through line from Kansas and Oklahoma to a gulf terminal at Baton Rouge. The Humble Oil & Refining Co. has gathering and trunk lines within the State of Texas, with a gulf terminal at Texas City.

These, and all other pipelines through which the company's refineries receive crude oil are common carriers, under the Inter-State Commerce Law, and are subject, as are the railroads, to regulation by the U. S. C. Commission as to rates, practices, etc. They must serve alike all who tender oil to them on equal terms. The same rule and precisely the same conditions apply to the Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey) as to every other shipper.

(3) **Refineries.**—The company owns and operates refineries at Bayonne, Elizabeth and Jersey City, N. J.; Baltimore, Md.; Parkersburg, W. Va.; and Charleston, S. C., with an aggregate daily capacity of about 224,000 barrels as reported to the Bureau of Mines on Dec. 31, 1921. The Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana owns a refinery at Baton Rouge, La., with a daily capacity of 40,000 barrels, and the Humble Oil & Refining Co. owns a refinery at Baytown, Tex., with a daily capacity of 10,000 barrels. The Bureau of Mines' figures give us 15.79% of the refining capacity in the United States.

(4) **Marketing.**—The company has marketing stations in New Jersey, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina. The Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana has marketing stations in Louisiana, Arkansas and Tennessee. The Humble Oil & Refining Co. carries on some local marketing business in Texas. In addition to selling through our own marketing stations, we are wholesalers of cargo and tank car lots.

Dissolution Decree.

At this point I desire to say that I represent and speak for only the Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey). That company, and the other so-called Standard companies, were originally constituted as a single industrial unit covering all phases of the petroleum industry, production, transportation, manufacturing and marketing. This unit was broken up in Dec. 1911, by a decree of the U. S. Supreme Court, and since, the Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey) has been wholly separate and distinct from the corporations which were then cut off from it, and has been managed and operated by its own officers along lines of policy dictated solely by the conditions and problems peculiarly its own.

Should not be Classified Under "Standard Oil Group."—I wish to protest against the characterization of this company as one of the "Standard Oil Group," as if the old association of Standard Oil companies existed to-day, or as if this company constituted a part of any group of companies subject to common control.

No Interlocking Directorates.—In August last Senator Harrell of Oklahoma, on the floor of the Senate, referred to the Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey) as a member of "the common ownership trust." This statement is entirely at variance with the facts. No officer or director of the Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) since 1911 has been an officer or director in any of the companies whose stocks were distributed at that time, and the company's business has been without direction or control by any stockholder or body of stockholders. The stockholders of the Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) have left the determination of its policy and the management of its business to the directors.

Companies with which Company has no Connection.—I have here for the committee a list of the companies which were cut off from the Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) in 1911, and with which it has since had no connection whatever except through normal business transactions.

The company is not interested in or has it any connection with the Magnolia Petroleum Co., Midwest Refining Co., Sinclair Purchasing and Pipeline Companies, Mammoth Oil Co. or the Union Oil Co.

It is not the policy or the practice of the company to conceal its ownership of, or its interest in any company, and we have furnished the committee with the particulars of our connections and relations with all other companies in which we have any interest. I wish the record to show clearly, in view of Senator Harrell's recent speech before the Senate, that we have absolutely no interest in or connection with the Texas Co., the Gulf companies, or the so-called Doherty companies.

The decree of the U. S. Supreme Court in the dissolution case has been observed in good faith both in letter and in spirit.

Company is Not Controlled or Owned By a Body of Stockholders.—There has been much talk about the Standard Oil companies being owned by a "body of stockholders" exercising common control. There exists no form of common control to which the company is subject, nor any supervision nor direction of its affairs other than that exercised by its own board. Prior to 1911 the stocks of all the companies were held together through their ownership by the Standard Oil Co. (N. J.), which prevented separate ownership from coming about through natural processes of disintegration. The decree, to do away with this condition, directed that the stocks of the subsidiary companies be distributed *pro rata* among the stockholders of the holding company. While, at the moment of distribution, all the companies had identical stock lists, these processes of disintegration began immediately to operate and have been operating ever since.

How Stock Is Held.—As illustrative of this, at the time of distribution the Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) had 8,078 stockholders. Twelve of these held more than 1% each of the company's outstanding stock and a total of just over 50% of the entire stock. On Oct. 31, 1922, there were 11,013 holders of Common stock and nearly 40,000 holders of Preferred stock. As of June 30, 1922, only 6 shareholders held 1% or more of the company's Common stock. These 6 shareholders own a total of 28.4% of the company's Common stock. The largest individual owner of Common stock is John D. Rockefeller, Jr., with 11.4%. Three of the remaining 5 Common stockholders on the list, owning together 10% of the Common stock, are philanthropic institutions.

John D. Rockefeller, Not a Stockholder.—John D. Rockefeller, Sr., has not been a shareholder in the company since 1920, and the late William Rockefeller owned only 700 shares at the time of his death. (Wm. Rockefeller died Nov. 30, 1922.)

Employees as Stockholders.—The company made effective about a year and a half ago a stock acquisition plan under which its employees are becoming stockholders. The number of subscribers under this plan is 11,339 and the number of shares of Common stock already allotted to them is 44,636. Before the end of 1925 when this stock is issued in the names of the individual employees there will be added to the company's stock list on the basis of the position to-day, at least 12,000 to 15,000 Common stockholders.

Policy of Company Since Dissolution.

The old Standard Oil organization was dissolved because the Court felt that too large a share of the oil business of the country was in the hands of one interest, and the Supreme Court's decree divided the business of the organization along 34 existent corporations. The directors construed the decision of the Supreme Court as a final expression of the public will on the subject of monopolistic control and have conducted the business of the company under the conditions of free and active competition which they recognized the public demanded.

The directors foresaw that the expansion of the oil industry to meet the enormously increased demand would require a capital investment far in excess of that available to them and that there was, therefore, ample room in the industry for new enterprises and new capital.

The following figures show how phenomenal has been the recent growth of the American petroleum industry under the impetus of the demand created by the internal combustion engine. In 1910 its value was approximately \$2,650,000,000. In 1915 it was slightly over \$4,000,000,000. As of June 30, 1922, it is estimated to be \$7,877,375,000.

It must be evident that the task of financing the development of the company in its domestic and foreign markets, to keep pace with this tremendous growth, has required all of its financial resources. The policy which was the outcome of this situation was one which took into consideration the interest only of the company and was based on no concerted plan or outside association. The problem of the directors was to re-establish the company as a complete industrial unit. The dissolution left it as a large refining and marketing enterprise with a negligible amount of raw material under its own control. Its logical development lay in the direction of increasing its own supply of crude oil and rounding out its business into an evenly balanced whole.

Competition Between Company and Other So-called Standard Oil Companies.

At a prior meeting of this committee, the acting chairman read from the Federal Trade Commission's 1915 report on gasoline as follows: "Investigation establishes the fact that the several Standard Oil companies have, with respect to gasoline, maintained a complete division of territory embracing the whole country, and that almost without exception each Standard marketing company occupies and supplies a distinct and arbitrarily bounded territory."

The impression given is that the former constituents of the Standard Oil organization have parcelled out the territory of the country among themselves under an agreement.

A study of the circumstances under which these corporations came into being is necessary to an understanding of the conditions as to competition which have existed since. Their founders did not contemplate that they would ever compete with one another. Their functions were the reverse of competitive. They were brought into existence, one by one, as part of a national service to the consuming markets, each performing its separate function, and the practical experience of the past ten years has proved the wisdom and the sagacity of those who placed them so they would be supplementary rather than competitive units.

Under the Standard Oil Co., as it existed before the dissolution, the country was divided, each State or Oil plant of whatever character being so situated as to serve its contiguous territory to the best economic advantage. It was the strategic location of these plants, in respect to transportation, that gave the corporation its dominating position in the industry, and which is the barrier to general competition among the separated units now.

Geographical considerations limit the extent to which the company may compete with its former subsidiaries. Products made at Bayonne from Mid Continent crude cannot be sold at points convenient to the Mid Continent field in competition with products manufactured there, still less can products made at Bayonne from Mid Continent crude compete with products manufactured in the Rocky Mountain district or in California. In brief, the competition open to the company in the local distribution of refined products with its former subsidiaries is limited by the factor of transportation to the Standard Oil Co. of New York, the Atlantic Refining Co. and the Standard Oil Co. (Kentucky).

(a) **Why Company has not Created Marketing Facilities in States Supplied By Three Foregoing Companies.**—The dissolution left the company with refining facilities on New York harbor in excess of the requirements of its domestic or export markets. These excess refining facilities had been created by the former organization to in part supply the domestic marketing business of the Standard Oil Co. of New York, in eastern New York and New England, and were ideally located for this purpose.

Relations With Standard Oil Co. of New York.—The Standard Oil Co. of New York, at the time of the dissolution, was not a large manufacturing unit, and its refining capacity on New York harbor was limited. The Standard Oil Co. of New York, however, had a very large investment in distributing and marketing facilities in the States above referred to, and it was the natural and logical sequence of events that that company in these circumstances, should seek to buy a part at least of its requirements from the New Jersey company. To have duplicated the New York company's marketing facilities would have necessitated a very large expenditure by the New Jersey company, and the conclusion of its directors was that the supply of capital available to them being insufficient for both, it was the part of wisdom to proceed with the creation of an adequate and certain crude production, and to keep pace with its own expanding domestic and foreign markets, rather than to embark upon a marketing campaign in a field which the company was already, as a wholesaler, supplying in part.

This is what happened after the dissolution and has been continued to the present. Under a yearly contract we obligate ourselves to sell to the New York company definite and fixed quantities of gasoline and refined oil, and the price basis of the contract is that it must not be higher than the current price at which we invoice the same products to our foreign subsidiaries and our domestic trade department. We also sell the New York company, when from time to time it is in the market, other petroleum products, such as lubricating oil, fuel and gas oil, at fixed and competitive prices. Our sales to the Standard Oil Co. of New York for the year 1921 amounted to over \$37,000,000.

Other than these sales contracts and certain minor transactions, such as lighterage facilities in New York harbor, rent of certain offices, etc., the New Jersey company has no contract, agreement or understanding with the Standard Oil Co. of New York.

Relations With Standard Oil Co. (Kentucky).—At the time of the dissolution, the Kentucky Co. possessed no refining facilities, being purely a marketing and distributing company; its supplies prior to the dissolution were drawn in part from the Standard Oil Co. (Indiana), in part from the Standard Oil Co. (Kansas) and in part from the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana. An increase in refining capacity at Baton Rouge, and the fact that that company's fleet we could deliver bulk cargoes to the seaboard installations with our fleet at Tampa, Jacksonville and Savannah, enabled us, in competition with the company's previous suppliers, and with others, to obtain from year to year an increased proportion of its business. The basis of price of these purchases is that at which goods of similar quality are invoiced by the Louisiana Co. to its own distributing stations. The Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana's sales to the Standard Oil Co. (Kentucky) during 1921 amounted to over \$17,000,000.

Relations With Atlantic Refining Co.—This company has 3 refineries in Pennsylvania, and domestic marketing stations in Pennsylvania and Delaware. For the New Jersey company to have entered the local distributing business in these States would have involved the construction of at least one refinery or large bulk plant in an area which was already overbuilt in this respect, and because of this consideration the New Jersey Co. was not

warranted in creating marketing and distributing facilities in these two States.

The output of the Atlantic Refining Co.'s refineries was largely in excess of its own domestic trade requirements, and for some years after the dissolution the New Jersey Co. purchased products from the Atlantic Refining Co. for export shipment. The Atlantic Refining Co., however, practically discontinued their sales to us and have since been competing with us actively in the sale of products direct to European and South American buyers, as well as in their sales to jobbers located in the States in which we have marketing and distributing facilities.

In brief, the Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey) has not created its own marketing facilities in the States served by the Standard Oil Co. of New York, the Standard Oil Co. (Kentucky) or the Atlantic Refining Co.—the only domestic marketing areas geographically open to it—because purely economic reasons decided otherwise. In every direction that regard for its own single interest dictates, the Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) competes with every other oil company in the United States, and this statement is made without exception or reservation.

Production & Purchase of Crude Oil.—The dissolution decree left the company with large refining and marketing facilities, but with an insignificant domestic production, and with no crude purchasing agencies or crude storage reserves of its own. It was separated by the decree from the Prairie Oil & Gas Co., the Ohio Oil Co. and the South Penn Oil Co., the agencies which years before had constituted for the purpose of producing or purchasing the crude necessary to meet its requirements. The decree terminated its control over these companies and henceforth it could only deal with them as with any other producers or dealers in crude oil. The directors in this situation determined to build up a sufficient production and storage reserve to insure against the danger of the interruption of its operations because of an insufficient supply of crude. In other words, they entered into direct competition in the producing business with the companies which had formerly been affiliated with them in the capacity of crude suppliers.

The Carter Oil Co., which previous to the dissolution had developed a small production in the Appalachian field, was built up and through this medium the New Jersey Co. initiated an active exploration and development campaign in the Mid Continent and other fields with the result that at present this organization is producing about 22,000 barrels of crude daily.

The Louisiana Co., which at the dissolution had a production of about 4,500 barrels in Louisiana, extended its producing operations with the completion of its pipeline system to Baton Rouge, and also established itself in Louisiana and Arkansas as a purchaser of crude oil from the producers in that section.

In 1919 when it was apparent that a very considerable oil production was being developed in the State of Texas, the Standard Oil Co. purchased a majority stock interest in the Humble Oil & Refining Co. After the acquisition of this interest in the Humble company, the Humble Pipeline Co., a subsidiary thereof, was organized to construct and operate a pipeline system from central Texas to a Gulf port. The Humble Oil & Refining Co. also established itself as a buyer of crude in these various producing areas in Texas.

From this it is obvious that the Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) in producing and purchasing crude, and in the acquisition of leases and producing properties, is in direct competition with the three companies formerly subsidiary to it and with all other companies including those commonly described as "Standard Oil Companies," such as the Magnolia Petroleum Co., Atlantic Producing Co., Mid-Kansas Oil & Gas Co. and the Standard Oil Co. (Indiana).

(c) **Purchase of Finished Products.**—To meet the requirements of its business, the Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) is frequently in the market as a purchaser of various grades of refined products. These products are obtained from various refining companies, brokers and others, and the purchases are made in direct competition with any of the Standard Oil companies which may at the same time be in the market as purchasers.

(d) **Sales to Jobbers & Other Large Users.**—In addition to the sales of the company through its own marketing facilities, it sells to jobbers and other large users, located both within and without the area of its domestic marketing operations. This business which is obtained in direct competition with its former subsidiaries and others, is very large and last year in the territory in which the company has no domestic marketing organization it amounted to over 9,000,000 barrels, or 31% of our total domestic sales.

Position of Company in Respect to Factors Governing Crude Oil Prices and Selling Prices of Finished Products.

The company is not a party to any combination, agreement or arrangement that affects the price which it pays for crude oil. It has no control whatsoever over crude oil prices and its only influence upon such prices at any time is the indirect one which results naturally from its position as a consumer.

The fact that a price change initiated by any of the larger crude purchasers is followed by the trade generally has been urged as evidence of the existence of some combination, agreement or understanding. Study of the existing situation reveals a natural and not an artificial reason for this condition.

Two main classes of operators are engaged in the production of crude oil in this country, first, thousands of individual operators and small companies whose sole business is the acquisition of leases, the drilling of wells and the production of crude oil. They do not provide storage for the accumulation of their production above ground, but sell their crude daily as it is produced. They contribute about 60% of the production east of the Rocky Mountains, and their only interest in the industry is to obtain from day to day the highest cash price for their crude oil. Second, companies which are refiners or affiliated with refining concerns, and companies engaged in producing and dealing in crude oil.

The keenest competition exists among all producers in the acquisition of leases and developed properties, and, under normal business conditions, there is equally keen competition among those who purchase the production of the first class of producers. The refiners of the country create the demand for crude oil and to permit of competition on equal terms in the sale of finished products it follows that they must be able to purchase their raw material on equal terms, or at substantially the same price.

The price of crude oil at the well at any time depends primarily, as does the price of any other basic commodity, upon the supply on the one hand, and the demand on the other. Measuring their purchases by the immediate or prospective requirements of the refiners who look to them for crude supplies, the purchasing companies pay the price that will bring out sufficient crude to meet these requirements.

When the crude receipts of a purchasing company fall below its immediate or prospective requirements, the processes underlying all commerce are set in motion. The purchasing company must attract more crude, and, therefore, it offers a higher price. Any advance as any decline must be initiated and the fact that an advance is initiated by one purchasing company is a signal that, for the time being, the supply of crude is inadequate to meet the demand. The other purchasing companies are then confronted with a situation which tends to compel acquiescence in the advance because it endangers to only the immediate diminution of their crude supplies but the loss of their connections. The physical installations by which crude is transported from the producers' tanks to those of the purchasing company are an investment by the purchasing company. The transfer of business relations by a producer from one purchasing company to another means to the first not only the loss of the crude but a loss on equipment provided by it to do business with that producer.

There is, therefore, in this branch of the industry a factor operating to exert uniformity in price changes which is far from common to all business. In conjunction with the circumstance that a price change almost invariably represents a general and not a special condition, it produces so competitive a situation in the matter of crude prices as to give the appearance of concerted action.

Assuming now that the advance referred to is continued or repeated to the point at which the supply of crude is in excess of the demand. The decline, as the advance, must be initiated, and the purchasing company which does initiate it is at an immediate advantage over the other purchasing agencies, if it has correctly interpreted and expressed the condition of the market. If the reduction is based on economic law and the over-production of crude is actual, the refiners supplied by the purchasing company reducing the price have a marketing advantage, equal to the amount of the reduction, over their competitors until the reduction is general.

A price reduction, if it correctly reflects the condition of the market for finished petroleum products, is therefore, immediately and generally met and a new price level is established. It is not collusive arrangement, but intense competition which makes a price change initiated by one purchaser at once common to the area concerned. Conditions of the industry render it vital that a price change be fully warranted before it is put into effect; otherwise the purchasing company initiating it would run grave danger of loss.

Another phase of this matter is well described by the Federal Trade Commission in its report to House Resolution 501, as follows: "When oil is relatively scarce, the small purchasers offer higher premiums than usual to get it, and this often leads the large purchasing companies to advance their price. On the other hand when there is a glut of oil and stocks are piling up, the small purchasers have often been able to get all the oil needed at a discount."

Coming now to the domestic marketing end of the business, the company is not a party to any combination, agreement or arrangement to fix or maintain the selling prices of its products. I agree with Mr. Welch's testimony that the shipments of the Mid-Continent refiners are the dominant factors in the domestic marketing situation. This is certainly true as to all the States in which the company and affiliated companies have distributing and marketing organizations, and in this connection I want to mention one other fact not as yet referred to in the testimony.

According to the Bureau of Mines' statistics for 1921, the production of gasoline in the Mid-Continent field was 38,695,481 fifty gallon barrels, or 41.7% of the total gasoline production of 1921 east of the Rockies. There is no method of actually determining the consumption of gasoline in the States of Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas, which three States are those comprising what is known as the "Mid-Continent Producing Field." An estimate may be based upon the statistics of registrations of motor cars and the allowance of an average consumption of 10 blbs. per car per annum.

The registration in these three States on Dec. 1 1921, was 978,455 cars, and this would indicate a local gasoline consumption of 9,784,550 barrels, leaving a surplus of 28,910,931 barrels, or 31% of the production of the country east of the Rockies to be marketed outside of the Mid-Continent field. This enormous floating supply was not tied to any particular markets and was shipped from time to time to those territories where the Mid-Continent refiners found that the local prices existing yielded them the best return. Every one engaged in marketing gasoline must reckon with this competition.

Furthermore, our domestic marketing at all points is conducted under conditions of the keenest competition locally, as in addition to the large number of jobbers drawing their supplies from time to time from the cheapest source, the Gulf, Texas and other large companies maintain and operate extensive marketing and distributing facilities in the States in which we are operating. That we have no monopoly of the gasoline business in these States is evident from the records, which show a total of 4,810 marketing and distributing stations, of this total our competitors own 4,034, or 83.9%, whereas the Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) and its affiliated companies own 776, or 16.1%. Our Domestic Marketing Department estimates that we are supplying slightly over one third of the total consumption in the States in question.

Analysis of Earnings.

The net assets of the company and its subsidiary companies, including all capital stock, just after the dissolution in 1911, were \$292,000,000, odd. The net assets including all outstanding stock on Dec. 31 1921, were \$890,000,000, odd. These figures indicate an increase in the net assets of practically \$600,000,000 since the dissolution. Of this \$200,000,000 was subscribed by the stockholders to the Preferred stock of that amount which the company found it necessary to issue. The \$400,000,000 remaining represents accumulated earnings reinvested in the business. Corporate action has recently been taken to capitalize this amount through an increase in the issued Common stock by means of a 400% stock dividend, payable on Dec. 20 1922. [For Pres. Teagle's statement regarding stock dividend see V. 115, p. 265.]

Of the \$600,000,000 increase in the net assets since the dissolution 62.9% was in producing properties, tank steamers, inventories of crude oil products and supplies. It was in these departments of the business that the considerably increased investment was a result of the dissolution. The only other considerable investment was in the manufacturing facilities made up in part by new construction necessary to the installation of what is known as the "cracking system" for the production of increased quantities of gasoline, and in part by the construction of new refineries, most of which were built outside of the United States.

The earnings of the company and all subsidiaries for the years 1920 and 1921 and the estimate of earnings for the first 6 months of 1922 are the figures in which the committee are particularly interested. The aggregate earnings for the period were \$213,720,213, or at the rate of 9.6% per annum on the net assets.

The dividend return to the Common stockholders of the company has not changed since the dissolution and the business has paid more since that date an average of 4.4% per annum on the net assets. In 2 1/2 years ended June 30 1922, Common dividends were paid aggregating \$49,274,813, or an average of 2.83% per annum on net assets over this period.

Our accounting department has analyzed the net earnings for 1920 and 1921 and the estimated earnings for the first 6 months of 1922 of the company and affiliated companies and finds the earnings for the 2 1/2 year period to be derived from the three divisions, viz. foreign, collateral and domestic, as follows:

From foreign business	\$87,319,585
From collateral business	72,470,149
From domestic oil business	53,930,479

The company has earned during the 2 1/2 years ended June 30 1922, a total of \$83,930,479 from its domestic oil business. During the same period we have run through our domestic refineries a total of 171,467,211 barrels of crude oil. On these figures the earnings were equivalent to 31 cents per barrel.

What do the earnings shown mean to the eventual purchaser of a gallon of our products and what part of each dollar paid to the company represents profits to this company? This is a phase of the matter about which there is generally a very erroneous impression, i. e., that unconscionable profits are being made out of the oil business.

The gross sales of the company and its domestic subsidiaries in their domestic oil business during the 2 1/2 year period referred to were \$1,516,392,315, and the profits from that business were \$53,530,479, or 3.56%. Out of every dollar paid by the consumer for our petroleum products in that period we retained 3.56 cents. Applying the basis of figuration and assuming that consumers of our gasoline paid an average retail price of 27 cents per gallon the profit of the company was less than one cent per gallon.—V. 115, p. 2695, 2391.

Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Oct. 31 1922.)

Pres. H. S. Firestone, Akron, O., Dec. 15, wrote in brief:

Sales.—With the lowest prices and keenest competition ever known in the industry, sales for the year were \$54,507,302, representing an increase of 23% in pieces sold over the previous year.

Earnings.—Earnings, after providing for depreciation, interest, taxes and other charges, were \$7,348,422. After payment of preferred dividends and miscellaneous charges a net increase of \$16 per share in the common stock equity is shown.

Bank Debt Reduced.—Our bank indebtedness was reduced from \$21,680,000 at the beginning of the fiscal year to \$12,775,000 at its close, or a reduction of nearly \$9,000,000.

Canadian Company.—During the year our Canadian company financed itself through the sale of a \$1,000,000 7% bond issue (V. 114, p. 2723). The parent company owning the entire outstanding pref. and common stock. The Canadian plant has a present capacity of 1,600 tires daily, and is so planned that additional production can be readily procured when required.

Outlook.—We enter the new year with our factories running at undiminished production, operating at the highest point of efficiency yet attained and producing the best quality tire in our history. Sales and distribution methods have been simplified, resulting in a marked decrease in cost, and our dealer organization enlarged and strengthened. Inventories have been very conservatively valued, and our commitments for raw material are on a most favorable basis.

In this position, backed by a loyal and aggressive organization, I look forward to continued success the ensuing year.

SALES FOR YEARS ENDED OCTOBER 31.

1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.
\$64,507,301	\$66,372,938	\$114,980,969	\$91,078,514	\$75,801,507	\$61,587,219

Dividend Record on Common Shares (Par Value \$10). [Entered by Editor.]

1910-11.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.
5% each	7	10	12	16	20	40	60	80	60	x15

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET OCTOBER 31.

Assets—	1922.	1921.
Land, buildings and equipment.....	\$21,174,350	\$30,594,722
Inv. in foreign sub. cos. & other stocks and bonds.....	4,651,265	3,889,055
Cash.....	5,715,459	5,888,565
Inventories.....	9,890,050	12,534,369
Customers' accounts receivable, less discount.....	8,387,298	9,548,432
Customers' notes.....	339,071	212,548
Controlled and allied companies.....	986,981	2,160,359
Miscellaneous accounts and advances.....	139,413	259,776
Due from officers & employees account com. stock pur. & sundry advances secured by 62,431 shares.....	5,820,215	5,905,424
Prepaid interest, taxes and insurance.....	198,257	308,217
Deferred charges.....	228,537	403,053
Coventry Land & Improvement Co.....	3,013,700	3,314,206
Treasury stock.....	174,029	129,849
Total.....	\$60,718,634	\$75,248,573
Liabilities—		
6% Preferred stock (par \$100).....	\$9,500,000	\$10,000,000
7% Preferred stock (par \$100) (auth. 400,000 shs.).....	10,000,000	10,000,000
Common stock (par \$10) (auth. 2,500,000 shares).....	3,558,000	3,561,670
Notes payable to banks.....	11,985,000	21,105,000
Bankers' acceptances.....	790,000	575,000
Accrued salaries, taxes, &c.....	2,775,264	2,720,205
Customers' credit balance.....	84,336	42,838
Reserves: For liquidation of inventory accounts.....		1,688,887
For plant depreciation.....		9,041,715
For general contingencies.....	300,000	700,000
Surplus.....	20,595,596	14,870,642
Surplus, insurance account.....	1,130,438	942,616
Total.....	\$60,718,634	\$75,248,573

x Land, buildings, machinery, equipment, &c., \$31,501,003; less reserve for plant depreciation, \$10,326,653.
 y Includes house and lot accounts receivable and uncollected real estate, \$4,579,817; less mortgages thereon, \$1,566,108.
 z Preferred and common shares purchased at cost.
 Note.—The company on Oct. 31 1922 was contingently liable as endorser on \$69,336 customers' notes and trade acceptances discounted.
 This balance sheet of Oct. 31 1922 is subject to adjustment, if any, upon final review by the Government of prior years' Federal tax returns.—V. 115, p. 2691, 651.

(J. I.) Case Plow Works Company.
 (Report for Year Ended Sept. 30 1922.)

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR STATED PERIODS.

	Year end, Sept. 30 '22	15 Mo. end, Sept. 30 '21
Gross sales.....	\$2,118,045	\$2,118,045
Less returns, freight on sales, readjustments, &c.....	586,304	586,304
Net sales.....	\$1,531,840	\$1,531,840
Cost of sales (before depreciation and taxes).....	1,281,117	1,281,117
Selling expenses.....	665,783	665,783
Administration and general expenses.....	188,890	188,890
Other charges.....	212,617	212,617
Total loss.....	\$815,967	\$815,967
Other income.....	173,519	173,519
Net loss.....	\$642,448	\$642,448
Interest.....	\$420,742	\$420,742
Depreciation.....	207,810	207,810
Taxes.....	70,148	70,148
Inventory shrinkage.....		1,244,544
Balance, deficit.....	\$1,340,648	\$2,985,805
Previous deficit.....	3,032,526	3,032,526
Total deficit.....	\$4,373,174	\$6,018,331
Adjustments—Dr.....	49,232	49,232
First preferred dividends.....		54,153,750
Second preferred dividends.....		3 1/2 112,500
Deficit Sept. 30.....	\$4,422,397	\$6,032,526

x Net sales in 1921 are before deducting freight on sales, discount allowed on sales and price readjustments, which are included in other charges below.

BALANCE SHEET SEPTEMBER 30.

Assets—	1922.	1921.	Liabilities—	1922.	1921.
Plant & properties.....	4,600,133	4,600,133	First pref. 7% stk.	3,500,000	3,500,000
Cash.....	474,661	554,298	2d pref. 7% stock.	3,500,000	3,500,000
Notes & acc'ts rec. x1,877,881	1,470,514	1,470,514	Common stock.....	2,273,713	2,273,713
Misc. acc'ts rec. y14,355	23,132	23,132	Notes payable.....	6,507,875	5,721,372
Accr. int. receiv'le.....	95,402	25,566	Accounts payable.....	54,463	233,251
Prepaid insurance.....	13,784	57,784	Accrued pay rolls.....	14,032	5,319
Inventories.....	3,064,779	3,890,601	Aver. int. on notes payable.....		82,390
Deferred charges.....	75,605	121,213	Workmen's comp'n insurance reserve.....	10,197	9,717
Workmen's comp'n insurance fund.....	16,734	16,097	Deprec'n reserve.....	1,369,709	1,165,185
Investments.....	1,400	1,000	Other reserves.....	16,000	40,227
Orig. draw. & doc's.....	530,000	650,000			
Goodwill.....	2,000,000	2,000,000			
Deficit.....	4,422,397	3,032,527			
Total.....	17,328,384	16,448,783	Total.....	17,328,384	16,448,783

x Notes receivable, trade debtors (pledged as collateral to notes payable and accrued interest thereon in accordance with bank extension agreements), \$1,696,982; accounts receivable, trade debtors, \$255,900; total, \$1,952,881, less reserve for bad and doubtful notes and accounts, \$75,000.

y Includes manufacturing plant (Racine), land, buildings, machinery, equipment, patterns, tools, office furniture and other property, \$4,296,557; outside property—Land, warehouse buildings, office furniture and other property, \$295,403; miscellaneous property, \$28,425.

z Common stock, auth. and issued, 125,000 shares no par value.
 Note.—(a) There was a contingent liability on notes receivable discounted at Sept. 30 1922 of \$21,648. (b) Dividends on First Pref. 7% Cumul. stock have not been declared since March 31 1921. (c) The loss on purchase commitments, aggregating \$445,654 at Sept. 30 1922, based on market values at that date, amounted to approximately \$16,000.—V. 114, p. 630, 414.

B. Kuppenheimer & Co., Inc., Chicago.

(1st Annual Statement—Year Ended Oct. 28 1922.)

Pres. Louis B. Kuppenheimer, Chicago, Dec. 16, reports in substance:

The present financial condition of the company is excellent, and the volume of sales for the year just closed shows a substantial increase over the previous year.

Net profits for the year, including the results of the operations of the old company for 11 months and of the new company for 1 month, after deducting all expenses, including depreciation, int. on loans and provision for doubtful accounts, but before deducting Federal taxes, amount to \$144,211. After deducting \$48,000 provision for Federal taxes the net profits for the year amount to \$296,211.

The decrease in the profit showing for the year was anticipated, owing to the unusual conditions prevailing in the industry. These conditions rendered it advisable to sell merchandise at a close margin of profit and thereby assist the customers in overcoming price resistance with merchandise at attractive prices. We are confident this policy will reflect to the advantage of the company in its future operations.

The sales for the coming spring season have been maintained in a satisfactory manner, which gives promise of improved conditions in the future. In Sept. last the company was incorporated in Illinois to take over the property, &c., of the company incorp. in 1911. At the same time \$3,500,000 7% Cumul. Prof. stock was offered to the investing public, the purchasers of the Prof. stock being given the privilege to purchase Common

stock at \$35 per share up to 35% of their holdings. On Dec. 1 an initial dividend of 1 1/4% was paid on the Prof. stock. See V. 115, p. 1329, 2275.]

SURPLUS ACCOUNT SEPT. 28 1922.

Initial surplus Sept. 28 1922.....	\$1,586,453
Net profit for year, incl. premiums on sale of Preferred stock in lieu of accrued dividends.....	366,211
Less proportion thereof accrued prior to Sept. 28, incl. in initial surplus.....	318,672
Profit and loss surplus Sept. 28 1922.....	\$1,633,992

BALANCE SHEET OCT. 28 1922.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Land, bldgs., mach'y & fix'ts., \$1,350,043; less depr. res., \$297,981.....	7% Cum. Prof. stock.....
\$1,052,062	Common stock, issued 100,000 shares (par \$5).....
Trade marks and goodwill.....	6% real estate gold bonds, due July 1 1923.....
Emp'l. notes for purch. of capital stock—secured.....	\$25,000 annually beginning 350,000
67,563	Notes payable.....
Inventories.....	2,417,029
Notes & acc'ts rec. (less res'v'e).....	4,189,913
Sundry debtors & empl. acc'ts.....	13,929
Cash.....	212,554
Deferred charges.....	159,007
Total.....	\$8,113,021
	Total.....
	\$8,113,021

—V. 115, p. 2275, 1329.

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."

Locomotive Repairs.—From Nov. 15 to Dec. 1 the railroads repaired and turned out of their shops 13,481 locomotives. This was within 6 locomotives of the greatest number repaired during any semi-monthly period in approximately the last two years, and exceeded by 1,345 the number turned out of the shops during the first half of November this year.

Locomotives in need of repair on Dec. 1 last totaled 18,069, or 27.9% of the number on line. This was a decrease of 347 compared with the total number on Nov. 15, at which time there were 18,356, or 28.5%.

Of the total number on Dec. 1 last, 14,450 were in need of heavy repairs, a decrease since Nov. 15 of 670 locomotives. Reports also showed 3,559 locomotives in need of light repairs, which was an increase, however, of 323 within the same period. Serviceable locomotives on Dec. 1 totaled 46,525. This was an increase of 424 over the number serviceable on Nov. 15, at which time there were 46,101.

Car Repairs.—Freight cars in need of repairs on Dec. 1 totaled 228,288, or 9.9% of the cars on line. This was a decrease of 9,372 cars since Nov. 15, at which time there were 237,660 cars, or 10.4%.

Cars in need of heavy repairs totaled 176,006, compared with 187,596 on Nov. 15, a reduction of 11,590. Cars in need of light repairs numbered 50,282, an increase of 2,218 within the same period.

On Dec. 1 last year 320,292 cars, or 14% of the total number on line, were in need of repairs.

Since July 1 last, the date on which the strike of railway shopmen began, there has been a reduction of 98,298 cars in the number in need of repairs.

Car Shortage.—From Dec. 1 to Dec. 8 there was a decrease of 21,825 in the freight car shortage, the total shortage on Dec. 8 amounting to 111,961 cars.

The shortage compared with that during the week ended Nov. 30 was: Box cars, 56,711, decrease 10,757; coal cars, 37,613, decrease 5,235; stock cars, 5,239, decrease 4,302; coke cars over and above the available current supply was reported, which made the total shortage 394, increase 50; refrigerator cars, 5,188, decrease 890.

Reports also showed a gradual increase in the number of surplus freight cars in good repair scattered throughout the country, the total on Dec. 8 being 6,657, which was a gain in approximately a week of 1,062 cars.

Car Loadings.—Loading of revenue freight, 919,828 cars during week ended Dec. 9, an increase of 178,487 cars above the corresponding week last year, an increase of 81,875 cars above the corresponding week in 1920, and an increase of 74,600 cars over the preceding week this year, when, however, loadings were reduced owing to the observance of Thanksgiving Day.

Principal changes compared with week ending Dec. 2 were: Grain and grain products, 55,608 cars, increase 6,267; live stock, 38,170 cars, increase 3,789; coal, 200,505 cars, increase 14,317; merchandise and miscellaneous freight, which includes manufactured products, 530,420 cars, increase 47,716 cars; forest products, 63,195 cars, increase 3,185; ore, 9,879 cars, decrease 671; coke 13,051 cars, decrease 1,000.

Grain Rate Cut Demanded.—C. M. Reed, Chairman of Kansas Utilities Commission, testified before I.-S. C. that roads spend more than necessary on maintenance in order to reduce the showing of earnings. "Times" Dec. 16, p. 18.

Two I.-S. C. Members Renominated.—C. C. McChord of Kentucky and J. B. Eastman of Massachusetts.

Valuation Arguments Before I.-S. C. Printed in Book Form.—Final valuation arguments for 11 roads presented in hearings held Nov. 1, 2 and 3 1922. "Railway Review" Dec. 16, p. 881.

Eight Union Men Convicted for Deserting Trains in Desert During Shopmen's Strike.—Alleged to have plotted to tie up traffic on Santa Fe, causing delay of mail and freight. "Times" Dec. 21, p. 1.

Port Authority Men Have Co-operation of All Roads Entering Port.—I.-S. C. C. orders roads to show cause why unification of terminals in district should not go forward as part of port project. "Times" Dec. 17, p. 3; Dec. 18, p. 30; Dec. 19, p. 21.

I.-S. C. C. Reports Number Killed and Injured in RR. Accidents.—Figures show 118 killed and 1,074 injured during quarter ended Sept. 30 1922. "Financial America" Dec. 20.

Railroad Unions Merge.—Amalgamation of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen to be known as Brotherhood of Locomotive Enginemen. Boston "News Bureau" Dec. 19, p. 3.

U. S. RR. Labor Board Denies Request for Sunday Overtime Pay.—Maintenance of way men will not receive time-and-a-half after 8 hours work on Sundays and holidays, but present rate of a pro rata rate for the 9th and 10th hours and time-and-a-half thereafter is upheld. "Times" Dec. 16, p. 19.

Fares in Seattle Reduced.—Fares on city-owned cars will be 5c, beginning Mar. 1. Extra charge of 2c. cash or 1 1/4c. with token will be made for transfers. Present fare is 8 1/2-3c. "Financial America" Dec. 21, p. 2.

Would Amend Transportation Act To Forbid Railroads To Decrease Dividends Unless I.-S. C. Commission Certifies Equipment To Be Equal To Public Needs.—Senator Johnson of California proposes amendment in Senate declaring—Senator Johnson of California had sustained huge losses because of car shortage. "Financial America" Dec. 23.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Dec. 16.—(a) Railroad gross and net earnings for October (editorial), p. 2626, 2629.

(b) The railways of France; booklet by Brown Brothers & Co., p. 2636.

(c) Payments by Treasury Department to railroads under Transportation Act, p. 2648.

Alabama Great Southern RR.—Bonds Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Dec. 9 authorized the company to procure authentication and delivery to its Treasurer of \$500,000 1st Consol. Mfg. 5% gold bonds, Series A. Between Oct. 1 1921 and Sept. 30 1922 the company expended \$50,197 for capital purposes and these bonds are to be delivered to its Treasurer for the calendar year 1922 in respect of a part of such expenditures.—V. 115, p. 1206.

Alton Granite & St. Louis Trac. Co.—60% Deposited.

The committee for the holders of the \$2,500,000 1st Consol Mfg. 6% bonds, due Aug. 1 1944 (D. R. Francis Jr., Chairman,) announces that more than 60% of the bonds have been deposited and that no additional

bonds will be received after Jan. 10 1923, except upon such terms as the committee may see fit to impose.

The protective committee consists of D. R. Francis Jr. (Francis, Bro. & Co.), Chairman; J. H. Grover (V.-Pres. St. Louis Union Trust Co.), J. Sheppard Smith (V.-Pres. Mississippi Valley Trust Co.), E. J. Costigan (Whitaker & Co.), James Duncan (Pres. Duncan Foundry Co.), with J. E. Riley, Sec., 214 N. 4th St., St. Louis, and Charles M. Polk, Counsel, Depository, Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis.

The Feb. 1 1920 and subsequent coupons on the above bonds are in default. The company is a subsidiary of the East St. Louis & Suburban Co., but following the appointment of receivers for the Alton company in Aug. 1920 the Alton properties have been separately operated from the East St. Louis company.

British Columbia Electric Ry.—New Agreement Reached.

A new agreement has been made between the company and the city of Vancouver, amounting virtually to a new franchise. It amends the existing franchise, dated 1901, in several important respects, especially in providing for the continuance of the 6-cent fare and for new motor bus routes. It further provides for a reduction on Jan. 1 1923 in lighting rates within the city limits from 6 cents to 5 cents a k.w. hour. The 6-cent fare charged in Vancouver has been the subject of negotiation and temporary measure for 3 1/2 years. The last permit expired on Dec. 15. ("Electric Railway Journal" Dec. 9.—V. 115, p. 182.)

Buffalo Rochester & Pittsb. Ry.—Listing—Earnings.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$3,010,000 additional Consol. Mtge. 4 1/2% Bonds, due May 1 1957, making the total amount applied for \$24,178,000 (authorized, \$35,000,000). See offering in V. 115, p. 1837.

Income Account, Six Months Ending June 30 1922.

Operating revenue.....	\$6,942,958	Non-operating revenue.....	\$237,151
Operating expenses.....	6,491,504	Total operating income.....	579,683
Net revenue.....	\$451,454	Gross income.....	\$816,834
Railway tax accruals.....	\$210,000	Deductions for rentals, interest, &c.....	1,204,287
Uncollectible railway rev.....	4,302	Deficit.....	\$387,463
Total operating revenue.....	\$237,151		

—V. 115, p. 1720, 1836.

Carolina Clinchfield & Ohio Ry.—Bonds Sold.—Blair & Co., Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., Cassatt & Co., Spencer Trask & Co., Redmond & Co. and A. G. Becker & Co. have so'd at 96 1/2 and int., to yield about 6 1/2%, \$8,000,000 1st & Consol. Mtge. 30-Year 6% gold bonds, Series "A." (See advertising pages.)

Dated Dec. 15 1922. Due Dec. 15 1952. Int. payable J. & D. without deduction for any Federal income tax up to 2% per ann. which the company or the trustee may be required to withhold. Penna. 4-mill tax refundable. Red., all or part, on any int. date on or before Dec. 15 1937 at 107 1/2 and int., the premium decreasing 1/4 of 1% each year thereafter until maturity. Denom. of \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 (c.&kr). Authorized issue, \$50,000,000; to be presently issued, Series "A," \$9,500,000.

Data from Letter of Pres. N. S. Meldrum, New York, Dec. 16 1922.

Company.—Operates a thoroughly modern railway system, including a main line extending from Elkhorn City, Ky., to Spartanburg, S. C., which, together with branches and trackage rights, aggregates about 300 miles. It was first opened for traffic in 1909, but the line as a whole was not completed until July 1915, when the Elkhorn extension was placed in operation. The growth in traffic from the beginning has been remarkable, the operating revenues increasing from \$1,489,056 in 1910 to \$7,538,734 for the 12 months ended Oct. 31 1922.

Purpose.—The sale of the \$8,000,000 1st & Consol. Mtge. bonds, Ser. "A," is being made for the purpose of retiring \$8,000,000 indebtedness to the U. S. Government (bearing 6% int.). This indebtedness now about to be repaid to the U. S. Government represents temporary loans made to the railway company in connection with the refunding of various notes which fell due during the past few years. The latter notes were originally issued against expenditures made almost entirely in pre-war years.

Capitalization of Co. and Sub. Cos. as of Oct. 31 1922 after this financing.

Authorized.		
First & Consol. Mtge. bonds (present issue).....	\$50,000,000	\$38,000,000
First Mortgage 6s, due 1938.....	15,000,000	13,950,000
Lick Creek & Lake Erie 1st Mtge. 5s, due 1933.....	200,000	195,000
Equipment Trust Notes, due serially up to 1935. Closed issues.....	6,154,000	6,154,000
15-Year 6% Cum. Income Debentures, due 1935.....	6,000,000	5,000,000
Preferred stock, 6% non-cumulative.....	25,000,000	21,500,000
Common stock.....	25,000,000	25,000,000

x Exclusive of \$1,500,000 Series "A" treasury bonds, y Both these underlying issues are closed, there being \$1,050,000 1st Mtge. 5s and \$5,000 Lick Creek & Lake Erie 5s in company's treasury. z Includes \$1,500,000 Pref. stock, owned by the Holston Corp., a subsidiary of the railway.

Company has also guaranteed the principal and interest on \$1,500,000 Holston Corp. 5% Realty & Coll. Trust Notes, maturing April 1 1926.

Security.—Bonds are to be secured in the opinion of Counsel by (a) 1st Mtge. on the Elkhorn extension, 35 miles of main line, extending from Elkhorn City, Ky., to Dante, Va., constructed at a cost of approximately \$6,000,000. (b) A 2d Mtge. on 234 miles of railway, including terminals, equipment, &c., being substantially the entire balance of the mileage now owned (excepting 7 1/2 miles mentioned below), subject to not exceeding \$15,000,000 1st Mtge. bonds, of which \$13,950,000 outstanding. (c) A general lien on the 7 1/2 miles extending from Dante, Va., to Pink, Va., subject to outstanding underlying bonds.

Bonds will also be secured by deposit of the entire \$750,000 capital stock of the Holston Corp.

An equal amount of 1st & Consol. Mtge. bonds are reserved to refund all underlying bonds and upon retirement of same these bonds will become a first lien on all the property.

Condensed Income Acct. 12 Mos. End. a Dec. 31 '20. Dec. 31 '21. Oct. 31 '22.

Railway oper. income after taxes.....	\$1,176,868	\$1,702,140	\$2,100,327
Hire of equipment, &c.....	61,623,123	906,405	1,019,250

Gross income.....	\$2,799,991	\$2,608,545	\$3,119,577
Interest on funded debt.....	\$1,187,904	\$1,187,582	\$1,188,397
Interest on equipment trust notes.....	430,371	407,138	374,445
Interest, unfunded debt.....	275,290	25,571	14,386
Miscellaneous deductions.....	21,203	1,826	6,755

Total deductions.....	\$1,914,767	\$1,622,117	\$1,583,983
Net income.....	\$885,224	\$986,428	\$1,535,595

a 10 months' railway operation and 2 months' Federal operation. b Includes \$347,403 compensation from U. S. Railroad Administration.

Consolidated General Balance Sheet Oct. 31 1922.

Assets		Liabilities	
Investment in road.....	\$52,304,335	Common stock.....	\$25,000,000
Investment in equipment.....	15,178,145	Preferred stock.....	11,500,000
Other investments.....	4,352,513	1st Mortgage 5s 1938.....	13,950,000
Cash.....	2,988,658	Lick Crk. & L. E. 1st M. 5s.....	195,000
Loans & bills receivable.....	23,462	U. S. Govt. bonds.....	8,000,000
Traffic & car serv. bals.....	156,961	Elkhorn 6% notes, 1923.....	3,000
Balances receivable from agents and conductors.....	3,294	Equipment trust notes.....	6,154,000
Materials and supplies.....	893,083	6% Cum. Inc. Debts. 1935.....	5,000,000
Miscellaneous.....	157,641	Audited vouchers.....	196,325
Deferred assets.....	1,068,250	Wages payable.....	184,957
Unadjusted debits.....	1,106,133	Traffic & car serv. bals.....	267,008
		Accrued interest.....	555,552
		Miscellaneous.....	1,460
		Unadjusted credits.....	2,598,272
		Surplus.....	4,626,904
Total (each side).....	\$78,232,477		

—V. 115, p. 2683, 430.

Central N. Y. Southern RR.—Would Abandon Line, &c. Following a decision of the directors requesting President R. B. Williams Jr. to apply to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to abandon the road, which runs between Ithaca and Auburn, 37 miles, Pres. Williams, V.-Pres. R. B. Williams and Gen. Mgr. T. P. Clancy resigned as a protest

against such action. The decision to abandon the lines was taken because it is stated the road is at present losing money. The company and the Ithaca Traction Corp. are both controlled by Ford, Bacon & Davis, N. Y. City. The above officials have also severed all connection with the traction company.—V. 106, p. 394.

Chicago & Alton RR.—Protective Committee.

At the request of numerous holders of Preferred and Common stock, the undersigned have agreed to act as a committee for the protection of their interests. All stockholders are urged to deposit their stock.

Application will be made to list the certificates issued by the depository on the New York Stock Exchange.

Protective Committee.—Walter T. Rosen, Chairman (Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co.); Franklin Q. Brown (Redmond & Co., New York); George Woodruff (V.-Pres. National Bank of the Republic, Chicago); Edward A. Pierce (A. A. Housman & Co.); and Hugh K. Pritchitt (Pritchitt & Co.), New York, with Feiner, Maass & Skutch, attorneys; S. O. Levinson, counsel; Thomas F. Thornton Sec., 66 Pine St., New York.

Depositories.—Bank of the Manhattan Co., 40 Wall St., New York, and National Bank of the Republic, Chicago.—V. 115, p. 2683, 2378.

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—To Pay Bonds.

The \$503,000 Tacoma Eastern RR. 1st Mtge. 5s falling due Jan. 1 will be paid through the Illinois Trust Co. of Chicago at maturity. The company expects to meet this maturity with current funds and does not expect to issue any new securities to replace them at the present time.—V. 115, p. 2683, 2579.

Chicago Peoria & St. Louis RR.—To Dismantle Line.

The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for permission to abandon its entire line of railroad of about 237 miles, of which the main line of 200 miles runs between Peoria and St. Louis.

The bondholders have petitioned the Circuit Court at Springfield, Ill., for permission to dismantle the line and sell the right of way. This proposal is being opposed by patrons of the line. It is stated that several plans of reorganization have been proposed, but none of them has been successfully promulgated.—V. 115, p. 2684, 1729.

Cuba Co.—May Change Capitalization.

The directors have voted to recommend a change in the Common stock to allow exchange of the present 160 shares, par value \$50,000 each, for a larger number of shares with no designated par value. A meeting of stockholders to consider the proposal will be called shortly.—V. 113, p. 1470.

Detroit & Mackinac Ry.—Bonds.

The I.-S. C. Commission on Dec. 11 authorized the company to sell not exceeding \$450,000 1st Lien 4% bonds at not less than 80 and int. The report of the Commission says: The applicant states that it recently borrowed \$300,000 on demand notes to meet pay-rolls, to make extensive repairs to its rolling stock and to purchase necessary supplies; also that gross earnings for the first 4 months of 1922 were insufficient to pay the operating expenses and that the deficit for those months amounted to \$154,000.

It is proposed to sell these bonds to the Bank of the Manhattan Co., New York, for cash at not less than 80 and int.—V. 113, p. 1674.

Eastern Mass. St. Ry.—To Pay Bonds.

The \$300,000 6% bonds due Jan. 1 will be paid off at office of company, Boston.—V. 115, p. 1941, 868.

Eastern Pennsylvania Railways Co.—Tenders.

This company, 43 Exchange Pl., N. Y. City, will until Feb. 28 receive bids for the sale to it of Pottsville Union Traction Co. 1st Mtge. 30-Year 5% gold bonds dated Sept. 1 1899 to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$20,000.

All bondholders whose tenders are accepted will be notified on or before Dec. 30 and will be instructed to deliver their bonds to the Real Estate Trust Co., Broad and Chestnut Sts., Phila., for payment.—V. 115, p. 2267.

Erie RR.—Equipment Trusts, Series HH.

The I.-S. C. Commission on Dec. 12 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of \$2,800,000 Equip. Trust certificates to be issued by the Commercial Trust Co., Phila., to be dated Nov. 15 1922, and to be sold at not less than 97 in connection with the procurement of 60 locomotives at an approximate total cost of \$3,821,705. (See offering in V. 115, p. 2378.)—V. 115, p. 2684.

Fredericksburg & Northern Ry.—Notes.

The I.-S. C. Commission on Dec. 11 authorized the company to issue six 1-year notes aggregating not more than \$65,000 to be used to retire \$50,000 vendors' lien outstanding notes and to evidence interest unpaid thereon. These notes will be dated Dec. 28 1922, will be payable one year after date to the order of J. L. Borroum, T. P. Russell and C. H. Judkins, as independent executors of the estate of R. R. Russell, deceased, with int. at rate of 6% per annum until paid.—V. 112, p. 2683.

Great Northern Ry.—Declares 2 1/2% Semi-Annual Dividend.

The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2% on the Preferred stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Dec. 29. An official statement says in substance:

Officers and directors are hopeful that unusually adverse conditions of 1922 will not prevail during 1923 and that net earnings will show sufficient improvement in the near future to justify resumption of the 3 1/2% semi-annual dividend.

"Iron ore, which in 1921 amounted to 4,300,000 tons, was 9,950,000 tons in 1922; and the best estimate now is it may reach 14,000,000 or 15,000,000 tons next year. Prospects also are for an increase in lumber movement, as well as in improvement in general traffic. The chief concern of the officers and directors is on account of freight rate reductions having been made while operating expenses still held at high level, and consideration that is being given to still further reduction in freight rates, especially on agricultural products. These things could not help influencing dividend action." The company in Aug. last paid a semi-annual dividend of 3 1/2%, making total payments for the year 1922 5 1/4%.—V. 115, p. 2267, 1837.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Improvements.

The New York Transit Commission has ordered the company to expend \$4,000,000 in improvements, including reconstruction of the 33d St. station of the East Side subway from a local to an express stop, and lengthening the local stations between the Brooklyn Bridge and Grand Central on the East Side, and between Times Square and 96th St. on the West Side, subway to accommodate 10-car trains. [Owing to traffic congestion in New York City, some of the city officials advocated the removal of all the elevated lines and the building of subways along the same routes now covered by the elevated lines.]—V. 115, p. 2684, 2580.

International-Great Northern RR.—Securities of This Company Now Ready.

J. & W. Seligman & Co. and Speyer & Co., reorganization managers of the old International & Great Northern Ry., on Dec. 19 issued a notice to holders of certificates of deposit of the Bankers Trust Co. and the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York for 1st Mtge. 6s, 1st & Ref. 5s and 3-Year 5% gold notes, announcing that the securities of the new company will be ready for delivery Dec. 20 1922. (See advertising pages.)—V. 115, p. 2684, 2580.

Kentwood & Eastern RR.—To Abandon Line.

The Louisiana P. S. Commission has authorized the company to abandon operation and dismantle its line from Kentwood, La., on the Illinois Central, southeasterly to Scanlon, 16 miles. The line was opened for operation in 1905 and practically its entire tonnage has been forest products. The timber holdings in the vicinity are exhausted and the traffic of the line has disappeared.—V. 93, p. 580.

Los Angeles Railway.—Tenders.

The Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Calif., will until Dec. 27 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5% bonds, due Dec. 1 1940, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$11,968.—V. 115, p. 543.

Louisville (Ky.) Ry.—Wage Increase.

The company on Dec. 19 announced an increase in wages of platform men ranging from 1 cent an hour for the first 3 months of 1923 to 10 cents an hour after service of 2 years. Present rates are 33 and 35 cents an hour.—V. 115, p. 1532, 1210.

Manila Electric Corp.—Listing—Stock Dividends, &c.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing, on or after Dec. 28, of temporary certificates for \$2,000,000 additional Common stock, par \$100, on official notice of the issuance and payment in full, making the total applied for \$7,000,000. The report to the Exchange says:

Of the stock applied for 10,000 shares is the balance remaining from 17,500 shares of Common stock deposited by Manila Construction Co. with Equitable Trust Co., to be disposed of as the directors might designate, for the purpose of acquiring additional cash capital or for other corporate purposes. The 17,500 shares had been issued to the Construction Co. in part payment for certain assets acquired by the corporation from the Construction Co. Of the 17,500 shares, 7,500 have heretofore been disposed of, as follows: 7,280 were issued to the Construction Co. in payment for certain improvements and extensions, and 220 shares were issued to Charles M. Swift and J. G. White & Co., Inc., in compensation for certain services rendered, leaving 10,000 shares still held by trustee.

The other 10,000 shares of the stock is part of an authorized increase of the Common stock from \$6,000,000 to \$10,000,000. The stockholders on Dec. 15 increased the Common stock from \$6,000,000 to \$10,000,000. Of such increase 40,000 shares of Common stock, 10,000 shares in addition to the 10,000 shares held in trust are to be distributed on Dec. 28 to holders of record Dec. 22, to the 50,000 shares of outstanding Common stock as a 40% stock dividend, each holder to receive two shares of additional shares for each five shares held.

Consol. Income Account, Nine Months Ending Sept. 30 1922 (Subj. to Adjsut.)

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Taxes, Net earnings, Total surplus, Dividends paid, Surplus Sept. 30 1922.

Net earnings \$749,488; Surplus Sept. 30 1922 \$3,538,720. V. 115, p. 2478.

Michigan Central RR.—Rise in Stock Explained.—

The sale of a few odd shares of stock at \$330 per share has revived the report that the New York Central, which already controls 90% of the stock, was seeking to gain the minority stock.

A New York banking firm, it is stated, has sent a letter to the minority holders saying that it has been authorized by clients, who own a very substantial amount of the outstanding stock, to negotiate the sale of their holdings of this stock, ex the regular and extra dividends aggregating \$10 per share, payable to stockholders of record Dec. 29 1922 at a figure of not less than \$350 per share. On all such sales we shall charge a commission of \$5 per share. The letter further states: "We shall be glad to include your shares in our negotiations upon the terms named. We desire to obtain the assent of as large a portion as possible of the minority stockholders before proceeding further with this matter, as we feel confident that the successful outcome of the negotiations will be greatly enhanced if we are in a position to offer a large portion of the outstanding minority stock. If you do not care to sell your Michigan Central stock, but would consider an exchange of that stock for other stock or stocks, please advise us immediately."

The \$350 offer remains in effect until the close of business Dec. 28. V. 115, p. 2684.

Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry.—Sale of Property.—

The main line of the road and branch lines in Texas were bought in for \$28,000,700 at auction at Colbert, Okla., Dec. 13 by J. & W. Sellman & Co. and Hallgarten & Co., the reorganization managers.

The Texas lines were sold at auction at Sherman Jct., Texas, Dec. 14 to the same bankers for \$6,500,000. The Wichita Falls & Northwestern RR., a unit of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas System, was sold at auction at Altus, Okla., Dec. 15 to J. & W. Sellman & Co. and Hallgarten & Co., both of New York, for \$2,220,300. The McKinney-Shreveport branch was sold Dec. 16 to Cook & Nathan, New York, for \$700,000. The latter, it is understood, represented the Louisiana RR. & Navigation Co. This branch was not included in the new company as reorganized.

The Missouri P. S. Commission has approved the reorganization plan.—V. 115, p. 2685, 2581.

Mobile Light & Railroad Co.—Fares.—

The Alabama P. S. Commission has ordered the company to reduce its transfer charge from 2 cents to 1 cent except those to and from the Michigan Ave. line. See also V. 115, p. 1632.

Morgantown & Wheeling RR.—Demand New Receiver.—

A number of large shippers and coal producers have filed affidavits for the removal of Samuel Pursglove as special court receiver. Among the charges made is that Mr. Pursglove is one of the largest coal operators on the road and that he is disqualified to be a receiver. It is also charged there is discrimination in the furnishing of cars for the various mines and Mr. Pursglove, by reason of his position as receiver, has access to the shipping records of the road, which gives him an opportunity to underbid other shippers.—V. 106, p. 2011.

N. Y. Brooklyn & Manhattan Beach Ry.—New Direc.

C. D. Baker and Eugene Wright have been elected directors, succeeding J. R. Savage and F. E. Hafl.—V. 106, p. 818.

New York Railways.—Sale Postponed.—

The sale at public auction at 14 Vesey St. of the car barn properties at 34th St. and Fourth Ave. has again been postponed to Jan. 18.—V. 115, p. 2047, 1942.

Northern Ohio Traction & Light Co.—Bonds Offered.—

National City Co., New York, is offering at 94 and int. to yield about 6 1/2%, \$1,000,000 Gen. & Ref. Mtge. gold bonds, series A, 6%, due 1947. Dated March 1 1922. Due March 1 1947. Outstanding, including this issue, \$10,538,000 (see description in V. 114, p. 1180).

Listing.—Previous issue listed on N. Y. Stock Exchange, and application will be made to list these additional bonds.

Issuance.—Authorized by Ohio P. U. Commission. Company owns and operates a successful and growing electric light and power business and a comprehensive system of city and interurban railways in the important Cleveland-Akron-Canton industrial section of Ohio.

The electric light and power business of the company has expanded to five times its volume in 1914, and for 12 months ended Nov. 30 1922 contributed over 72% of the company's aggregate net earnings.

Earnings—12 Months ended Nov. 30.

Table with 3 columns: Description, 1921, 1922. Rows include Gross earnings, Net, after oper. exp., maint. & taxes, Annual int. charges on bonded debt, incl. this issue, Balance.

Purpose.—A part of the proceeds will be applied toward the retirement of certain underlying bonds, and the balance will reimburse company for construction expenditures.

Capitalization Outstanding Upon Completion of Present Financing.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Common stock, Preferred stock, Gen. & Ref. Bds., Secured 6% gold bonds, 1st Lien & Ref. Mtge. Bds., Underlying Divisional Mtge. bonds.

Does not include \$10,703,500 bonds pledged or to be pledged under the Gen. & Ref. Mtge. or \$2,300,000 bonds pledged as security for the Secured 6% gold bonds. \$3,775,000 additional underlying divisional mortgage bonds are pledged under the 1st Lien & Ref. Mtge.—V. 115, p. 1848, 1420.

Norfolk Southern RR.—Government Loan.—

The U. S. C. Commission has approved the application of the company for an additional Government loan of \$355,000 to be used in purchasing reconstructed freight cars.—V. 115, p. 760.

Ohio Service Co.—New Control.—

A controlling interest in the company, it is stated, has been sold to the American Gas & Electric Co., New York, by the United Service Corp. of Scranton, Pa., effective Jan. 1.—V. 115, p. 1429.

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.—Dividend Earned, &c.

The company in its "Service Talks" for Dec. 20 says: "P.R.T. men and management have this year earned the 6% div. on P.R.T. stock, the money to pay the promised 10% co-operative wage dividend to the men, and in addition would have earned a surplus of more than \$1,000,000, but instead increased the car service supplied, so that the winter schedules now in effect give 10% better car service than one year ago."

"Company in Nov. last took over the city-built Frankford Elevated, with an estimated cost of increased operation over increased receipts approximating \$1,000,000 for the first year. The earnings of the Frankford Elevated are disappointing in that the combined earnings of the Frankford 'L' and the surface lines formerly carrying the traffic have increased by little more than sufficient to overcome the loss occasioned by the free transfers given between surface cars and the Frankford 'L' and the lengthened ride from Bridge St. to 69th St. now given for one fare."

Mayor Moore has submitted to President Thomas E. Mitten a plan for a subway under Broad St. from Olney Ave. to League Island, with two elevated spurs, one to run westward from Broad St. on Christian St., and the other north from Broad St. on Germantown Ave. The entire project as proposed by the City Transit Department would be built progressively in three main sections and would cost approximately \$101,401,000.

Guy A. Richardson has resigned as Vice-President in Charge of Operations, R. T. Tyson, assistant to Mr. Richardson, will temporarily assume the duties of Vice-President.—V. 115, p. 2478.

Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR.—New Directors.—

Edward S. Harkness and Robert S. Lovett have been elected directors succeeding Wm. Rockefeller and A. T. Hardin, deceased.—V. 114, p. 2711

Public Service Corp., N. J.—Stockholders' Rights, &c.—

The stockholders of the 8% Pref. and Common stock of record Jan. 3 will have the right to subscribe to new 7% Pref. stock at par (\$100) to the extent of 3 shares for every 20 shares stock held. The right to subscribe expires on Feb. 15. There will be issued \$7,262,200 of the 7% Pref. stock and the amount not taken by shareholders will be offered publicly on a customer ownership plan.

The stockholders on Dec. 18 approved a change in the company's charter which will divide the \$50,000,000 authorized Pref. stock into two classes, retaining \$25,000,000 of the present 8% Preferred and authorizing a similar amount of 7% Preferred stock. The stockholders also approved the recommendation that the corporation relinquish its right to retire at its option the Preferred stock at 110.—V. 115, p. 2478, 2380.

Reading Company.—Assumption of Bonds.—

The U. S. C. Commission on Dec. 11 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability, as guarantor, in respect of the payment of the principal and interest at the rate of 4% per annum of not exceeding \$500,000 1st Mtge. bonds of Philadelphia & Frankford RR. On Oct. 28 last, the Commission authorized the Philadelphia & Frankford RR to extend the maturity of this \$500,000 1st Mtge. bonds from Aug. 1 1922 to Aug. 1 1932, with int. at the rate of 4 1/2% per annum. The bonds in question bear an indorsement of guaranty of the payment of the principal and int. thereon, at the rate of 4 1/2% per annum by the Reading Co., which owns the entire capital stock of the Philadelphia & Frankford RR. The Reading Co. has assented to such guaranty of the bonds as extended, and has agreed that this guaranty will not be disturbed by the proposed maturity extension and that any bonds not extended by the present holders will be furnished and extended by the Reading Co. at par, with interest at the rate of 4 1/2% per annum.—V. 115, p. 2047, 1732.

Rockford & Interurban Ry.—Franchise.—

The renewal of the franchise which expires in October 1923 was voted down at a special election in Rockford by a vote of 7,300 to 4,100. The City Council had previously voted for renewing the franchise over the Mayor's veto. See also V. 115, p. 2268, 1429.

Saginaw-Bay City Ry.—Suit.—

The City Council of Saginaw, Mich., on Dec. 12 authorized the city authorities to prosecute the suit in Federal Court at Bay City to compel the company to tear up its tracks in Saginaw and have them removed. In July last, following the failure of the company to live up to its franchise, when it went into bankruptcy, the city started proceedings towards removal of the tracks, giving notice by ordinance, and went through all of the necessary legal phases.—V. 115, p. 1533.

Shreveport (La.) Railways.—Fares.—

The company has filed a petition with the Louisiana P. S. Commission for authority to charge a 7-cent fare. The company at present is charging a 5-cent fare.—V. 113, p. 418.

Southern Pacific Co.—Final Settlement.—

The U. S. RR. Administration announces that it had made final settlement with the company and its subsidiaries of all claims growing out of the period of Federal control for \$9,250,000.

This \$9,250,000 from the Railroad Administration is a lump sum settlement and clears up the road's account with the Government, inasmuch as no funding of Government expenditures on additions and betterments was necessary.—V. 115, p. 2380, 2268.

Terminal RR. Association of St. Louis.—Bond Issue.—

The Central Union Trust Co. of N. Y. has been appointed trustee of an issue of \$100,000,000 Ref. & Impt. Mtge. gold bonds.—V. 115, p. 1733, 1533.

Texas & Pacific Ry.—Equipment Trusts.—

The company has applied to the Senate Judiciary Committee for permission to petition the U. S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$5,000,000 in equipment bonds.—V. 115, p. 2582, 2478.

Twin City Rapid Transit Co.—To Merge Trolleys.—

It is stated that steps are being taken by St. Paul officials to amend the 1921 street car Act to permit consolidation of the Minneapolis and St. Paul street car systems. It is stated that Minneapolis officials are opposed to unification of the two systems.—V. 115, p. 546, 437.

United Rys. & Electric Co. of Baltimore.—Fares.—

The company will continue the present 7-cent fare until March 1923, subject to modification by the Commission.—V. 115, p. 2380.

United Rys. of St. Louis.—Fare Application.—

The company has filed an application with the Missouri P. S. Commission for a continuation of the present 7-cent fare until settlement of valuation matter.—V. 115, p. 2582.

U. S. Railroad Administration.—Settlements.—

The U. S. RR. Administration reports the following final settlements for the period of Federal control, and has paid out and received from the roads the following amounts: Pittsburgh Chartiers & Youghiogheny Ry., \$328,000; Itasca Traction Corp., \$8,000; Fort Street Union Depot Co., \$19,000; Hannibal Union Depot Co., \$10,000; Georgia Florida & Alabama, \$120,000; Akron & Barberton Belt Ry., \$70,000; Southern Pacific Co. (and subsidiaries), \$9,250,000. Kansas Oklahoma & Gulf RR. paid Director-General \$1,410,000. Leavenworth Terminal Ry. & Bridge Co. paid Director-General \$2,500.

Guarantees, as provided in the Transportation Act, have been certified for payment to the Secretary of the Treasury as follows: The Carolina & Northern Ry. of N. C., \$31,313; Nevada California Oregon Ry. Co., \$20,719; Cincinnati Indianapolis & Western RR., \$282,081; Gulf & Ship Island RR., \$160,989; San Joaquin & Eastern RR., \$53,741; Delta Southern Ry., \$72,392.—V. 115, p. 2269, 2048.

Waterloo Cedar Falls & Northern Ry.—Call for Bonds.

The protective committee for the \$5,775,000 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund 5% gold bonds, L. N. Ry. Co., (under V. 114, p. 1759), has issued a notice...

questing the holders thereof to deposit their bonds with the Jan. 1 1922 and subsequent coupons attached with the depositaries named below. A statement by the committee says in substance:

Owing to the general business depression, especially acute in the territory served by the company, and the effect of motor bus competition, combined with the use of privately owned motor cars, the company has earned but little more than operating expenses and taxes for the two years ending Aug. 31 1922. A recent inspection of the property found it, generally speaking, in good physical condition. Conditions in the territory served have recently shown some improvement and give promise of somewhat better conditions in the early future.

It appears that a total sum of about \$10,000,000 has been invested in the property, upon which the \$5,775,000 1st Mtge. bonds now outstanding are a first lien.

The Federal Government during the war period advanced the company \$1,760,000, which advances are secured by the deposit of General Mtge. bonds of the issue of 1920, which are subsequent in lien to the 1st Mtge. 5s.

The United States Railway Commission and the U. S. C. Commission have therefore a direct interest in this property, and the committee believes their co-operation will be essential to the most effective handling of the situation and the full protection of the interests of the First Mortgage bondholders.

The committee believes the time has now come when, if it is to function effectively, in the interest of the bondholders it represents, it must be vested with specific authority and empowered not only to take such steps as ordinarily are taken in such cases, but as well to negotiate and agree with the U. S. C. Commission and the U. S. R.R. Administration in any matters affecting these bonds or their security.

It has therefore executed a bondholders' protective agreement dated Nov. 15 1922. Bondholders should immediately deposit their bonds and all coupons from and after Jan. 1 1922 with Pennsylvania Co. of Ins. on Lives & Granting Annuities, depository, 517 Chestnut St., Phila., or First Trust & Savings Bank, 58 West Monroe St., Chicago.—V. 114, p. 1768.

Wheeling (W. Va.) Traction Co.—Fares Cut.

Fare reductions ranging from 6 to 25% became effective Dec. 17. The new tariffs will eliminate the present major and minor or short zoning plan, as now in effect, and return to longer unit zones, somewhat the same as were in effect between May 29 1919 and Dec. 26 1920. Under the new zoning, universal tickets at 5 cents each, good for a one-zone ride on any part of the system, will be placed on sale in strips of 10 for 50 cents. All single-zone rides paid for in cash will be 8 cents.

Special strip tickets, purchasable in 50-cent strips good at all hours and without restrictions will be placed on sale at rates per ride lower than those obtained under the universal ticket rate.—V. 115, p. 2048.

Wichita Falls & Southern R.R.—

The U. S. C. Commission on Dec. 12 dismissed the company's supplemental application for authority to issue (in addition to securities heretofore authorized) \$177,300 non-cumulative Preferred stock. See V. 115, p. 1211.

Worcester Consolidated Street Ry.—Wage Agreement.

The union employees on Dec. 6 voted to accept proposals made to them by the company for the renewal of this working agreement which will expire on Dec. 31 next. Maximum rates for blue uniform men are 58 cents an hour. There are several minor changes affecting wages and working conditions.—V. 115, p. 1101, 75.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

The following brief items touch the most important developments in the industrial world during the past week, together with a summary of similar news published in full detail in last week's "Chronicle" either under "Editorial Comment" or "Current Events and Discussions."

Steel and Iron Production, Prices, &c.

The "Iron Age" Dec. 21 said: "Greater activity than had been expected of December marks the steel trade in all leading centres. The slowing down commonly looked for in the last third of the month will be less than in any year since 1917."

Operations.—In the Pittsburgh district several independent steel companies that had planned to shut down on Saturday for a full week, find that they must resume on Dec. 26. The Steel Corporation subsidiaries there will suspend only from Saturday noon until Tuesday morning.

Fuel.—"High sulphur Connelsville coke, which was hard to move at \$6 a ton one week ago, is now selling as high as \$9 for domestic use. Thus far the advance in blast furnace coke has been \$6c. to \$1. With the prospect of further Eastern demand on the Connelsville supply some merchant furnaces will find it hard to break even on recent prices for pig iron."

Production.—"Chicago still reads in indications of a high rate of operation for the next few months. A large producer there has had orders and specifications this month at a greater rate than in November, a condition which has few December precedents. Railroads there are buying plates, shapes and bars for their own use and are beginning to close first and second quarter contracts for steel car wheels, axles, locomotive tires and forgings."

Orders.—The automotive industry is an important factor in the market. An inquiry from one large company covers 200,000 tons of bars and other rolled materials. Cleveland reports also that sales of steel bars to bolt and nut manufacturers, automotive and other industries have been fairly heavy.

"With 60 locomotives and nearly 6,000 cars closed, it has been another good week in railroad buying. Over 154,000 is the total of car purchases so far this year. Nearly 4,000 cars and 130 locomotives have been added to the pending lists, which represent about 500,000 tons of steel."

"The International & Great Northern is in the market for 14,000 tons of rails, which are expected to be placed in the South."

"Fabricated steel business continues in surprising volume. Bureau of Census figures indicate not far from 1,500,000 tons for the last nine months, in spite of a gradual recession from the great activity in April, which took 91.5% of ship capacity. December awards are close to the November rate."

Prices.—"Active buying of pig iron kept up at Pittsburgh, 20,000 tons of foundry grades being taken. At Cleveland, where only lately buying has lagged, transactions exceeded 100,000 tons, mostly foundry iron. The recent movement in the Birmingham district has amounted to 250,000 tons. Charcoal pig iron, long quoted at \$33, furnace, has been marked down \$3, and basic at Pittsburgh has declined 75c. on a sale of 6,000 tons, but for the most part pig iron prices are firmer and in several centres have been marked up from 50c. to \$1, with limited sales at the new quotations. In the South, 23, Birmingham, now prevails."

"In the recent heavy buying of pig iron one transaction has excited widespread interest. It can now be seen that the American Radiator Co. bought 73,000 tons of foundry iron from the Bethlehem Steel Co. for delivery over the first half of 1923. The iron will come from the Lackawanna furnaces at Buffalo."

Coal Production, Prices, &c.

The U. S. Geological Survey, Dec. 16 1922, estimated total production as follows:

"Production of soft coal continues at a daily rate of approximately 1,900,000 tons. Preliminary reports of cars loaded during the first four days of the present week (Dec. 11-16), indicate a small decline on account of lay-off in some union districts on Tuesday, Miners' Election Day. It is expected that the total output will probably be between 10,800,000 and 11,000,000 tons."

"The trend of output for the last seven weeks is shown in the following statement of cars loaded daily:

Table with columns for dates (Oct. 30, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Nov. 20, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, Dec. 11) and rows for days of the week (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday) showing car loadings.

"The estimated cumulative production of bituminous coal this year to Dec. 9, inclusive, stands at 375,826,000 tons, which is 7,772,000 tons, or 2% less than in the corresponding period of 1921: 141,352,000 tons, or 27% less than in 1920: 53,523,000 tons, or 12%, less than in 1919: 174,213,000 tons, or 32%, less than in 1918: and 142,786,000 tons, or 28%, less than in 1917. The cumulative production of soft coal during the first 289 working days of the past six years has been as follows:

Table showing cumulative production of soft coal for the years 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, and 1922.

Estimated United States Production in Net Tons.

Table comparing 1922 and 1921 production for Bituminous, Anthracite, and Beech Coke, with columns for Week, Cal. Yr. to Date, and Week, Cal. Yr. to Date.

The "Coal Trade Journal" Dec. 20 reviewed market conditions as follows: "In most areas prices showed a gradual or sharp stiffening, although steam grades were inclined to spottiness. At Pittsburgh the demand was lifeless and at Cincinnati prices were at a standstill."

"Of the quotations currently listed, 63% showed changes from the figures for the week ended Dec. 9. Of the changes 67.8% showed advances. The average advance was 37.9 cents a ton, and the average reduction 34 cents. The average minimum for the week was \$3.37 per ton, a gain of 9 cents. The average maximum, \$4.01, was 15 cents above the figure for the previous period."

"Weather was an important factor in the general strengthening. Snow and cold winds sent domestic consumers scurrying to retailers. The scarcity of the large sizes of domestic anthracite shifted attention largely to bituminous, the prejudice against the use of soft coal wavering in face of oncoming winter. Weather also had the effect of hampering traffic, especially in the North and West. Car supply was worse than ever and movements were somewhat hampered by embargoes during the week ended Dec. 10."

"Shipments from the lower lake ports during the week ended Dec. 10 dropped with the close of the season to 286,292 tons, compared with 554,525 for the previous week. Cumulative dumpings of cargo coal during the present lake season to Dec. 10 totaled 18,450,226 tons. In comparison with the three years preceding, 1922 was 18% behind 1921 and 1920 and 15% behind 1919. Destinations not ordinarily receiving lake coal had received 1,170,182 tons, or 6.3% of the total cargo dumped."

"The problems of anthracite dealers increased during the week as the domestic demand became more insistent. To help out the situation a number of the fuel administrations issued instructions that substitutes must be taken with the domestic sizes."

Oil Production, Prices, &c.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates daily average gross crude oil production in the United States as follows:

Table showing oil production in barrels for various states (Oklahoma, Kansas, North Texas, Central Texas, Gulf Coast, Eastern, Wyoming & Montana, California) for Dec. 10 '22, Dec. 9 '22, Dec. 2 '22, and Dec. 17 '21.

Total. 1,682,600 1,657,750 1,638,050 1,359,105

Gasoline Price Reduced.—Standard Oil Co. of N. Y. reduced tank wagon price 2c. to 22c. a gallon in New York and New England.

Texas Co. met the cut by S. O. of N. Y. "Financial Amer." Dec. 18, p. 7. Gulf Refining Co. and Jenney Mfg. Co. have also cut gasoline 2c. a gallon. Boston "News Bureau" Dec. 18.

Continental Oil Co. cuts price of gasoline 1c. a gallon in Rocky Mountain States. "Wall Street Journal"

Naphtha Price Reduced.—Standard Oil Co. of N. Y. reduced S.V.M.P. naphtha 2c. to 21c. a gallon in New York and New England. "Financial America" Dec. 18, p. 7.

Crude Oil Prices.—Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana posted following increases in crude: De Soto, 35c. to \$1.60 per bbl.; Crichton and Bull Bayou, 25c. to \$1.25 for the former and from \$1.25 to \$1.40 for the latter, according to grade. "Financial America" Dec. 19.

Texas Co., Humble Oil Co. and Magnolia Petroleum Co. advance Mexia and Currie crude 10c. per barrel to \$1.35 and \$1.60 respectively. "Wall St. Journal" Dec. 16, p. 3.

Kerosene Price Reduced.—Tide Water Oil Co. reduced domestic and export price 1/8c. a gallon. "Financial America" Dec. 21, p. 2.

Standard Oil Co., N. Y., reduced price 1/8c. a gallon to 7c. (bulk), 13 1/4c. (barrel), 16 1/4c. (case) standard white water white 7c. is 1c. per gallon higher in each instance. "Wall St. Journal" Dec. 20, p. 10.

Washington Officials To Study Mexican Oil Bill.—Official comment withheld when text arrives. To be examined with respect to its effect on property rights in Mexico. "Times" Dec. 21, p. 4.

Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Co. Gets 5-Year Contract from Government.—For purchase of all royalty oil accruing to Government from Salt Creek field in Wyoming. "Boston News Bureau" Dec. 22, p. 3.

Prices, Wages and Other Trade Matters.

Copper Price.—Advances to 13 1/4c. per lb. Dec. 20, new high price for year. "Times" Dec. 21, p. 25.

Lead Price Advanced.—By American Smelting & Refining Co. from 7.10 to 7.25 a lb., New York. "Times" Dec. 19, p. 26.

Automobile Price Reduced.—Auburn Motor Co. reduces prices from \$100 to \$200. "Boston News Bureau" Dec. 19, p. 3.

Pottery Strike Wins Increased Wages.—Nine-week strike wins Oct. 4 1-5% increase in wages as of Jan. 1. Agreement will continue until Jan. 1 1924. Demanded 7% increase, which employers refused. "Wall Street Journal" Dec. 21, p. 3.

Stone Moulders' Wages Increased.—Agreement concluded whereby minimum wages per day is increased from \$6 to \$8.50. Scale for piece work has been increased 16%. "Evening Post" Dec. 19.

Draper Corp., Hopedale, Mass., Increases Wages 5 Cents Per Hour. "Boston News Bureau" Dec. 18, p. 3.

St. Louis Plasterers Win Wage Increase.—Plasterers' and Cement Finishers Union of St. Louis' wins wage increase from \$1.37 1/2 to \$1.50 per hour. "Philadelphia News Bureau" Dec. 18, p. 3.

Ironworkers Demand Wage Increase.—Bridge Structural and Ornamental Ironworkers' Union demands increase of 18 1/4c. per hour, to \$1.25. "Philadelphia News Bureau" Dec. 18, p. 3.

Book Printers' Wage Continued.—Scale of \$50 per week of 44 hours for day workers, \$53 per 5 nights of 40 hours for night workers and \$56 per 5 nights of 35 hours for midnight workers remains the same until Oct. 1 1923. Men demanded \$5 a week increase, employers \$10 a week cut. "Times" Dec. 22, p. 14.

New England Textile Situation.—Councils vote in favor of demanding restoration of 1920 wage scale "an opportune time." Another meeting of N. E. Conference Board of Textile Workers will be held in January. "Philadelphia News Bureau" Dec. 18, p. 3.

Kentucky "Blue Sky Law" Upheld by Court of Appeals.—Prohibits sale of stocks or securities without approval of State Banking Commissioner. "Wall Street Journal" Dec. 16, p. 3.

Montana Law Limiting Use of Natural Gas Is Unconstitutional in Montana Supreme Court.—"Gas Age Record" Dec. 16, p. 833.

Federal Trade Commission Begins Proceedings Against Use of "Trust States" in Names of Corporations.—"Wall St. Journal" Dec. 21, p. 10.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Dec. 16.—(a) Offering of \$5,000,000 Dallas Joint Stock Land Bank bonds, p. 2636. (b) Offering of \$1,000,000 Wichita Joint Stock Land Bank bonds, p. 2637. (c) Offering of \$3,000,000 Kansas City (Mo.) Joint Stock Land Bank bonds, p. 2637. (d) Offering of \$250,000 Shenandoah Valley Joint Stock Land Bank bonds, p. 2637. (e) Bankruptcy discharge of Allan A. Ryan amended, p. 2638. (f) Cortlandt, Ward & Co. and M. C. Schneider & Co. of 25 Broadway and 50 Broad St. (this city), respectively, in bankruptcy, p. 2638. (g) Senate confirms Presidential nominations to U. S. Coal Commission, p. 2639. (h) Redemption of 4 1/4% Victory Notes before maturity, p. 2639. (i) Representative Frear renews attack on stock dividend declarations, p. 2639. (j) No Government action at present time respecting Armour-Morris packing purchase, p. 2642. (k) Ravages of boll-weevil, prevention measures, &c., pages 2643, 2647, incl.

(l) U. S. Coal Commission warns away new capital from soft coal mines. p. 2647. (m) Adjustment of prices on domestic coals in southern Illinois. p. 2648. (n) Labor program recommended by Secretary of Labor Davis in annual report. p. 2649.

Aberfoyle Mfg. Co., Chester, Pa.—50% Stock Dividend.
A stock dividend of 50% (amounting to \$833,400) was paid Dec. 15 to holders of record Nov. 22, bringing the outstanding Common stock up to \$2,500,000 (total authorized).
The chief purpose of the declaration of the stock dividend at this time was to have the value of the plant of the company represented by outstanding capital stock. At June 30 last the plant less depreciation of about \$1,250,000 represented approximately \$2,500,000, while the outstanding stock (Pref. and Common combined) was approximately \$1,900,000, and since June there have been additional moderate expenditures to plant account. The company has a large surplus and it was thought best to transfer from surplus account to capital account \$833,400, and issue stock representing that amount in the form of a 50% stock dividend. Company in 1921 paid cash dividends of 13% on the Common stock and in 1922 has paid 18% cash on the Common stock.

Alabama Power Co.—Valuation.
The Alabama P. S. Commission on Dec. 13 handed down an opinion fixing the total value of the property of the company in Alabama devoted to the service of the public as \$33,843,252. The value of wholesale property devoted to the public use is fixed at \$30,043,974, and the value of retail property so devoted is fixed at \$3,799,278.—V. 115, p. 2161, 1734.

Algonquin Printing Co., Fall River.—\$25 Cash Div. &c.
A cash dividend of \$25 per share has been declared on the outstanding \$500,000 Capital stock, par \$100.
The stockholders on Dec. 20 increased the authorized Capital stock to \$1,000,000, the increase to be distributed as a 100% stock dividend.—V. 108, p. 582.

All America Cables, Inc.—20% Stock Dividend, &c.
The directors have declared a 20% stock dividend, payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 22, and a quarterly cash dividend of 1 1/2% on the increased capitalization, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 30. This compares with 1 1/4% paid quarterly from July 1919 to Oct. 1922 incl. The 20% stock dividend applies to the outstanding stock which totals \$22,973,000 and will bring the total up to \$27,567,600.
The stockholders on Dec. 15 increased the authorized capital stock from \$25,000,000 (\$22,973,100 outstanding) to \$40,000,000, par \$100.
Income Account of All America Cables, Inc., and Mexican Telegraph Co. for Quarter ended Dec. 31, 1922 (Partly Estimated).
Net revenue, \$921,000; other income, \$152,675; total income, \$1,073,675
Expenses, Federal taxes, &c., 452,725
Dividends payable Jan. 15, 1923, 402,512

Balance, surplus, \$218,438
—V. 115, p. 2479, 1212.

Alpha Portland Cement Co.—Acquisition.
See Continental Portland Cement Co. below.—V. 113, p. 186.

American Bolt Corp.—Bonds Offered.—Brooke, Stokes & Co., Phila., and Hyney, Emerson & Co., Chicago, are offering at 100 and int. (see advertising pages) \$1,750,000 1st (closed) Mtge. 15-Year 7% Sinking Fund gold bonds. Convertible into 7% Cumulative Participating Preferred stock. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1922, due Dec. 1 1937. Company was formed in Delaware as a consolidation of four of the leading bolt and nut manufacturers in the industry. (Further description of bonds, history, earnings, balance sheet, &c., in V. 115, p. 2583, 2480.)

American Gas Co., Philadelphia.—Larger Dividend.
A quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% has been declared on the outstanding Capital stock, par \$100, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 20. On Oct. 2 last a dividend of 1% was paid.—V. 115, p. 1431.

American Gas & Electric Co.—Acquisition.
See Ohio Service Co. under "Railroads" Above.—V. 115, p. 2688, 2049.

American-Hawaiian Steamship Co.—Div. Decreased.
A quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared on the outstanding \$5,000,000 Capital stock, par \$10, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 20. Quarterly dividends of 37 1/2c. per share each were paid in April, July and Oct. last.—V. 114, p. 856.

American Safety Razor Corp.—Dividend Postponed.
The directors on Dec. 20 adjourned action on the dividend until the meeting to be held in January. An initial dividend of 25c. a share was paid on Oct. 2 last.—V. 115, p. 1841, 762.

American Smelting & Refining Co.—Contract.
See Callahan Zinc-Lead Co. below.—V. 115, p. 2689, 2049.

American Synthetic Dyes, Inc.—Judgment Affirmed.
The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn has affirmed a judgment of \$333,457 against the company in favor of Donald McKellar, as assignee of Clyde D. Knapp of Great Neck, L. I., an investment broker, and C. Carlton Kelly. This amount represents a commission from a \$6,200,000 contract for sales of picric acid made to the Russian Government.—V. 114, p. 2721.

American Waterworks & Electric Co.—New Director.
Harry E. Towle, Vice-President of W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., has been elected a director.—V. 115, p. 2049, 1944.

Anglo-American Oil Co., Ltd.—Interim Dividend.
The directors have announced that the company will pay on and after Jan. 15 1923 an interim dividend of one shilling per share, free from British income tax. The dividend will be paid by the Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y., at the equivalent in U. S. currency of \$4.65 per pound sterling (equal to 23 1/4 cents per share), or by the National Provincial & Union Bank of England, Ltd., London. This compares with 2 shillings paid in July last and 1 shilling paid in Jan. last.—V. 115, p. 1734, 648.

Armour & Co.—Merger with Morris & Co.
Reports this week state that interests in touch with the Armour-Morris deal declare it only a matter of days until the transfer is made. Control of Morris & Co. is held by J. B. Forgan and John A. Spoor, as trustees for the Morris estate. Chase National Bank, New York, it is said, is arranging the proposed financing. (Compare also opinion of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace in V. 115, p. 2642.)

The "Journal of Commerce" Dec. 2 states:
"Armour & Co. will shortly undertake a \$60,000,000 refinancing project in New York, probably as the first step in the expected merger with Morris & Co. The plan, it is understood, calls for the redemption of the \$60,000,000 7% note issue placed in July 1920 and the issuance of a new series of notes giving a lower yield."
"New York bankers have been in conference for several days with officials of the company and Chicago banking interests, and it is believed that the exact financial plan for taking over the Morris Co. has been thoroughly worked out. Some of the bankers have returned to the city, indicating that the major part of the work has been accomplished."
"It is assumed that the same banking group that handled the 1920 financing will again act for Armour. This comprised, beside the Chase Securities Corp., the Guaranty Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., National City Co., Harris Trust & Savings Bank, and Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank. Other bankers mentioned include Harris, Forbes & Co., Kiddy, Peabody & Co. and Blair & Co."—V. 115, p. 2698, 2332.

Armstrong Cork Co.—Extra Dividend of 1%.
An extra dividend of 1% has been declared on the Common stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2%, both payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 27.—V. 115, p. 1944, 991.

Arundel Corp.—Dividend Increased.
The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 2% on the Common stock, placing that issue on an 8% per annum basis, compared with 7% previously; and the regular semi-annual dividend of 3 1/2% on the Preferred, both payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 27.—V. 114, p. 2828.

Bayuk Bros., Inc.—Surplus Transferred, &c.
The directors have transferred \$1,000,000 from surplus to Common capital stock account, without issuing additional shares.
The directors also authorized the purchase of First Pref. stock for retirement and holders of that issue are requested to submit offers to the company for the sale of their shares at a price not exceeding \$110 per share.—V. 115, p. 1841, 548.

Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.—Merger Upheld.
The merger of the Pittsburgh & Allegheny Telephone Co. with the Bell company has been upheld by the Pennsylvania Superior Court in an opinion handed down Dec. 14, and the order of the Pennsylvania P. S. Commission permitting the combine was affirmed.—See V. 115, p. 2161.

Boston & Montana Corp.—Resignation.
Hamilton B. Wills has resigned as director.—V. 113, p. 964.

Boston Sand & Gravel Co.—Initial Common Dividend.
An initial dividend of 2% on the common stock has been declared, together with the regular quarterly dividends of 2% and 1 1/4% on the 8% and 7% Preferred stocks, respectively, all payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 22.

Boston Varnish Co., Boston.—Stock Increase, &c.
The company has increased its Capital stock from \$600,000 to \$1,250,000, par \$100, of which 6,000 shares are to be issued as a 100% stock dividend to holders of record Dec. 11 and the balance to be sold for cash. Surplus as of May 31 last totaled \$262,110.

Bower Roller Bearing Co., Detroit.—Stock Divs., &c.
The directors have declared a 33 1/3% stock dividend on the outstanding \$600,000 Capital stock, par \$10, payable Dec. 28 to holders of record Dec. 24. The company on Dec. 20 last paid a 5% cash dividend to holders of record Dec. 15.

Bowman Hotel Corp.—Capital Increased.
The stockholders on Dec. 19 increased the authorized Capital stock from \$4,000,000 to \$6,500,000. Of the increase \$500,000 will be Preferred and \$2,000,000 will be Common stock. The authorized Capital after the increase consists of \$4,000,000 Common and \$2,500,000 Preferred.

(S. F.) Bowser & Co., Inc., Ft. Wayne, Ind.—To Pay Notes.
The \$400,000 6% notes due Jan 1 will be paid off at office of First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, without the necessity of recurring to any new financing.—V. 113, p. 2188.

(C.) Brewer & Co., Ltd., Honolulu.—Stock Incr., &c.
The stockholders have increased the authorized capital stock from \$4,000,000 (all outstanding) to \$8,000,000, par \$100. The increase will be distributed as a 100% stock dividend.
The directors have declared an extra dividend of 2% on the present capitalization, making total dividends for the current year 17%.—V. 115, p. 1842.

Brier Hill Steel Co.—Merger.
The directors have approved the sale of the company's properties to the Youngstown Steel & Tube Co., subject to the ratification of the stockholders (see Youngstown Steel & Tube Co. below).—V. 115, p. 2481, 1636.

Brightman Manufacturing Co.—Bonds Offered.
Claude Meeker, Columbus, O., is offering at par and int. \$400,000 1st Mtge. Serial 7% gold bonds with Common stock bonus of 5 shares with each \$1,000 of bonds. A circular shows:
Dated Nov. 1 1922. Due serially, \$40,000 each Nov. 1 1924-1933. Citizens' Trust & Savings Bank, Columbus, Ohio, trustee. Interest payable M. & N. at office of the trustee. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000 (*). Callable all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 102 and int.
Company.—A corporation of Ohio. Was founded in Dec. 1898 with a paid-in capital of \$5,100. The plant was moved to its present location in Columbus in 1910 from Shelby, O. Principal product Brightman full-finished nuts.

A sinking fund will be established and deposited monthly with the trustee for the payment of interest and retirement of bonds when due.
Average yearly earnings for 6 years 9 months ending Sept. 30 1922, after Federal taxes, \$88,252, or 3.25 times annual interest requirements on this issue; before Federal taxes, \$161,866.

Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1922 (After This Issue).

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Cash	\$23,256	Accounts payable	\$11,834
U. S. Govt. securities	71,074	Accrued taxes & insurance	2,730
Notes & acct's receivable	43,768	First Mtge. bonds	400,000
Inventory	125,998	Capital surplus	\$355,790
Land, buildings, &c.	590,907		
Patents	52,209		
Deferred expense, &c.	43,141	Total (each side)	\$950,354

Representing 25,000 shares of no par value.
Charles N. Replogle has succeeded W. C. Waggoner as President and has purchased the entire Waggoner interest. Mr. Waggoner died on Nov. 27 1922.

British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd.—Final and Interim Dividends—Earnings for Year ending Sept. 30 1922.

The directors on Dec. 20 decided to recommend to shareholders at annual meeting fixed Jan. 11 payment on Jan. 18 of a final dividend of 9% free of British income tax, upon the issued Ordinary shares. The directors also declared an interim dividend of 4% for the year 1922-23 on the issued Ordinary shares, free of British income tax, payable Jan. 18.
Net profits for the year ending Sept. 30 1922, after deducting all charges and expenses for management, &c., and providing for income tax and British corporation profits tax, are officially reported as £4,400,784, as against £4,323,481 for the previous year. After paying final dividend of 9% carry forward will be £3,276,952.—V. 115, p. 873.

Brockway Motor Truck Corp., Cortland, N. Y.—Further Data.

In connection with the offering of \$500,000 1st Mtge. 15-Year 7s by Hemphill, Noyes & Co. (V. 115, p. 2689), a circular further shows:
Capitalization After This Financing—Authorized, Outstanding.
1st Mtge. 15-Year 7% bonds (this issue) \$500,000
Preferred stock (par \$100) 1,500,000
Common stock, Class A (no par value) 25,000 shs. 25,000 shs.
Common stock, Class B (no par value) 10,000 shs. None

Balance Sheet as of Nov. 15 1922 (After New Financing).

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Cash	\$93,482	Accounts payable	\$108,862
Accounts receivable	186,770	Notes payable	40,000
Notes receivable	154,601	Federal income tax	4,411
Mtge. rec. due Dec. 1922	24,000	Advances on trucks	10,121
Accrued int. receivable	2,809	Accrued int., wages, &c.	63,065
Inventories	966,527	Reserve for 1922 Fed. tax	40,000
Deferred charges	35,079	1st Mtge. 7s	500,000
Plant prop., less deprec'n	597,493	Preferred stock	1,000,000
Total (each side)	\$2,061,660	Common stock & surplus	295,201

Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31 1922.

	Net Sales.	Net Inc.	Net Sales.	Net Inc.
'22 (6 wks. est.)	\$2,800,000	\$350,000	1919	\$2,807,535
1921	1,833,997	135,404	1918	\$2,897,278
1920	3,558,231	296,389	1917	1,293,749

Sinking Fund.—Beginning Jan. 1 1923 an annual sinking fund of \$24,000, payable in monthly installments of \$2,000, or 15% of the annual net profits after normal sinking fund, whichever is larger, will be used to purchase bonds of this issue up to the redemption price, or if not so obtainable, to call bonds at that price. See V. 115, p. 2689.

Brooklyn Borough Gas Co.—Par Value Changed.
The stockholders voted Dec. 19 to change the present par value shares into shares of no par value. New shares of no par Common stock will be

issued in the ratio of four shares of new stock for each share of old Common. There is no change in the present authorized Pref. stock.—V. 115, p. 2481.

Brooklyn Edison Co.—Capital Increase.—The stockholders have approved an increase in the capital stock from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000. Application is pending with the P. S. Commission for authority to issue \$15,000,000 of the increase, which will be offered to present stockholders pro rata. Proceeds from sale will be used for extensions and construction.—V. 115, p. 2584, 1637.

Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co.—To Pay Notes.—The \$400,000 6% Serial Gold Notes, which mature on Jan. 1, will be taken up by the company out of the cash resources which it has on hand at this time.—V. 115, p. 2162, 1945.

(Edward G.) Budd Mfg. Co., Phila.—Stock Increased.—The stockholders will vote Dec. 20 on increasing the capital stock from \$8,750,000 (\$4,251,700 8% Pref. and \$4,498,300 Common) to \$14,498,300. The meeting was adjourned until Jan. 10 when terms of the increase will be made known.—V. 115, p. 2050.

Bullard Machine Tool Co., Bridgeport, Conn.—Bonds Offered.—S. W. Straus & Co. are offering at par and int. \$1,500,000 6 1/4% 1st M. Serial Coupon bonds. The bonds mature in from 2 to 15 years. They constitute a closed first mortgage on the land, buildings and equipment owned and to be acquired by the company in Bridgeport and Fairfield, Conn.

Callahan Zinc-Lead Co.—Contracts.—President John Borg has announced that the company has closed a contract with the American Smelting & Refining Co. under the terms of which the Smelting Co. will purchase Callahan's entire output of lead concentrates for a period of 5 years. The contract, according to Mr. Borg, will mean a saving of approximately \$120,000 a year to the Callahan Co., based on the normal annual output of lead. Mr. Borg has also announced that all the properties of the Galena Mining Co. in which the Callahan Co. formerly had 82% stock ownership, have been acquired.—V. 115, p. 2689.

Carson Hill Gold Mining Co.—Tenders.—The First National Bank of Boston, trustee, 70 Federal St., Boston, Mass., will until Dec. 26 receive bids for the sale to it of 7% Conv. gold notes, dated March 1 1922, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$43,571.—V. 115, p. 2383, 1214.

(J. I.) Case Plow Works Co.—Report—Reorganization.—See annual report on a preceding page. A circular letter has been issued to the stockholders calling a meeting for Dec. 26 at which plans for financing the company and other matters are to be discussed. No definite plans have as yet been formulated, it is understood. O. W. Johnson, Racine, Wis., is Chairman of the advisory committee.—V. 114, p. 630, 414.

Cement Securities Corp.—Christmas Dividend.—The company has declared a Christmas dividend of 1% in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 2%, both payable Dec. 22 to holders of record Dec. 15. Christmas dividends of 1% each have been paid annually since 1916.—V. 115, p. 1432.

Chalmers Motor Corp., Detroit.—Certificates Ready.—The holders of certificates of New York Trust Co., issued for 1st Mtge. 6% 5-year gold notes of Chalmers Motor Co. are advised that the plan of redemption, dated Aug. 31 1922, having been consummated, the certificates of stock, scrip certificates and cash distributable as provided in the plan will be delivered to holders of certificates of deposit upon surrender to New York Trust Co., depository.—V. 115, p. 2585.

Chapman Valve Mfg. Co.—50% Stock Dividend.—The stockholders on Dec. 19 authorized the payment of a 50% stock dividend on the outstanding \$1,000,000 Common stock, par \$100. The company has an authorized capital of \$1,500,000 Common stock and \$500,000 Preferred stock, par \$100.—V. 115, p. 2690.

Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co.—Earnings.—The company reports for the three months ended Sept. 30 1922 net earnings of \$216,145, and net earnings for the nine months ended Sept. 30 of \$363,018.—V. 115, p. 1537, 1325.

City Ice & Fuel Co., Cleveland.—Stock Offered.—Bezell & Chatfield and Otis & Co., Cleveland, are offering a block of the Common stock of this company. Listing.—Listed on the Cleveland and Cincinnati Stock Exchanges. Capitalization Outstanding.

Bonds (principally of subsidiary companies) \$1,024,000
Common stock (par \$100) 9,870,000
Company.—Originally incorp. as Independent Ice Co., in 1894. Is now the second largest manufacturer and distributor of ice in the U. S. Supplies 75% of the ice used in Cleveland and 65% of the ice used in Cincinnati. Population, over 1,500,000. Also furnishes refrigerator car icing, at various points in the Middle West and South, to a number of railroads under profitable long-time contracts. [It was reported on Dec. 13 that the company has acquired 90% of the stock of the Crystal Ice Co. of Columbus, Ohio. The Crystal company has 225,000 shares of Common stock and 50,000 shares of Preferred stock outstanding. Price paid is reported to be \$135 per share for Common and \$100 per share for Preferred.]
Earnings.—Average net earnings, after taxes, depreciation, bond interest and reserves, for the four-year period, 1918 to 1921 inclusive, were over \$12 per share on the then outstanding capital stock. For the first nine months of 1922 they were \$1,035,000, or at the annual rate of over \$12 a share.
Dividends.—For past four years dividends of 8% a year have been declared annually on the Common stock, payable quarterly. It is expected that this rate will be declared for 1923.

Balance Sheet Aug. 31 1922 (Company and Subsidiaries).

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash	\$475,982	Bonds	\$1,024,000
Accounts receivable	926,689	Capital stock	9,870,000
Bills receivable	233,944	Accounts payable	420,879
Merchandise	194,481	Bills payable	144,249
Cleveland plant & equip.	6,929,800	Deferred accounts	94,528
Cincinnati plant & equip.	3,782,270	Reserves for depreciation	2,464,218
Federal plant & equip.	3,138,106	Reserves for lost accounts	32,505
Investments	123,828	Res. for work comp.	69,847
Sinking fund (bond)	111,000	Res. for unred. coupons	118,369
		Reserves for income taxes	126,312
Total (each side)	\$15,906,102	Surplus	1,521,394

—V. 115, p. 1433, 312.

Clinchfield Coal Corp.—Common Dividend.—The corporation has declared a dividend of 3/4 of 1% on the Common stock, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 8. The only disbursement made on this issue during the current year was 3% on Sept. 30 last.—V. 115, p. 1433.

Coast Power Co., Tillamook, Ore.—Bonds Offered.—Ladd & Tilton Bank, Portland, Ore., recently offered at 98 and int. \$150,000 6% 1st Mtge. bonds, Series A. Due July 1 1943, but redeemable on any int. date after July 1 1927 upon 4 weeks' notice at 105 and int. until July 1 1932, and thereafter at a premium decreasing 1/2% each year until July 1 1941. Title & Trust Co., Portland, Ore., trustee. Company furnishes without competition all the electric light and power business in the city of Tillamook and suburban territory. At present 1,500 customers are served. Estimated population, about 8,500. Physical property consists of one power plant with an installed turbine capacity of 1,000 k. w. 230 miles of transmission and distribution lines. With the sale of this issue, \$50,000 of the 6% bonds previously outstanding have been retired. Simultaneously with the sale of this issue, the company proposes to sell \$50,000 7% Cumul. Preferred stock, proceeds from which can go only to plant enlargements or betterments. The balance of the proceeds of this issue will be applied to the purchase of an additional 1,500 k. w. steam turbo-generator.
Capitalization After This Financing.—Authorized. Issued.
First Mortgage 6% gold bonds \$1,000,000 \$150,000
Preferred 7% cumulative stock 50,000 23,000
Common stock 100,000 75,000

Earnings for the 12 months ending Sept. 30 1922 show: Total operating revenue, \$84,338; total operating expense, \$51,580; net operating revenue, \$32,752; other income (def.), \$916; total net revenue, \$31,836.

Columbia Textile Co., Lowell, Mass.—Bonds Offered.—Merrill, Lynch & Co. and Harris, Abbott & Co., N. Y., are offering at par and int. \$900,000 1st Mtge. 20-Year 7% Sinking Fund Conv. gold bonds. (See advertising pages.)
Dated Dec. 1 1922. Due Dec. 1 1942. Int. payable J. & D. at Bankers Trust Co., New York, trustee. Normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2% assumed by company. Penna., Md. and Conn. 4-mill tax and Mass. State income tax not in excess of 6 1/4% refundable. Red. during first 5 years at 107 1/2% during second 5 years at 105, during third 5 years at 102 1/2%, thereafter at 1/2% less each year until 1941. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (6%).
Convertible.—Bonds are convertible at any time, at the option of the holder, into 8% Cum. Pref. stock, par for par. Pref. stock is red. at 115. Sinking fund 3%.

Data from Letter of President C. C. Overton, Lowell, Dec. 12 1922.
Company.—Chartered in 1912 in Mass. Company manufactures and converts gray cotton goods into khaki cloth, sateen, suitings, jeans, moleskins, &c., which are marketed under the trade name of "Coltex." In addition company makes rubberized cloths, felted cloths and an extensive line of black and white prints resembling worsted suitings and trousers. Plant located in heart of city of Lowell, consists of 7 modern brick and stone buildings having 250,000 sq. ft. of floor space.

Capitalization after this Financing.—Authorized. Outstanding.
1st M. 20-Yr. 7% S. F. Conv. gold bonds \$1,000,000 x\$900,000
8% Cumulative Preferred stock 2,000,000 630,000
Common stock (no par), 45,000 shares 1,208,551
x While the original issue was \$1,000,000, \$100,000 have already been purchased for conversion into Pref. stock.
Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for reduction of current debt and for working capital.

Earnings.—Net earnings available for bond interest for the past 9 1/4 years ended Sept. 30 1922 have averaged \$215,176, or 3.41 times interest charges on these bonds. Net earnings for 5 1/4 years ended Sept. 30 1922 have averaged \$282,957, or 4.49 times interest charges. These earnings are after depreciation and all charges other than Federal taxes and after crediting 6% on the proceeds of this financing. Estimated earnings for the last quarter of the current calendar year in excess of \$100,000.
Sales.—In 1914 company sold about 3,000,000 yards of converted cloth representing \$500,000 sales for that year. It is now producing at the rate of slightly more than 15,000,000 yards per year, which can be readily increased without expense, except labor costs, to about 20,000,000 yards per year.

Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1922, after Proposed Financing.

Assets		Liabilities	
Plant and property	\$1,211,500	First Mortgage 7s	\$900,000
Cash	141,326	Pref. 8% Cum. stock	530,000
Notes receivable	16,685	Common stock (45,000 shares, no par value)	1,208,551
Accounts receivable	934,954	Notes payable	500,000
Inventories	1,291,036	Accts. pay., incl. res. taxes	495,985
Liberty bonds (par)	6,500		
Life ins., pol., cash sur. val.	17,281		
Deferred debit items	15,256	Total (each side)	\$3,634,537

—V. 115, p. 2690.

Commonwealth Power Corp.—Listing.—The Boston Stock Exchange has listed temporary certificates for 240,000 shares, par \$100.—V. 115, p. 2482, 1537.

Coniags Mines, Ltd., Cobalt, Ont.—Acquisitions.—The stockholders will vote Dec. 28 on authorizing the directors (a) to acquire a controlling interest in the capital stock of the Newray Mines, Ltd., and (b) to acquire 300,000 shares of capital stock of the Badger Mines, Ltd., and to exercise, if deemed advisable, an option to acquire an additional 300,000 or 400,000 shares of that company's stock, fully paid up.—V. 114, p. 526.

(John T.) Connor Co.—40% Stock Dividend.—A 40% stock dividend has been declared on the \$1,080,000 Common stock, par \$10, payable to stockholders of record Dec. 20. The new stock will not carry the Jan. 2 1923 dividend of 50 cents per share.—V. 115, p. 2482, 2163.

Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Dividends Not Resumed—Status.—An official statement Dec. 11 says: "While the year's operations and profits are quite satisfactory, the directors have decided it would be more in the interest of shareholders to conserve and improve the cash position of the company than to make a dividend disbursement for the last half of the current year. Very heavy expenditures of capital have been made in recent years, with most successful results. These have, however, impaired the working capital, which the directors think should be restored. The company will then be able, not only to resume dividends, but also to embark on further extensions which conditions in the mines justify, and take advantage of offers of any promising properties on the market. The placing of the 20-Year 7% Conv. Gold Debenture bonds (V. 114, p. 2722) does not affect the situation."

"The lead, zinc and silver departments are working to full capacity. There is a steady demand for the company's products at fair prices."—V. 114, p. 2722.

Continental Can Co.—\$2,000,000 Preferred Placed.—It was announced Dec. 21 that the \$2,000,000 of additional 7% Cum. Pref. stock recently authorized by the directors had been placed with private investors by Lehman Brothers and Goldman, Sachs & Co. at a substantial premium. This places the entire amount of unsold treasury stock in the hands of investors. Compare also V. 115, p. 2690, 2586.

Continental Oil Co.—To Reduce Par.—The stockholders will vote Jan. 18 on reducing the par value of the stock from \$100 to \$25, with no increase in capital stock. It is proposed also to increase the number of directors from 5 to 7.—V. 115, p. 432.

Continental Portland Cement Co.—Sale.—The stockholders on Dec. 13 approved the sale of the company's plant at Continental, Mo., to the Alpha Portland Cement Co. of Easton, Pa., for \$1,000,000. The purchasing company will assume all debts of the Continental company, including the bonded debt. The sale means that the Continental company will go out of business. The \$1,000,000 paid in cash for the company will be divided among the stockholders of the Continental, for the holders of the \$500,000 7% Cumul. Preferred stock receiving par value for their shares and the back dividends, which have not been paid since Feb. 1920. The remainder of the purchase price will be divided among the holders of the \$495,300 Common stock. The company has an issue of \$500,000 1st Mtge. 8s and \$300,000 2d Mtge. 8s.—V. 112, p. 261.

Cosden & Co. (Del.) & Subsidiaries.—Earnings.—The company reports for the ten months ended Oct. 31 1922 net income of \$10,784,782, after taxes and interest; dividends paid amounted to \$2,584,467, leaving a surplus of \$8,200,315.

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Assets		Liabilities	
Oct. 31 '22	June 30 '22	Oct. 31 '22	June 30 '22
Oil res., leases, ref. lines, &c.	72,498,500	71,214,178	
Inv. in & adv. to affiliated cos.	792,568	792,568	
Sinking fund leaves.	218,235	122,514	
Prepaid insur. and deferred exp.	1,039,377	992,689	
Cash	10,737,573	3,931,217	
Crude & refined oils	2,238,394	4,510,320	
Materials & supp.	1,770,019	1,770,230	
Notes & acc'ts rec.	4,920,889	4,435,360	
Adv. for crude oil.	58,633	24,666	
Total	94,659,188	87,793,741	
		Pref. stock (par \$5)	6,996,440
		Common stock, x24,100,147	26,388,719
		Sub. cos. stock	125,116
		Paused debt	5,683,500
		Pureb. money obli-	5,811,940
		gations	602,283
		Notes payable	800,000
		Accounts payable	1,053,045
		Accrued int. taxes, &c.	2,323,750
		Prof. divs. accrued	1,003,045
		Deprac. reserve	81,648
		Surplus	11,880,071
			29,442,601
		Total	94,659,188

x Common stock, 1,195,454 shares of no par value.—V. 115, p. 1946, 1735.

Corn Products Refining Co.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of 3% has been declared on the Common stock, in addition to a quarterly dividend of 1 1/4%, both payable Jan. 20 to holders of record Jan. 2. An extra of 1/2 of 1% has been paid quarterly. In addition to regular dividends of 1% each, since Jan. 1920.—V. 115, p. 2482, 2384.

County Gas Co., Atlantic Highlands, N. J.—Bonds.—The New Jersey P. U. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$855,000 5% Income Debenture bonds, maturing in 1952.—V. 114, p. 1895, 1657.

Coventry Co., Providence, R. I.—Stock Increased.—The company has increased its authorized Capital stock from \$750,000 (all outstanding) to \$1,500,000, par \$100.

Crane Simplex Co., N. Y. City.—Initial Dividend, &c.—An initial dividend of 1 1/2% has been declared on the Pref. stock, payable Jan. 3 to holders of record Dec. 21.

The company, with offices at 115 Broadway, N. Y., has acquired the property and equipment of the Simplex Automobile Co., New Brunswick, N. J. (V. 113, p. 633), from the Mercer Motors, Inc., Trenton, N. J., and will resume the manufacture of the Simplex car in a plant at Long Island City, N. Y., where a building will be equipped and placed in operation early in January.

The New Brunswick plant was used for the manufacture of Hispano-Suiza airplane motors during the war, when production of the Simplex automobile was discontinued, and will not be utilized by the new organization at the present time.

L. R. Ayers is Pres., John H. Bawden, Jr., V-Pres., and Gen. Mgr. Harvey B. Clark Treas., and Frederick H. Brand Asst. Treas.

Crown Cork & Seal Co., Balt.—New Directors.—Roland M. Byrnes of the National City Co. and Howard E. White of New York have been elected directors.—V. 115, p. 1946, 1538.

Cuban-American Sugar Co.—New Officers, &c.—George E. Krizer has been elected President, succeeding James H. Post, who has been elected Chairman. Oscar M. Bale, Edgar M. Williams and Anthony J. Blecker have been elected directors, succeeding F. H. Howell, L. D. Armstrong and Walter Veeland.—V. 115, p. 2681, 2586.

Dartmouth Mfg. Co.—To Increase Stock—Stock Dividend.—The stockholders will vote Dec. 26 on increasing the authorized Common stock, for stock dividend purposes. The company at present has an authorized \$2,000,000 Common stock, par \$100 (all outstanding). Compare V. 115, p. 2482, 2586.

(William Davies Co., Inc., & Sub. Cos.—Report.—
 Year Ended Sept. 30—
 Profits on operations.....\$358,720 loss\$829,427
 Miscellaneous earnings.....88,965 142,950
 Total.....\$447,685 loss\$686,477
 Depreciation.....200,000
 Interest on borrowed money.....190,310 496,536
 Interest on bonds.....51,724 52,660
 Net profits for year.....\$5,652 loss\$1,235,673
 * After manufacturing, selling and general expenses, including repairs and maintenance expenditures, but before depreciation of buildings, plant and equipment.

Consolidated Balance Sheet, September 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Sept. 30 '22	Sept. 24 '21	Sept. 30 '22	Sept. 24 '21
Properties.....\$6,641,240	7,776,077	Cl. "A" Cum. stk. y2,329,000	2,560,300
Inv. in Cl. A shs. held by Can. co.	580,868	380,546	1,689,700
G'dvbl. tr. mks., &c.	1	1	1,329,500
Cash with trustees for bondholders.	35,711	78,078	Bank loans.....2,160,023
Inventories.....2,263,696	1,886,780	Acceptances.....450,000	Accts. payable.....425,385
Consigns. & accts. in for countries.	93,684	984,194	Acct. int. on bonds.....22,656
Inv. in Assoc. cos.	512,000	445,000	Dividends payable.....6,949
Other investments.	35,987	115,032	Res. for taxes, &c.....98,182
Accts. & notes rec. (less reserves).....1,490,204	1,423,201	Surplus.....3,711,058	4,071,403
Cash.....290,240	1,012,619		
Deferred charges.....225,570	180,677		
		Tot. (each side).....12,168,803	14,232,907

* Consisting of land, buildings and equipment on basis of appraised depreciated values Sept. 27 1919, plus additions to and less sales of property, and less depreciation provided during the year ending Sept. 25 1920, and the year ending Sept. 30 1922. y Represents 91,000 Class "A" no par value shares and 60,000 Class "B" stock, no par value shares.
 Note.—a Contingent liability under guarantee up to \$175,000 given to bank in respect of the Ontario Fertilizer Co., Ltd., an affiliated company. b Dividends on Class "A" cumulative shares have been paid to June 15 1921.—V. 115, p. 2163, 2051.

De Beers Consol. Mines, Ltd.—Back Dividends.—The directors have declared a dividend of 30% on the Preference shares on account of the 60% back dividends due on that issue. The company reported a working loss for the year of about \$689,000.—V. 115, p. 2586, 2051.

Del. Lackawanna & West. Coal Co.—40% Stock Div.—The stockholders on Dec. 18 approved the distribution of a 40% stock dividend to stockholders of record Dec. 18. The present authorized capital stock is \$20,000,000, par \$50, of which \$11,533,725 is outstanding.—V. 115, p. 2483.

Detroit City Gas Co.—To Pay Bonds.—The \$5,995,000 5% bonds due Jan. 1 will be paid off at maturity at office of New York Trust Co., New York, from funds received from sale of \$13,500,000 6% 1st Mtge. Gold bonds Series A, dated July 1 1922. see V. 115, p. 187, 441.

Detroit Edison Co.—Bonds Sold.—Spencer Trask & Co., New York; Coffin & Burr, Inc., Boston; Security Trust Co. and First National Co., Detroit, have sold the unsubscribed balance of the new issue of \$6,836,800 10-Year 6% Convertible Gold Debenture Bonds, Series of 1932, at 102 and int., to yield about 5.73% (see advertising pages). Dated Dec. 15 1922, due Dec. 15 1932. Interest payable J. & D. at office of company, New York. Denom. \$1000 and \$1,000 (c). Convertible at par from Jan. 15 1924 to June 15 1932 into fully paid shares of the Capital stock of the company. Red. (on 60 days' notice to registered holders and 6 weeks' published notice) on Dec. 15 1924 and thereafter prior to Dec. 15 1925 at a premium of 5%, and on Dec. 15 1925 and at any time thereafter at a premium of 1/2 of 1% for each year or fraction of a year from the redemption date to maturity; when so called for redemption the bonds may, provided the time for conversion has not expired, be converted into stock at par at any time up to and incl. the date named for redemption.

Issuance.—Bonds have been approved by Michigan P. U. Commission. **Capitalization.**—Exclusive of the present issue of \$6,836,800 of Conv. Debentures recently offered to stockholders (V. 115, p. 2163), company has issued from time to time Conv. Deb. bonds aggregating \$27,430,100. Of these debentures, \$13,729,200 have been converted into Capital stock, \$8,078,300 are convertible but have not yet been converted, \$5,532,600 have not yet become convertible, \$30,400 cannot be converted because the conversion privilege has expired and only \$65,600 were not converted and were paid.
 There are also outstanding \$10,000,000 1st (Closed) Mtge. 5% bonds, due 1933, \$16,665,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5 1/2 Series A, due 1940, \$18,319,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 6s Series B, due 1940; \$4,000,000 Eastern Michigan Edison Co. 1st (Closed) Mtge. 5s, due 1931, and \$34,242,100 Capital stock. **Dividends.**—Dividends on the Capital stock were inaugurated in July 1909, and 2 quarterly payments of 1% each were made in that year. In 1910 a total of 5% was paid and in each of the years from 1911 to 1915, inclusive, the company paid 7%. In Jan. 1916 the stock was placed on an 8%

annual basis, and this rate has since been maintained. In addition to the regular cash dividends, which have aggregated 98%, the stockholders have benefited from time to time through the privilege of subscribing for new issues of Capital stock and also for issues of convertible bonds.

Company.—Does the entire commercial electric lighting and industrial power business in the city of Detroit, 12 cities, 50 incorporated villages, and rural areas in more than 100 townships, in Michigan. Combined population, about 1,400,000. The water territory is all served by one interconnecting system of transmission lines. Company also conducts a steam heating business in Detroit. Company has two large steam plants in Detroit generating capacity of 303,000 k.w. and a steam plant at Marysville, generating capacity of 40,000 k.w.

Listing of Additional Capital Stock—Earnings.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after Jan. 10 of \$5,532,600 additional capital stock, par \$100, on official notice of issuance on conversion at par, for an equal amount of its 10-Year 8% Conv. Gold Deb. bonds, due Jan. 10 1931, or upon official notice of 8% acc. sale and payment in full, of any of such stock not required for conversion, making the total amount applied for to date \$48,946,100.
 The proceeds of the issue of debentures have been used to pay in part for the cost of extensions to the company's power plants and distribution system, and to discharge floating debt, &c.

Consolidated Income Account for 12 Months ended Oct. 31 1922.

Gross Earnings—	Int. on funded & unfund. debt (net).....	Other deductions.....	Balance, surplus.....
Electricity.....\$23,396,734	\$3,559,390	320,509	\$3,163,554
Heat.....1,844,817			P. & 1, sur. Oct. 31 1921.....1,924,989
Gas.....218,361			
Miscellaneous.....250,491			
Total.....\$25,710,405			Total.....\$5,088,543
Expense of operation.....14,610,152			Dividends paid.....2,477,960
Renewals, &c.....2,331,000			Adjustment debits.....7,771
Federal, &c., taxes.....1,725,800			
Net earnings.....\$7,043,453			Profit and loss.....\$2,602,813
—V. 115, p. 2272.			

Dictograph Products Corp.—Dividend.—The corporation has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2% on the Preferred stock for the quarter ended June 30 1922, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 31.—V. 115, p. 992.

Dominion Glass Co., Ltd.—Earnings.

Sept. 30 Years—	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.	1918-19.
Profits.....\$718,540	\$699,599	\$757,988	\$631,724	
Bond interest.....120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	
Sinking fund.....50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	
Preferred dividends (7%).....182,000	182,000	182,000	182,000	
Common dividends (6%).....\$255,000	(6)\$255,000	(4)\$170,000	(4)\$170,000	
Balance, surplus.....\$111,540	\$92,599	\$235,989	\$109,724	
Total profit and loss surplus Sept. 30 1922, \$929,684, compared with \$818,144 Sept. 30 1921.—V. 115, p. 2272.				

Dryden (Ont.) Gold Co.—Increases Capitalization.—The stockholders on Dec. 2 increased the authorized Capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000, all of one class, and also reduced the par value of the shares from \$10 to \$1. Part of the increased stock will be used to acquire new proven properties adjacent to its holdings on Trap Lake, near Dryden, Ont.

Dunlop Tire & Rubber Co. of America.—Listing.—The Boston Stock Exchange has admitted to the list \$11,000,000 1st Mtge. & Coll. Trust 7% Conv. gold bonds, Series "A," due Dec. 1 1942, "when issued." See offering in V. 115, p. 2690.

(E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.—Listing—Earnings, &c.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after Dec. 29 of not exceeding \$31,689,150 additional Common stock, par \$100, on official notice of issuance as a 50% stock dividend payable Dec. 29 to holders of record Dec. 16, making a total amount applied for \$95,067,450.
Consolidated Income Account—Six Months ending June 30 1922.

Net sales.....\$25,950,553	
Net income from operations & investments.....\$5,255,298	
Profit and loss on sale of real estate, securities, &c.....91,559	
Total income.....\$5,346,857	
Deduct—Bond interest, including proportion of discount.....1,403,653	
Balance of income for the six months.....\$3,943,204	
Surplus at beginning of year.....66,080,660	
Total surplus.....\$70,023,863	
Deduct—Debenture stock dividend paid in cash.....2,137,791	
Common stock dividend paid in cash.....2,634,330	
Surplus at end of June 1922.....\$65,351,742	
Balance Sheet as of June 30 1922 (Subject to Adjustment).	

Assets—	Liabilities—
Adv. to controlled cos.....\$7,411,388	Voting debenture stock.....\$1,738,750
Secs. held for perm. inv.....\$97,765,496	Non-voting deb. stock.....6,521,209
Realty, not incl. pl. r. est.....1,994,634	Common stock.....63,378,330
Perm. inv. in mfr. propr., patents, goodwill, &c.....\$4,682,976	Accounts payable.....1,955,234
Cash.....15,974,054	Acct. interest on funded debt.....437,500
Accounts receivable.....11,138,237	Accrued dividends.....1,068,896
Bills receivable.....543,455	Funded debt.....35,000,000
Accts. rec. (Govt. claims).....759,690	Adv. from controlled cos.....3,300,218
Inv. in sh.'s term notes & quickly marketable sec's.....\$5,933,547	Depreciation reserves.....3,858,240
Material & supplies.....12,264,177	Bad debts fund.....1,157,359
Finished product.....9,978,101	Works accident, pensions, &c.....2,793,664
Deferred debit items.....2,254,844	Reserves for contingencies.....441,118
	Def. liab. & credit items.....1,006,351
	Surplus.....65,351,742
Total.....\$251,008,602	Total.....\$251,008,602

* Includes \$2,174,004 (par value \$2,059,000) of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. 7 1/2% bonds and \$3,300,000 of call loans, y Of this amount of \$71,000,000 represents holdings of the entire capital stock and bonds of du Pont American Industries, Inc., whose principal asset is about 7,000,000 shares of General Motors Corp. Common stock; \$16,507,405 investments in subsidiary, owned or controlled companies; \$10,258,091 of miscellaneous securities.—V. 115, p. 2586, 2484.

Eastern Rolling Mill Co., Baltimore, Md.—Jan. 1 1923
Dividend Deferred—Earnings, &c.

President J. M. Jones, Dec. 14, writes in substance:
 "The directors have decided to defer action on the declaration of the 2% dividend on the Pref. stock for the current quarter due for payment Jan. 1 1923.

"Earnings for the 11 months ended Nov. 30 will show a profit of approximately \$6 85 per share on the 30,000 shares of Pref. stock, at the earnings for the year 1922 will approximate \$8 per share—the full annual dividend for requirement. This will have been accomplished after an operating loss for the first half of the year. The earnings of the company are now running in excess of dividend requirements.

"The directors feel that it is in the best interest of the stockholders to pass the dividend at this time and to await the result of operations during the first quarter of 1923, as the earnings for 1922 will not fully take care of the deficit carried over from 1921. The plant has been running at full capacity since the middle of the year, and sales have recently been made for the entire output for the first quarter of 1923 at profitable prices.
 "Indications at this time point to our being able to resume payment of dividends during the coming year."—V. 114, p. 1185.

Eddy Paper Corp. of Ill.—Stock Offered.—A syndicate of Chicago bankers, headed by J. S. Bache & Co., has placed 60,000 shares of Common stock (no par value), at a price to reported be \$3.10 per share.
Capitalization—
 7% Cum. lativo Preferred stock.....\$350,000
 No par value Common stock.....125,000 shs. 125,000 shs.
 Authorized Outstanding.....\$350,000

Company.—Has been organized in Illinois to acquire the assets, business and good-will of the Eddy Paper Co. of Michigan. Plants located at Three Rivers and White Pigeon, Mich., include 3 book board mills, 2 carton and shipping container factories and one coating mill for making clay coated box boards. Company ranks as one of the largest individual paper package concerns in the world.

Earnings.—Prior to 1920, earnings were exceedingly large. Much of its present value represents accumulated earnings upon an original investment of \$18,500. Between 1906 and 1920 company declared \$35% in stock dividends and 118% in cash dividends. In common with all other companies of its kind, there were severe losses during the period 1921 to 1922. The business, however, is rapidly returning to normal, and the company is now earning at the rate of more than \$1 per share on its entire authorized issue of 125,000 shares of Common stock.

Listing.—Shares are to be listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange.

Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1922 (After this financing).

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash	\$732,318	Federal tax reserve (1918)	\$61,169
Accts. rec., less reserve	483,136	Res. for contingencies	50,000
Notes receivable	321	1st M. 10-yr. 7 1/2% 1931	1,250,000
Inventories	933,679	7% Cumul. Pref. stock	350,000
Prepaid expenses	19,929	Common stock (125,000 shares, no par)	5,528,648
Empl. land contracts, &c.	127,482		
Real est., bldgs., &c., less depreciation	4,942,951		
Good-will		Total (each side)	\$7,239,816

Directors.—Charles W. Folds, Chairman; George M. Seaman, President; H. L. Street, V.-Pres.; George T. Wolf, Treas.; Wm. Edwards, Sec.; Oscar Gumbinsky, Russell A. Cowles, Ward Seabury, L. S. Sterritt, Gen. Mgr.; Nathan Gumbinsky, Henry Schott, Robert O. Farrell.—V. 115, p. 2586.

Edison Electric Illuminating Co.—To Pay Notes.

The \$4,000,000 5 1/4% notes due Jan. 15 will be paid off at maturity at office of Old Colony Trust Co., Boston.—V. 115, p. 2587, 2483.

Electric Bond & Share Co.—Stock Sold.—Bonbright & Co., Inc., New York, have sold at 97 and div. (from Nov. 1 1922) to yield 6.20%, an additional issue of \$5,000,000 6% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock, par \$100 (see adv. pages).

Free from present normal Federal income tax. Preferred stock callable as a whole upon 90 days' notice on any dividend date at 110 and divs. Dividends are paid Q. by Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, registrar; Bankers Trust Co., New York, transfer agent.

Capitalization after Present Financing.—Authorized. Outstanding. Preferred Stock 6% Cumulative (incl. this issue) \$20,000,000 \$16,250,000 Common stock (all owned by General Electric Co.) 20,000,000 16,250,000

Notes.—The stockholders will vote Dec. 29 on increasing the capital stock from \$25,000,000 (\$12,500,000 common and \$12,500,000 pref.) to \$40,000,000 by the authorization of an additional issue of \$7,500,000 common and \$7,500,000 preferred stock.

Data from Letter of President S. Z. Mitchell, New York, Dec. 16 1922.

Company.—Incorp. Feb. 28 1905 in New York. Takes a financial interest in electric power and light and gas enterprises; buys, holds and sells securities issued on such properties, and renders expert assistance in connection with the financing and operation of companies controlling and operating such properties. Company also furnishes the necessary capital and manages consolidations and reorganizations of properties of the above-mentioned character.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes.

Earnings Calendar Years.				
Calendar Years	Gross Income	Net Income	Preferred Dividends	Common Dividends
1917	\$3,140,020	\$2,066,389	\$487,710	\$644,889
1918	2,599,674	1,450,082	511,773	680,547
1919	3,114,872	1,697,472	563,525	778,730
1920	3,564,734	2,127,600	588,580	800,000
1921	3,968,973	2,377,514	606,667	*1,000,000
1922x	5,508,309	3,555,821	669,167	1,104,358

Dividend Record.—Dividends at the rate of 5% per annum were paid regularly on the Pref. stock from organization up to Oct. 31 1911, at which time the regular rate was increased from 5% to 6% per annum, and have been paid regularly at this rate since then. Common stock has regularly paid dividends of not less than 8% per annum since July 15 1909.

Balance Sheet as of Oct. 31 1922 (Before Present Financing).

Assets		Investments	
Investments	\$17,687,399	Preferred stock	\$11,250,000
Syndicate holdings, &c.	6,131,295	Common stock	11,912,500
Cash	4,555,483	Accounts & notes payable	5,701,358
Notes, loans, accounts & interest receivable	8,767,487	Accrued interest & divs.	6,682,538
Other assets	66,071	Syndicate liabilities	84,986
Total (each side)	\$37,207,645	Reserves	194,409
		Surplus	7,401,843

Elgin Motor Car Corp., Chicago.—100% to Creditors.—Chicago dispatches state that William Lelter, attorney for the stockholders, has announced that creditors will get 100 cents on the dollar. A fund of \$150,000 to meet the debts, it is stated, has been raised by the stockholders and they plan to raise another fund to permit the resumption of operations. Company went into receivership in October last.—V. 115, p. 1736.

Empire Gas & Fuel Co.—Tenders.—Halsey, Stuart & Co., 14 Wall St., N. Y. City, will until Dec. 28 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & Ref. Conv. 15-Year 7 1/2% gold bonds, Series "A," dated May 1 1922, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$450,000, at a price not exceeding 107 1/4 and int.—V. 115, p. 2483, 2385.

Empire Steel & Tube Corp.—Sale.—Henry C. Turner, receiver, will receive sealed bids at his office, 2 Rector St., N. Y., until Jan. 5, for the purchase of the plant, equipment and property of the company, located at College Point, L. I.

Erle (Pa.) Lighting Co.—Initial Common Dividend.—An initial dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared on the Common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 28.—V. 114, p. 2019.

Erwin Cotton Mills Co., West Durham, N. C.—Inc.—The company has increased its authorized capital stock from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000, par \$100.

Estey-Welte Corp., N. Y. City.—Initial Dividend.—An initial semi-annual dividend of 4% has been declared on the 8% Cumul. Pref. stock, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 27. For offering of Preferred stock see V. 115, p. 2691.

Ewa Plantation Co., Hawaii.—Extra Dividend.—The directors have voted an extra dividend of 3%, payable Dec. 31. This is in addition to the regular monthly dividend of 1% and the extra of 2%, which are also payable this month. This brings the total disbursements for the year to 18%.—V. 115, p. 2052.

Excelsior Shoe Co., Portsmouth, O.—Initial Dividend.—An initial semi-annual dividend of \$1 per share has been declared on the outstanding common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 20. See also V. 115, p. 874.

Fairbanks, Morse & Co., Chicago.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of 75 cents per share and the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share have been declared on the Common stock, payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 20.—V. 115, p. 1947, 1435.

Famous Players-Lasky Corp.—New Director, &c.—Sir William Wiseman, associated with Kuhn, Loeb & Co., has been elected a director.

Sir Wm. Wiseman has also been elected a member of the finance committee, succeeding Gayer G. Dominick, who remains a director.

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$2 per share on the Preferred stock, payable Feb. 1 1923 to holders of record on Jan. 15 1923.—V. 115, p. 2587, 2483.

Federal Adding Machine Corporation.—Sale.—All the assets of the company will be sold at receivers' sale on Dec. 29 at 251 Fourth Ave., New York City, by Chas. Shongood, U. S. auctioneer.—V. 115, p. 1435.

Federal Ice & Storage Co.—Consolidation.—According to Pittsburgh dispatches, this company will shortly be organized in Pennsylvania with a capital of 500,000 common shares of no par value and 110,000 shares of preferred stock (par \$50) for the purpose of consolidating the following companies: Union Storage Co., Standard Ice Co., Union Ice Co., Pittsburgh Ice Co., Wilkensburg Ice Co., Colonial Ice Co., Columbia Ice Co., Mt. Oliver Ice Co., North Pole Ice Co. and Hill Top Ice Co. Of the authorized capital stock, it is stated, all the common will be issued and about 90,000 shares of the preferred stock to effect the transfer of the properties. It is reported that H. D. Norvell, Pres. City Ice & Fuel Co., of Cleveland, will head the new company.

Fleischmann Co.—Stock Offering.—It is stated that a public offering of a limited amount of the common stock will be made soon. The par value of the stock was recently changed from \$100 par to no par value and 50 shares of the no par value stock were exchanged for each share of the old stock. The stock to be offered, it is said, is a limited amount now held by members of the family through W. E. Hutton & Co.

It is stated that as a forerunner to an offering of a block of Common stock to the public, a block of the shares has been offered to employees at \$25, on a partial payment plan.—V. 115, p. 2052, 1843.

Flint Mills, Fall River, Mass.—Capital Increased.—The stockholders on Dec. 20 increased the authorized capital stock from \$1,160,000 (all outstanding) to \$1,740,000, par \$100. It is proposed to distribute the increase as a 50% stock dividend.—V. 115, p. 2691.

Ford Motor Co., Detroit.—Production.—The company in November last produced 122,000 cars and trucks, against 121,765 in October. This makes production for the first 11 months of this year approximately 1,121,443 in domestic plants, against 906,167 in 1921.—V. 115, p. 2587, 2483.

(Edward) Ford Plate Glass Co., Rossford, O.—Increase.—The stockholders on Dec. 20 increased the authorized Common stock from \$3,200,000 (all outstanding) to \$10,000,000, par \$100.

Forest City Machine & Forge Co.—Sale.—Federal Judge D. C. Westenhaver, at Cleveland, has approved sale of the company to Viggo V. Torbensen, President of the new \$750,000 Vig-Tor Azle Co., which will operate it beginning about Jan 15. The plant is appraised at \$700,000. Mr. Torbensen will be assisted by A. L. Kroesen, V.-Pres. & Gen. Mgr.; W. N. Jackson, Treas.; and Carl R. Harrison, Sec. Francis W. Threlway was receiver for the Forest City company.

Fowler & Wilson Coal Co.—Bonds Offered.—Phoenix Trust Co., Ottumwa, Iowa, and Iowa Loan & Trust Co., Des Moines, recently offered, at 100 and int., \$125,000 First Mtge. 7 1/2% Gold Serial Bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1922. Due serially Oct. 1 1924 to Oct. 1 1937. Interest payable A & O. 1 at Iowa Loan & Trust Co., Des Moines, Iowa, trustee, or Phoenix Trust Co., Ottumwa, Iowa. Company agrees to pay the normal Federal income tax up to 2%.

Company operates 4 mines in the Appanoose County, Iowa, field with a maximum daily output of 1,400 tons of lump coal. Net tangible assets are appraised at \$1,210,113, or nearly ten times this issue of bonds.

Yearly average of earnings for six years has been \$71,129, or over 7 1/4 times the maximum interest requirements of this issue.

A sinking fund is provided which requires the deposit of 15c. for each ton of coal mined. When this deposit shall produce an amount equal to the net interest and maturity requirements plus \$20,000, the deposit shall be reduced to 10c. per ton and continued at that rate unless it will not maintain the fund as above described.

Proceeds will fund company's unsecured debt and increase its working capital.

French Worsted Co., Woonsocket, R. I.—Stock Increase.—The company has increased its authorized capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

Fuller Brush Co., Hartford, Conn.—Sales.

Period	1922—Oct	1921	1922—10 Mos.	1921
Sales	\$1,020,480	\$630,276	\$9,182,001	\$6,426,356

—V. 114, p. 2475.

Gaston, Williams & Wigmore Co.—Albert E. Parker and Henry W. Sumner, operating under the firm name of H. W. Sumner Co., have filed a bill in equity in the U. S. District Court against the company, notifying all creditors and stockholders of the latter concern that on Dec. 28 application will be made for an order approving the settlement of various creditors' claims and authorizing Benjamin B. Odell, receiver, to sell all the remaining property of Gaston, Williams & Wigmore, and authorizing the payment of a first and final dividend on all creditors' claims. [The Gaston & Co., Inc., in Dec. 1921 acquired all except some insignificant part of the property of the old bankrupt concern. The stockholders of the old company were offered the privilege to subscribe to stock of the new concern.] See V. 113, p. 2621; V. 114, p. 2723.

General American Tank Car Corp.—Orders.—The corporation has received an order from the Union Pacific RR. for 1,000 Pacific Fruit Express refrigerator cars, to cost approximately \$750,000.—V. 115, p. 2587, 2483.

General Gas & Electric Corp.—Offer to Exchange Pref. Stock for Income Bonds of Old Company.—Earnings.—Tenders.

The corporation offers to issue in exchange for the 15-year 7% income bonds of General Gas & Electric Co. its Cumulative Pref. stock, Class A, on a basis of one share of Pref. stock, Class A, for each \$100 principal amount of income bonds.

The Cumulative Pref. stock, Class A, is entitled to cumulative dividends at the rate of \$8 per annum, payable quarterly, Jan. 1, &c. The initial dividend thereon was paid Oct. 3 1922, for the quarter ending Sept. 30 1922.

Holders desiring to make the exchange should forward their income bonds with April 1 1923, and all subsequent coupons attached to the Equitable Trust Co., 37 Wall St., New York City. Holders of the income bonds will receive payment for one year's int. at rate of 7% per annum at the time of exchange. Stock certificates, carrying div. from Jan. 1 1923, will be ready for delivery in exchange for the income bonds as deposited on and after Jan. 2 1923. Only holders of income bonds depositing prior to Feb. 2 1923, will be entitled to accept this offer.

Earnings for Stated Periods. (Corporation and Subsidiary and Affiliated Cos. now owned or controlled.)

	Calendar Years			
	Year Ended Oct. 31 '22	1921	1920	1919
Operating revenue	\$12,105,942	\$11,456,295	\$11,264,566	\$9,134,919
Oper. expenses & taxes	\$6,321,443	\$6,081,803	\$6,770,877	\$4,795,406
Maintenance & deprec'n	2,187,507	1,904,957	1,807,617	1,252,777
Rentals	399,687	401,084	401,930	404,458
Total	\$8,908,637	\$8,387,844	\$8,980,423	\$6,452,669
Operating income	\$3,197,304	\$3,068,451	\$2,384,143	\$2,682,250
Other income	129,538	163,411	185,249	57,476

Total income \$3,326,842 \$3,231,861 \$2,569,393 \$2,739,726

Deduct from income of sub. cos. incl. int. on funded debt and divs. on stks. held by public 2,143,843 2,020,144 1,830,546 1,645,227

Balance \$1,182,999 \$1,211,717 \$738,847 \$1,094,499

x Balance available to General Gas & Electric Corp., \$1,182,999; deduct expenses and taxes, \$32,944; annual interest on funded debt, \$387,503; amortization of debt, discount and expense, \$675; balance, \$792,075. The requirement for dividend on 12,500 shares General Gas & Elec. Corp. Cum. Pref. stock, Class A, is \$100,000.

The above figures do not include earnings of York Haven Water & Power Co., in which company Metropolitan Edison Co. acquired a controlling interest on Nov. 25 1922.

Kelly Springfield (O.) Motor Truck Co.—Receiver.—

P. A. Lewis has been appointed receiver on the application of the Bankers Trust Co., New York, trustee of a mortgage for \$1,500,000, which was pledged for \$1,404,674 notes payable and bank loans on Jan. 31 1922. It is stated by the trust company that three semi-annual installments of int. on the bonds are overdue. The Court has authorized the receiver to borrow \$250,000 to continue operations. No dividends have been paid on either the Pref. or Common stocks since Feb. 1921, when 2% on each class was paid. The company has no connections with Kelly-Springfield Tire Co.—V. 114, p. 1659.

Kilburn Mill, New Bedford.—Stock Increased.—

The stockholders on Dec. 18 increased the authorized capital stock from \$1,500,000 to \$2,250,000, par \$100. It is proposed to distribute the increase in the form of a 50% stock dividend.—V. 115, p. 2693, 2589.

King Motor Co., Detroit.—Receiver Discharged.—

The affairs of the company, which have been in the hands of the Detroit Trust Co., as receiver, since Dec. 1920, were terminated by Judge Adolph F. Marschner on Dec. 14, when he discharged the receiver and ordered a 30% dividend paid to the creditors. Creditors' claims aggregating \$414,609 were settled out of court for \$133,698. Since the appointment of the receiver, the plant has been sold to A. Finnegan, Buffalo, for \$500,000, and claims aggregating over \$1,000,000 have been assumed by him. Preferred claims for labor, taxes and incidentals amounting to \$24,678 were paid out of the first proceeds of the sale. Stockholders will receive nothing, since all available assets have been exhausted in the settlement of claims. ("Detroit Free Press.")—V. 115, p. 2693.

Klots Throwing Co., Inc.—Notes Extended.—

The \$2,500,000 8% Collateral Trust gold notes due Jan. 1 will be extended for one year to Jan. 1 1924.—V. 112, p. 854.

Kolb Bakery Co.—Merger.—

The company has filed notice of merger with General Baking Co.—V. 114, p. 1540.

Laconia Car Co.—Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1922.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1922	1921	1922	1921
Pl. est., bldgs., &c.	\$309,616	Preferred stock	\$1,000,000
Cash	188,773	Notes payable	150,000
Notes & accts. rec.	335,226	Ser. coupon notes	400,000
Merchandise	439,036	Accts. payable	84,735
Liberty loan	100	Accr. payroll & int.	14,494
Repur. notes in treasury	100,000	Deferred credits	323
Deferred assets	16,922	Surplus	592,821
Deferred charges	451	Fed. inc. tax res.	17,461
Patent rights	1,810		13,396
Good will	370,000		
	370,000	Tot. (each side)	\$2,159,834
			\$1,908,379

x Real estate and buildings, \$712,932; machinery and equipment, \$522,943; office furniture and fixtures, \$7,747; total, \$1,243,621; deduct reserve for depreciation, \$434,005.

y The company paid \$100,000 serial notes which matured July 1 1922. z Dividends have accrued on the 7% Preferred stock since April 1914, aggregating at Oct. 1 1922 \$595,000.

* Capital surplus representing 10,000 shares Common stock, no par value, reduced from \$50 par to no par value Sept. 27 1920, \$500,000; balance of surplus, \$92,821.

The comparative income account was published in V. 115, p. 2693.—V. 115, p. 2693, \$0.

Lancaster Mills, Boston.—Preferred Stock Reduced.—

The company has reduced the authorized preferred stock from \$5,000,000 to \$4,865,800 by cancellation of 1,342 shares, purchased through the sinking fund. The company also has outstanding 50,000 shares of Common stock, par \$100.—V. 115, p. 2275.

La Salle Tank Car Corp.—Equip. Trusts Offered.—

Porter, Skitt & Co., Chicago, are offering at 100 and int. \$150,000 7% Equip. Trust gold certificates dated Dec. 1 1922, due \$7,500 semi-annually from June 1 1923 to Dec. 1 1932. Int. payable J. & D. at Union Trust Co., Chicago, trustee, Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c*). Red. on any int. date upon 30 days' notice at 102½ and int. Corporation agrees to pay normal Federal income tax, not exceeding 2%. Issued under the Philadelphia Plan.

Certificates are the direct obligation of the corporation under lease and conditional sale contract covering 134 all-steel tank cars, of which 105 are of 8,000-gallon capacity and 29 are of 10,000-gallon capacity, all of which have been built by the Standard Tank Car Co. since Jan. 1 1920.

Certificates are guaranteed by endorsement by the Sunshine State Oil & Refining Co. and by individual directors thereof.

Lawrence (Mass.) Gas Co.—Rights.—

Stockholders of record Dec. 21 are offered right to subscribe for 2 shares of new stock for every 9 shares of old stock at \$100 a share. The right to subscribe will expire Jan. 27 and payments must be made on or before that date. The increase in stock, amounting to 5,729 shares, has been approved by Department of Public Utilities.—V. 115, p. 2589, 443.

Lawyers' Title & Trust Co.—50% Stock Dividend.—

The directors have declared a 50% stock dividend, payable on or about Dec. 30 to stockholders of record Dec. 26. The directors also declared an extra cash dividend of 2% in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1½%, both payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 23. An extra cash dividend of 2% was also paid Jan. 3 1922. See also V. 115, p. 2589, 2485.

Liberty Oil Co., Inc.—Bankruptcy.—

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed in the New York Federal District Court against the company. The petitioning creditors and the amount of their alleged claims are Herbert Appleton, \$6,674; Alonzo L. Tuska, \$1,000, and Harold M. Tuska, \$1,000. The petition alleges that on Dec. 9 the company filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the U. S. District Court of the Second District of Kansas, but because this Court was without jurisdiction, they instituted the involuntary proceedings here.

The company was incorporated in July 1916 in Virginia. Company has an authorized capital of \$5,000,000 Common and \$1,000,000 of 7.3% Cumulative Convertible Preferred stock; outstanding, \$3,090,000 common and \$250,000 Preferred (par \$100). There are outstanding \$1,259,000 7% Convertible Secured gold notes, dated July 1 1916 and due serially, New York office, 62 Cedar St.—V. 103, p. 242.

Lockwood Co., Waterville, Me.—100% Stock Dividend.—

The stockholders on Dec. 15 increased the authorized capital stock from \$2,500,000 (\$1,800,000 outstanding) to \$3,600,000, par \$100. It is proposed to distribute the unissued stock in the form of a 50% stock dividend.

(Frederick) Loeser & Co., Inc., Brooklyn, N. Y.—

The stockholders will vote Dec. 28 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$3,000,000 to \$12,000,000. William G. Cooper is President, and Walter Hammit, Secretary.

Loew's, Inc.—Glendive Amusement Corp. Bonds.—

Fifty Glendive Amusement Corp 1st Ref. Mtge. 10-year gold bonds, dated Jan. 1 1914, have been called for redemption Jan. 2 at par and int., at the Empire Trust Co., 120 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 115, p. 2386, 1940.

Long Island Lighting Co.—To Increase Stock, &c.—

The stockholders will vote Jan. 5 on increasing the capital stock from \$3,000,000 Preferred and \$3,000,000 Common stock to \$10,000,000 Preferred and \$10,000,000 Common. The stockholders will also vote on creating an open mortgage to be secured on the properties of the Long Island Lighting Co. and the Nassau Light & Power Co. recently merged with the Long Island Co.—V. 115, p. 653.

Lowell (Mass.) Bleachery.—50% Stock Dividend, &c.—

The company has filed a certificate with the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations showing an increase in the authorized capital stock from \$500,000 to \$1,200,000, par \$100, the 4,000 additional shares to be distributed as a 50% stock dividend to holders of record Dec. 15. The surplus June 3 was \$1,017,595.—V. 107, p. 408.

Ludlow Manufacturing Associates.—To Issue Additional Shares at \$100.—

The stockholders Jan. 10 will vote on authorizing the issuance of 20,000 additional no par shares to be offered stockholders at \$100 a share, in the ratio of one to six. The following statement has been issued by the company:

With the exception of \$2,000,000 subscribed by the shareholders in 1919, the Indian plant of the Associates standing in the name of the Ludlow Jute Co., Ltd., and capitalized at \$5,000,000, was built entirely out of earnings. The Indian mill is now operating at very nearly full capacity, and the management is much pleased with the results already obtained. It is to take care of the increase in the company's Indian business as well as to pay for additions to the plant at Ludlow that the new issue of shares is being put out. Although final figures for the year's operations will not be available for two or three months yet, the company's business has made an excellent recovery from the slump of 1921, and the indications are that earnings for 1922 will show up very satisfactorily. Bank loans of \$1,400,000 at the end of 1921 were paid off during the summer of 1922.—V. 114, p. 1293.

(F. M.) Lupton Publishers, Inc.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 50c. a share on the Class "A" stock, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 23.—V. 115, p. 2693, 1540.

MacAndrews & Forbes Co.—Extra Dividend.—

An extra dividend of 2% has been declared on the Common stock in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 2½%, both payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 31.—V. 114, p. 2124.

McDougall Terminal Warehouse Co., Duluth, Minn.—Bonds Offered.—

Chicago Trust Co., Chicago, Philip L. Ray & Co. and Northern National Bank, Duluth, Minn., are offering at 100 and int. \$1,000,000 1st (closed) Mtge. 7% Serial gold bonds.

Interest payable M. & N. at Chicago Trust Co., Chicago, trustee, or Bankers Trust Co., New York, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. Callable on any int. date up to 1932 at 105 and int. upon 60 days' notice, thereafter until maturity at 1½% less each succeeding year. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c*). Bonds are dated Nov. 1 1922 and are due annually Nov. 1 1925 to Nov. 1 1937 incl.

Data from Letter of Pres. A. Miller McDougall, Duluth, Minn., Nov. 15

Security.—Secured by a first (closed) mortgage on the entire property of the company, comprising 320,000 sq. ft. of ground located in the centre of the City of Duluth, together with the improvements thereon, consisting of 500 ft. of concrete dock frontage and a terminal warehouse, now under construction, 128 ft. wide by 488 ft. long, with a capacity of approximately 4,000,000 cu. ft. and a floor space of 312,000 sq. ft. As additional security, company has pledged under this mortgage the entire paid-in capital stock of the Minnesota-Atlantic Transit Co., which is now building two modern steel Diesel-electric motorships to operate between the company's terminal in Duluth and N. Y. City.

Company.—Business of the company is that of general warehousing, cold storage and the rental of display and office space, factory lofts and stores for jobbers.

Earnings.—Net earnings, exclusive of income from the operation of the Minnesota-Atlantic Transit Co., of which it owns the entire \$250,000 stock, have been conservatively estimated, after making allowances for all cost of operation, including extraordinary expenses contingent on the first year's operation, as \$153,493, or over 2 times the greatest interest charge on this bond issue.

Officers.—A. Miller McDougall, Pres.; Marshall W. Alworth, V.-Pres.; S. R. Kirby, V.-Pres. & Treas.; A. T. Banning, Sec.; W. P. Trickett, Gen. Mgr.

Marblehead Lime Co.—Further Data.—

Mention was made in V. 115, p. 2589, of the offering of \$400,000 1st Mtge. 7% Sinking Fund gold bonds dated Oct. 1 1922, due Oct. 1 1937, by Second Ward Securities Co. of Milwaukee at 100 and int. A circular further shows:

Company.—Organized in Delaware. Business established originally in 1872, has developed into the largest high calcium lime manufacturing business west of the Appalachian Mountains, and is recognized as one of the most valuable properties in the industry. Plants and deposits of high calcium limestone at Marblehead and Quincy, Mo.; Springfield, Jones Spring, Hannibal, Louisiana and White Bear, Mo. Plants, improvements and quarries are carried on books at \$1,039,348. Its quarries contain over 27,000,000 tons of high grade accessible high calcium limestone.

Capitalization After This Financing—Authorized, Outstanding.

7% First Preferred stock, \$100 par value	500,000	\$200,000
Common stock (no par value)	10,000 shs.	10,000 shs.
First Mtge. 7% Sinking Fund gold bonds	500,000	400,000

Purpose.—To retire certain stock interests, providing for consolidation of Hannibal Lime Co. and Marblehead Lime Co., and for general corporate purposes.

Earnings (Marblehead Lime Co. and Hannibal Lime Co.) After All Charges, Including Depreciation and Depletion and Before Fed. Taxes, Cal. Years.

1909	\$64,287	1916	\$100,330
1910	66,187	1917	140,277
1911	67,398	1918	106,128
1912	60,730	1919	160,636
1913	64,100	1920	193,750
1914	65,446	1921	94,265
1915	67,601	1922 (to June 1)	76,367

—V. 115, p. 2589

Mercer Motors, Inc.—Sells Simplex Automobile Co.—

See Crane-Simplex Co. above.—V. 115, p. 2165, 876.

Merrimack Woolen Co.—Stock Increased.—

The company has increased its Common stock from \$250,000 to \$500,000, par \$100. It also has an auth. issue of \$500,000 Pref. stock, par \$100. The directors have been authorized to declare a stock dividend to Common stockholders, payable from accumulated surplus on or before Jan. 1 1923, after payment or setting aside of the 1922 dividends on the Preferred. Such shares of the new Common are not issued as a stock dividend are to be offered to Common stockholders for cash purchase at par.

Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corp.—Bonds Sold.—

W. A. Harriman & Co. and F. S. Moseley & Co., New York, have sold at 101¼ and int., to yield over 7¼%, \$1,500,000 10-Year 7½% Conv. Sinking Fund Debenture bonds.

Dated Jan. 1 1923, due Jan. 1 1933. Interest payable J. & J. at office of W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., New York, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Penn. 4-mills tax, Conn. personal property tax up to 6 mills and Mass. income tax up to 6%. refundable. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c*). Red. as a whole (or in part for sinking fund purposes only) at 110 and int. on any interest date on 80 days' notice. Convertible into Common stock at the basic conversion price of \$75 per share. Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, trustee.

A sinking fund beginning not later than Jan. 1 1925 provides for the retirement of a minimum of \$1,200,000 of these bonds by maturity either by purchase at not to exceed 110 and int. or by redemption at that price.

Capitalization—		Authorized, Outstanding.	
10-year 7½% Conv. Sk. Pd. Debs. (this issue)	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	
7% Cumulative Preferred stock	1,500,000	1,500,000	
Common stock (no par value)	100,000 shs.	53,000 shs.	

Data from Letter of Pres. T. A. Scott Dec. 16.

Company.—Is acquiring substantially all the plant, equipment, business and good-will of the Merritt & Chapman Derrick & Wrecking Co. and of the T. A. Scott Co., with the exception of real estate which is leased for a term of years with an option to purchase. Is also acquiring two-thirds of the Capital stock of the Overseas Salvors, Inc. Company was incorporated in Delaware Dec. 20 1922.

Merritt & Chapman Derrick & Wrecking Co. had its inception in the merger of two companies whose business dates back as far as 1860. Since incorp. in 1896, the company's net worth has increased out of earnings from \$900,000 to about \$6,000,000, and an unbroken dividend record has been maintained during that period. The business of T. A. Scott Co., founded in 1873, was incorp. in 1903 for \$100,000, and since that date has

grown to its present net worth of \$1,400,000. Overseas Salvors, Inc., maintains a profitable salvage station at the Azores. Its activities are confined principally to foreign waters.

The business of the new corporation may be divided into: (1) the salvage operations and (2) the harbor or "inside" business of heavy derrick work, lightering, and construction work of every nature under water and in connection with shore improvement.

Earnings.—Consolidated earnings of the merged companies for the 6 years and 11 months ended Nov. 30 1922, available for int. charges on this issue, average \$697,166 annually, or 6.19 times the requirement. The daily industrial or "inside" business alone, has shown average net earnings over the above period in excess of 3½ times the annual interest requirements of this issue.

Purpose.—To provide additional working capital, and funds for payment, in part, for the U. S. Navy Dept. plant and equipment.

Balance Sheet as of Dec. 1 1922 (after this financing).

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash	\$1,100,000	10-year 7½% Deb. bonds	\$1,500,000
Supplies	300,000	Preferred stock	1,500,000
Plant and equipment	5,115,000	Com. (53,000 shs., no par)	3,515,000

Total (each side) \$6,515,000

Directors.—I. J. Merritt, Chairman; T. A. Scott, Pres.; I. E. Chapman, V.-Pres.; W. L. Chapman, Sec.; J. I. Merritt, Asst. to Chairman; H. M. Pendleton, V.-Pres.; B. A. Fones, Treas.; Clinton T. Roe, R. H. M. Robinson, F. S. Fales, R. L. Hague, P. H. Harwood, G. P. Oswald, J. W. VanDyke, Homer L. Ferguson, Herbert F. Boynton, G. H. Walker, J. W. Powell.

Metropolitan Publications, Inc.—Receiver.

Judge Mack on Dec. 14 appointed Franklin Coo receiver for the company, publishers of the "Metropolitan Magazine". Liabilities are said to be \$300,000 and assets at book value considerably in excess of that amount.

Mexican Eagle Oil Co., Ltd.—Interim Dividend, &c.

The company has declared an interim dividend in respect of the 12 months ending Dec. 31 1922 of 8%, equivalent to \$0.398 per share on the Common and 8% Participating Preferred shares. This dividend will be payable on and after Dec. 31 at the American Exchange National Bank, 128 Broadway, N. Y. City. This compares with 19% paid a year ago.

The last dividend, of \$0.7625 (15%), was a full dividend in respect of the 6 months from July 1 1921 to Dec. 31 1921 (V. 115, p. 81). It is expected that the final dividend in respect of the 12 months Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 1922 will be announced some time in June 1923.

A preliminary report for the working of the fiscal year ending this month is expected to be published shortly.

Well No. 16, in Cerro Viejo, on property owned jointly by this company and the Mexican Petroleum Co., has been completed, producing 5,000 barrels of oil at 1,917 feet. Operations in Lot 169, Chihuahua, has been abandoned because of salt water intrusion—V. 115, p. 2054, 1845.

Mexican Seaboard Oil Co.—Earnings.

The company reports for the 9 months ended Sept. 30 1922: Gross earnings, \$21,695,758; operating expenses, \$12,343,741; operating income, \$9,352,017; other income, \$222,138; total income, \$9,574,155; debenture interest, \$353,978; net revenue before depletion and Federal tax, \$9,220,167.—V. 115, p. 2166, 1737.

Mexican Telegraph Co.—Capital Increased.

The company has filed a certificate at Albany, N. Y., showing an increase in the authorized Capital stock from \$5,000,000 to \$9,000,000, par \$100. It is understood that the increase will be paid as a 90% stock dividend. All of the present outstanding stock is owned by the All-America Cables, Inc.—V. 113, p. 2023.

Michigan Copper & Brass Co.—Stock Increase, &c.

The stockholders on Dec. 15 voted to increase the authorized Capital stock from \$1,000,000 (\$991,350 outstanding) to \$3,000,000, par \$10. A 200% stock dividend has been declared, payable Jan. 1 1923, to holders of record Dec. 20 1922. In June 1916 a 125% stock dividend was paid.—V. 112, p. 939.

Michigan Stamping Co.—Extra Dividend.

An extra dividend of 1% has been declared on the outstanding \$1,300,000 Common stock, par \$10, along with the regular quarterly of 2¼%, both payable Jan. 25 to holders of record Jan. 15.—V. 109, p. 1278.

M. & G. Properties Co., Inc.—Plan.

See Mills & Gibbs Corporation below.

Mills-Fogarty Corporation.—To Be Organized, &c.

See Mills & Gibbs Corporation below.

Mills & Gibb Corp.—Plan to Sell Stock of Mills & Gibb Corp. and Pay Notes of M. & G. Properties Co. Maturing Dec. 15—Creditors of Old M. & G. to Realize 100% Cash.

Holders of the serial collateral trust notes of M. & G. Properties Co., Inc., and the holders of certificates issued under the beneficial interest agreement in the capital stock of M. & G. Properties Co., Inc., dated Nov. 27 1916, are informed of a plan whereby they are to receive 100% cash for their notes. The Mills & Gibb Co. failed in 1916 and under a plan then adopted (V. 103, p. 1415), unsecured creditors received 35% in cash and bank creditors holding endorsed notes 40% in cash, with notes of the M. & G. Properties, Inc., for the balance, maturing over a period of five years, the last of which, amounting to \$951,000, matured Dec. 15 1922.

The voting trustees in a statement dated Dec. 12 say in substance: At the time of the reorganization of Mills & Gibb, in Nov. 1916, the acceptance of the notes was recommended, because it was believed that creditors would ultimately receive the principal amount of their claims in full. This expectation has been justified, and the value of the business to-day is sufficient to pay creditors 100% of their claims. In order that the business of Mills & Gibb should continue, the trustees have thought it unwise to withdraw from the business any considerable amount of cash, and in order to obviate this, they have approved of the sale by the M. & G. Properties Co., Inc., of the real estate at 4th Ave. and 22d St. under a contract which insures to the Mills & Gibb Corp. a lease of those premises.

This real estate sale will realize a sufficient sum to pay the creditors 50% of the notes presently maturing. This payment cannot be made until Feb. 9 1923 as the contract of sale does not provide the closing of title until then.

To provide for the balance due upon the notes, the trustees have approved of a sale by the M. & G. Properties Co., Inc., to George R. Fogarty, Pres. of the Mills & Gibb Corp., for himself and his associates, of the entire capital stock of the Mills & Gibb Corp., at a price that will enable the remaining 50% due upon the notes to be paid in cash.

Under the proposed plan, the creditors will also receive a note of a new holding company to be organized by Mr. Fogarty, for 12% of the principal amount of the certificate of beneficial interest now held by a creditor. The certificates were originally issued for the full amount of the respective claims, and the amount of the new note to be received by each creditor is practically equal to the payment of interest at the rate of 4% per annum from Dec. 15 1916 to the date of payment of the notes. These new notes will bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum, will be payable five years after date, and will be secured as stated below.

Noteholders are requested to send their notes and certificate of beneficial interest to Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., N. Y., in order to help carry out the provisions of the plan.

With the sale of the parcels of real estate and the capital stock of the Mills & Gibb Corp., practically all of the assets of the M. & G. Properties Co., Inc., will have been sold.

[Voting trustees, Seward Prosser, Cornelius N. Bliss Jr., Edmund S. Twining, with H. H. Martin, Sec., 16 Wall St., New York City.]

Digest of Proposed Plan, Dated Dec. 12 1922.

Sale of Real Estate.—M. & G. Properties Co., Inc., has contracted to sell the real estate at 4th Ave. and 22d St., and will receive \$500,000 over and above the existing mortgage. The sale provides for a lease for a period of years of the entire premises to the Mills & Gibb Corp. Proceeds of sale will be used on or about Feb. 10 1923 in paying 50% of the principal of the notes maturing Dec. 15 1922, requiring about \$475,000.

Sale of Mills & Gibb Corp. Stock.—M. & G. Properties Co., Inc., will sell the entire 32,000 shares capital stock of Mills & Gibb Corp. to a corporation to be organized by George R. Fogarty and his associates, to be known as the Mills-Fogarty Corp., for (a) \$475,000 cash, payable on Feb. 10 1923; (b) Class B Collateral Notes of the Mills-Fogarty Corp., dated Feb. 10

1923, payable five years after date, bearing 6% interest from date, for 12% of the aggregate amount of the certificates of beneficial interest of M. & G. Properties Co., Inc., now outstanding. The aggregate of such notes will amount to approximately \$356,858, and the notes will be secured by the deposit of the Mills & Gibb Corp. stock, but subject to the payment of Class A notes of the Mills-Fogarty Corp.

(c) Will have a capital stock consisting of 32,000 shares of no par value, which will be owned by George R. Fogarty and associates.

(d) Will have outstanding \$475,000 3-Year Class A Collateral Trust Notes, secured by the deposit of the 32,000 shares of Mills & Gibb Corp. stock, to be presently purchased from the M. & G. Properties Co., Inc. Notes will have a first lien upon the collateral, prior to the lien upon such collateral, to secure the Class B Collateral Notes. It will be provided, however, by agreement, that in the event that the company is not dissolved prior to Feb. 10 1923, and upon the payment of \$375,000 of the Class A notes, the holders of the remaining \$100,000 Class A notes will cancel the same and deliver them, so canceled, to the corporation.

Noteholders.—On receipt of the purchase price for the real estate and the purchase price of the sale of the Mills & Gibb Corp. stock, the M. & G. Properties Co., Inc., will immediately pay in cash the principal of the notes to the noteholders, and in lieu of the certificates of beneficial interest outstanding, will deliver a note of the Mills-Fogarty Corp. for 12% of the amount stated in the respective certificates of indebtedness.

Assent to Plan.—Noteholders and holders of certificates of beneficial interest will be assumed to have assented to this plan unless they shall in writing dissent therefrom on or before Dec. 27 1922. No formal written assent to the plan shall be necessary, but the deposit of the notes and certificates of beneficial interest with the Bankers Trust Co. shall be deemed an assent.

Balance Sheet (Mills & Gibb Corporation) as at Nov. 30 1921.

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash	\$370,243	Notes payable	\$1,050,000
Notes receivable	40,000	Accounts payable	238,455
Accounts receivable	1,269,104	Accrued taxes, interest, &c.	40,189
Inventories	2,079,478	Reserve for dividend	304,000
Foreign purchases	81,792	Capital stock	1,160,000
Supplies and stationery	4,877	Surplus and reserve	2,130,007
Inv. in notes of M. & G. Properties Co., Inc.	4,711		
Inv. in Mills & Gibb of Del	1,000		
Charges deferred	15,790		
Fixed assets	55,657	Total (each side)	\$3,922,652

x Authorized and issued, 32,000 shares of no par value, carried at minimum statutory valuation. y Surplus and reserves, subject to final acceptance by the U. S. Treasury Dept. of Federal income and excess profits taxes as filed and paid for the years 1917 (1917 taxes now adjusted), 1918, 1919 and 1920, and to Federal income and excess profits taxes for the current year 1921.—V. 113, p. 2826.

Mohawk Carpet Mills, Inc., Amsterdam, N. Y.—Inc.

The company has filed a certificate at Albany, N. Y., showing an increase in capital from \$5,000,000 to \$11,000,000.—V. 111, p. 1955.

Moon Motor Car Co.—Larger Dividend, &c.

A quarterly dividend of 37½ cents per share and an extra dividend of 12½ cents per share have been declared on the outstanding Common stock, no par value, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. In Aug. and Nov. last, the company paid quarterly dividends of 25 cents per share. Net earnings for the 9 months ended Sept. 30 1922 are reported at \$552,126.—V. 115, p. 2387, 2054.

Moore & Thompson Paper Co.—Sale.

The company's mill at Bellows Falls, Vt., has been sold to the Hudson Bag Co., New York City. The sale includes all real estate and personal property and possession already has been given.—V. 113, p. 2623.

Mountain Home Telephone Co.—Name Changed.

This company has changed its name to Northern New York Telephone Corp.—V. 114, p. 86.

Nash Motors Co.—Listing—Stock Dividend, &c.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after Dec. 28 of \$16,380,000 7% Cum. Pref. A stock (auth., \$22,500,000), par \$100, and 218,400 shares (auth., 300,000 shares) Common stock, no par value, on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, making the total amount applied for 273,000 shares of Common stock, no par value, \$16,380,000 7% Pref. A stock and \$3,500,000 Pref. stock.

The stockholders on Dec. 16 reclassified the authorized capital stock as follows: (a) Pref. A stock, \$22,500,000 (par \$100); (b) Pref. stock, \$5,000,000 (par \$100); (c) Common stock, 300,000 shares without par value.

The stockholders on Dec. 16 1922 also authorized the issuance of \$16,380,000 Pref. "A" stock and 218,400 shares of Common stock, and authorized the directors to distribute the stock pro rata to the Common stockholders as a stock dividend.

The Pref. and Common stock applied for or to be issued pursuant to a resolution of the board of directors adopted at a meeting held Dec. 16 1922 is as follows: That the company issue \$16,380,000 Pref. A stock, par \$100, in consideration of the capitalization of surplus equal to the total par value thereof, and that it also issue 218,400 shares of its Common stock, no par value, in consideration of the capitalization of surplus of the company equal to \$1,092,000 (\$5 per share) of Common stock so issued; and that all the stock so issued, both Pref. A and Common stock, be distributed pro rata to Common stockholders of record Dec. 26, each holder of record of Common stock at that time to receive on account of each share of Common stock, the distinction held 3 shares of Pref. A stock and 4 shares of Common stock; that the sum of \$17,472,000 of the existing surplus of the corporation be transferred to its capital account, said sum being the consideration for the issuance of the stock to be issued in accordance with the preceding vote.

All the present outstanding \$3,500,000 7% Cum. Pref. stock has been called for retirement on Feb. 1 at 110 and dividend.

Income Account Period from Dec. 1 1921 to Oct. 31 1922 (Subject to Adjust. Surplus Nov. 30 1921)

Surplus Nov. 30 1921	\$13,418,095
Net income for 11 months ending Oct. 31 1922, after deducting exp. of mfg., selling & adm. & local taxes, but before Fed. tax.	7,969,738
Provision for Federal taxes	1,100,408
Dividends paid on Preferred stock	262,500
Dividends paid on Common stock	873,600
Surplus Oct. 31 1922	\$19,151,323

—V. 115, p. 2590.

Nassau Light & Power Co.—Merger.

See Long Island Lighting Co. above.—V. 115, p. 654.

National Lead Co.—No Stock Distribution.

According to Chaileman Cornish, there will be no stock dividend distribution of the Common shares of the company, but the \$8 dividend, recently declared, will be maintained.—V. 115, p. 2388.

National Licorice Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.—Special Div.

A special dividend of 10% has been declared on the Common stock, payable Jan. 9 to holders of record Dec. 21. The company in July last paid a semi-annual dividend of 2½%.—V. 115, p. 81.

National Supply Co. of Delaware.—Stock Sold.

Dominick & Dominick and Hayden, Stone & Co. announce the sale at \$56 per share of 75,000 shares Common stock, par \$50. (See advertising pages.)

Listing.—Application will be made in due course to list stock on the New York Stock Exchange. [The New York Curb Exchange has admitted to trading 340,000 Common shares (par \$50) "when issued."]

Capitalization After This Financing—Authorized, Outstanding, 7% Cumul. Pref. stock (cumul. from Jan. 1 1923).

\$8,000,000	\$7,265,000
(par \$100)	17,000,000
Common stock (par \$50)	12,125,000

Data from Letter of Pres. J. H. Barr, New York, Dec. 15.

Company.—Has been organized in Delaware to acquire the capital stock and to continue the business of National Supply Co. of Ohio. The latter (incorp. in 1917, was successor to National Supply Co. of West Virginia, Incorp. in 1894. In 1920 National Supply Co. purchased the Union Tool

Co. of California, one of the leading manufacturers of equipment for the petroleum industry. Company, with its subsidiaries, is engaged in the manufacture and sale of equipment, machinery and supplies for all branches of the oil industry. The items handled include drilling machinery, engines, pipe, tools, etc.

Plants of company and subsidiaries are located at Toledo and Dayton, O., Fort Worth, Tex., Torrance, Cal., West Chicago, Ill., and Carnegie, Pa. (the last three being plants of the Union Tool Co.). Company also has exclusive selling arrangements with various producers of gas and steam engines, boilers, etc. Company maintains approximately 150 stores and well-stocked warehouses at points in the important oil fields.

Assets.—Upon acquisition of all of the stock of the old company, the Common stock of the new company will have a book value (exclusive of good will) of approximately \$75 for each share of \$50 par value, and of this book value approximately \$50 per share (which equals the par value) will be represented by net quick assets.

Net Profits After All Charges, Depreciation and Government Taxes, Cal. Years. (National Supply Co. of Ohio and affiliated companies.)

1913	-----	\$1,242,942	1918	-----	\$2,044,405
1914	-----	549,967	1919	-----	3,983,597
1915	-----	898,071	1920	-----	4,509,413
1916	-----	2,985,900	1921	-----	1,813,206
1917	-----	3,730,162	1922 (partly estimated)	-----	3,600,000

Dividends.—Dividends have been paid without interruption on the Common stock of National Supply Co. (of Ohio) and its predecessor West Virginia company since 1898. Compare V. 115, p. 2277, 2590

Nevada-California Electric Corp.—Resumes Pref. Div.—A quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% has been declared on the preferred stock, payable Jan. 30 to holders of record Dec. 30. A like amount was paid on the Preferred stock in Oct. 1918; none since.—V. 115, p. 2383, 2276.

New Bedford (Mass.) Cotton Mills.—200% Stock Div.—A 200% stock dividend has been declared on the Common stock. This will increase the outstanding Common stock from \$350,000 to \$1,050,000, par \$100.

General Balance Sheet.					
Assets—	Dec. 13 '22	Dec. 31 '21	Liabilities—		
Real est., mach. & equipment	\$1,856,254	\$1,854,484	Capital stock	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
Inventories	788,450	637,869	Accounts payable	31,355	31,051
Cash & debts rec.	225,089	123,094	Deprec. reserve	730,988	697,988
Investments	111,894	203,494	Bonds	20,000	21,500
Deferred charges	52,275	—	Res. for taxes	200,000	200,000
Total (each side)	\$2,981,687	\$2,871,120	Profit & loss	899,344	850,587

Newburyport (Mass.) Gas & Electric Co., Boston.—To Resume Dividends.—The directors have set aside from 1922 earnings a dividend reserve of \$4 per share, of which an initial disbursement of \$1 per share will be paid Jan. 15. Additional dividends, it is said, may be paid next year if conditions warrant. No payments have been made since 1920.—V. 114, p. 2586.

New Niquero Sugar Co.—Annual Report.—

Yrs. Ended July 31.	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.	1918-19.
Sugar purchased (bags)	270,719	175,261	169,030	166,786
Sugar sales	\$2,662,654	\$1,693,774	\$6,667,032	\$3,178,075
Molasses sales	23,881	3,524	41,502	17,412
Miscellaneous	66,686	112,964	58,170	36,033
Total receipts	\$2,753,120	\$1,810,262	\$6,766,704	\$3,231,520
Deduct—Producing, mfg. and selling expenses	\$1,809,794	\$2,304,829	\$3,239,489	\$2,113,965
Interest	\$83,723	18,791	19,769	56,645
Loss on Liberty bonds	—	10,715	—	17,790
Cuban taxes	53,586	—	1,300,000	590,000
Depreciation	180,037	171,993	147,655	146,992
Capital exp.	14,388	46,698	126,551	11,969
Balance, surplus	\$611,398	\$742,762	\$1,933,239	\$284,159
Previous surplus	\$2,415,462	\$3,263,224	\$2,350,832	\$2,322,308
Accounts improv.	—	—	—	79,855
Further Cuban taxes	—	—	15,847	75,000
Adjustments	Cr. 117,180	—	—	Cr. 4,220
Preferred dividends	70,000	70,000	670,000	70,000
Common dividends	35,000	35,000	335,000	35,000
Profit & loss surplus	\$3,039,040	\$2,415,462	\$3,263,224	\$2,350,832

* Gross sugar produced (at prices realized), \$2,473,035, at 3 1/4c., less estimated cost of shipping and selling expenses.—V. 115, p. 2694, 2485.

New York Air Brake Co.—Resignation.—William N. Shaw has resigned as Vice-President, effective Dec. 31.—V. 115, p. 2486, 2388.

New York United Hotels, Inc.—New Financing.—This company, a subsidiary of the United Hotels Co. of America, will come into the market soon for a loan of approximately \$3,500,000, according to Wall Street reports. United Hotels Co. of America directs the operation of a chain of 20 hotels in the United States and Canada. It is capitalized for \$5,000,000 authorized Preferred and \$5,000,000 authorized Common, of which there is issued and outstanding \$1,374,550 Preferred and \$3,137,300 Common. It is a holding company, owning control of the various hotels.

The proceeds of the new financing will be applied by New York United Hotels Co., Inc., toward construction of the Roosevelt, a new \$10,000,000 hotel being erected on the property of the New York Central RR., occupying the block bounded by 45th and 46th Sts. and Madison and Vanderbilt Aves. The New York Central RR. will advance \$3,000,000 for this purpose. The Roosevelt will be completed in 1924 and will have 1,100 rooms.—V. 115, p. 2388.

New York Title & Mortgage Co.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of 2% has been declared on the stock in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 2%, both payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 31. In Jan. 1921 and Jan. 1922 extras of 2% were also paid.—V. 115, p. 2590, 2166.

Niagara Fire Insurance Co.—Capital Increased.—The stockholders on Dec. 14 increased the authorized Capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. It is proposed to distribute the additional stock as a 50% stock dividend.—V. 115, p. 2486.

Nipissing Mines Co., Ltd.—Production, &c.—During November the company mined ore of an estimated net value of \$212,016 and shipped 252,034 fine ounces of silver of an estimated value of \$165,094. The value of the month's silver production was estimated at 6 1/4 cents per oz. Cobalt produced was 36,000 lbs.—V. 115, p. 2694, 2277.

Northern New York Telephone Corp.—New Name.—See Mountain Home Telephone Co. above.

Northwestern Yeast Co., Chicago.—Capital Increased.—The stockholders on Dec. 12 increased the authorized capital stock from \$3,000,000 (all outstanding) to \$6,000,000, par \$100. It is proposed to distribute the increase as a 100% stock dividend.—V. 115, p. 2486.

North Shore Gas Co.—Bonds Offered.—Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank and E. H. Rollins & Sons, Chicago, recently offered at 86 1/4 and int., to yield about 6.45%, \$320,000 1st Mtge. 5% Gold Bonds of 1912, due Feb. 1 1937. The bankers state:

Company owns and operates a complete gas generating plant and distributing system, serving a rapidly growing territory, including a large portion of the North Shore residential district suburban to Chicago. Among principal towns served are Winnetka, Glencoe, Highland Park, Fort Sheridan, Deerfield, Lake Forest, North Chicago and Waukegan. Total population of the district (estimated), 65,000. Manufacturing plants in Waukegan consist of one modern coal gas plant and also a water gas generating plant, having a combined capacity of over 3,000,000 cu. ft. of gas per day. Distributing system consists of over 252 miles of gas mains, to which, on Nov. 1 1922, 14,201 gas meters were connected.

Capitalization after this financing—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Common stock	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Preferred stock	1,000,000	1,000,000
1st Mortgage 5% bonds	5,000,000	2,150,000
Debenture 6%	1,000,000	400,000

Earnings 12 Months ended Sept. 30 1922.
Gross earnings, including miscellaneous income \$867,190
Net, after oper. exp., incl. maint. & taxes, but before deprec. 229,333
Annual interest on outstanding 1st Mtge. bonds 107,500

Balance ————— \$121,833
—V. 115, p. 2277.

Oakdale (R. I.) Worsted Co.—800% Stock Dividend.—The company has increased its capital stock from \$60,000 to \$540,000, the additional stock to be distributed in the form of an 800% stock dividend.

Ohio Copper Co. of Utah.—Operations—Outlook.—Pres. Chas. A. Kittle, Dec. 11, says in substance:

Mining and milling operations at property ceased in March 1919, owing to the decline in the price of copper; since that time until very recently the management has simply been conserving the property. Recently the management has been leaching out the copper values from the broken ground in the mine and recovering the copper by the precipitation method. In the mine there is an area of broken ground which had been saved from previous mining operations and which mining engineers estimate contains 37,000,000 tons of broken material with an average copper content of 6 lbs. per ton, or 222,000,000 lbs. of copper, which can be treated in place by the leaching process without the expense of moving the material. In addition, there is another portion of the property which can be prepared and put in similar shape for leaching and this new area should provide approximately 200,000,000 lbs., more of copper for treatment in a like manner.

On Aug. 24 1922 we started a small operation by pumping about 200 gallons of water per minute on the surface of our caved area; this water carrying the copper in solution coming in contact with the scrap iron sets up a chemical action which results in precipitating the copper and there is thereby recovered approximately 30% of the copper values. The product so recovered is known as "cement copper" and runs very high in copper, the last two shipments to the smelter assaying 89%.

It is calculated that beginning in January, with the larger plant partially operating, the operating profits should be at least \$10,000 monthly; this should materially increase as the plant is completely installed and becomes efficient, and it is predicted that by March the operations will show a profit of upwards of \$25,000 monthly based upon the present price for copper.—V. 109, p. 1076.

Ohio Fuel Supply Co.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of 2% in 1 1/4% Liberty bonds has been declared on the capital stock, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/2%, both payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 30. Like amounts were paid quarterly during the year 1922.—V. 115, p. 2694, 2590.

Pacific Development Corp.—Financing Plan.—The stockholders on Dec. 20 approved the financing plan for the Pacific Commercial Co., a subsidiary. Action on the financing of the other subsidiary, Anderson, Meyer & Co., Ltd., has been temporarily postponed. See V. 115, p. 2694.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Stock Dividend of 2%—Common Cash Dividend Increased.—

A stock dividend of 2% has been declared on the outstanding Common stock, payable in Common stock to holders of record Dec. 30 upon approval by the California RR. Commission.

A quarterly cash dividend of 1 1/4% has also been declared on the Common stock, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 30. This compares with dividends of 1 1/4% each paid quarterly from April 1919 to Oct. 1922, inclusive.—V. 115, p. 2389.

Pacific Mills, Lawrence, Mass.—Div.—Inc. Cap. Stock.—A 100% stock dividend has been declared on the Capital stock, payable to holders of record Dec. 27, to be disbursed as soon thereafter as possible. The stockholders on Dec. 22 increased the authorized Capital stock from \$20,000,000 (all outstanding) to \$40,000,000, par \$100.—V. 115, p. 2695.

Pan-American Petroleum & Transport Co.—To Increase Capital.—

The company has notified the New York Stock Exchange of a proposed increase in Common "B" stock by \$80,000,000 to \$150,000,000.

Pres. E. L. Doherty has announced that the company has concluded negotiations for the purchase of 120 acres of land in the new Smackover field of Arkansas and drilling has been started on the property. In addition the company has taken over an additional 150 acres which will serve as a tank farm for the oil as it is produced. The tank farm will consist of 22 storage tanks with a capacity of 80,000 bbls. each. Two tanks were on the field and were purchased by the company to be moved to this property. Contracts for the remaining 20 tanks have not yet been let, as many companies are bidding for the business, and it will take a few days before all bids can be examined.—V. 115, p. 2695, 2389.

Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Corp.—Capital Increased.—The stockholders on Dec. 21 increased the authorized Capital stock from \$7,500,000 to \$12,000,000, par \$50. No action has been taken by the directors on a proposal to declare a stock dividend.—V. 115, p. 2277, 1951.

Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co.—Deposits.—The total amount of J. P. Morgan & Co. and Drexel & Co. interchangeable certificates of deposit for Reading Co. and Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co. Gen. Mtge. 4% bonds listed on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange to Dec. 16 amounts to \$29,639,000.—V. 115, p. 2165.

Phoenix Hosiery Co., Milwaukee.—Transfer Agent.—The Central Union Trust Co. of N. Y. has been appointed transfer agent of the 175,000 shares of Common stock, par \$5, and the \$40,000 shares of Preferred stock, par \$100. For offering of Pref. stock, see V. 115, p. 2278.

Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co.—Bank Loans.—The company, it is stated, has paid off an additional \$750,000 of bank debts, bringing outstanding bank loans down to \$6,900,000.—V. 115, p. 2486, 2055.

Planters Realty Co., St. Louis, Mo.—Bonds Offered.—Whitaker & Co., St. Louis, and Wm. J. Ross & Co., Inc., Chicago, are offering at 100 and int. \$1,250,000 1st (Closed) Mortgage Serial 6 1/2% Gold bonds. The bankers state:

Dated Jan. 1 1923, due annually Jan. 1 1923 to Jan. 1 1939 (incl. Int. payable J. & J. at Boatmen's Bank, St. Louis, or First National Bank, Chicago, without deduction for normal Federal income taxes, not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (*). Liberty Central Trust Co., St. Louis, trustee. Red. all or part on 30 days' notice on any Int. date at par and int. and a premium equal to 1/8% for each year or part thereof prior to maturity, with limitation of maximum premium to 6%.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Issued.
1st Mtge. Serial 6 1/2%	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000
2d Mtge. 7% Convertible bonds	500,000	500,000
7% Cumulative Preferred stock	1,000,000	None
Common stock	1,000,000	1,000,000

Company.—Owns in fee the land and building thereon, known as the Planters Hotel property, in the financial and office building district of St. Louis. Bonds are secured by a closed 1st Mtge. on the above land and fireproof steel and iron frame 10-story and basement building thereon, now being converted into a first class office building.

Earnings.—The estimated net rental of this property, after deducting operating expenses, maintenance and taxes will exceed \$220,000, or over 2 1/2 times the annual interest charges on the maximum amount of bonds outstanding and over twice combined maximum annual interest and maturity charges. The interest charges are reduced each year by the serial payments. Principal and interest payments must be deposited monthly.

Pond Creek Coal Co.—Ford After Company.—Pres. T. B. Davies has authorized the following statement: "Because of the many rumors in the press, and in order that the stockholders may

be correctly informed as to what is transpiring, it can be said that the company is negotiating with representatives of Ford interests for the sale of the company's coal lands, mining plants and equipment, located in Pike County, Ky. Negotiations have been on but a very short time, and final decision will be arrived at before the close of the year.—V. 115, p. 2278, 1932.

Potomska Mills, New Bedford, Mass.—Stock Div., &c.—The stockholders will vote shortly on increasing the authorized Capital stock from \$1,200,000 (all outstanding) to \$1,800,000, par \$100, the new stock to be distributed as a 50% stock dividend. See also V. 115, p. 2695.

Prairie Pipe Line Co.—200% Stock Dividend—Capital Increased.—The directors have declared a 200% stock dividend, payable to holders of record Dec. 27, and a quarterly cash dividend of \$2 per share on the new capital, payable Jan. 31 to holders of record Dec. 27. Quarterly dividends of 3% were made on the old capital.

The stockholders on Dec. 20 increased the authorized capital stock from \$27,000,000 to \$81,000,000, par \$100.

Shipments of crude oil in October amounted to 5,838,017 barrels, against 5,721,142 barrels in September.—V. 115, p. 2487, 1930.

Preferred Accident Insurance Co. of N. Y.—Increase. The stockholders on Dec. 13 increased the Capital stock from \$700,000 to \$1,400,000, par \$100. The increase will be distributed as a 100% stock dividend to stockholders of record Dec. 13.—V. 115, p. 2479.

Princeton (Ind.) Telephone Co.—Merger.—The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to purchase the properties of the Oakland City Telephone Co. and the Indiana Bell Telephone Co.

Producers & Refiners Corp.—To Increase Capital.—The New York Stock Exchange has received notice from the company of a proposed increase in the common stock from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000.—V. 115, p. 2695.

Provincial Paper Mills, Ltd.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of 1% has been declared on the Common stock along with the regular div. of 1 1/4%, both payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 15. Extra dividends of 1% each were paid in Oct. 1920 and in Jan. and April 1921.—V. 114, p. 2725.

Putnam's Sons, N. Y. City.—Capital Increased.—The stockholders on Dec. 18 increased the authorized capital stock from \$200,000 to \$500,000, par \$100. The increase will be distributed in the form of a 150% stock dividend.—V. 115, p. 2591.

Quissett Mill of New Bedford.—Stock Increased.—The stockholders on Dec. 20 increased the authorized Common stock from \$1,250,000 (all outstanding) to \$2,000,000, par \$100. The new stock to be distributed as a 60% stock dividend.—V. 115, p. 2591, 1641.

Remington Arms Co., Inc.—Listing—Earnings.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$8,500,000 1st Mtge. 6% gold bonds, Series "A," due May 1 1937.

Consolidated Income Account Nine Months ending Sept. 30 1922.
Sales—Less returns and allowances and cash discounts, \$11,471,170; less cost of sales incl. deprec. on plant & equip., \$8,358,612; gross earnings from operations.....\$3,112,558
Less selling and general administrative expenses.....1,666,175

Net oper. profit before reduction of inventory to market value, &c., extraordinary items.....\$1,446,382
Other income: Int. received, \$109,872; miscell., \$57,174.....167,047

Gross income.....\$1,613,430
Deduct—Factory idleness and shut-down expense, \$287,715; int., \$255,143; franchise taxes, foreign exchange & miscell., \$344,379 887,238
Estimated Federal income tax, Jan. 1 1922 to Sept. 30 '22 (12 1/4%) 90,774

Net profit after estimated income taxes.....\$635,418
x Divided as follows: Equity of Remington Arms Co., Inc., \$632,888; equity of minority interest in earnings of sub. corporation, \$2,529.
Note.—Earnings of Remington Arms U. M. Co., Ltd. (British company), are included up to Aug. 31 1922 only at current rate of exchange.—V. 115, p. 1217.

Remington Typewriter Co.—To Pay Bonds.—The \$87,500 balance of the \$50,000 6% bonds, Series of 1923; due Jan. 1, will be paid off at the office of Columbia Trust Co., New York. Walter J. Pickering has been elected Vice-President and Director of Sales, succeeding Francis E. Van Buskirk.—V. 115, p. 2390, 2278.

Rockville Willimantic Lighting Co.—To Pay Bonds.—The \$300,000 Willimantic Gas & Electric Co. 5s, due Jan. 1 1923, will be paid off at office of Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co. In connection with this payment the company has issued \$675,000 1st Ref. Mtge. 7s, dated Dec. 1 1921 and due Dec. 1 1971, which will also be used to retire \$300,000 debentures due Jan. 1. H. E. Warren & Co., New Haven, Conn., offered \$250,000 of these bonds in Dec. 1921. See V. 114, p. 1188.

(John A.) Roebling's Sons Co.—Stock Dividend, &c.—The stockholders on Dec. 4 increased the authorized Capital stock from \$15,000,000 (par \$100) to \$34,500,000. The stockholders also approved a recommendation of the directors for the declaration, out of the surplus of the company existing on Feb. 28, 1913, of a stock dividend of 195,000 shares of stock of this company, such dividend to be delivered to the stockholders so that each stockholder will receive 1 3/16th of a share of the new stock for each 1 share of stock held.—V. 115, p. 2592.

Roxbury Carpet Co., Boston.—100% Stock Dividend.—A 100% stock dividend has been declared on the outstanding \$1,000,000 Common stock, payable in Preferred stock.

St. Louis Bridge Co.—Stock Offered.—Joseph Walker & Sons are offering, at \$56 flat, a block of \$200,000 2d Pref. 3% stock, par \$100.

Dividends guaranteed by endorsement by Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis, which is composed of 15 important trunk lines owning 25% of total railroad mileage of United States.

Saco-Lowell Shops, Boston.—50% Stock Dividend.—The stockholders will vote Dec. 28 on increasing the Capital stock by authorizing an issue of \$2,643,000 new 2d Pref. stock. If the increase is authorized it is the intention to distribute the same in the form of a 50% stock dividend on the outstanding \$5,287,500 Common stock, par \$100. The company also has outstanding \$1,250,000 Pref. stock, par \$100.—V. 114, p. 745.

Sanford (Me.) Mills.—Capital Increase—Stock Dividend. The stockholders will vote Dec. 27 on increasing the authorized Common stock from \$2,500,000 to \$7,500,000, par \$100. If the increase is authorized it is the intention to declare a 200% stock dividend. The company also has an authorized issue of \$5,000,000 Preferred stock.

Sargent & Co., New Haven, Conn.—Capital Increased. The company has increased its authorized capital stock from \$325,000 to \$6,500,000, to consist of 208,000 shares of Common stock, par \$100, and 13,000 shares of 7% Cumul. Preferred stock, par \$100.

Saxon Motor Car Co.—Receivership.—David C. Bayne has been appointed receiver. Company has an authorized Common stock of 400,000 shares of no par value and an authorized issue of \$1,500,000 8% Preferred stock. The petition for the receivership was brought by three small creditors with aggregate claims of \$3,433. They claimed that the company committed an act of bankruptcy by paying certain creditors. Compare V. 115, p. 1331, 2592.

Scranton Gas & Water Co.—To Pay Bonds.—The \$1,000,000 5% bonds due Jan. 1 will be paid off at office of Lackawanna Trust Co., Scranton, Pa.—V. 115, p. 1641.

Schulte Retail Stores Corp.—Stock Increased.—The company has increased the authorized Preferred stock from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000, par \$100. None of the stock is to be issued at present, but will be held in the treasury for future requirements. The company also has an authorized issue of 300,000 shares of Common stock, no par value.

The subsidiary companies, all of whose stock is owned by the Schulte Retail Stores Corp., have made changes in their authorized capitalization as follows:

- (1) D. A. Schulte, Inc., increased from \$3,500,000 to \$9,500,000.
- (2) Schulte Realty Co., Manhattan, increased from \$200,000 to \$1,200,000.—V. 115, p. 2695, 2390.

Schuster Woolen Co., Boston.—200% Stock Dividend.—The company has increased its Capital stock from \$200,000 to \$600,000 by payment of a 200% stock dividend to holders of record Dec. 12.

Scranton (Pa.) Gas & Water Co.—100% Stock Div.—The directors have declared a 100% stock dividend on the outstanding \$4,000,000 Capital stock, payable immediately to holders of record Dec. 20. The authorized Capital stock was recently increased to \$10,000,000.—V. 115, p. 1641.

Sharpville (Pa.) Boiler Works Co.—Bonds Offered.—The Pritchard-Jones Co., Cleveland, is offering at 99 1/4 and int. \$100,000 1st Mtge. 15-Year Sinking Fund 7 1/4% gold bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1922, due Oct. 1 1937, but redeemable all or in part on Oct. 1 1927 at \$105 and int. Sinking fund payable annually provides for the redemption by lot of not less than \$10,000 of bonds annually, the first retirement to take place on Oct. 1 1928 at \$104 1/2 and int., thereafter at rate of 1/4 of 1% less per ann. Union Trust Co., Cleveland, trustee. Grover H. Hull, Cleveland, co-trustee.

Purpose.—To provide funds for the retirement of bank loans and to increase working capital.

Company.—Original business established about 1860. In 1907 was incorporated in Pennsylvania. Company was reorganized in 1915. Specialty is storage tanks for oil, gasoline, benzine, naphtha and similar liquids. Is also equipped to build and manufacture vertical oil storage tanks up to 80,000 barrels capacity, molasses tanks, paint and varnish tanks, smoke stacks, stand pipes, &c.

Earnings.—For past 6 1/2 years ending June 30 1922 profits before taxes and depreciation were \$171,176, or an annual average of \$26,335, which is 3 1/2 times interest on the above issue.

Simmons Co., Kenosha, Wis.—100% Stock Dividend.—The directors have declared a 100% stock dividend on the outstanding Common stock, no par value, payable to stockholders of record Nov. 30.—V. 114, p. 2587.

Simplex Automobile Co.—Sale.—See Crane-Simplex Co. above.—V. 113, p. 633.

Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Co.—New Officer.—Henry L. Phillips, formerly Vice-President, has been elected President, succeeding Geor. H. Taber Jr.—V. 115, p. 316.

Singer Mfg. Co.—Dividend Increased.—A quarterly cash dividend of \$1.75 per share has been declared on the outstanding Capital stock, payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 15. This compares with quarterly dividends of \$1.25 per share paid in March, June and September last.

The company announces that the stock distribution will not be made at this time and that it has been postponed indefinitely. See also V. 115, p. 2592, 2167.

Solvay (N. Y.) Process Co.—Purchase.—Cincinnati dispatches state that the company has purchased the P. W. Drackett Corp. of Pittsburgh.—V. 114, p. 637.

Southern Canada Power Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.—Combined Operating Statement (Incl. Subs.) for Years ending Sept. 30. (After eliminating all inter-company charges.)

	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.	1918-19.
Gross earnings (incl. oth. inc)	\$843,565	\$753,959	\$689,742	\$573,073
Purchased power	53,406	78,685	77,901	93,941
Operation	216,075	215,067	271,761	204,850
Taxes	24,547	15,752	15,613	10,989
Maint. (incl. in op. '19-20)	59,634	65,405	—	—
Bad debts	985	429	692	1,114
Interest	306,847	287,886	252,118	204,115
Surplus for the year	\$150,069	\$90,735	\$71,657	\$58,064
Previous surplus	335,353	265,898	207,268	149,204
Total	\$485,422	\$356,633	\$278,925	\$207,268
Preferred divs. paid	19,911	18,280	15,027	—
Depreciation reserve	410,000	—	—	—
Surplus	\$55,511	\$338,353	\$265,898	\$207,268

—V. 115, p. 656.

Sperry & Hutchinson Co.—New Control.—George B. Caldwell, President, has announced his retirement from that business, effective Jan. 1 1923. The business has been bought by Edwin J. Beinecke and his brothers, who will take up the active direction of the company on Mr. Caldwell's retirement.

The T. A. Sperry estate sold its 51% interest in the company in May last and is no longer interested in the organization.—V. 102, p. 3 50.

Spring Valley Water Co.—New Financing.—The San Francisco "Chronicle" says: The bond issue, which is to be brought out by a banking syndicate headed by the Mercantile Trust Co., will consist of \$22,000,000 Ref. 1st Mtge. 20-Year 5% bonds. The new issue will be part of a total authorized issue of \$40,000,000, the balance to be retained in the company's treasury for future betterments and improvements. It is understood that the issue will be so framed as to cover all eventualities, including the possibility of a sale of the Spring Valley properties to the city.—V. 114, p. 1774.

Standard Gas & Electric Co.—Rights.—The directors have authorized the issuance and sale of an additional \$2,450,000 8% Cumulative Preferred stock, par \$50.

Each share of Preferred and Common stock is given the right to purchase 10-100 shares of the additional Preferred stock at par. The right to subscribe expires Jan. 31 1923. Both Preferred and Common stock is listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange.

Company has converted all of its short-term indebtedness into long-term obligations, and is in excellent financial condition.

According to President H. M. Bylesby, a preliminary earnings statement for 1922 will be issued soon and will show the largest earnings in the company's history and a substantial increase over the preceding year. The company is a holding company which performs financing, engineering and operating services for utility properties serving 600 communities with 2,300,000 population in 16 States. During the 12 months ended Oct. 31 1922 the operated utilities had gross earnings aggregating \$36,728,524 and net earnings amounting to \$13,464,475. These figures represent an increase of \$1,961,040 in gross and \$1,498,855 in net, the latter being a gain of 12.5% compared with the previous 12 months.—V. 115, p. 1932.

Standard Oil Co. (Calif.)—Listing, &c.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after Dec. 30, of \$102,240,936 additional Capital stock, par \$25, on official notice of issuance as a 100% stock dividend, payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 9.

The statement to the New York Stock Exchange says in substance: During 1921 company surrendered leases covering 8,274 acres in California and 8,084 acres in Washington. Company has acquired and developed very valuable holdings in the Huntington Beach and Santa Fe Springs Fields in Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

California Co.—Incorp. Oct. 6 1921 in Montana. Capital authorized \$500,000, outstanding \$100,000 (par \$100), all owned by Standard Oil

Co. (California). Company holds under lease, in fee, or by permit, 87,199 acres in Montana and Texas and owns an undivided one-half interest in 24,782 acres in Montana held under lease and prospecting permit. Company is engaged in prospecting and developing the above lands, but has not as yet obtained commercial production.

Richmond Petroleum.—Incorp. in Nevada March 25 1918. Company holds under lease approximately 15,158 acres of land in the Island of Luzon, Philippine Islands, on which two wells are now drilling. Capital authorized \$500,000, outstanding \$1,400 (par \$100), all owned by Standard Oil Co. (California). This company was organized for and is engaged in prospecting oil fields in Alaska.

The Standard Oil Co. is also further engaged in efforts outside of the Continental limits of the United States, and is developing in other countries through subsidiary corporations being formed for the purpose, the following properties: Mexico, 67,000 acres; Argentina, 75% interest in approximately 8,000 acres; Ecuador, 24,000 acres, and in Colombia, through a 51% voting interest in the following company:

Latin America Petroleum Corp.—Incorp. in New Jersey Jan. 16 1920. Capital stock \$25,000,000, outstanding \$21,000,000 (par \$10). Holds through its subsidiary, Latin America Petroleum Corp. of Colombia, approximately 600,000 acres in the Carmen and San Jacinto Districts of Colombia, on which two wells are drilling.—V. 115, p. 2592.

Standard Oil Co., Ky.—Stock Increased—66 2-3% Stock Dividend Declared.—The stockholders on Dec. 21 increased the Capital stock from \$12,000,000 to \$17,500,000. The directors have declared a stock dividend of 66 2-3%, payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 15. Compare V. 115, p. 2488.

Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.—Sub. Co. Stock.—The Bedford Petroleum Co., the French subsidiary, has increased its capital stock from 10,000,000 francs to 20,000,000 francs.—V. 115, p. 2695, 2391.

Standard Textile Products Co.—New Officers.—Alvin P. Hunsicker, formerly Vice-President and General Manager, has been elected President, succeeding H. M. Garlick. J. F. Broadbent has been elected Vice-President and General Manager, succeeding Mr. Hunsicker. Mr. Garlick will continue as Chairman of the executive committee.—V. 115, p. 2168.

Sterling Products Co.—Rights—Increased Div., &c.—The stockholders having approved the issuance of 100,547 additional no par value shares, the directors have decided to offer the stock to holders of record Dec. 29 at \$50 a share on basis of one new for each five shares held. The stock will be issued Jan. 15 1923 but will not participate in the quarterly dividend to be paid Feb. 1 1923. The proceeds of the sale of this stock will be used to purchase the business of Chas. H. Phillips Chemical Co., Inc.

A quarterly dividend of \$1 per share has been declared on the Capital stock, no par value, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 12. This compares with quarterly dividends of 75 cents per share paid in Aug. and Nov. last and an initial dividend of 62½ cents per share paid in May last. An extra of 75 cents per share was also paid Dec. 22.—V. 115, p. 2592, 2391.

Sterling Salt Co., N. Y.—Capital Increased.—Stock Div.—The stockholders on Dec. 20 increased the authorized capital stock from \$2,200,000 to \$3,300,000, par \$100. Of the increase, \$550,000 will be distributed as a 25% stock dividend to holders of record Dec. 22.—V. 115, p. 2592.

Studebaker Corporation.—Production—Construction.—A published statement pronounced correct for the "Chronicle," says: "During the year to end Dec. 31 the corporation will produce 110,000 cars, which will represent a 65% increase over 1921. Notwithstanding this gain in 1922 the company fell short of meeting the demand for its cars. Arrangements have been made which call for materially expanding the productive capacity in 1923, during which, it is expected, 150,000 cars will be produced.

"The plans involved the erection of 7 additional factory units, of which 5 are to be located at South Bend and 2 at Detroit. When completed in March 1923 these buildings will add over 1,000,000 sq. ft. of floor space, bringing the total manufacturing floor space of all plants to 6,750,000 sq. ft. and the cost to \$41,000,000."—V. 115, p. 2696, 2592.

Submarine Boat Corp.—Settlement With U. S. Govt.—Following the assignment of a claim for \$5,000,000 held by U. S. Shipping Board against the Submarine Boat Corp. to the Navy Department, Secretary Denby and President H. R. Carso of Submarine Boat, have signed an agreement whereby the Navy Department receives \$3,000,000 in cash and \$2,000,000 in credits on construction work to be done on submarines previously contracted for. The \$2,000,000 is to be liquidated with interest at 4½% by the Electric Boat Co., a subsidiary, for work done on submarines S-18 and S-47.—V. 114, p. 2833, 2126.

Sunshine State Oil & Refining Co.—Guaranty.—See La Salle Tank Car Corporation above.—V. 112, p. 1985.

Superior Copper Co., Boston.—Dividends Resumed.—A dividend of \$2 per share has been declared on the outstanding \$2,500,000 Capital stock, par \$25, payable Dec. 29 to holders of record Dec. 19. An initial dividend of \$1 per share was paid in Oct. 1916 and a like amount in April 1917; none since.—V. 113, p. 1162.

Taber Mill, New Bedford, Mass.—33 1-3% Stock Div.—A 33 1-3% stock dividend has been declared on the outstanding \$1,200,000 Capital stock, par \$100.

Tamarack & Guster Consol. Mining Co.—Stock Div.—The stockholders on Dec. 18 increased the capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000, par \$1. The directors have declared a stock dividend of 166%, payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 28.

Texas Company.—New Officer.—C. E. Herrmann, Asst. to the President, has been elected a Vice-President and director.—V. 115, p. 2391, 1642.

Times Printing Co. & Times Investment Co.—Notes.—All of the outstanding 7% gold notes, due 1921-1930, have been called for redemption on Jan. 1 1923 at 102 and int. Payment will be made at the offices of Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., 405 Hoge Building, Seattle, Wash.

Travelers Insurance Co. (Hartford).—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of 16% has been declared on the outstanding Capital stock, par \$100, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 4%.—V. 114, p. 630.

Truscon Steel Co., Youngstown, O.—Earnings.—Net operating profits for the calendar year 1922 are estimated at \$1,000,000, equivalent, after charges and preferred dividends, to approximately 25% of the Common stock. Earnings for the last 6 months of 1922, it is stated, are equivalent to an annual rate of 40% on the Common stock.—V. 115, p. 2696, 1642.

Union Cotton Mfg. Co.—Stock Dividend, &c.—The stockholders will vote Dec. 28 on increasing the authorized Capital stock from \$1,200,000 to \$1,800,000, par \$100. If the increase is authorized, it is the intention to declare a 50% stock dividend.—V. 114, p. 418.

Union Ferry Co.—City Operation.—The Atlantic and Hamilton Avenue Ferry lines of the company were taken over by N. Y. City Dec. 17. The company sold 9 boats to the city for \$350,000, the price the Department of Plants and Structures set 8 months ago.—V. 114, p. 1543.

Union Natural Gas Corp.—Listing—Earnings, &c.—The Pittsburgh Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 688,800 shares of Capital stock (par \$25). In April 1913 the capital stock was increased from \$9,000,000 to \$10,000,000; the increase of \$1,000,000 was sold at par for cash and proceeds used for additions and extensions to the plants of various subsidiary companies. In April 1917, 1,600 shares (\$160,000) of the stock were turned back to the Corporation in liquidation of an account, the stock was canceled, leaving the outstanding capital stock at that time \$9,840,000.

On Nov. 28 1922 the authorized capital stock was increased from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000, and the par value changed from \$100 to \$25 per share. A stock dividend of 75% was declared, payable to stockholders of record Dec. 15 1922, on Dec. 30, making the outstanding capital stock 688,800 shares, par \$25, or \$17,220,000.

Corporation owns the entire capital stock, except directors' qualifying shares, of Athens Gas Light & Electric Co., Bellevue Gas Co., Buckeye Gas Co., Citizens Gas & Electric Co., Citizens Gas Light & Coke Co., Fremont Gas, Electric Light & Power Co., Logan Natural Gas & Fuel Co., Manufacturers Gas Co., Marion Gas Co., Newark Natural Gas & Fuel Co., and Preston Oil Co. Also owns \$1,999,600 of the \$4,000,000 outstanding capital stock of the Reserve Gas Co. of West Virginia, and \$487,300 of the \$975,000 outstanding capital stock of Connecting Gas Co. of Ohio.

Consolidated Statement of Earnings, Nine Months Ending Sept. 30 1922.

Operating Revenue—	Net operating revenue	\$1,198,229
Gasoline	Dividends, interest, &c., receivable	271,080
Oil		
Miscellaneous	Gross income	\$1,469,309
	Deduct interest	71,748
Total oper. revenue	Profit and loss debit ad-	
Operating Expenses—	Justments	74,416
Gas purch., op. exp., &c.	Dividends declared	738,000
Taxes		
Depreciation	Net surplus for period	\$585,147
Total oper. expenses		

—V. 115, p. 2488.

Union Tank Car Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$6,000,000 additional Common stock, par \$100, on official notice of issuance of a 50% stock dividend, payable Dec. 28 to holders of record Dec. 22, making the total amount applied for \$18,000,000.—V. 115, p. 2696, 2593.

United Engineering & Foundry Co.—50% Stock Div.—A 50% stock dividend has been declared on the outstanding \$4,617,700 Common stock, par \$100, payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 23.—V. 112, p. 1985.

United Electric Coal Co.—Bond Redemption.—All of the outstanding 1st Mtge. 5-Year 8% Sinking Fund gold bonds dated July 1 1921 have been called for redemption Jan. 15 1923 at 110 and int., at the Lawyers Title & Trust Co., 160 Broadway, N. Y. City.

United Fruit Co.—Consolidates Subsidiary Companies.—The subsidiary companies owning American-flag liners and incorporated in New York have been dissolved. All the ships will be brought under the ownership of a single Delaware corporation, the United Fruit Steamship Corp. (incorporated in Delaware Dec. 14 with an authorized capital of \$250,000), similar to the Fruit Steamship Co., Ltd., which owns the company's registry vessels.—V. 115, p. 2696.

United Fuel Gas Co.—Bonds Called.—All of the outstanding \$2,000,000 Secured 7½% gold bonds, dated Aug. 15 1921, have been called for redemption Feb. 15 1923 at 107½.—V. 114, p. 2726.

United Gas & Fuel Co., Hamilton, Ont.—Bonds.—A syndicate consisting of Powell, Garard & Co., Central Trust Co. of Illinois and A. C. Allyn & Co. are offering at 99 and int. \$1,880,000 1st Mtge. 6% bonds.—V. 113, p. 544.

United Illuminating Co.—Rights.—The stockholders of record Dec. 20 are given the right to subscribe to 9,805 shares of increased capital stock at par (\$100) at the rate of one new share for every seven now held. The right to subscribe will expire Jan. 20.—V. 112, p. 2545.

United Oil Producers' Corp.—Bond Interest Fund.—The company announces that interest fund deposits on its 8% guaranteed and participating production bonds for December will be at the increased price of \$1 80 per bbl. This recent increase in the price of United Oil Producers' production, it is stated, should make the current six months' coupon, payable Jan. 25 1923, worth about \$8, against the \$4 guaranteed.—V. 115, p. 2280.

U. S. High Speed Steel & Tube Corp.—Receivership.—Federal Judge Mack on Dec. 11 appointed H. Miles Nims and Albert S. Bard receivers.—V. 115, p. 2593.

United States Steel Corp.—Statement on Dividend.—Rumors that the corporation was ready to declare a stock dividend or an extra cash dividend were denied Dec. 18 by Judge E. H. Gary, Chairman of the Board, who said that the matter had not been discussed or considered. He added:

"It is well known that it is not the policy of the Steel Corporation to commit itself in advance of what it will or will not do in the future. Action, of course, depends upon conditions and circumstances at the time it is taken. "Concerning the rumors that the corporation intends to declare a stock dividend or an extra cash dividend I have only this to say: The subject has not been discussed or considered by the board of directors, by the financial committee, or by any of the officials, so far as I know." William R. Walker, assistant to the President, died Dec. 21.—V. 115, p. 2696, 2169.

United States Trucking Corp.—Resignation.—Governor-elect A. E. Smith has resigned as Chairman of the board.—V. 112, p. 2545.

Utah Steel Corp., Salt Lake City.—Receiver.—This corporation, which in Sept. 1921 listed its total assets as \$2,070,898, of which \$1,704,403 was fixed assets and balance cash, accounts receivable and inventories, is in the hands of a receiver. ("Iron Age.")—V. 113, p. 1584, 1781.

Van Raalte Co., Inc.—New Director.—Sidney J. Weinburg of Goldman, Sachs & Co. has been elected a director.—V. 115, p. 2058, 1954.

(G. W.) Van Slyke & Horton.—Bonds Sold.—Redmond & Co. and New York State National Bank announce the sale of all of the \$750,000 15-Year 7% Sinking Fund gold bonds (see offering in V. 115, p. 2697). A circular describing the bonds shows:

Scales and Earnings Calendar Years.			
	1916.	1918.	1919.
Net sales	\$876,997	\$1,309,031	\$1,880,354
x Net earnings	102,966	896,875	\$268,066
			\$286,842
			\$412,000
After depreciation and before Federal taxes.			
Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1922 (After This Financing).			
Assets.		Liabilities.	
Cash	\$371,805	Current liabilities	\$366,076
Receivable, less reserve	411,764	Res. for 1922 Fed. taxes	37,500
Inventories	880,302	15-Yr. 7% bonds	750,000
Due from employees	34,173	Prof. 6% cum. stock	60,000
Prepaid expenses	115,678	Common Class A' stock	455,000
Land, bldgs, &c., less dep.	460,723	Surplus, Sept. 30	615,870
Good-will, copyrights and brands	10,000	Total (each side)	\$2,284,445

—V. 115, p. 2697.

Victor Talking Machine Co.—Dividend Increased.—A dividend of 2% has been declared on the outstanding \$35,000,000 Common stock, par \$100, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 30. This is equivalent to 14% on the old \$5,000,000 Common stock, which was outstanding prior to the payment of the 600% stock dividend. Quarterly dividends of 10% were paid on the old \$5,000,000 Common stock from July 1921 to Oct. 1922, incl. See also V. 115, p. 2488, 2058.

Virginia Bridge & Iron Co.—Capital Increased.—The company has increased its authorized capital stock from \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000, par \$100.—V. 114, p. 1900.

(H. J.) Walker Co., Cleveland.—Receivership.—Joseph C. Hostetter has been appointed receiver for this company. The company is closely allied with the Grant Motor Co., which was recently

placed in the hands of the same receiver (V. 115, p. 1948). Efforts to refinance both companies were made in Sept. last.

The directors of the company at that time, owing to the "prospects for a large volume of business," requested the stockholders to buy 75,000 shares of no par value Common stock at \$5 a share in order to provide sufficient working capital and to prevent liquidation of the company's assets by creditors and bondholders. They also stated that the great majority of the creditors had agreed to accept Preferred stock in payment of their claims.

Concurrently, officers of the Grant company stated that their stockholders apparently did not view unfavorably the proposal to issue \$750,000 10-Year 7% 1st Mtge. profit sharing bonds to raise working capital for the business. These bonds would be offered stockholders in denominations ranging from \$25 to \$1,000.

On Mar. 24 last a plan of refinancing of the Walker Co. was announced, but it was abandoned. This plan provided for the issuance of \$600,000 7% 1st Mtge. bonds, due in 1932, in exchange for the outstanding 8% bonds in the same sum, due in 1925; and for an issue of \$350,000 7% Pref. stock to take up creditors' claims.

H. J. Walker Co. has outstanding 100,000 shares (no par value) Common stock and \$600,000 1st Mtge. 8% Sinking Fund bonds.

Grant Motor has outstanding \$1,043,550 7% Cumul. Pref. stock (par \$100), 325,000 shares (par \$10) Common stock, and \$400,000 8% Serial Notes.

Wamsutta Mills, New Bedford.—To Increase Stock—50% Stock Dividend Proposed—Earnings—Balance Sheet.—

The stockholders will vote Dec. 26 on increasing the authorized Capital stock from \$4,000,000 to \$6,000,000, par \$100, the increase to be issued as a 50% stock dividend pro rata to stockholders of record Dec. 14.

Income Account Years Ended Oct. 1 1922.

	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.
Gross income	\$5,922,944	\$3,465,396	\$14,234,518
Expense of operation and deprecia'n.	5,421,999	3,918,236	12,470,024
Operating gain	\$500,945	def\$452,840	\$1,764,494
Inventory reductions		1,197,204	
Dividends	320,000	320,000	580,000
Additional Federal taxes 1913-1920	116,392		
Balance	\$64,553	def\$1970,044	x\$1,204,494
x Before deducting reserve for taxes.			

Balance Sheet Oct. 1.

1922.		1921.		1922.		1921.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Land, bldgs. & mach.	4,554,368	3,203,331	Capital stock	4,000,000	4,000,000		
Mdse., mat's & stock			Notes & acc'ts pay.	2,746,744	2,031,563		
in process	3,360,479	3,785,878	Depreciation	1,263,048	1,071,407		
Cash & acc'ts receiv.	1,184,915	1,254,305	Profit and loss	1,089,970	1,140,544		
Total	9,099,762	8,243,514	Total	9,099,762	8,243,514		

—V. 115, p. 2593.

Wanskuck Co., Providence, R. I.—Stock Div., &c.—

The stockholders on Dec. 15 increased the authorized Capital stock from \$500,000 to \$5,000,000. The additional \$7,500,000 stock, it is stated, is to be distributed as a 1,500% stock dividend.

Wells Fargo Co.—Recapitalization.—

The directors have voted to call a meeting of the stockholders in order to effect a reduction of the capital stock from \$24,000,000 to \$12,000,000 by reducing the par value of each share from \$100 to \$50. It is the intention of the directors, if the stockholders vote in favor of the proposition to later make a distribution in cash of capital assets of the company equal to \$50 for each share of stock.—V. 115, p. 2280, 1642.

Western Felt Works, Chicago.—Stock Increase, &c.—

The company has increased its authorized Capital stock from \$2,000,000 (\$1,500,000 outstanding) to \$3,000,000, par \$100, and has declared a 100% stock dividend.

Westinghouse Air Brake Co.—Quarterly Dividend Increased to 3½%—To Increase Stock—35% Stock Dividend Proposed.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 3½% on the outstanding \$29,165,840 Capital stock, par \$50, payable Jan. 31 to holders of record Dec. 30. The company in April, July and October last paid quarterly dividends of 2% each.

The stockholders will vote in March on increasing the authorized Capital stock from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000. If the increase is authorized, it is the intention to declare a 35% stock dividend.—V. 114, p. 1794.

White Eagle Oil & Refining Co.—Listing—Earnings, &c.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after Dec. 26 of 80,000 additional shares of Capital stock, no par value, on official notice of issuance as a 25% stock dividend, payable Dec. 26 to holders of record Dec. 22, making the total amount applied for 400,000 shares Capital stock, no par value.

Net income, before deducting reserves for depreciation, depletion and Federal income taxes for November last, amounted to \$290,882, compared with \$141,222 for the corresponding month of 1921. Net income for the 11 months ended Nov. 30 1922 is reported at \$3,159,299, compared with \$1,604,722 in 1921, an increase of 96%.

W. B. Price, foreign representative of the Export Oil Corp., has signed a contract to represent the White Eagle Co. in foreign territory, with headquarters at Cas.

The corporation has just completed an export station at New Orleans, with a storage capacity of 115,000 barrels of gasoline and kerosene and which is located on deep water there. Supplies for export will be drawn from the corporations' Fort Worth refinery. Preliminary bookings have been arranged and will go forward within a short time. All shipments will be in bulk and in cargo lots.—V. 115, p. 2593, 2489.

Whitman Mills Corp., New Bedford.—Stock Increased.—

The stockholders on Dec. 14 increased the authorized capital stock from \$2,000,000 (all outstanding) to \$3,000,000, par \$100. It is proposed to distribute the increase as a 50% stock dividend.—V. 115, p. 2593.

Willcox & Gibbs Sewing Machine Co., N. Y.—Increase.

The stockholders on Dec. 16 increased the authorized capital stock, par \$50, from \$500,000 (all outstanding) to \$1,500,000. The directors, it is understood, will distribute the increased capital in the form of a 200% stock dividend.—V. 115, p. 2593.

Willys-Overland Co.—Settlement.—

Federal Judge Killits at Toledo has signed an order directing the company to pay the Willys Corp. \$10,000. This winds up the litigation between the two companies. The claims against the company by the Willys Corp. were originally \$169,000, while Willys-Overland claimed \$189,000 was due from the Willys Corp.—V. 115, p. 2169, 1742.

Wolff Manufacturing Corp., Chicago.—Bonds Offered.

—S. W. Straus & Co. are offering \$2,000,000 1st Mtge. 6½% bonds at par and int.

The bonds mature serially from 1924 to 1938 and are secured by the realty assets and equipment of the issuing company, which manufactures high grade plumbing and has property and a large plant at Hoyne and Carroll Aves., Chicago. The corporation's business for the coming year is estimated at from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000, with estimated net earnings of more than \$800,000. This is more than 6 times maximum interest charges on these bonds. Net assets of the corporation are \$6,010,987, or more than three times the amount of this issue.—V. 115, p. 1742.

Worcester Salt Co.—Capital Increase, &c.—

The stockholders on Dec. 19 increased the capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. The additional \$1,000,000 will be distributed in the form of a 100% stock dividend on Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 30.—V. 115, p. 2489.

Yellow Taxi Corp.—Capital Readjustment.—

The company has announced the details of its plan of recapitalization whereby it will retire the 5,500 shares of Preferred stock now outstanding at \$110 a share. The Common stock, of which there are now 10,500 shares, will be increased to 100,000 shares of no par value. The present holders of Common stock may exchange their holdings for the new issue share for share.

A block of the new stock will be distributed on the New York Curb Market by Block, Maloney & Co. at \$55 a share. The proceeds of the sale of this stock will approximate \$2,500,000, and of this part will be used to retire the Preferred stock and the remainder to purchase 500 additional cabs. At the same time the company will construct five new garages in addition to the five already in operation.

Employees of the company will be given the opportunity to subscribe for from one to five shares, to be paid for over a period of two years.—V. 115, p. 1544.

Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.—Acquisition of Brier Hill Steel Co.—Increased Dividend.—

According to Youngstown, O., dispatches of Dec. 20, the directors of the Brier Hill Steel Co. have recommended to stockholders the sale of the property to the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. on the basis of 4 shares of Brier Hill Common for one share of Tube Common.

Brier Hill Preferred will either be retired at 105 or exchanged for Youngstown Sheet & Tube Preferred. In the latter event an increase in the Sheet & Tube Pref. authorization will be necessary.

The Tube company has 200,000 shares of treasury Common stock. This will cover exchange requirements, as there are but 750,000 shares of Brier Hill Common outstanding. The Tube company is also to assume Brier Hill's bonded and Preferred obligations.

The directors of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. have already approved the combination.

The company has declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the Common stock and the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the Preferred stock, both payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 20. In Oct. last a dividend of 75 cents per share was paid on the Common stock.—V. 115, p. 1544, 1333.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—A representative of W. J. Wollman & Co., who has just returned to New York after thoroughly covering the cotton growing sections east of the Mississippi River and much of the State of Mississippi, says this year's crop has been practically ginned and passed from the hands of the growers. He believes it impossible for this season's yield to exceed Government estimate and improbable that it will equal it. Demand from spinners has not been active, but with anything like normal buying, this year's inadequate supply would be keenly felt before a new crop can be in evidence. Preparation for the new crop is scarcely under way as yet, but it is predicted that a material increase in acreage will be planted for the next year.

—"Municipal Bonds" is the title of a new book by Fraser Brown, lecturer on Finance in the School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance of the New York University, which deals with the principles of law and custom governing the issue of American municipal bonds. Illustrations are also given from the statutes of various States. The work should be of especial interest to public officials responsible for bond issues, besides students of municipal finance, municipal bond houses, and the general investor. Further information may be had from the publishers, Prentice-Hall, Inc., 70 Fifth Ave., New York.

—Metzler & Co., Inc., 111 Broadway, dealers in investment bonds, have called a special meeting of stockholders for the purpose of amending their articles of incorporation in order to provide for the payment of a stock dividend of 100%. This company was organized in May 1921 by Irving S. Metzler and a group of California bankers and business men. Mr. Metzler was formerly Vice-President of the East River National Bank, having previously been an official of the Bank of Italy of California. The company is primarily serving out-of-town banks.

—Redmond & Co., 33 Pine St., New York, are offering in substantial amounts railroads and municipal bonds to meet the exacting requirements of large estates and of investors interested primarily in legal and tax exempt securities. They also have an attractive list of railroad, public utility, industrial and foreign government bonds yielding from 5% to 8% for other conservative investors not requiring legal or tax exempt investments. For further particulars see this firm's advertisement on another page in to-day's issue.

—R. Montgomery Haines, William H. Haines, Jr., John J. Collier and Price McQuillen announce the formation of a general partnership to engaged in business as investment bankers under the firm name of Haines, Collier & McQuillen, with offices in the Land Title Building, Philadelphia, Pa. Telephone Spruce 6183.

—R. F. De Voe & Company, Inc., 67 Exchange Place, New York, announce that Mr. William J. Maier, Comptroller of the State of New York, will become associated with their company on Jan. 2 1923, as Vice-President and Director. The company will continue to transact a general investment business, specializing in bonds and short term notes.

—Joseph F. Hartley, specialist in railroad securities, 15 Broad St., New York, prepares weekly the index numbers of fifty-two railroad Common stocks, showing their relative desirability of purchase based on current earnings, ten year dividend record, book value and maintenance.

—The firm of Sjostrom & Treleven has been dissolved and a new firm, consisting of Carl R. Sjostrom and Robert W. W. Cryan has been formed under the name of Sjostrom & Cryan. The main offices are at No. 63 Wall St., and branch offices at Jacksonville and Miami, Fla.

—Morrison Marsh, formerly with McKinley & Morris, has joined the staff of Blyth, Witter & Co. as sales correspondent and publicity director. Mr. Marsh is the author of numerous articles on American and Canadian investments, finance and trade.

—The American Bond & Mortgage Co. announce the removal of their Eastern headquarters to 345 Madison Ave., New York City. Their temporary telephone number is Vanderbilt 2901.

—Hamilton A. Gill & Co., 7 Wall St., New York, have prepared a booklet designed for owners and prospective purchasers of South American bonds. Copies will be mailed on request.

—In their weekly market review Carden, Green & Co. have prepared a survey of the "Rails," which contains much information relative to the affairs of twelve of the leading railroad systems of the country.

—R. W. Pressprich & Co., 40 Wall St., N. Y., are distributing a pamphlet showing the relative merits of taxable and tax-free securities based on the taxable income of the individual.

—The Bank of America, New York, has been appointed trustee under a \$5,000,000 issue of Prudence bonds, Series AA. Indenture dated as of Aug. 1, 1922.

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Dec. 22 1922.

With bracing winter weather and the holiday season on, business has been more active. There has been more snap in the trading. Retail trade has been active all over the country. In this city some of the uptown streets in the shopping district at certain hours of the day have been almost impassable. The people have been buying heavily in New York and surrounding towns. One store in Newark, N. J., had to close its doors at 4.30 p. m., it was so crowded. Employment is general, wages are high and holiday buying is correspondingly stimulated. Also, the jobbing trade has been brisk. Buying for next spring has been something of a feature. The December mail order business is said to have been the largest on record. Meantime the big industries are active. In iron and steel they are working at 80 to 85%, with prices now firmer and the demand better. These two commodities are in sharp demand, especially for this time of the year. Temporary closing down of the works is usual at this season, but from present appearances there will be less of it and for shorter periods than ordinarily. Railroads are buying rails, cars, locomotives and track materials on a scale that makes it the outstanding feature of the business. Copper is stronger, with a good demand. Building, even at this time of the year, in spite of cold weather in many parts of the country is active. The demand for building materials, such as lumber, hardware and brick, is unique, larger, indeed, than perhaps ever before at this time of the year, for the reason that the pressure of demand for shelter is greater than has been known for generations. This is the aftermath of the slowing down of building during the war. Population had increased and accommodation had decreased, or had not kept pace with the growing demand.

Another active industry is the cotton goods trade of New England and the South. Many of these mills are running at 90 to 100%. Cotton strikers in New England have been steadily returning to work. In the Carolinas the water supply is better and the mills are therefore operating on a larger scale. Meantime Fall River, which is usually dull at this time of the year, is doing a good business in print cloths at strong prices. Exports of cotton make a very good showing. They are not very far behind those of a year ago. And the consumption of cotton is mounting in spite of the high prices. The man in the street has not yet made any strenuous objections, partly perhaps because he has heard of the boll weevil and the lessened cotton crop. And to England, in spite of its loud complaints of poor trade, the exports of raw cotton are nearly 100,000 bales larger thus far this season than for a like period last season. And to France there is also an increase. Even to Germany the decrease in exports of cotton is less than 150,000 bales. And speaking of Germany, there is a growing belief in this country that the United States will endeavor to bring the Allies to an agreement on the question of German reparations to the end that the amount may be reduced to a total that Germany can pay, and that the matter having been disposed of the economic rehabilitation of Europe may proceed at a faster pace. It has been made plain by J. P. Morgan & Co. that there is no possibility of an American loan to Germany, nor will there be, until this question of reparations has been settled. Apart from this, foreign exchange has latterly been advancing after a break early in the week. And to-day the stock market's rise of 1 to 3 points was cheering to merchants. Call money also remains at a low rate. The year's crops were noticeably larger than those of last year, and yet prices are higher, partly because of a decrease in Europe's grain crops. And the value in money is 33 1-3% greater than the crops of 1921. Meantime, as measuring the rise of trade in this country, bank clearings are larger. Another hopeful circumstance is that the number of failures is fewer. During the past week they are stated at 407, as against 445 in the week before and 550 in the same week of 1921. Collections, too, are somewhat better. In a word, the situation is in many respects hopeful. One regrettable circumstance is the scarcity of coal, which subjects the population to not a little inconvenience and even not a little suffering. Another factor which will have to be faced is the growing scarcity of unskilled labor.

New and persistent complaints are made of the restrictive immigration laws. The New York Board of Trade took action on the immigration question and defined its views in a report adopted by a special committee. The report recommended selective immigration without any regard to quota, and urged that examination of intending immigrants as to their fitness for admission be at the point at which they intend to embark for this country. It further favored the admission of unskilled labor, because it is not produced to any appreciable extent in this country. Without unskilled labor, the committee said, the heart of the country's activities will stop. It is a fact that the people have lost confidence in the effectiveness of the laws governing immigration, naturalization and deportation. All agree that unskilled labor is not produced to any appreciable extent in this land of ours. The child of the miner, the railroad grader, the sand-hog, the street sweeper, the lumberjack and the cow-puncher is, by reason of the inspiration and the opportunities afforded by our democratic institutions, bound to be in a higher indus-

trial grade than that of an unskilled laborer. Our gates must be opened, but not without control. This control must be at both ends of the ocean, and it must be in charge, not as at present, of four conflicting Governmental departments, but of one or possibly two (State Department and Department of Justice), linked together by proper and effective co-ordinating laws and regulations.

The shortage of labor threatens to hit the Southern cotton planter as well as the Northern manufacturer and the grain farmer of the West. Georgia cotton farmers complain that thousands of negro cotton farm hands are leaving for the North, attracted by high wages paid there. The Klu Klux Klans in Georgia are trying to stop this exodus, but without success. The railroads are adding to the length of their trains in order to accommodate the negro travelers. The negro farmer has had poor cotton crops for the last two years and has become discouraged. And the significant thing is that the Southern cotton planter, like the Northern manufacturer, is beginning to demand that the 3% immigration law be repealed or modified. It has cut down immigration to about one-third of what it was before the war. And meantime there is not a little emigration of foreign workers from this country. After they have accumulated a certain amount of money they wish to go back to the old countries.

Coal has been in sharp demand and very firm. Household-ers are suffering for lack of coal in and around New York. Numerous stations have had to be established in this city at which to sell coal to the needy. The aftermath of last spring's strike hits rich and poor alike, but especially the poor. The laboring class suffer because of labor's unjustifiable strike at the mines, where they work 200 days, as against 300 for workers in other lines. And now the United States is buying coal again in England, latterly taking 150,000 tons. This country will take still larger quantities in competition with Italy, which wants 500,000 tons, and South America, which is to buy 400,000.

Julius Barnes told the City Club that wages will never return to pre-war levels. "Never" is a pretty strong word.

On Dec. 18 the Amoskeag Mills at Manchester, N. H., gave employment to nearly 500 more workers, the largest number in a single day since the strike. The Amoskeag Mfg. Co. now has 11,500 workers employed. In North Carolina the Southern Mill Power (electric) Co. has notified all cotton mills to resume full operations, canceling the recent reduced power order. Recent rains have enabled some South Carolina cotton mills to resume full operation. A report that an epidemic of influenza would close mills in South Carolina is denied. The threatened lockout of local clothing workers was postponed last Monday pending a conference between contractors and union officials. Both retail and wholesale food prices increased 2% or more in November, according to the Department of Labor. Notwithstanding the increase, the Department of Labor said there was a decrease of 5% for the year ended Nov. 15 in retail prices, while wholesale prices increased about 2 1/2% in the year. Continued advance in production, transportation and distribution in November are noted in figures compiled by the Department of Commerce. The largest consumption of cotton since 1917, further high records since 1920 in the output of pig iron, steel ingots, zinc, coke, locomotives and upper leather emphasize the sustained and basic character of industrial production in November. The usual seasonal decline in building contracts in November did not occur.

It was down to 14 degrees here on Dec. 19. On the 17th there was a range of temperatures over this continent of 108 degrees, i. e. 34 deg. below at Medicine Hat, Manitoba, and 74 deg. above at Miami, Fla. Snow was reported from Cleveland and Buffalo, but the greater part of the United States was clear, fair or cloudy. Temperatures in the East Central States ranged from 2 to 34 above last night and from 2 below at Madison, Wisc., to 40 above at Memphis. Devils Lake, N. D., seemingly an inappropriate name, was the coldest place in the West Central States on Dec. 16, with 24 below zero, with Duluth 18 degrees below. Latterly it has been milder here, but to-night it is becoming cold and raw. A northeaster is coming up the Atlantic coast. And storm warnings are up all along the coast from the Virginia Capes to Atlantic City and the disturbance threatens to move rapidly northeastwardly, accompanied by strong winds and gales.

LARD quiet; prime Western 11.30@11.40c.; refined to Continent 12.25c.; South America 12.50c.; Brazil in kegs 13.50c. Futures advanced with grain and hogs light stocks and good exports. Last week New York exported 23,000,000 pounds of lard and 7,831,000 pounds of bacon. Liverpool early in the week was unchanged on some months. Also the provisions markets were helped at one time by talk of a big German loan. Later, when it was denied that any such loan was likely, speculative liquidation set in, and prices had a noticeable setback. To-day prices were higher with a better demand from shorts and others, closing at a rise for the week of 30 to 32 points. Closing prices were as follows:

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December delivery cts. 10.42	10.65	10.50	10.42	10.45	10.60	
January delivery.....10.30	10.65	10.50	10.42	10.42	10.57	
March delivery.....10.45	10.72	10.57	10.59	10.52	10.70	
May delivery.....10.57	10.82	10.67	10.62	10.67	10.80	

PORK dull; mess \$27 50@28 50; family \$30@32; short clear \$22 50@29. Beef quiet; 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; 6 lbs., \$15; sweet pickled tongues \$55@\$65 nom. per bbl. Cut meats dull; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 16 3/4 @17 1/2c.; pickled bellies, 8 to 12 lbs., 16c. Butter, creamery, fresh firsts to high scoring, 47@56c. Cheese, flats, 21@28 3/4c. Eggs, fresh-gathered seconds to extra, 42@62c.

COFFEE on the spot quiet but steady; No. 7 Rio, 11 1/2c.; No. 4 Santos, 15@15 1/2c.; fair to good Ceuca, 15 1/4@16c. Futures declined on the more distant months, although Dec. at one time was slightly higher. Trade, however, has been dull. Brazilian markets have been irregular as to Santos, while firm enough at times at Rio. Much of the trading here has been in March and May. Shorts covered in Dec. Europe sold Sept. on a small scale, and also next crop Dec. Later on Santos firm offers were reported somewhat lower. But in general there have been no striking features. It looks more like a waiting market than anything else. What will stir it into new life remains to be seen. On Wednesday Dec. declined some 12 points on the issuance of 15 notices. On the 22d inst. Brazilian markets were easier in response to lower exchange rates. Here trade interests sold. There was small scattering amount of buying. To-day prices were firmer with smaller offerings and Brazilian cables firm. The ending was, however, only 1 point higher for the week on Mar.-Dec. trading has gone out.

Spot (unofficial) 5.53 | March 3.39@3.40 | July 3.43@3.64
December @ | May 3.51@3.52 | September 3.73@3.75

SUGAR.—Spot rates were quiet but steady with Cuban 96 deg. duty paid early in the week 5.53c. January shipment Cuba was quoted at around 3 3/4c. c.&f. and February about 3 1/2c. It is said that 3 3/4c. was obtainable for prompt shipment. Louisiana raw has recently sold, it is said, at 5.25c. in New Orleans. Meanwhile, the Cuban sugar crop is estimated at 4,193,000 tons, as against some other estimates of as high as 4,500,000 tons. The smaller figures are Guma-Mejer's cabled from Havana. It seems that 37 centrals are grinding. But there are intimations that the actual marketing of the crop may be more gradual than usual, owing to the fear of depressing prices. Such a method of marketing would certainly be more in accord with modern ideas. On Wednesday, it is said, the trade bought 500 tons of March and 500 tons of May. There was some belated short covering of December, which caused that month to advance 3 points, while the other positions showed a point lower. A holiday market for the balance of the week was generally expected. Havana cabled Dec. 18: The latest Guma-Mejer report just issued estimates the 1922-23 sugar crop at 4,193,500 tons. Arrivals at the ports during the past week were 18,202 tons of new crop and 1,150 tons of old crop sugar. Of the new crop, 4,571 tons and of the old crop, 18,796 tons were exported. Stocks on hand are reported at 11,620 tons new crop and 13,631 old crop. To-day prices were steady. December shorts covered at 4 cents. Refined quiet at 7.10c. Futures for the week show practically no change. Closing prices were as follows:

Spot (unoff) 11 1/4 @11 1/4 | March 9.74@9.75 | July 9.07@9.08
December @ | May 9.43@9.44 | September 8.60@8.61

OILS.—Linseed quiet. Prices remain unchanged, however. There are some inquiries from varnish makers, but their actual purchases are very small. Paint and linoleum interests are reluctant to buy at present prices very freely. Spot, carloads, 90c.; tanks, 86c.; less than carloads, 93c.; less than 5 bbls., 96c. Coconut oil, Ceylon bbls., 9c.; Cochin, 10@10 1/2c. Corn, crude, refined bbls., 11 1/2c. Olive, \$1 15@17. Lard, strained winter, 13 1/2c.; extra, 13 1/4c. Cod, domestic, 58c. nom; Newfoundland, 61c. Spirits of turpentine, \$1 36. Rosin, \$6 05@\$7 95. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, 16,100, including switches. Crude, S.E., 8.50@8.60c. Prices closed as follows:

Spot cts. 10.00 @ | Feb. cts. 10.07@10.15 | May cts. 10.45@10.47
December 9.90@10.25 | March 10.27@10.30 | June 10.50@10.60
January 9.93@9.94 | April 10.35@10.45 | July 10.63@10.65

PETROLEUM weaker. Lubricants are softer and on the 21st inst., according to rumor, a distressed lot of 600 steam-refined cylinder oil was offered at around 12 1/2c. per gallon in bbls., New York. This oil was said to be Western stock. Kerosene also a little easier, and there was a rumor prevalent on Thursday that the price was being shaded in the Peekskill section, but this could not be confirmed. Export demand lags. Bunker oil rather steady. Gas oil steady at 5c. for 36-40 at refinery. There was an excess of domestic production and imports over indicated domestic consumption, including exports, of 330,340 bbls. for the month of October, according to the American Petroleum Institute, or at an annual rate of 3,889,440 bbls., while for the previous month the excess of indicated domestic consumption over production was 1,387,165 bbls., or at an annual rate of 16,877,235 bbls. New York prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, 26.75c.; U. S. Navy specifications, bulk, 15.50c.; export naphtha, cargo lots, 18 3/4c.; 63-66-deg., 21c.; 66-68 deg., 22c. Kerosene, cases, cargo lots, 17c.; motor gasoline, garages (steel bbls.), 24c.

Pennsylvania.....	\$3 00	Wooster.....	\$1 90	Mfd Continent—	
Corning.....	1 75	Lima.....	1 86	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 98	Illinois.....	1 77	Headton.....	0 75
Bagland.....	1 90			Mexia.....	1 35
				Crichton.....	1 25

RUBBER dull and easier both here and in London. On the 20th inst. London reported the market off to 13 3/4d. and Singapore at 14 1/4d. for prompt shipment. And sterling exchange at times has been down. Buyers' and sellers'

views do not agree, which accounts for the dulness here. On the other hand, the contention of not a few members of the trade is that the reaction was only natural after the recent strength and activity of the market since the restriction plan went into effect, and that prices will advance in the forepart of 1923, when factories re-enter the market and the effect of the restriction measure is shown on shipments from the East. Smoked ribbed sheets and first latex crepe, spot and December 27 1/4c.; January-March, 27 1/2c.; April-June, 28 3/4c.; July-December, 29 1/4c. Para dull; up-river fine, 23 3/4c.; coarse, 17 1/2c. London on Dec. 21 was steady at 13 3/4d. for the best plantation. London cabled early in the week that rubber was steadier with 14 1/2d. paid for spot standard plantations. Stocks there again show an increase for the week, this time 858 tons, and are 70,959 tons, against 70,776 tons last year and 49,042 tons in 1920.

HIDES have been quiet. Calf skins are slow of sale. Leather has a smaller trade. Hide prices show no marked change. Common dry hides, however, are more nominal than anything else. The same is true of city packer hides. Stocks of branded steers are rather large. Country hides are rather weak. The demand is small and holders show a disposition to sell. Reports from the River Plate say that 4,000 Sansimena steers sold at \$53 50, or equal to 22 3/4c. c. & f. Taken as a whole the market has shown no features of striking interest.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have latterly been quiet and berth rates have weakened.

Charters included grain from Atlantic range to Bordeaux-Hamburg range, December option United Kingdom, at 18c. or Ireland at 19c.; grain from West St. John to United Kingdom, 3s. 6d.; option of Continent at 17c.; 5 to 6 months' time charter, 1,400-ton steamer in West Indies trade, \$1 35 late January; delivery north of Hatteras; 5 months' time charter, 1,070-ton steamer in West Indies trade, \$1 30 January delivery; grain from Baltimore to Antwerp-Hamburg range, 14@14 1/4c. Jan. 5 cancelling; 7,000 tons 10% grain from Gulf to Adriatic, 5s. 6d. January; from Baltimore for four ports of Denmark, 19 1/2c.; sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom, 20s. 6d. first half February.

TOBACCO business has remained only moderately active at best, and prices have kept within previous bounds. The tone is called steady. But business leaves a good deal to be desired. It may improve early in 1923. Some believe it will. At any rate they look for a larger trade in the first quarter of the year. Lexington, Ky., reports state that about 200,000,000 lbs. of pooled tobacco have started moving across the floors of the Burley Co-operative Marketing Association. Danville, Va., has been overrun with tobacco. Stocks there, in other words, have been remarkably large. Farmers have been in a hurry to market their crops. Recently, it is said, some 750,000 lbs. were being offered for sale there. On the principle that when things get to their worst they mend, it seems reasonable to expect some improvement in the tobacco business before very long in the Northern and Western markets. It will certainly be very welcome.

COPPER continued to advance and is now quoted at 14 3/4c. and reported firm at that price. At one time 14 1/2c. was asked. This is the highest price reached this year. Consumers who were inclined to purchase only sparingly, are reported to have covered for several months to come. A good quantity of copper products was also purchased during the week. The world's consumption of copper in the past 6 months has been at the rate of 3,000,000,000 lbs. a year which is 50% better than the average immediately before the war.

TIN stronger on higher London market and a rise in sterling exchange. Spot straits sold at 38@38 1/2c. and futures at 38 1/4c. Lead higher. Fundamental conditions are sound and big consumers are purchasing on a fair scale. And production is not up to expectations. Spot New York, 7.25c.; East St. Louis, 7.05c. Zinc declined; spot New York, 7.35@7.40c.; East St. Louis 7.@7.05c.

PIG IRON has been firmer with a better inquiry. In the first half of December more than 1,000,000 tons were sold. And although in the last eleven months this country has imported 225,000 tons of European iron, American pig iron is now coming to the front in the new business. A single purchase by a radio company of 75,000 tons was an outstanding factor of the recent trading. Buffalo furnaces made the sale. Charcoal iron has latterly fallen \$3, touching \$30 a ton, and basic iron at Pittsburgh has dropped 75 cents. Both English and Continental iron has sold at as low as \$24, Atlantic Coast duty paid, and Scotch iron at \$25. After this sale, however, Scotch moved up to \$26, with sterling exchange higher and with American furnaces demanding a better price. Birmingham's base of \$23 is described as stronger than ever. Iron has been very firm in Philadelphia, where heavy tonnages have been placed for 1923. Foreign iron gets less attention. Coke has been firm in Philadelphia at \$7 to \$8 50 for foundry f. o. b. at the ovens. Furnace coke at Connellsville is said to have sold at as high as \$9. Small wonder that pig iron has latterly been firmer.

STEEL has been steadier with a good many orders in hand for future delivery. December business has been larger than was expected. There is less of the usual end of the year sagging of trade than was expected by everybody. In 11 months the awards of structural steel are estimated at 1,400,000 tons. That makes one of the largest totals in the annals of the steel business. Chicago mills have orders on hand, representing nearly half a million tons of steel, against big inquiries for cars. Western roads are buying tracking materials of various sorts freely. In the steel output, Chicago still leads. In some cases its orders are

larger for December than they were in November. That does not often happen. The feeling here is more cheerful. It is believed that better times are ahead. To all appearance the trade has turned the corner. The automobile demand is a large potential factor. One company alone is inquiring it seems for something like 200,000 tons of bars and other rolled materials. It looks as though the industry might easily enough maintain its present operation through the first quarter of 1923 of 80 to 85%. The end of 1922 looks the best that it has at any time, it is said, for the last 5 years. London reports heavy steel rails 10s. higher, at £9, with considerable overseas business.

WOOL has been steady, but, as heretofore, business has kept within moderate limits. This is not unusual at this time of the year. Besides at some of the foreign auctions prices on certain grades have eased somewhat. In London on Dec. 15 the wool auction which began in the last week of November closed with offerings of 8,500 bales; total for the series, including Realization Association offerings, 223,000 bales. Of this it is estimated 208,000 bales were sold. British operators taking 124,000 bales, the Continent 64,000 and America 20,000. Compared with the October sales the best merinos fell 5% and medium and inferior merinos 10%; fine crossbreds advanced 5 to 10%, coarse grades 10%, and medium crossbreds, owing to strong American demand, rose 15 to 20%. The selection of merinos on the 15th inst. was chiefly Queensland, the bulk being taken by the Continent, the best greasy bringing 26½d.; scoured, 53d. New Zealand offered 2,620 bales of crossbreds. Yorkshire was the largest buyer. Selection composed of medium to coarse greasy, which ranged from 8¼ to 15½d. The next series is fixed for Jan. 23 with offerings of 100,000 bales of free wools and 60,000 bales on behalf of the Realization Association. At Christchurch, N. Z., on Dec. 15, 18,400 bales were offered and 17,600 bales sold. Selection of crossbreds good; merinos poor. Demand generally good. Compared with Nov. 16 merinos advanced 5 to 10% and crossbreds 10 to 15%. Prices were as follows: Merinos super, 24d. to 26d.; average, 22d. to 23½d.; crossbreds, 50-58s, 17½d. to 21½d.; 48-50s, 15d. to 18½d.; 46-48s, 11d. to 15d.; 44-46s, 9½d. to 11¼d.; 40-44s, 8¼d. to 9½d.

On the 19th inst. at Melbourne, Australia, the selection was attractive. Superfine merino, however, declined. Greasy comebacks, on the other hand, advanced 5 to 10% on medium and coarse. America bought crossbreds on a liberal scale. British buyers took most of the merinos. The next sale will take place on Jan. 15. At Dunedin, N. Z., on the 20th inst., the selection was poor. Of 9,700 bales of merino offered 9,300 sold. Prices were the same as at Christchurch last week. At Perth, West Australia, on the 19th inst. 20,000 bales were offered and mostly sold. Attendance very large. Demand fair. England was the largest buyer. The Continent bought more sparingly. It took mostly fine skirtings. Compared with recent prices, greasy merinos, super and good, were par to 5% lower; greasy merinos, fair to good pieces and bellies, par to 5% higher; greasy crossbreds, fine and medium, 10% up; greasy merino lambs, 2½ to 5% up. For merinos the highest figure was 32½c., and for comebacks 26½d. On Dec. 21 at Dunedin, New Zealand, 10,000 bales were offered and 9,500 bales sold. The prices paid were:

	Good to Super	Low to Medium
Merinos	24d. to 28½d.	20d. to 23½d.
Halfbreds—50-58s	22d. to 24½d.	15d. to 21½d.
50-56s	21d. to 24d.	15d. to 20½d.
Crossbreds—40-48s	13d. to 17d.	9½d. to 12½d.
44-46s	11d. to 14d.	8½d. to 10½d.
40-44s	9½d. to 12d.	7½d. to 9d.

The Boston "Commercial Bulletin" in its issue Dec. 23 will say:

Considering the fact that business is usually dull during the last few weeks of the year, there is a remarkably good tone to the wool market, and while trade has been more or less spotty, there has been a fair volume of business done at prices which are fully firm throughout the list.

COTTON

Friday Night, Dec. 22 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 136,866 bales, against 138,941 bales last week and 158,801 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1922 3,849,834 bales, against 3,317,811 bales for the same period of 1921, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1922 of 532,023 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	6,247	7,721	14,785	5,998	5,667	1,139	41,557
Texas City	—	—	—	—	—	1,864	1,864
Houston	20,575	7,636	—	1,153	7,850	—	37,214
New Orleans	3,030	7,130	5,777	5,916	4,269	3,041	29,163
Mobile	170	206	33	712	417	143	1,681
Jacksonville	—	—	—	—	—	1,103	1,103
Savannah	1,458	317	1,543	487	1,328	734	5,867
Charleston	1,106	424	974	451	—	746	3,701
Wilmington	78	295	287	151	304	315	1,430
Norfolk	1,091	2,671	1,957	975	1,210	1,353	9,257
Boston	115	749	487	445	1,010	100	2,906
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	—	830	830
Philadelphia	—	44	50	50	—	149	293
Totals this week	33,870	27,193	25,893	16,338	22,055	11,517	136,866

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. 22.	1922.		1921.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1922.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1921.	1922.	1921.
Galveston	41,557	1,784,220	62,881	1,547,599	375,925	364,541
Texas City	1,864	63,237	213	15,432	24,063	12,183
Houston	37,214	519,438	9,527	214,168	—	—
Port Arthur, &c	—	2,000	—	10,305	—	—
New Orleans	29,163	776,639	25,847	620,803	253,534	376,372
Gulport	—	—	—	4,289	—	—
Mobile	1,681	62,240	2,159	77,431	11,235	15,531
Pensacola	—	5,433	—	200	—	—
Jacksonville	1,103	8,917	2	1,781	8,166	1,843
Savannah	5,867	258,769	15,846	412,197	78,580	172,395
Brunswick	—	25,073	250	13,516	11	1,032
Charleston	3,701	57,018	3,697	63,659	63,523	108,448
Wilmington	1,430	69,213	3,268	65,177	34,847	39,076
Norfolk	9,257	188,200	13,224	210,836	112,368	142,589
N'port News, &c.	—	—	—	583	—	—
New York	—	4,165	150	7,221	72,041	87,809
Boston	2,906	14,150	1,304	13,700	6,051	5,376
Baltimore	830	10,783	2,113	36,398	2,868	2,513
Philadelphia	293	2,339	1,107	22,516	6,439	13,668
Totals	136,866	3,849,834	141,588	3,317,811	1,049,651	1,343,367

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	41,557	62,881	72,638	69,148	44,924	43,191
Houston, &c.	37,214	213	13,411	32,377	2,598	4,829
New Orleans	29,163	25,847	53,754	32,721	35,430	37,322
Mobile	1,681	2,159	5,233	4,995	6,585	251
Savannah	5,867	15,846	12,077	28,102	24,089	18,154
Brunswick	—	250	200	2,090	2,600	3,000
Charleston	3,761	3,697	2,817	7,728	5,577	3,414
Wilmington	1,430	3,268	3,354	5,090	3,206	952
Norfolk	9,257	13,224	11,265	11,520	7,721	6,655
N'port N., &c.	—	—	29	58	81	362
All others	6,096	14,203	2,401	1,513	2,530	6,345
Total this wk.	136,866	141,588	178,079	195,242	135,441	124,475
Since Aug. 1	3,894,834	3,317,811	3,288,684	3,588,166	684,592	2,497,050

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 132,886 bales, of which 30,182 were to Great Britain, 32,969 to France and 69,735 to other destinations. Below are the exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1922:

Exports from—	Week ending Dec. 22 1922.				From Aug. 1 1922 to Dec. 22 1922.			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	8,516	18,864	26,152	53,532	324,160	232,310	632,394	1,188,864
Houston	7,636	14,103	14,320	36,061	193,976	112,554	210,596	517,126
New Orleans	645	—	16,069	16,714	89,122	37,290	227,497	353,909
Mobile	—	—	—	—	16,158	4,310	20,032	40,500
Jacksonville	—	—	—	—	76	—	575	650
Pensacola	—	—	—	—	4,723	—	710	5,433
Savannah	3,321	—	200	3,521	103,952	3,324	41,431	148,707
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	18,943	—	6,650	25,593
Charleston	—	—	—	—	10,665	1,094	9,892	21,651
Wilmington	—	—	—	—	5,600	—	37,300	43,900
Norfolk	9,700	1,400	11,100	49,394	—	—	14,592	63,986
New York	364	4,958	5,322	32,127	29,849	113,316	175,292	291,291
Boston	—	—	—	—	658	—	1,260	1,918
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	479	—	167	646
Philadelphia	—	—	—	—	—	—	550	4,290
Los Angeles	—	—	—	—	—	700	—	48,948
San Fran.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,142
Seattle	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	150
Total 192	30,182	32,969	69,735	132,886	853,072	421,431	1,368,343	2,642,846
Total 1921	63,637	8,620	74,872	147,129	707,912	362,828	1,686,242	2,756,982
Total 1920	68,445	11,737	60,326	140,558	900,234	341,291	1,053,631	2,295,156

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.

Dec. 22 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Cont'n.	Coast-wise.	
Galveston	16,704	15,390	8,000	29,342	12,000	81,436
New Orleans	3,987	6,730	5,773	29,983	—	46,422
Savannah	1,200	—	6,400	—	800	8,400
Charleston*	—	200	—	—	500	700
Mobile	2,836	400	—	1,025	2,100	6,361
Norfolk	680	—	—	—	—	680
Other ports*	4,600	—	1,000	1,200	—	6,800
Total 1922	30,007	22,720	21,122	61,550	15,400	150,799
Total 1921	20,592	491	10,915	21,414	5,430	58,842
Total 1920	79,527	14,993	40,531	67,863	4,075	206,995

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has at times been active during the week, but has latterly been quieter, with some slight decline in prices, though the general drift during the week has been upward. The undertone has been firm. Offerings in the main have been well taken. Latterly there has been some pre-holiday selling. But what with buying by the trade and Liverpool, by Wall Street, the West and scattered interests, the selling has made little impression. It is true that December felt the effects of notices day after day, ranging from 2,000 to 4,000 bales, but it has for the most part maintained a noticeable premium over January. Something different had been predicted. But the truth is that New York is a cheap market and the cotton here is in the main of excellent quality. These two things have kept December up in spite of the fact that December notices during the month have amounted to some 30,000 bales. And latterly the Liverpool news has been in the main encouraging. Not that the spot business has increased much there, though it is true that on a single day it did rise to 7,000 bales. But selling of futures there as well as in New York has been well absorbed. And Manchester has been somewhat more active. The recent report of British exports of goods showed a larger foreign demand for the last 11 months than had gen-

erally been suspected. And foreign politics have latterly been rather more favorable. It is true that early in the week a rumor that the United States would grant a large loan to Germany was afterwards sharply denied by leading financial interests. They made it plain that this country would not grant a loan to Germany of any such amount, nor, in fact, any amount until the reparations question was settled and investors could know what sort of security they had for a loan. This demand for a moment was something of a damper. But later came the announcement that a plan was under consideration for the United States to send a committee to Germany to ascertain just what amount of reparations she could pay and fix it. Then everybody would understand the matter and Germany itself would know what she had to face.

Of course, such a plan is contingent on the consent of England and France. But it is believed that in one way or another the United States will take part in the economic rehabilitation of Europe without at any time meddling with its politics. And that is the vital point. The United States will help Europe to get on its feet. At any rate, that is the general expectation. And it has a more or less stimulating effect on business. To the cotton trade it is a good omen. It would mean that Europe could buy cotton more freely. Also, the Turks have latterly seemed to be in a rather more accommodating mood. Although they are still a bit uppish there is some improvement. And spot cotton markets have latterly been stronger. The South is plainly disinclined to follow any drop in futures. The sales, too, have increased. Not that they have been as large as they were six weeks back. But they have been larger than they were recently. The ginning total up to Dec. 13 was 9,493,296 bales, against 7,790,656 up to that date last year and 10,876,263 for the same time in 1920. For the period from Nov. 30 to Dec. 13 the total ginned was 175,152 bales, or only 26,000 bales larger than in the same period last year, when the crop approximated 8,000,000 bales. These figures may mean approaching exhaustion of the crop. In any case the crop is too small. That is the vital point. And what about the next one? Negroes are said to be leaving the South in thousands for the West and North. Wages at the South are said to average east of the Mississippi only \$1.25 to \$2 a day, whereas the same class of workers are paid double or treble that amount in the Northern mills, factories, etc. Of course, however, the high prices will encourage intensive farming. And the labor difficulty may be got around somehow. There is certainly every inducement to fight the weevil. Meantime Fall River's business is improving. The Southern mills are doing a better business and water power is better in North Carolina and South Carolina and electric companies in North Carolina have notified the mills that they can go ahead at full power. They had to slow down for several weeks because of the low stage of the streams.

On the other hand, prices are already high. New speculation is not coming in. Outsiders are said to hesitate to take the bull side at 26c. That is far higher than the level at which bull trading has usually been started. And, of course, the European outlook still leaves much to be desired. Spot business at Liverpool has latterly got down again to 4,000 bales a day and only half of this was American. On some days, of the importations at Liverpool only one-third was American cotton. Manchester complains of low bids for cloths. Not a little of the recent business has, it is inferred, been done at unsatisfactory prices. Its cloth trade is only 60% of that of 1913. The South has been a steady seller here. Some of it has been for hedge account. As already intimated, a determined effort will be made by the South to raise a good crop at anything like current prices. A point will be reached sooner or later when the consumer will rebel. He has not done so yet. But undoubtedly there is a limit. And just now there is more or less pre-holiday liquidation. Most people look for quiet markets until after the holidays. To-day prices advanced as January notices, estimated at anywhere from 20,000 to 30,000 bales, were promptly stopped in most cases by large spot houses which issued them. Moreover, Fall River was more active and strong, with sales for the week estimated at fully 200,000 pieces of print cloths. Liverpool cables were firmer. Spot markets were well sustained. And weekly statistics were bullish. Also, there was some week-end covering. Closing prices show an advance for the week of, roughly, 75 to 85 points. Spot cotton closed at 26.20c. for middling, a rise of 70 points for the week.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the Dec. 21 quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, are the differences from middling established for deliveries in the New York market on Jan. 2 1923.

Middling fair.....	1.16 on	*Middling "yellow" tinged.....	1.23 off
Strict good middling.....	.90 on	*Strict low mid. "yellow" tinged.....	1.75 off
Good middling.....	.62 on	*Low middling "yellow" tinged.....	2.30 off
Strict middle.....	.37 on	Good middling "yellow" stained.....	.81 off
Strict low middling.....	.39 off	*Strict mid. "yellow" stained.....	1.54 off
Low middling.....	.81 off	*Middling "yellow" stained.....	2.10 off
*Strict good ordinary.....	1.38 off	*Good middling "blue" stained.....	1.95 off
*Good ordinary.....	2.00 off	*Strict middling "blue" stained.....	1.51 off
Strict good mid. "yellow" tinged.....	.40 on	*Middling "blue" stained.....	2.03 off
Good middling "yellow" tinged.....	.62 on		
Strict middling "yellow" tinged.....	.93 off		
Strict middling "yellow" tinged.....	.44 off		

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Dec. 16 to Dec. 22—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling uplands.....	25.70	26.10	26.20	26.05	25.90	26.20

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

1922	26.20c.	1914	7.50c.	1906	10.55c.	1898	5.81c.
1921	18.40c.	1913	12.50c.	1905	12.10c.	1897	5.88c.
1920	14.50c.	1912	13.10c.	1904	7.60c.	1896	7.12c.
1919	39.25c.	1911	9.50c.	1903	13.30c.	1895	8.25c.
1918	32.10c.	1910	15.15c.	1902	8.75c.	1894	5.69c.
1917	30.85c.	1909	15.75c.	1901	8.56c.	1893	7.94c.
1916	16.20c.	1908	9.25c.	1900	10.31c.	1892	9.88c.
1915	12.10c.	1907	11.30c.	1899	7.56c.	1891	7.94c.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr't.	Total.
Saturday	Steady, 20 pts. adv.	Steady	---	---	---
Monday	Steady, 40 pts. adv.	Steady	---	2,100	2,100
Tuesday	Steady, 10 pts. adv.	Steady	---	2,100	2,100
Wednesday	Quiet, 15 pts. dec.	Barely steady	---	3,500	3,500
Thursday	Quiet, 15 pts. dec.	Steady	---	1,600	1,600
Friday	Quiet, 30 pts. adv.	Steady	---	---	---
Total				9,300	9,300

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Dec. 16.	Monday, Dec. 18.	Tuesday, Dec. 19.	Wed. day, Dec. 20.	Thursday, Dec. 21.	Friday, Dec. 22.	Week.
December—							
Range	25.25-47	25.62-95	25.75-93	25.75-20	25.55-78	---	25.25-20
Closing	25.47	25.92-95	26.00	25.84	---	---	---
January—							
Range	25.20-48	25.67-87	25.63-92	25.66-93	25.60-77	25.80-100	25.20-93
Closing	25.44-45	25.80-84	25.89	25.75-79	25.68-69	25.96-100	---
February—							
Range	---	26.00	---	---	---	---	26.00
Closing	25.55	25.95	26.01	25.87	25.85	26.13	---
March—							
Range	25.42-71	25.90-21	25.92-23	25.95-20	25.88-108	26.12-30	25.42-130
Closing	25.66-68	26.10-17	26.13-16	25.98-100	26.03-05	26.28-30	---
April—							
Range	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Closing	25.71	26.16	26.29	26.03	26.00	26.33	---
May—							
Range	25.54-87	26.03-40	26.09-39	26.04-43	25.94-114	26.21-40	25.54-143
Closing	25.79-81	26.23-27	26.27-30	26.07-12	26.10-12	26.38-40	25.79-140
June—							
Range	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Closing	25.65	26.10	26.17	25.90	25.98	26.27	---
July—							
Range	25.25-63	25.80-20	25.92-19	25.82-24	25.75-92	25.95-20	25.25-24
Closing	25.56-59	26.04-12	26.10-12	25.82-87	25.85-90	26.17-20	---
August—							
Range	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Closing	25.06	25.55	25.45	25.28	25.30	25.62	---
September—							
Range	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Closing	24.55	25.10	25.00	24.81	24.78	24.94	25.00
October—							
Range	23.66-00	24.20-61	24.33-65	24.18-55	24.15-26	24.25-40	23.66-105
Closing	24.00	24.55	24.43-44	24.26	24.20-22	24.30	---
	24.00.	26.00.					

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. 22—	1922	1921	1920	1919.
Stock at Liverpool.....	bales. 835,000	936,000	974,000	837,000
Stock at London.....	5,000	---	3,000	11,000
Stock at Manchester.....	63,000	70,000	89,000	101,000
Total Great Britain.....	903,000	1,006,000	1,066,000	1,009,000
Stock at Hamburg.....	2,000	29,000	---	---
Stock at Bremen.....	111,000	323,000	134,000	---
Stock at Havre.....	200,000	202,000	202,000	182,000
Stock at Rotterdam.....	6,000	11,000	14,000	8,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	89,000	137,000	81,000	45,000
Stock at Genoa.....	49,000	40,000	39,000	64,000
Stock at Ghent.....	3,000	7,000	13,000	---
Stock at Antwerp.....	2,000	---	---	---
Total Continental stocks.....	462,000	749,000	483,000	299,000
Total European stocks.....	1,365,000	1,755,000	1,549,000	1,308,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	118,000	54,000	60,000	77,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....	439,000	376,000	571,911	666,882
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Eur's.....	109,000	85,000	82,000	57,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	345,000	316,000	180,000	261,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	457,000	717,000	910,000	473,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....	1,049,651	1,343,367	1,422,767	1,587,615
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	1,384,130	1,608,383	1,686,965	1,341,811
U. S. exports to-day.....	---	1,718	22,700	27,220
Total visible supply.....	5,266,781	6,256,468	6,485,343	5,799,528
Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:				
American—				
Liverpool stock.....	bales. 497,000	542,000	596,000	626,000
Manchester stock.....	37,000	55,000	79,000	91,000
Continental stock.....	434,000	659,000	415,000	223,000
American afloat for Europe.....	439,000	376,000	571,911	666,882
U. S. port stocks.....	1,049,651	1,343,367	1,422,767	1,587,615
U. S. interior stocks.....	1,384,130	1,608,383	1,686,965	1,341,811
U. S. exports to-day.....	---	1,718	22,700	27,220
Total American.....	3,840,781	4,585,468	4,794,343	4,563,528
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—				
Liverpool stock.....	338,000	394,000	378,000	211,000
London stock.....	5,000	---	3,000	11,000
Manchester stock.....	26,000	15,000	10,000	70,000
Continental stock.....	28,000	90,000	68,000	76,000
India afloat for Europe.....	118,000	54,000	60,000	77,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat.....	109,000	85,000	82,000	57,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	345,000	316,000	180,000	261,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	457,000	717,000	910,000	473,000
Total East India, &c.....	1,426,000	1,671,000	1,691,000	1,236,000
Total American.....	3,840,781	4,585,468	4,794,343	4,563,528
Total visible supply.....	5,266,781	6,256,468	6,485,343	5,799,528
Middling uplands, Liverpool.....	14.96d.	10.87d.	9.54d.	26.68d.
Middling uplands, New York.....	26.20c.	18.80c.	15.25c.	39.25c.
Egypt, good sakes, Liverpool.....	19.20d.	23.75d.	26.00d.	53.00d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool.....	17.25d.	13.75d.	17.00d.	39.50d.
Broach fine, Liverpool.....	12.75d.	13.30d.	9.65d.	24.50d.
Timnevelly, good, Liverpool.....	14.15d.	13.30d.	10.50d.	24.35d.

Continental imports for past week have been 127,000 bales. The above figures for 1922 show an increase over last week of 17,482 bales, a loss of 989,687 bales from 1921, a decline of 1,219,062 bales from 1920 and a gain of 532,747 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. 22 1922.			Movement to Dec. 23 1921.		
	Receipts.		Ship- ments.	Receipts.		Ship- ments.
	Week.	Season.		Week.	Season.	
Ala., Birmingham	1,321	31,455	1,371	8,385	503	21,064
Eufaula	500	8,068	895	5,884	77	4,798
Montgomery	562	51,819	2,939	18,530	424	41,896
Selma	187	51,425	709	10,027	448	35,535
Ark., Helena	638	30,259	776	17,508	693	28,999
Little Rock	5,166	151,830	3,072	61,688	7,740	121,031
Pine Bluff	4,708	91,411	3,420	61,064	1,568	85,410
Cal., Albany	37	6,110	117	3,098	—	5,809
Athens	2,759	29,123	740	26,862	2,816	68,200
Atlanta	7,541	194,508	5,777	83,581	7,805	151,128
Augusta	5,354	176,523	4,630	71,281	11,499	218,243
Columbus	2,963	86,145	10,643	14,573	4,170	34,949
Macon	1,113	32,252	521	17,605	1,196	24,344
Rome	2,609	30,114	925	7,685	532	26,440
La., Shreveport	2,500	68,900	5,300	21,500	2,000	50,913
Miss., Columbus	526	21,594	1,268	6,398	300	14,613
Clarksdale	1,945	115,193	3,654	66,840	3,174	116,178
Greenwood	1,191	100,707	2,798	63,715	1,044	83,184
Meridian	274	29,580	489	9,717	652	26,631
Natchez	883	28,791	906	12,677	457	27,050
Vicksburg	504	21,112	236	10,435	1,492	23,289
Yazoo City	174	27,293	281	12,810	209	35,712
Mo., St. Louis	44,773	899,228	44,170	20,218	21,232	472,765
N.C., Greensboro	4,684	63,923	2,113	32,236	1,755	29,034
Raleigh	224	8,061	300	368	267	6,428
Okl., Altus	2,284	47,400	2,614	22,639	2,086	62,753
Chickasha	2,144	71,289	3,320	11,849	740	44,113
Oklahoma	1,407	68,191	3,823	21,797	1,394	46,356
S. C., Greenville	2,500	93,852	1,000	59,458	97,361	1,130
Greenwood	428	7,395	291	10,215	11,304	11,611
Tenn., Memphis	30,384	638,039	29,877	184,538	21,825	568,919
Nashville	—	226	—	79	—	238
Texas, Abilene	578	40,230	617	2,939	552	71,764
Brownham	53	17,872	47	4,281	483	10,111
Austin	903	32,473	849	9,514	988	24,336
Dallas	1,118	48,910	1,293	17,445	3,935	120,152
Honey Grove	—	—	—	110	—	19,700
Houston	45,076	2,247,261	72,893	355,258	67,387	1,729,302
Paris	931	67,747	594	8,068	2,409	41,160
San Antonio	2,000	48,889	2,000	2,279	—	—
Fort Worth	980	53,500	2,712	10,591	1,825	47,114
Total 41 towns	181,818	5,387,923	210,468	13,4120	179,061	4,641,312

The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 42,000 bales and are to-night 224,273 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 2,757 bales less than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.

Dec. 22—	1922		1921	
	Shipped	Since Aug. 1.	Shipped	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis	44,170	399,491	21,328	456,294
Via Memphis, &c.	6,500	158,728	6,720	213,394
Via Rock Island	277	5,082	340	5,851
Via Louisville	2,146	38,533	1,559	113,858
Via Virginia Points	5,130	77,028	5,751	175,350
Via other routes, &c.	12,556	179,176	18,277	—
Total gross overland	70,579	858,038	53,972	1,005,749
Deduct Shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	4,029	31,337	4,674	84,835
Between interior towns	651	11,795	642	12,356
Inland, &c., from South	11,677	229,413	16,490	194,172
Total to be deducted	16,357	272,545	24,716	291,363
Leaving total net overland*	54,222	585,493	29,256	714,386

* Including movement by rail to Canada. The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 54,222 bales, against 29,256 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits a decrease from a year ago of 128,903 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings.	1922		1921	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to Dec. 22	136,866	3,849,834	141,588	3,317,811
Net overland to Dec. 22	54,222	585,493	29,256	714,386
South's consumption to Dec. 22	88,000	1,709,000	80,000	1,449,000
Total marketed	279,088	6,144,327	250,844	5,481,197
Interior stocks in excess	42,200	868,139	15,202	491,145
Came into sight during week	236,888	—	266,046	—
Total in sight Dec. 22	—	7,012,466	—	5,972,342
North, spinners' takings to Dec. 22	90,520	1,178,545	43,884	1,246,401

* Decrease during the week. These figures are consumption; takings not available. Movement into sight in previous years: Week—Dec. 23 266,046 1920—Dec. 23 5,972,342 1919—Dec. 23 312,784 1919—Dec. 23 6,233,045 1918—Dec. 27 307,922 1918—Dec. 27 5,822,142

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for lading contracts in the New Orleans cotton markets for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Dec. 16.	Monday, Dec. 18.	Tuesday, Dec. 19.	Wednesday, Dec. 20.	Thursday, Dec. 21.	Friday, Dec. 22.
December	25.30-25.31	25.76	25.73	25.53 bid	—	—
January	25.29-25.30	25.71-25.73	25.68-25.69	25.57-25.58	25.54-25.60	25.88-25.90
March	25.39-25.41	25.87-25.91	25.84-25.86	25.67-25.69	25.63-25.70	25.94-25.97
May	25.37-25.43	25.86-25.90	25.87-25.89	25.68-25.71	25.63-25.70	25.90-26.02
July	25.18-25.23	25.67-25.70	25.67-25.68	25.49-25.54	25.59-25.53	25.77-26.81
October	23.60-23.66	24.20	24.10	24.33	23.88	24.10
Tone	—	—	—	—	—	—
Spot	Quiet	Firm	Steady	Quiet	Quiet	Steady
Options	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Very steady

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week ending Dec. 22.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed. day	Thurs. day	Friday
Galveston	25.55	25.95	25.95	25.80	25.80	26.05
New Orleans	25.50	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00
Mobile	25.00	25.50	25.75	25.75	25.75	25.88
Savannah	25.68	26.14	26.14	26.00	26.13	26.38
Norfolk	25.50	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.25
B-I Amcre	—	26.00	26.25	26.50	26.25	26.25
Angusta	25.50	25.88	26.00	25.88	25.88	26.25
Memphis	25.75	26.00	26.25	26.25	26.25	26.50
Houston	25.45	25.85	25.85	25.75	25.75	26.00
Little Rock	25.50	25.75	25.75	25.75	25.75	26.00
Dallas	24.85	25.20	25.30	25.20	25.20	25.45
Fort Worth	—	25.20	25.25	25.15	25.15	25.40

CENSUS BUREAU REPORT ON COTTON GINNING TO DEC. 13.—The Census Bureau issued on Dec. 20 its report on the amount of cotton ginned up to Dec. 13 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:

State—	1922	1921	1920	1919
Alabama	811,759	580,471	604,876	658,465
Arizona	31,461	20,327	66,794	40,811
Arkansas	690,168	773,722	880,646	655,942
California	20,461	19,782	38,131	33,907
Florida	27,052	12,032	17,789	16,763
Georgia	724,879	812,160	1,319,247	1,608,024
Louisiana	341,970	279,337	364,374	279,370
Mississippi	976,624	804,402	776,186	779,904
Missouri	130,706	67,415	49,360	43,999
North Carolina	830,305	767,150	680,684	755,525
Oklahoma	626,172	473,751	861,393	681,645
South Carolina	502,594	757,996	1,364,081	1,366,024
Tennessee	373,069	291,758	235,439	219,661
Texas	3,065,972	2,997,318	3,597,510	2,233,523
Virginia	24,972	15,762	12,376	19,453
All others	15,132	8,273	8,368	3,730
United States	9,493,296	7,790,656	10,876,263	9,396,046

The number of round bales included this year is 161,698, against 122,649 bales in 1921, 197,635 bales in 1920 and 103,662 bales in 1919. The number of American-Egyptian bales included this year is 24,613, compared with 25,827 bales in 1921, 64,587 bales in 1920 and 27,104 bales in 1919. The number of Sea Island bales included this year is 5,255, against 3,062 bales in 1921, 3,316 bales in 1920 and 6,236 bales in 1919. The corrected statistics of the quantity of cotton ginned this season prior to Dec. 1 are 9,323,307. There were 15,236 ginneries operated prior to Dec. 1.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph from the South this evening denote that the weather has been generally cloudy and wet and unfavorable for field work. Late cotton bolls did not open well in California.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer		
Galveston, Tex.	2 days	0.09 in.	high 68	low 40	mean 54
Abilene	—	—	high 54	low 18	mean 36
Brownsville	1 day	0.04 in.	high 80	low 42	mean 61
Corpus Christi	—	—	high 66	low 38	mean 62
Dallas	—	—	high 68	low 24	mean 44
Delrio	—	—	—	low 30	—
Palestine	—	—	high 50	low 28	mean 42
San Antonio	—	—	high 68	low 32	mean 50
Taylor	—	—	—	low 28	—
Shreveport, La.	1 day	0.16 in.	high 77	low 26	mean 52
Mobile, Ala.	3 days	3.91 in.	high 73	low 42	mean 55
Selma	5 days	3.68 in.	high 69	low 29	mean 47
Savannah, Ga.	7 days	1.99 in.	high 75	low 36	mean 52
Charlotte, N. C.	(?) days	2.43 in.	high 61	low 24	mean 40

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

	Dec. 22 1922.	Dec. 23 1921.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge.	4.3
Memphis	Above zero of gauge.	13.1
Nashville	Above zero of gauge.	11.9
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge.	5.7
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge.	12.4

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Week ending	Receipts at Ports.			Stocks at Interior Towns.			Receipts from Plantations		
	1922.	1921.	1920.	1922.	1921.	1920.	1922.	1921.	1920.
Oct. 6	275,188	258,740	173,236	897,611	1,225,335	982,695	380,561	336,134	235,776
13	259,881	275,129	202,384	1,067,545	1,301,387	1,054,046	420,815	351,131	273,635
20	296,020	269,084	241,843	1,186,813	1,312,099	1,147,781	445,288	280,440	335,578
27	197,539	217,599	271,682	1,250,881	1,380,231	1,217,067	391,907	285,130	340,968
Nov. 3	265,080	238,187	261,804	1,355,653	1,436,178	1,296,123	439,852	294,124	340,920
10	294,227	184,							

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.

Cotton Takings, Week and Season.	1922.		1921.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Dec. 15.....	5,249,299		6,256,468	
Visible supply Aug. 1.....		3,760,450		5,111,250
American in sight to Dec. 22.....	236,888	7,012,466	266,046	5,972,342
Bombay receipts to Dec. 21.....	123,000	588,000	108,000	843,000
Other India shpm'ts to Dec. 21.....	21,000	106,550		63,000
Alexandria receipts to Dec. 20.....	44,000	835,800	18,000	397,000
Other supply to Dec. 20 *.....	5,000	101,000	5,000	111,000
Total supply.....	5,679,187	12,404,266	6,653,514	13,498,892
Deduct.....				
Visible supply Dec. 22.....	5,266,781	5,266,781	6,256,468	6,256,468
Total takings to Dec. 22 a.....	412,406	7,137,485	397,046	7,242,424
Of which American.....	295,406	5,135,935	322,800	5,475,134
Of which other.....	117,000	2,001,550	74,246	1,767,300

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This embraces the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 1,709,000 bales in 1922 and 1,449,000 bales in 1921—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 5,428,485 bales in 1922 and 5,793,424 bales in 1921, of which 3,426,935 bales and 4,026,124 bales American.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

Dec. 21. Receipts at—	1922.		1921.		1920.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay.....	123,000	232,000	108,000	843,000	73,000	543,000

Exports.	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay.....								
1922.....	5,000	5,000	48,000	58,000	41,000	189,000	437,000	667,000
1921.....	8,000	8,000	36,000	44,000	10,000	225,000	692,000	927,000
1920.....		33,000		33,000	14,000	249,000	139,000	402,000
Other India.....								
1922.....	5,000	16,000		21,000	14,000	92,550		106,550
1921.....					2,000	60,000		62,000
1920.....	2,000	2,000	2,000	6,000	11,000	62,000	46,000	119,000
Total all—.....								
1922.....	10,000	21,000	48,000	79,000	55,000	281,550	437,000	773,550
1921.....		8,000	36,000	44,000	12,000	285,000	692,000	929,000
1920.....	2,000	35,000	2,000	39,000	25,000	311,000	185,000	521,000

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 15,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record an increase of 35,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 215,450 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive a weekly cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years.

Alexandria, Egypt, December 20.	1922.	1921.	1920.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week.....	220,000	130,000	120,000
Since Aug. 1.....	4,150,649	2,973,371	2,014,027

Exports (bales)—	1922.		1921.		1920.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool.....	6,000	110,437	7,500	81,747	4,500	44,559
To Manchester, &c.....		71,832	9,000	64,931	5,250	36,488
To Continent and India.....	8,000	126,141	6,200	94,907	1,750	45,483
To America.....	6,000	107,192	3,250	85,444	2,500	13,603
Total exports.....	20,000	415,602	25,950	327,029	14,000	140,133

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Dec. 20 were 220,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 20,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market for both yarns and cloths are quiet. Manufacturers are working at a loss. We give prices to-day below:

	1922.						1921.						
	32s Cop Tusts.		8 1/4 lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.		Col'n Mid. Up's		32s Cop Tusts.		8 1/4 lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.		Col'n Mid. Up's		
Oct.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	
20	20 1/2	@	21 1/4	16 0	@	16 4	13.50	22	@	25	13 9	@	19 9
27	20 1/2	@	21 1/4	16 3	@	17 0	14.14	21 1/2	@	24 1/2	18 0	@	19 0
Nov.													
3	20 1/4	@	22	16 3	@	17 0	14.50	20 1/4	@	23	17 9	@	18 9
10	21 1/4	@	22 1/4	16 6	@	17 2	15.55	19	@	21	17 3	@	18 3
17	22 1/4	@	23 1/4	16 6	@	17 3	14.87	18 1/4	@	20 1/2	17 0	@	18 0
24	21 1/4	@	22 1/4	16 4	@	17 1	14.80	19	@	21	17 0	@	18 0
Dec.													
1	21	@	22	16 2	@	16 7	14.74	18	@	21	16 9	@	17 9
8	21	@	21 1/4	16 0	@	16 5	14.30	17 1/4	@	20 1/2	16 9	@	17 9
15	21	@	20 1/4	15 7	@	16 4	14.55	17 1/4	@	20 1/2	16 6	@	17 6
22	20 1/2	@	20 1/4	15 7	@	16 4	14.96	18	@	21	16 3	@	17 3

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 132,886 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

	Bales.
NEW YORK—To Piraeus—Dec. 15—Maid of Psara, 100.....	100
To Liverpool—Dec. 14—Celtic, 3.....	3
To Manchester—Dec. 15—Archimedes, 361.....	361
To Rotterdam—Dec. 16—Edgehill, 100.....	100
To Genoa—Dec. 14—Carenco, 1,199.....	1,199

	Bales.
To Leghorn—Dec. 14—Carenco, 150.....	150
To Bremen—Dec. 18—Pittsburg, 1,345; Dec. 16—Seydlitz, 1,200.....	2,545
To Hamburg—Dec. 19—Orbita, 872; Dec. 20—Minnekaldia, 2.....	874
NEW ORLEANS—To Liverpool—Dec. 15—Mercian, 645.....	645
To Bremen—Dec. 15—West Hobomac, 4,250; Dec. 16—Sagoland, 9,742.....	13,992
To Rotterdam—Dec. 15—Sapinero, 137; Dec. 16—Sagoland, 450.....	587
To Barcelona—Dec. 16—Salvation Lass, 250.....	250
To Danzig—Dec. 19—Gutfeld, 1,200.....	1,200
To Cartagena—Dec. 20—Hercida, 40.....	40
GALVESTON—To Havre—Dec. 15—Invincible, 18,864.....	18,864
To Antwerp—Dec. 15—Invincible, 1,000; Dec. 20—Lowther Castle, 1,600.....	2,600
To Ghent—Dec. 15—Invincible, 950; Dec. 20—Lowther Castle, 3,965.....	4,915
To Bremen—Dec. 15—Nishmaha, 4,568.....	4,568
To Rotterdam—Dec. 15—Nishmaha, 1,372.....	1,372
To Liverpool—Dec. 18—Merchant, 3,101.....	3,101
To Barcelona—Dec. 19—Flume, 350.....	350
To Venice—Dec. 19—Flume, 200.....	200
To Manchester—Dec. 21—Asuncionde Larrinaga, 5,415.....	5,415
To Japan—Dec. 20—France Maru, 12,147.....	12,147
HOUSTON—To Havre—Dec. 15—City of Fairburg, 14,105.....	14,105
To Ghent—Dec. 15—City of Fairburg, 1,069.....	1,069
To Bremen—Dec. 15—Else Hugo Stinnes, 5,301; Dec. 20—Gaffney, 4,146.....	9,447
To Hamburg—Dec. 15—Else Hugo Stinnes, 100.....	100
To Liverpool—Dec. 16—Merchant, 7,636.....	7,636
To Rotterdam—Dec. 20—Gaffney, 3,704.....	3,704
NORFOLK—To Liverpool—Dec. 16—Westlake, 7,300; Dec. 20—Barrymore, 1,900.....	9,200
To Manchester—Dec. 18—Manchester Port, 500.....	500
To Bremen—Dec. 18—Callista, 1,400.....	1,400
PORT TOWNSEND—To Japan—Dec. 16—Mania Maru, 150.....	150
SAN FRANCISCO—To Japan—Dec. 16—Hague Maru, 775; Dec. 19—Siberia Maru, 4,711.....	5,486
To China—Dec. 16—Hague Maru, 250; Dec. 19—Siberia Maru, 750.....	1,000
SAVANNAH—To Liverpool—Dec. 15—West Harshaw, 1,395.....	1,395
To Manchester—Dec. 15—West Harshaw, 1,926.....	1,926
To Genoa—Dec. 18—Liberty Bell, 200.....	200
Total.....	132,886

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

	High Density.	Stand. ord.	High Density.	Stand. ord.	High Density.	Stand. ord.
Liverpool.....	25c.	30c.	50c.	55c.	55c.	75c.
Manchester.....	25c.	30c.	30c.	42 1/2c.	42 1/2c.	55c.
Antwerp.....	22 1/2c.	37 1/2c.	30c.	42 1/2c.	42 1/2c.	55c.
Ghent.....			50c.	55c.	55c.	75c.
Havre.....	27 1/2c.	42 1/2c.	50c.	55c.	55c.	75c.
Rotterdam.....	22 1/2c.	37 1/2c.	40c.	55c.	55c.	75c.
Genoa.....	30 1/2c.	37 1/2c.	50c.	55c.	55c.	75c.
Christiana.....	37 1/2c.	60c.	50c.	55c.	55c.	75c.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Dec. 1.	Dec. 8.	Dec. 15.	Dec. 22.
Sales of the week.....	23,000	20,000	18,000	20,000
Of which American.....	13,000	9,000	10,000	11,000
Actual export.....	4,000	2,000	5,000	4,000
Forward.....	61,000	54,000	761,000	47,000
Total stock.....	694,000	770,000	761,000	835,000
Of which American.....	377,000	446,000	450,000	497,000
Total imports.....	95,000	136,000	51,000	125,000
Of which American.....	37,000	101,000	24,000	97,000
Amount afloat.....	353,000	281,000	290,000	223,000
Of which American.....	229,000	166,000	181,000	118,000

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.	More demand.	Quiet.	Quiet.	Quiet.
Mid. Up's		14.79	14.94	15.03	14.98	14.96
Sales.....	HOLIDAY	5,000	7,000	4,000	4,000	3,000
Futures Market opened		Steady, 9 to 15 pts. advance.	Quiet, unchanged to 3 pts. adv.	Steady, 8 to 11 pts. adv.	Quiet, 9 to 13 pts. decline.	Quiet, 3 points advance.
Market, P. M.		Steady, 16 to 27 pts. advance.	Ba'ly st'y, 13 pts. adv.	Steady, 15 to 16 pts. adv.	Quiet, 12 to 18 pts. decline.	Steady, 8 to 11 pts. decline.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Dec. 16 to Dec. 22.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4:00 p. m.
December.....	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
January.....	14.29	14.41	14.44	14.44	14.53	14.60	14.68	14.75	14.83	14.91	14.98	15.04
February.....	14.19	14.31	14.31	14.34	14.43	14.52	14.59	14.64	14.71	14.78	14.84	14.91
March.....	14.08	14.21	14.21	14.21	14.32	14.40	14.48	14.56	14.64	14.72	14.80	14.88
April.....	14.01	14.14	14.14	14.16	14.27	14.35	14.43	14.51	14.59	14.67	14.75	14.83
May.....	13.93	14.06	14.06	14.07	14.18	14.26	14.34	14.42	14.50	14.58	14.66	14.74
June.....	13.86	13.99	13.99	14.00	14.11	14.19	14.28	14.36	14.44	14.52	14.60	14.68
July.....	13.76	13.88	13.88	13.90	13.99	14.08	14.17	14.26	14.34	14.43	14.51	14.60
August.....	13.67	13.78	13.78	13.81	13.89	13.98	14.07	14.16	14.24	14.33	14.41	14.50
September.....	13.44	13.55	13.55	13.58	13.66	13.73	13.81	13.89	13.97	14.05	14.13	14.21
October.....	13.14	13.23	13.23	13.24	13.32	13.42	13.50	13.59	13.67	13.75	13.83	13.91

though 79,000 went to the Near East in one cargo. Recently there has been a little more inquiry from foreign buyers. But sales were in small lots and now the business even in such lots is unsatisfactory. Pre-holiday dulness has added to the stagnation for both home and foreign account. At Kansas City flour has been inactive. At Minneapolis trade has been slow. Quotations there were: Best fancy patent \$7 20@7 70; first patents, \$6 80@7 20; best bakers' patents, \$6 70@6 90; first clears, \$5 40@5 60; second clears, \$3 50 @3 70. Later on trade at St. Louis increased on Southern buying.

Medicine Hat, Alberta, reports that recently over 1,000 tons of flour were shipped by rail to New York, also several hundred tons were shipped to China and Japan via Vancouver. And to Great Britain went large shipments from Alberta via Vancouver and the Panama Canal.

Wheat advanced early in the week on talk of a big German loan, which at that time was put by rumor at no less than \$1,500,000,000. Immediately everybody saw visions of a big export trade. The world's stocks are none too plentiful. In fact, they are down to a point which seems to call for big purchases sooner or later from this country as well as other producers. If Europe should come into the American markets for large quantities there would be nothing for it but very much higher prices. All this for a time offset the Government report, which put the acreage of winter wheat at 46,069,000 acres, the third largest on record. The average for 10 years is 42,451,500 acres. So that this year the acreage is some 4,500,000 acres larger. The average area actually harvested in the last 10 years is 38,416,200 acres, indicating an average abandonment of 9.57%. It has ranged from 1.1% in 1918-19 to 31%, the latter in the winter of 1916-17. The condition is put this year at 79.5%, against 76 a year ago, 87.9 on Dec. 1 1920 and a 10-year average of 87.9%. It is true that the planting of winter wheat this fall was about 1,500,000 acres less than the revised estimate of the planting a year ago, and about 5,400,000 acres less than in the fall of 1918, when a high record area was planted. But this does not alter the fact that with two exceptions, the present planting is the largest ever known. That fact was stressed rather than anything else. But for a time the talk of a German loan dwarfed everything else. Also, there was a decrease in the quantity on passage for the week of 6,000,000 bushels. Foreign countries need to buy a good deal of wheat from America and other producers. And early in the week export sales were rumored of 1,000,000 bushels of Manitoba. The rise in sterling, francs and guilders was considered suggestive by some, whatever others may think of the matter. On the 19th inst., 800,000 bushels more of Manitoba were reported sold for export. Germany is said to have been the largest buyer of wheat. Foreign countries, it is said, were also buying freely in Argentina. But later the rumors of a German loan were punctured. Germany, it is now made plain, must wait until the indemnity question is settled and lenders of money to Germany can see where they stand. Also, Liverpool has at times been very cool towards the American advance in wheat. Much of the export buying, too, has not been from the United States, but from competing countries. Manitoba wheat still represents the bulk of foreign purchases on this continent. And there were reports that the crop outlook in India was the best since 1913. Also, some reports indicate that Russia is preparing to export wheat from the Black Sea. Putting this with the United States Government crop report and the denials of the German loan, not a few were disposed to sell, and did sell. And on the 20th inst. December wheat, after touching 128½, dropped to 126, and May from 126¼ fell to 122¼c., while July reacted from 116½ to 113, although it is true that there was some recovery from the lowest prices. Liverpool, to be sure, on the 20th inst. advanced 1½ to 2d. and Buenos Aires 1 cent, with Argentine offerings smaller. But this, for the time being at any rate, fell flat. There was a general desire among longs to unload on the eve of the holidays. But on the 21st inst. there was a rally after a decline. There was a report that 1,000,000 bushels had been taken for export and it had a bracing effect.

Chicago had a report on Monday last that a leading bull interest had been caught short of December and had made a settlement with a New York cotton trader credited with being long. The same December shorts, it is believed, took over a large quantity of May wheat from the New York operator.

The report of the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome shows a world export surplus of 950,000,000 bushels and requirements of importing countries 923,000,000 bushels. In announcing the statistics, the Department of Agriculture said it seems the surplus would be quite sufficient to supply the demand and leave a good balance at the beginning of next season. World production is placed by the International Institute at 2,932,000,000 bushels, compared with 2,967,000,000 last year; the carry-over at 125,000,000, compared with 84,000,000; the exportable surplus at 950,000,000, compared with 725,000,000, and import requirements at 923,000,000, compared with 693,000,000 last year. The exportable surplus estimated as of Aug. 1 by the Institute for the principal exporting countries follows: Canada, 312,000,000 bushels; United States, 305,000,000; British India, 37,000,000; Argentina, 20,000,000; Australia, 33,000,000, and other countries, 29,000,000. Of the new crop in Argentina, the exportable surplus is estimated at 147,000,000, and that of Australia 66,000,000. The decrease in production of importing countries this year as compared with 1921 is estimated at 230,000,000 bushels. During the year ended July 1 1922 the total imports of these countries amounted to 693,000,000 bushels. Assuming the consumption of wheat this season to be equal to that of last, it would be necessary for the importing countries to increase their imports in proportion to the decrease in production, or from 693,000,000 to 923,000,000 bushels. It is quite likely, the Department of Agriculture says, that the import requirements may be considerably below that figure because of legislative measures—to use rice, rice, etc., as substitutes—such as have been put into effect in France and because of economic conditions in other countries.

London cabled: "The Indian wheat crop was benefited greatly by early winter rains. A large crop is expected, probably the best since the record crop of 1913; despite wheat exports, prices are falling steadily."

Russia, according to the International Committee of Russian Relief, will have a shortage of fully 1,000,000 tons of cereals this winter.

Moscow cabled that news from Black Sea ports indicate that the way is being prepared for big exports of grain. The port activity is said to be approaching pre-war proportions. At Novorossisk the iron workers are preparing 14 ships for use in carrying grain, and at Odessa, the restoration of elevators which have been idle for several years, is being rushed. The dispatches estimate that 2,000,000 poods (a pood is 36 English pounds) of grain are ready for exportation at Odessa and more than a million at Novorossisk.

To-day prices advanced ½ to 1c. and then reacted. Rains in Argentina tended to put prices up. But liquidation later on caused a reaction. The Produce Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade will be open to-morrow. All the other exchanges here will be closed. Wheat ended at a net advance for the week of 2½ to 3c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red.....	cts. 139	140	140½	140	140½	140½

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December delivery in elevator.....	cts. 124	127½	127½	127¼	127¼	126¾
May delivery in elevator.....	123½	125½	125½	124	125½	124½
July delivery in elevator.....	114½	116½	115½	113½	114½	113½

Indian corn early in the week was very firm and moved upward 1 to 1½c. Commission houses were good buyers. Offerings were small. There was talk of better prospects of business with Europe. Rumors of a coming German loan more or less affected all the export markets. The surplus of old corn in Argentina was reported to be small. Export sales early in the week were reported of 500,000 bushels for shipment to Germany and Scandinavia. Some small amounts were also sold to the United Kingdom. But later on reports of a German loan were stigmatized as highly improbable, in fact, impossible at this time. Talk died out of a probable large export business. And on the 20th inst. prices dropped with other grain. Meantime the visible supply in the United States has within a week increased 2,135,000 bushels, against 2,308,000 in the same week last year. This brings the total up to 13,471,000 bushels, against 18,258,000 a year ago. On the whole, corn has shown no very striking features, either in speculation or cash trade for home or foreign account. And latterly receipts have been larger at primary points. This of itself caused more or less selling.

Buenos Aires cabled: "Corn growing under favorable conditions. Harvesting of wheat progressing favorably. January freights, 23d. Market steady." To-day prices advanced slightly, but declined later, on larger offerings and a lessened demand. Singular to say, although wheat has advanced during the week corn ends 1½c. lower.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow.....	cts. 93	94½	94	93	92	91½

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December delivery in elevator.....	cts. 74½	75½	75¾	74¾	74	72¾
May delivery in elevator.....	74	75½	74¾	73	73¾	72½
July delivery in elevator.....	73½	75	74¾	72¾	73	72

Oats advanced early in the week with other grain, although the rise was on the whole not at all sharp, for rallies were followed by reactions. The trouble is that there has been as a rule no large demand. New buying has been conspicuously absent. At the same time there has been considerable December liquidation. In a word there has been

nothing stimulating in the news or in the trade to warrant a sharp advance. Yet there was a decrease in the American visible supply last week of 178,000 bushels, against a decrease in the same week last year of about half this amount of 92,000 bushels. This leaves the total 31,952,000 bushels, against 68,037,000 a year ago. Of late cash interests have bought to some extent and prices have been firm. Moreover, the country has not been offering freely.

To-day prices advanced slightly, but turned downward later. And they end 1/2 to 2/4c. lower than last Friday, the latter on December.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white	cts.	Sat. 58	Mon. 58	Tues. 58	Wed. 58	Thurs. 57 1/2	Fri. 57 1/2
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December delivery in elevator	cts.	Sat. 45 1/2	Mon. 45 1/2	Tues. 45 1/2	Wed. 44 1/2	Thurs. 44 1/2	Fri. 43 3/4
May delivery in elevator		46 1/2	47 1/2	47	46	46 1/2	46
July delivery in elevator		43	43 1/2	43 1/2	42 1/2	43 1/2	42 1/2

Rye advanced at one time with other grain and reached a new "high" for the season. The Government report indicated a decrease of 11.3% in the acreage, with a condition of 84.3. On this basis the crop is estimated at 77,000,000 bushels, against 95,497,000, the final figures for last season. But later there was some reaction, with business only moderate. It is true there were rumors of a fair amount of export business, but, as has been the case so often recently, confirmation of such reports could not be had. In general, too, the export trade has been light, and for home account the demand has not been very brisk. The visible supply in the United States increased last week, moreover, 707,000 bushels, against a decrease in the same week last year of 297,000 bushels. This makes the total 9,464,000 bushels, against 5,950,000 a year ago. On the 21st inst. 250,000 bushels were taken, it was said, for export.

The condition on Dec. 1 of 84.3% must be compared with 92.2% on Dec. 1 last year, 90.5 on Dec. 1 1920 and a 10-year average of 90.8%. So that the condition this year is 6 1/2% below the 10-year average. The area sown this fall was 5,508,000 acres, as against 6,210,000 acres last year. To-day prices advanced in the early business, but weakened later. They end 1/2c. lower on May than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO

December delivery in elevator	cts.	Sat. 89 1/2	Mon. 90 1/2	Tues. 89 1/2	Wed. 89 1/2	Thurs. 89 1/2	Fri. 89 1/2
May delivery in elevator		92	93 1/2	93	91 1/2	92 1/2	91 1/2

The following are closing quotations:

GRAIN.

Wheat—		Oats—	
No. 2 red	\$1 40 1/2	No. 2 white	57 1/2
No. 2 hard winter	1 40 1/2	No. 3 white	56 1/2
Corn—		Barley	
No. 2 yellow	91 1/2	Feeding	Nominal
Rye—No. 2	1 03	Malting	82 @ 84

FLOUR.

Spring patents	\$6 75 @ \$7 25	Barley goods—	
Winter straights, soft	6 00 @ 6 25	No. 1	\$5 75
Hard winter straights	6 25 @ 6 60	Nos. 2, 3 and 4 pearl	6 50
First spring clears	5 50 @ 6 00	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	3 02 1/2
Corn flour	1 90 @ 1 95		

For other tables usually given here, see page 2762.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Dec. 16, was as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.
United States—					
New York	1,448,000	1,007,000	2,234,000	648,000	370,000
Boston	75,000		33,000	52,000	
Philadelphia	741,000	221,000	518,000		
Baltimore	681,000	1,385,000	374,000	1,490,000	45,000
New Orleans	2,395,000	1,230,000	235,000	18,000	2,000
Galveston	1,626,000			164,000	
Buffalo	4,874,000	533,000	1,033,000	1,595,000	319,000
afloat	4,807,000			1,152,000	339,000
Toledo	1,125,000	91,000	311,000	6,000	4,000
Detroit	27,000	42,000	71,000	31,000	
Chicago	1,673,000	4,886,000	8,284,000	807,000	102,000
St. Louis	244,000	358,000	525,000	34,000	9,000
Milwaukee	129,000	173,000	607,000	104,000	108,000
Duluth	1,311,000	65,000	638,000	1,256,000	221,000
St. Joseph, Mo.	823,000	528,000	138,000	21,000	7,000
Minneapolis	4,897,000	113,000	12,549,000	1,696,000	540,000
St. Paul	1,288,000	374,000	335,000	8,000	5,000
Kansas City	2,276,000	441,000	990,000	130,000	
Peoria		305,000	423,000		
Indianapolis	409,000	229,000	315,000		
Omaha	2,650,000	793,000	2,246,000	168,000	30,000
On Lakes	298,000	573,000		47,000	
On Canal and River	225,000	17,000		28,000	126,000

Total Dec. 16 1922... 34,397,000 13,471,000 31,952,000 9,464,000 2,346,000
 Total Dec. 9 1922... 33,516,000 11,335,000 32,130,000 8,757,000 2,700,000
 Total Dec. 17 1921... 48,070,000 18,238,000 68,037,000 9,569,000 3,202,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 134,000 bushels; Boston, 3,000; Baltimore, 25,000; Buffalo, 1,004,000; Buffalo, afloat, 1,580,000; Duluth, 24,000; Toledo, afloat, 831,000; on Lakes, 175,000; total, 3,776,000 bushels, against 1,538,000 bushels in 1921. Barley, New York, 130,000; bushels; Boston, 18,000; Buffalo, 1,381,000; Buffalo afloat, 788,000; Duluth, 68,000; on Lakes, 328,000; total, 2,693,000 bushels, against 637,000 bushels in 1921. Wheat, New York, 972,000 bushels; Boston, 693,000; Philadelphia, 1,145,000; Baltimore, 1,340,000; Buffalo, 8,792,000; Buffalo, afloat, 20,800,000; Duluth, 61,000; Toledo, 338,000; Toledo afloat, 1,749,000; Chicago, 335,000; on Lakes, 2,527,000; total, 38,582,000 bushels, against 25,006,000 bushels in 1921.

Canadian—

Montreal	2,664,000	723,000	557,000	350,000	90,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur	11,051,000		1,769,000		1,428,000
afloat	148,000				
Other Canadian	11,164,000		611,000		

Summary—

American	34,397,000	13,471,000	31,952,000	9,464,000	2,346,000
Canadian	24,427,000	720,000	2,958,000	350,000	2,762,000
Total Dec. 16 1922	58,824,000	14,191,000	34,910,000	9,814,000	5,108,000
Total Dec. 9 1922	59,443,000	12,239,000	35,873,000	9,202,000	5,372,000
Total Dec. 17 1921	71,158,000	19,727,000	74,936,000	5,922,000	8,495,000

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING DEC. 20.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ending Dec. 20, is as follows:

Cotton.—The week was generally cloudy and wet and unfavorable for field work in the eastern portion of the cotton belt, and while mostly dry, it was too cold for outdoor operations in the northwestern portion. Late cotton bolls did not open well in California.

Corn.—Husking was finished in the Nebraska districts, but some huskings were still to be done in Maryland. Corn was generally all gathered in the lower Ohio Valley, but some was still in the fields in Iowa and Illinois. Much of that which was not gathered in Iowa was on the ground and snow-covered.

Wheat.—The week was abnormally cold throughout the principal winter-wheat belt and the ground was bare or nearly so in most parts. Protection was afforded by snow cover the latter part of the week, however, in much of Ohio, central and northern portions of Indiana and Illinois and from the Lake region westward. The low temperatures were unfavorable in the western portion of the belt, but wheat apparently was not materially injured, although frozen to the ground in the western half of Kansas.

Wheat made no growth in Oklahoma because of the cold, but the crop there was generally well rooted and in good condition, except in the extreme northwestern portion, where it was poor and late. Conditions continued satisfactory in Texas, while the snow cover in the Central Rocky Mountain area and Northwestern States was very beneficial, particularly as extremely low temperatures prevailed there. Early seeded grains were reported in good condition in California, except on lowlands, where they had failed to germinate, and reseeded was necessary. Winter cereals continued to improve, with ample soil moisture, in the Southeastern States, except in the drier portions of Florida.

AGRICULTURAL REPORT ON CONDITION OF WINTER WHEAT AND RYE.—The Crop Reporting Board of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture on Dec. 18 made public the following estimates from reports of its correspondents and agents of the condition of winter wheat and rye Dec. 1.

Winter Wheat.—Area sown this fall is 46,069,000 acres, which is 3.2% less than the revised estimated area sown in the fall of 1921 (viz., 47,611,000 acres). Condition on Dec. 1 was 79.5, against 78.0 and 87.9 on Dec. 1 1921 and 1920, respectively, and a ten-year average of 87.9.

Rye.—Area sown this fall is 5,508,000 acres, which is 11.3% less than the revised estimated area sown in the fall of 1921 (viz., 6,210,000 acres). Condition on Dec. 1 was 84.3, against 92.2 and 90.5 on Dec. 1 1921 and 1920, respectively, and a ten-year average of 90.8.

Details by States follow:

WINTER WHEAT.

State	Area Sown		Condition Dec. 1			Prices Per Bush. Dec. 1		
	Autumn 1921. Reeled.	Autumn 1922. Composed with 1921.	Autumn 1921. Preliminary.	Ten-Year Average 1912-1921.	1921.	1922.	1921.	1922.
New York	456,000	94	329,000	94	94	93	108	118
New Jersey	69,000	96	95,000	94	92	92	113	110
Pennsylvania	1,392,000	96	1,336,000	9	95	79	103	110
Delaware	112,000	94	105,000	91	93	75	98	108
Maryland	590,000	94	555,000	90	90	77	103	112
Virginia	843,000	102	860,000	90	87	81	116	122
West Virginia	244,000	99	242,000	91	93	83	117	122
North Carolina	621,000	99	615,000	91	92	84	144	136
South Carolina	183,000	98	179,000	91	92	84	208	157
Georgia	209,000	103	219,000	92	94	89	175	150
Ohio	2,357,000	98	2,316,000	91	91	86	108	117
Indiana	2,116,000	104	2,201,000	89	92	90	106	113
Illinois	3,189,000	107	3,412,000	91	93	90	100	107
Michigan	1,035,000	98	1,014,000	90	92	90	104	115
Wisconsin	110,000	85	94,000	93	94	92	97	103
Minnesota	95,000	108	101,000	93	92	91	97	101
Iowa	703,000	110	773,000	93	94	91	88	99
Missouri	3,229,000	97	3,132,000	89	87	90	99	105
South Dakota	102,000	89	82,000	87	92	72	87	92
Nebraska	4,149,000	89	3,816,000	91	93	83	83	96
Kansas	12,284,000	100	12,284,000	84	60	73	93	98
Kentucky	670,000	96	643,000	89	95	89	115	118
Tennessee	492,000	92	459,000	88	93	83	120	123
Alabama	23,000	92	23,000	89	89	90	153	160
Mississippi	6,000	75	4,000	89	90	84	130	145
Texas	1,784,000	95	1,695,000	82	42	76	100	110
Oklahoma	3,029,000	95	3,733,000	83	54	80	86	98
Arkansas	89,000	95	85,000	89	77	83	100	106
Montana	471,000	95	447,000	86	58	59	85	89
Wyoming	42,000	79	42,000	91	75	79	79	82
Colorado	1,793,000	88	1,678,000	90	76	69	76	89
New Mexico	112,000	60	67,000	88	50	55	105	120
Arizona	54,000	85	46,000	95	95	90	125	115
Idaho	162,000	88	143,000	90	80	70	75	90
Nevada	3,000	102	3,000	90	85	90	130	129
Utah	405,000	88	409,000	91	81	81	72	90
Washington	1,533,000	95	1,456,000	88	79	77	86	104
Oregon	879,000	100	879,000	92	92	91	85	108
California	774,000	105	813,000	92	90	96	107	115
United States	47,911,000	90.8	46,069,000	87.9	76.0	79.5	95.1	104.8

RYE (Area for Grain).

State	Area Sown	Condition Dec. 1	Price Per Bush. Dec. 1
New York	55,000	94	99
New Jersey	61,000	92	85
Pennsylvania	220,000	94	95
Virginia	40,000	91	89
Ohio	87,000	93	84
Indiana	318,000	93	92
Illinois	255,000	94	91
Michigan	645,000	92	94
Wisconsin	489,000	95	94
Minnesota	1,154,000	92	86
Iowa	1,581,000	85	92
Missouri	439,000	70	88
South Dakota	188,000	80	88
Nebraska	71,000	95	68
Kansas	97,000	90	66
Colorado			
United States	6,210,000	88.7	80.2

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FINAL REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT ON THE CROPS OF 1922.—The December estimates of the Crop Reporting Board of the Bureau of

Agricultural Economics of the acreage, production and value (based on prices paid to farmers on Dec. 1) of the important farm crops of the United States for 1922, based on the reports of the correspondents and agents of the Bureau, in comparison with the crops of 1921 and 1920, were issued on Dec. 15 as follows:

Crop.	Acreage.	Production.			Farm Value Dec. 1.	
		Per Acre.	Total.	Unit.	Per Unit.	Total.
Corn.....	1920 101,699,000	31.5	3,208,584,000	Bush.	67.0	2,150,332,000
1921 103,740,000	29.6	3,068,569,000	"	42.3	1,297,213,000	
1922 102,428,000	28.2	2,890,712,000	"	65.7	1,900,287,000	
Winter wheat.....	1920 40,016,000	15.3	610,597,000	"	148.6	907,291,000
1921 43,414,000	13.8	600,316,000	"	95.1	577,044,000	
1922 42,127,000	13.9	586,204,000	"	104.8	614,561,000	
Spring wheat.....	1920 21,127,000	10.5	222,436,000	"	130.4	289,972,000
1921 20,282,000	10.6	214,589,000	"	85.1	183,790,000	
1922 19,103,000	14.1	270,007,000	"	92.4	240,678,000	
All wheat.....	1920 61,143,000	13.6	833,027,000	"	143.7	1,197,263,000
1921 63,696,000	12.8	814,905,000	"	92.6	754,834,000	
1922 61,239,000	14.0	856,211,000	"	100.9	884,139,000	
Oats.....	1920 42,491,000	35.2	1,496,281,000	"	46.0	688,311,000
1921 45,495,000	33.7	1,078,341,000	"	30.2	325,954,000	
1922 40,693,000	29.9	1,215,496,000	"	39.4	478,548,000	
Barley.....	1920 7,410,000	20.9	159,332,000	"	71.3	135,083,000
1921 7,390,000	25.2	186,110,000	"	41.9	64,934,000	
1922 7,409,000	13.7	60,490,000	"	126.8	70,693,000	
Rye.....	1920 4,409,000	13.7	60,490,000	"	69.7	43,014,000
1921 4,828,000	13.6	61,675,000	"	69.2	66,085,000	
1922 6,210,000	15.4	95,497,000	"	128.3	16,863,000	
Buckwheat.....	1920 701,000	18.7	13,142,000	"	81.2	11,540,000
1921 680,000	20.9	14,207,000	"	83.5	13,212,000	
1922 755,000	19.2	15,066,000	"	178.7	19,039,000	
Flaxseed.....	1920 1,757,000	6.1	10,774,000	"	145.7	11,648,000
1921 1,060,000	7.2	5,029,000	"	213.4	25,809,000	
1922 1,308,000	9.4	12,288,000	"	119.1	62,036,000	
Rice.....	1920 1,336,000	39.0	52,006,000	"	95.2	35,502,000
1921 921,000	40.8	37,612,000	"	99.7	41,836,000	
1922 1,055,000	39.8	41,965,000	"	114.5	461,778,000	
Potatoes.....	1920 3,657,000	110.3	403,296,000	"	110.1	398,262,000
1921 3,941,000	91.8	361,669,000	"	58.2	262,608,000	
1922 4,331,000	104.2	451,185,000	"	113.4	117,834,000	
Sweet potatoes.....	1920 992,000	104.8	103,925,000	"	88.1	86,894,000
1921 1,066,000	92.5	98,654,000	"	77.1	84,492,000	
1922 1,116,000	98.1	109,534,000	"	117.76	1,660,235,000	
Hay, tame.....	1920 88,461,000	1.51	87,855,000	Tons	312.11	987,527,000
1921 88,769,000	1.40	1,069,693,000	"	312.59	1,217,044,000	
1922 61,208,000	1.68	96,687,000	"	111.35	108,115,000	
Hay, wild.....	1920 15,787,000	1.11	17,460,000	"	86.63	101,091,000
1921 15,632,000	.98	15,391,000	"	87.12	114,635,000	
1922 15,842,000	1.02	16,104,000	"	116.70	1,758,350,000	
All hay.....	1920 73,888,000	1.43	105,315,000	"	111.25	1,099,818,000
1921 74,401,000	1.31	97,770,000	"	111.81	1,331,769,000	
1922 77,030,000	1.46	112,791,000	"	21.2	335,675,000	
Tobacco.....	1920 1,060,000	807.3	1,883,225,000	Lbs.	19.9	212,728,000
1921 1,497,000	749.6	1,069,693,000	"	23.1	306,162,000	
1922 1,725,000	768.0	1,234,840,000	"	618.9	634,558,000	
Cotton.....	1920 35,878,000	a178.4	13,439,603	Bales	b16.2	643,933,000
1921 30,509,000	a124.5	7,633,641	"	b23.8	1,190,761,000	
1922 33,742,000	a141.6	9,964,000	"	226.0	158,246,000	
Cotton seed.....	1920 5,971,000	3.31	19,871,000	Tons	\$29.15	102,029,000
1921 5,971,000	3.31	19,871,000	"	240.18	177,756,000	
1922 4,424,000	3.31	14,700,000	"	111.95	25,227,000	
Clover seed.....	1920 1,032,000	1.8	1,944,000	Bush.	10.75	16,529,000
1921 889,000	1.7	1,375,000	"	10.08	18,905,000	
1922 1,126,000	1.7	1,875,000	"	85.38	49,636,000	
Sugar Beets.....	1920 815,000	9.55	7,782,000	Tons	\$5.65	29,805,000
1921 537,000	9.78	5,243,000	"	-----	-----	
1922 815,000	2.504	2,040,978,000	Lbs.	-----	-----	
Beet sugar.....	1920 537,000	2.574	1,382,000,000	"	-----	-----
1921 226,400	2.866	648,861,000	"	-----	-----	
1922 217,000	2.225	482,752,000	"	-----	-----	
Maple sugar.....	1920 15,219,000	e1.69	24,178,000	"	f25.7	6,214,000
1921 16,355,000	e2.12	34,806,000	"	f21.9	7,523,000	
1922 536,000	92.4	49,505,000	Gals.	160.4	32,943,000	
Sorghum sirup.....	1920 518,000	88.0	45,560,000	"	62.9	28,681,000
1921 448,000	81.5	36,532,000	"	71.0	25,946,000	
1922 1,181,000	712.5	841,474,000	Lbs.	5.3	44,256,000	
Peanuts.....	1920 1,214,000	683.1	829,307,000	"	4.0	33,097,000
1921 986,000	632.4	623,507,000	"	4.7	29,322,000	
1922 847,000	10.8	9,185,000	Bush.	\$2.95	27,134,000	
Beans, g.....	1920 777,000	11.8	9,150,000	"	\$2.67	24,399,000
1921 1,043,000	11.4	11,893,000	"	\$3.74	44,429,000	
1922 5,120,000	26.8	137,408,000	"	92.9	127,629,000	
1921 4,635,000	24.6	113,990,000	"	39.1	44,575,000	
1922 5,051,000	17.9	90,381,000	"	87.6	79,136,000	
Broom corn g.....	1920 275,000	b265.0	36,500	Tons	\$126.16	4,605,000
1921 222,000	h344.2	38,200	"	\$72.20	2,758,000	
1922 253,000	h272.7	34,500	"	\$220.70	7,614,000	
Onions, g.....	1920 57,960	249	14,406,000	Bush.	k\$1.31	18,856,000
1921 64,200	279	17,940,000	"	k\$0.92	16,471,000	
1922 103,300	6.5	673,900	Tons	k\$24.66	16,612,000	
Cabbage, g.....	1920 136,690	8.2	1,097,600	"	k\$13.03	14,091,000
1921 28,000	1,224.3	34,280,000	Lbs.	25.7	12,336,000	
1922 27,000	1,089.7	29,340,000	"	24.1	7,080,000	
Hops, g.....	1920 22,000	1,177.7	25,910,000	"	8.5	2,200,000
1921 25,000	18.0	449,000	Bbls.	\$12.28	5,614,000	
1922 25,000	15.4	384,000	"	\$15.99	6,526,000	
1923 25,000	22.5	562,000	"	\$10.18	5,726,000	
Apples, total.....	1920 223,677,000	-----	223,677,000	Bush.	114.8	256,699,000
1921 99,092,000	-----	99,092,000	"	168.0	166,343,000	
1922 203,928,000	-----	203,928,000	"	99.3	202,102,000	
Apples, comm'l.....	1920 33,905,000	-----	33,905,000	Bbls.	\$3.74	126,890,000
1921 31,557,000	-----	31,557,000	"	\$4.60	99,131,000	
1922 31,090,000	-----	31,090,000	"	\$2.94	91,524,000	
Peaches.....	1920 45,620,000	-----	45,620,000	Bush.	210.4	95,970,000
1921 32,602,000	-----	32,602,000	"	158.7	51,739,000	
1922 50,705,000	-----	50,705,000	"	133.3	75,613,000	
Pears.....	1920 16,805,000	-----	16,805,000	"	165.8	27,885,000
1921 11,297,000	-----	11,297,000	"	170.5	19,268,000	
1922 13,661,000	-----	13,661,000	"	106.0	19,789,000	
Oranges (2 States).....	1920 29,700,000	-----	29,700,000	Boxes	\$2.19	64,908,000
1921 20,300,000	-----	20,300,000	"	\$2.42	49,175,000	
1922 24,960,000	-----	24,960,000	"	\$2.47	61,535,000	
Total.....	1920 347,847,800	-----	-----	-----	-----	9,125,620,000
1921 348,435,600	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	5,729,912,000
1922 348,969,800	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	7,572,890,000

a Pounds per acre. b Cents per pound. c Including beets grown in Canada for United States factories. d Trees tapped. e Per tree. f Price March 16. g Principal producing States. h Pounds. i Commercial crop. k Price for season.

Details by States will appear in the Dec. 23 issue of "Weather, Crops and Markets." The wheat crop of 1922 is 5% greater than the crop of 1921 instead of 2% as shown in preliminary estimates. The production of 856,000,000 bushels should be compared with the revised estimated 1921 production of 815,000,000 and not with the preliminary estimate of 794,000,000. Like comparisons should be made for other crops.

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THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

New York, Friday Night, Dec. 22 1922.

The undertone of the markets for dry goods during this holiday week has been very satisfactory. Prices have continued firm, and there has been what is considered good buying for this time of the year. In the cotton goods division, unfinished cloths have ruled distinctly firmer and slightly higher, and fair sales have been reported in print cloths, sheetings and a number of fine convertibles. Furthermore, there is evidence of a latent demand which promises to become active as soon as the holidays are over, as some buyers appear to be anxious about further January deliveries for manufacturing purposes. Markets for cotton goods have also been stimulated by the strength of raw material, and some authorities predict much higher prices than those now prevailing for both the staple and manufactured products. Should mill consumption of cotton continue as heavy as it has been in recent months, it is thought possible that a scarcity of raw material may develop later on the theory that the crop this year plus last year's carry-over, will fall short of the world's requirements of American cotton during the season ending next July. There have been no developments in the wool markets of the Southern Hemisphere to indicate any break in raw wool prices. According to cable advices the Australian and New Zealand sales have been characterized by good buying at firm prices. An encouraging feature during the week has been the retail business in metropolitan stores, which has run ahead of the provisions made for it. It is reported that novelty stocks have already been exhausted in many stores.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS: Demand for domestic cotton goods has been fairly active during the past week, and prices have maintained a firm undertone. Since the publication of the Government's final estimate of this year's cotton crop, namely 3,964,000 bales, mills and merchants are more convinced than before that no material and sustained decline in prices is likely to be witnessed for some time. In fact, it is generally believed that the tendency will be upward, and especially on lines that have not as yet been advanced to a level of current replacement costs. The sold-up condition of print cloth mills for January and February appears to be well substantiated, as mills are able to command higher figures, while buyers are more willing to pay. Reports from retail holiday trade continue good, and many shoppers declare that assortments are smaller and less satisfactory at this time than they were a year ago, this being particularly true in regard to articles of a strictly holiday character. Sheetings have shown more firmness in numbers that were weak a short time ago as a result of offerings of odd lots from second hands. Mills are said to be closely sold on print cloths and sheetings, and whenever any firm bid for a quantity is received it is necessary to arrange to extend deliveries. Sales of print cloths at Fall River during the past week have been heavy, it being estimated that upwards of 235,000 pieces changed hands at firm prices. There have been jobbing house requests during the past few days for chambrays, colored domestics and more of the piece dyed staples for the wash goods departments. This character of buying is usually the forerunner of a reassorting of other stocks of staple goods, such as percales, gingham and bleached cottons. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 8 1/4 c., and the 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 7 1/4 c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's, are quoted at 11 1/4 c., and the 39-inch 80 x 80's, at 14 1/4 c.

WOOLEN GOODS: Conditions surrounding the markets for woolsens continue firm, and when new clothing and dress goods lines are opened, higher prices than those prevailing a year ago are expected. On the other hand, mills are not likely to press for full values owing to the difficulties in selling. The tendency of raw wool prices continues upward, and if mills were to ask prices in keeping with the actual replacement cost of wool at the present time, it would be necessary to quote still higher prices. In arriving at prices satisfactory enough to secure advance business, mills are said to be averaging the cost of wool they have on hand with the costs of wool they will have to pay before orders are completed. Raw wool dealers in general are of the opinion that prices now being obtained will be maintained after the first of the year. The pre-holiday retail business is said to be unusually brisk, though in the fabric division, spot business has been quiet. In view of the active consumer buying, however, it is expected that retailers will re-enter the market on a liberal scale for supplies after the turn of the year.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS: Linens are moderately active with a steady movement noted in finished, ready-to-wear and bleached goods. Prices remain fairly steady, although there appears to be increasing competition in low bleached damasks. Retailers' sales are said to be progressing satisfactorily, and it is expected that the former will re-enter the market for supplies after the holidays. There has been quite an active demand for burlaps during the week, and prices have ruled firm. Light weights are quoted at 6.95 to 7.00c. and heavies at 8.75 to 8.85c.

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN NOVEMBER.

We present herewith our detailed list of the municipal bond issues put out during the month of November, which the crowded condition of our columns prevented our publishing at the usual time.

The review of the month's sales was given on page 2602 of the "Chronicle" of Dec. 9. Since then several belated November returns have been received, changing the total for the month to \$41,864,263. The number of municipalities issuing bonds in November was 370 and the number of separate issues 494.

NOVEMBER BOND SALES.

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
2498.	Ada County, Idaho.	5 1/2	1932	\$ 25,000	100	6.57
2710.	Agular, Colo.	5 1/2	1932	75,000	92	6.57
2401.	Albuquerque, N. Mex.	5	1923-1947	120,000	---	---
2498.	Alexandria, Minn.	6	1924-1932	9,000	---	---
2710.	Albambra, Calif.	4 1/2	1923-1947	200,000	100.15	---
2179.	Amsterdam, N. Y.	4 1/2	1923-1958	294,000	100.31	---
2401.	Arnold Sch. Dist., Pa.	4 1/2	1924-1932	15,000	---	---
2603.	Ashland, Ohio.	6	1924-1941	23,800	107.83	4.75
2498.	Ashtabula County, Ohio.	5	1924-1941	45,000	100.806	4.88
2179.	Atlanta, Ga.	5	serially	142,000	102.61	---
2603.	Atchafalaya Basin Levee Dist., La.	5	1942	250,000	---	---
2818.	Atchison County, Kan.	4 1/2	Serially	83,000	101.28	---
2603.	Atlantic City, N. J.	4 1/2	1923-1958	1,425,000	100	4.50
2498.	Auburn, Ind.	5	1923-1930	16,500	100.31	4.92
2292.	Audubon, N. J.	5	1923-1929	69,000	100	5.00
2292.	Audubon, N. J.	5	1924-1931	29,000	---	---
2498.	Badger, So. Dak.	6	1942	13,000	---	6.00
2710.	Balfic, So. Dak.	6	1932	10,000	100.01	---
2401.	Banks, Ore.	5	1925-1948	180,000	100	5.00
2491.	Beaumont Nav. D., Tex.	5	1924-1932	111,187	101.220	5.24
2292.	Bedford, Ohio (5 issues)	5 1/2	1937	5,000	100	6.00
2498.	Beltrami Co. Sch. Dist. No. 28, Minn.	6	1923-1932	6,283	102.56	5.43
2179.	Benton County, Ind.	6	1926-1937	146,000	---	---
2710.	Big Medicine Creek Drain Dist. No. 1, Mo.	5	1950	1,000,000	103.32	4.78
2180.	Birmingham, Ala.	5	1950	151,000	100	5.50
2292.	Blair, Neb.	5 1/2	serially	21,000	100	5.00
2498.	Boone, Iowa	5	1923-1932	35,000	---	---
2603.	Boulder Pavins District No. 23, Colo.	6	1927-1950	120,000	100.39	4.47
2498.	Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.	4 1/2	1927-1931	17,000	100.288	4.44
2603.	Bristow, Okla. (4 issues)	6	1927-1931	15,000	---	---
2402.	Bronxville, N. Y. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1928-1942	500,000	---	---
2402.	Brown County, Kan.	5 1/2	1928-1942	166,500	---	---
2402.	Brown County, Texas	5	1942	41,800	---	---
2498.	Brown County, Minn.	5	1923-1942	90,000	---	---
2819.	Bryant County, Okla.	5 1/2	1923-1942	27,000	---	---
2603.	Buffalo, N. Y. (2 issues)	6	1923-1942	16,000	100.03	---
2292.	Bush Out. Dr. D., Miss.	6	1924-1932	59,850	102.51	---
2819.	Butler County, Kan.	4 1/2	1924-1932	75,700	101.317	4.71
2180.	Butler County, Ohio.	5	1924-1933	43,376	100.13	4.98
2402.	Butler County, Ohio.	5	1924-1933	150,000	---	---
2499.	Butler County, Ohio.	5	1923-1932	10,000	100.50	5.00
2499.	Caddo Parish Sch. Dist. No. 19, La.	5	1923-1932	5,900	100	---
2292.	Calcasieu Parish School District No. 19, La.	6	1927-1952	50,000	---	---
2402.	Caldwell, Kan.	5	1927-1952	14,000	---	---
2402.	Cambria Twp., Pa.	4 1/2	1927-1952	50,000	---	---
2402.	Cameron, Texas	6	1927-1952	14,000	---	---
2499.	Canton, Tex. (2 issues)	5	1927-1952	50,000	100.20	---
2180.	Canyon Ind. S. D., Tex.	5	1927-1952	100,000	103.75	---
2603.	Carroll Dale S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1922-'42-'52	300,000	102.94	4.31
2402.	Carroll County, Mo.	5	1922-1942	125,000	---	---
2499.	Carroll Twp. Rural Sch. District, Ohio.	6	1924-1928	1,500	101	5.86
2292.	Cass County, Mich.	6	1924-1928	9,500	---	---
2402.	Castle Rock, Colo.	6	1914-21 yrs.	5,000	100.75	---
2603.	Cathay S. D. 10, No. Dak.	4	1942	5,000	100	4.00
2180.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	4 1/2	1923-1942	200,000	102.397	4.45
2180.	Centerburg VII. S. D., O.	5	1923-1947	25,000	100.51	4.95
2819.	Chanute, Kan.	4 1/2	1923-1947	125,000	100	4.50
2603.	Charleston, W. Va.	5	1932-1952	490,000	100	5.00
2499.	Chase County, Neb.	5 1/2	serially	40,000	---	---
2603.	Chesapeake, Ohio.	6	1923-1929	1,400	100	6.00
2292.	Chester, Pa.	4 1/2	1952	700,000	101.618	4.17
2402.	Chowchilla Union High Sch. Dist., Calif.	6	1924-1938	30,000	106.80	5.10
2603.	Cincinnati Township School Dist., N. J.	4 1/2	1924-1938	50,000	100.112	4.48
2292.	Clark's Green & Clark's Summit Jt. S. D., Pa.	5	1927-1952	78,000	106.432	4.49
2292.	Clark's Green & Clark's Summit Jt. S. D., Pa.	5	1927-1952	15,500	106.01	4.53
2819.	Clay County, Ind. (3 iss.)	5	1924-1933	40,800	100	5.00
2402.	Claymont Sp. S. D., Del.	5 1/2	1923-1947	275,000	100.43	5.20
2180.	Clayton, N. Y.	5	1923-1925	4,200	100.619	4.68
2819.	Clearwater, Kan.	5	1923-1925	17,500	---	---
2402.	Cleburne, Texas.	5	1923-1925	328,000	---	---
2180.	Cleveland Heights City S. D., Ohio.	5	1924-1945	300,000	---	---
2603.	Clinton, Iowa	5	1924-1945	109,866	---	---
2499.	Cliver, So. Caro.	6	1924-1945	65,000	103.23	---
2180.	Colesville Union Free Sch. District, N. Y.	5	yearly	4,500	102	4.70
2499.	Colgate Un. Free Sch. Dist. No. 22, N. Y.	5	1923-1942	120,000	100.35	4.97
2293.	Colquitt County, Ga.	5	1923-1942	100,000	104.35	---
2402.	Columbus County Drain Dist. No. 2, No. Caro.	6	1923-1932	60,000	100	6.00
2402.	Colwich, Kan.	5	yearly	12,000	---	---
2180.	Cove Irrig. Dist., Mont.	6	serially	300,000	90	---
2499.	Conover, No. Caro.	6	1924-1933	5,000	102.50	---
2402.	Conroe I. S. D., Texas.	6	1924-1933	20,000	103	---
2603.	Colquhoun S. D. No. 2, No. Dak.	4	*1940	5,000	100	4.00
2402.	Cotton Valley Sch. Dist. No. 12, La.	6	1923-1938	60,000	---	---
2402.	Covington, Ind.	4 1/2	1923-1938	15,200	100	4.50
2603.	Covington, Va.	5	1942-1952	130,000	100	5.00
2603.	Crawford Sch. Dist., Neb.	5	1932-1942	15,000	100r	5.00
2499.	Crawford Union Free Sch. Dist. No. 3, N. Y.	5	1927-1941	15,000	103.806	4.57
2499.	Crete, Neb.	5	1910-20 yrs.	29,000	---	---
2499.	Cygnut, Ohio.	6	1924-1928	2,500	100	6.00
2711.	Dakota Co. S. D. 55, Neb.	6	1927-1932	3,500	100	6.00
2402.	Dalhart, Texas	6	1927-1932	24,000	---	---
2180.	Delaware County, Pa.	4 1/2	1923-1952	500,000	101.37	4.13
2604.	Delaware Co. S. D. No. 17, Okla.	6	1923-1952	32,000	103	---
2293.	Delta County, Colo.	4 1/2	1923-1938	25,000	---	---
2293.	Denver, Colo.	4 1/2	1923-1938	350,000	100	4.50
2180.	Dos Moines, Iowa	4 1/2	1927-1942	252,000	101.30	4.35
2402.	Deuel County Sch. Dist. No. 7, Neb.	5 1/2	1927-1942	24,000	---	---
2820.	Dodge City, Kan.	5	Serially	38,474	100	5.00

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2604.	Douglas, Neb.	6	1927-1937	9,000	---	---
2604.	Douglas, Wyo.	6	1927-1937	350,000	---	---
2604.	Douglas County, So. Dak.	7	1927-1937	115,000	---	---
2402.	Downs, Kan.	5 1/2	1923-1942	95,455	---	---
2604.	Drew, Miss.	6	1923-1942	25,000	100.72	---
2402.	Dunkirk, N. Y.	4 1/2	1923-1932	65,000	100.648	4.35
2402.	Dunn Graded Sch. Dist. No. Caro.	5 1/2	1925-1952	40,000	102.51	5.28
2402.	Durham, No. Caro.	4 1/2	1928-1942	30,000	101.413	4.36
2604.	East Chain Consol. S. D. No. 37	5	1937	15,000	103.03r	4.72
2180.	Eastchester Union Free S. D. No. 2, N. Y.	4.40	1927-1941	50,000	100.07	4.39
2402.	E. Liverpool, O. (2 iss.)	6	1927-1937	8,400	103.17	5.35
2072.	Eastwood, N. Y.	4 1/2	1926-1935	20,000	100.516	4.41
2402.	Egeland, No. Dak.	6	1932	6,500	102.61	5.60
2712.	Elk River Sch. Dist., Ida.	5	1923-1932	10,000	---	---
2403.	El Paso County School Dist. No. 12, Colo.	5	1923-1932	17,500	---	---
2820.	Emmet, Kan.	5	Serially	15,000	100.50	---
2604.	Emmet County, Mich.	5	1923-1932	50,000	105.106	---
2499.	Everett, Mass.	4 1/2	1931-1933	114,000	101.36	4.08
2293.	Fargo Ind. S. D., Texas	5	1926-1932	6,000	100	5.25
2403.	Floyd County, Iowa	5 1/2	1926-1932	38,000	---	---
2604.	Forsyth, Mont.	6	1924-1952	34,567	---	---
2073.	Forsyth, Mont.	6	1924-1952	103,741	100.091	4.99
2073.	Fort Lee, N. J.	5	1924-1952	14,000	100.74	4.15
2500.	Fort Smith Sewer Impt. Dist. No. 3, Ark.	5	1927-1936	20,000	---	---
2180.	Framingham, Mass.	4 1/2	1942	7,000	---	---
2712.	Garrison, Neb.	6	1942	20,000	---	---
2712.	Gering, Neb.	5 1/2	1923-1932	12,000	---	---
2403.	Gilead, Neb.	6	1923-1931	35,000	100.28	4.19
2073.	Gloucester, N. J.	4 1/2	1923-1931	35,000	100.28	4.19
2500.	Gloucester N. J. Township S. D., N. J.	5	1923-1952	55,000	100.12	4.99
2712.	Gordon Sch. Dist., Neb.	5	1923-1932	50,000	---	---
2605.	Grafton, Ohio.	5 1/2	1923-1932	40,588	101.26	5.23
2403.	Gr'd Rapids, Mich. (4 iss.)	4 1/2	var.	715,000	100.43	---
2712.	Granville, Ohio (Aug. 2 issues)	5 1/2	1923-1932	22,000	100.586	5.38
2403.	Green Island, N. Y.	5	1923-1934	34,000	101.637	---
2500.	Greensboro, N. C. (3 iss.)	5	1923-1962	400,000	100.72	4.03
2403.	Green Twp. Rural Sch. District, Ohio.	5	1924-1942	19,000	100.42	5.94
2181.	Griffin Township Road District, No. Caro.	6	1923-1932	10,000	100	6.00
2181.	Hallfax Co., No. Caro.	5	1927-1952	40,000	101.63	4.87
2293.	Hall County, Texas	5 1/2	1927-1952	150,000	100	5.50
2605.	Hallstead, Pa.	4.60	1927-1952	20,000	100	4.60
2605.	Hancock Sch. Dist., Mich.	5	1926-1953	275,000	101.096	4.90
2403.	Hayre, Mont.	5	1926-1953	144,000	---	---
2181.	Hamburg Dr. Dist., Neb.	5 1/2	1942	58,000	100	5.50
2403.	Harrietstown & Santa Clara C. S. D., N. Y.	5	1923-1938	15,000		

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.	Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
2494	Mankato, Kan			31,421	100	5.00	2296	Sumner Co., Kan. (3 is.)	4 1/2		518,800	100	
2494	Manteca Union High Sch. Dist., Calif.	5 1/2	1947	15,000	108.75	4.87	2824	Surf, N. J.	6	1923-1927	5,000	100	6.00
2294	Maple Heights, Ohio	5 1/2	1923-1932	171,000	100.215	5.46	2405	Swannanoa Con. S. D.					
2501	Marshall Spec. Rd. Dist., Mo.			50,000	100.41		2716	Sweetwater Ind. Sch. Dist., Tex.	5 1/2		50,000	100.15	5.48
2606	Martin County, Minn.	4 1/2	1933-1942	47,832	99.95		2406	Swift Co., Minn. (2 iss.)	4 1/2		80,000	100.02	5.50
2501	Massillon City S. D., Ohio	5	1924-1946	950,000	101.73	4.81	2184	Syracuse, N. Y.	4 1/2	1923-1942	420,000		4.49
2494	Melvern, Kans		serially	7,000	100	5.00	2184	Syracuse, N. Y.	4 1/2	1923-1942	180,000	100.08	4.068
2294	Mendon, Ohio	6		35,000	102.575		2184	Syracuse, N. Y.	4 1/2	1923-1927	35,000		
2501	Mesquite, Tex. (2 issues)	6		60,000			2824	Tacoma, Wash. (10 iss.)	6		105,922	100	6.00
2501	Middlesex Co., Mass.	4 1/2	1923-1940	45,000		4.00	2406	Tallahatchie Co., Miss.			200,000		
2501	Middletown, Ohio	5 1/2	1924-1932	20,457	102.36	5.03	2503	Talmadge, Neb.			6,000		
2501	Middletown, Ohio	5 1/2	1924-1932	50,499	102.36	5.03	2296	Tantrapaha Parish S. D.					
2404	Minneapolis, Minn.	5 1/2	serially	28,613	99.50		2296	Tensas Bayou Drainage Dist., La.	5	serially	100,000	101.41	
2714	Minidoka Co. Ind. S. D.						2716	Throop Sch. Dist., Pa.	4 1/2	1923-1947	200,000	100.62	4.94
	No. 1, Ida.	5 1/2		45,000	97.00r		2503	Tippecanoe Co., Ind.	6	semi-ann.	83,000	100.06	
2295	Monguauon Twp. S. D.			165,000	101.53	4.63	2296	Tonawanda, N. Y.	5	1923-1932	15,811	100	6.00
	No. 1, Mich.	4 1/2	1923-1952				2406	Towanda, Kan.	6		21,000	101.39	
2606	Monroe Co. Spec. Tax S. D. No. 1, Fla.	6	1952	75,000	101	5.93	2716	Tryon, No. Caro.	6	1941	15,000	100	6.00
2404	Montclair, N. J.	4 1/2	1923-1943	114,000	100	4.50	2184	Tulia Ind. S. D., Tex.	5 1/2	1924-1962	12,000	101.08	
2404	Montgomery Co., Ohio	5 1/2	1924-1943	43,700	106.10	4.80	2296	Union Twp. S. D., N. J.	4 1/2	1924-1951	100,000	100.25	
2607	Montross Co. Sch. Dist., No. 11, Colo.	5 1/2		7,200			2406	Union Twp. S. D., N. J.	4 1/2	1924-1951	75,000	100.40	4.72
2404	Moorepark S. D., Calif.	6	1923-1926	4,000	100.25	5.88	2503	Vallejo, Calif.	4 1/2	1923-1942	205,500	100.273	4.22
2182	Mt. Holly, No. Caro.	6	1925-1944	35,000	103.08	5.70	2297	Vanderburgh Co., Ind.	5 1/2	semi-ann.	62,500		
2182	Mount Pleasant Un. Free S. D. No. 1, N. Y.	5	1924-1943	20,000	104.075	4.54	2716	Venango, Neb.	5		4,920	100	4.50
2075	Multnomah Co. S. D. No. 1, Ore.	4 1/2	1925-1942	300,000	100.04	4.49	2503	Ventnor City, N. J.	5	1923-1942	24,000		
2295	Naglee Burd Irrig. Dist., Calif.	6		25,000	102.28		2716	Verdel, Neb.	6	1927-1942	99,000	101.573	4.80
2182	Nassau County, N. Y.	5 1/2	1923	30,000	101.46	4.00	2503	Vero, Fla.	6	1923-1964	3,800		
2404	Navarro Co. Rd. Dist., No. 15, Tex.	5		40,000			2184	Vicksburg, Miss.	5	1923-1947	67,500	98	6.22
2401	Neodesha, Kan.	4 1/2	serially	55,600	100	4.75	2496	Vigo Co., Ind.	5	1924-1933	6,000	101.033	4.80
2607	Newark, Del.	5		180,000			2297	Vikings, Minn.	5 1/2	1937	8,000	101	
2404	New Bedford, Mass. (6 iss.)	4 1/2	serially	246,000	100.27	4.21	2184	Wahkiakum, Wash.	5	1924-1933	25,000	102.00	
2714	Newport Beach, Calif.	7		261,640			2503	Warren, Ohio (4 issues)	5 1/2	1923-1932	41,900	100	
2501	Newton Co., Ind. (2 iss.)	6	semi-ann.	27,397	100	6.00	2297	Washington Sch. Twp., Ind.	5		24,000	102.40	
2607	Nicholson Twp. S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1952	30,000	101.67		2609	Wayne, Okla.	6		25,000	100	6.00
2714	Nicholson Twp. S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1932-1952	50,000	100.65	4.45	2503	White River, So. Dak.	7		28,500	100	7.00
2822	Nickerson, Kan.	5		83,500			2184	West Allis, Wis. (4 iss.)	5	1923-1942	70,000	101.72	
2501	Niles, Ohio	5		16,000			2503	West Farmington, Ohio	5	1923-1936	3,000	100	5.00
2404	Noble County, Ind.	5	1923-1942	20,000	101.77	4.77	2406	Westhope, No. Dak.	6	1942	6,000	100r	6.00
2501	North Tonawanda, N. Y.	4 1/2	1927-1931	50,000	100.186	4.47	2406	West Unity, Ohio	5 1/2	1924-1928	4,500	100r	5.50
2502	Oakland, Neb.	5	serially	38,000			2406	White Co., Ind.	5	1924-1933	20,000	100.75	4.86
2714	Oakland, Neb.	5	1924-1940	36,595	100	5.00	2406	White Co., Ind.	5	1924-1933	25,000	100.77	4.86
2714	Oakland, Neb.	5	1927-1933	3,993	100	5.00	2406	White Co., Ind.	5	1924-1933	8,500	101.07	4.81
2183	Oaklyn, N. J.	5	1923-1931	12,500	100	5.00	2406	White Co., Ind.	5	1924-1933	8,500	101.15	4.80
2183	Oaklyn, N. J.	5	1923-1962	5,500			2298	Whittier Un. High Sch. Dist., Calif.	5	1924-1948	150,000	104.08	4.60
2404	Ocean City, N. J.	5	1923-1933	55,000	100.454	4.91	2407	Wichita, Kan.	4 1/2		11,500		
2502	Omaha Sch. Dist., Neb.	4 1/2	1923-1947	2,500,000	99.18	4.48	2609	Wildrose Spec. S. D. No. 90, No. Dak.	4	*1940	5,000	100	4.00
2183	Onondaga, N. Y.	5	1924-1934	11,000	101.625	4.72	2185	Windor Twp. Rural Sch. Dist., Ohio	5 1/2	1924-1934	80,000	103.34	4.94
2183	Oregon City, Ore.	5	1929	50,000	101.07	4.33	2298	Windsor, Ariz. (2 issues)	6		100,000		
2295	Orleans County, N. Y.	4 1/2		10,000	101.82		2609	Wisner, Neb.	5		15,000		
2404	Osborn, Ohio	5 1/2	1924-1933	5,000	100	5.50	2717	Wyaconda Drain Dist., No. 3, Mo.	6	1927-1942	52,000		
2502	Paris, Mo. (2 issues)	6		35,000	100.90		2609	Xenia, Ill.	6	1928-1931	4,000		
2607	Pender, Neb.	5	1932-1942	20,000	100.07	4.99	2504	Yakima Co. S. D. No. 14, Wash.	5 1/2		7,000	100	5.25
2502	Perry, Fla. (2 issues)	6	serially	40,000	100		2609	Yakima Co. Drain. Dist., Wash. (5 issues)	6	Various	53,040	Various	Var.
2405	Perry, Okla.	5 1/2		20,000			2717	Yankton, So. Dak.	5 1/2		70,000		
2405	Perth Amboy, N. J.	4 1/2	1924	165,000	100.130	4.68	2298	Yazoo City, Miss.	5 1/2	1923-1948	150,000	100.87	
2405	Peru Sch. Dist., Calif.	5 1/2	1923-1934	12,000	100.37	4.17	2107	Youngtown, Ohio	5	1924-1933	40,000		
2405	Phillips Co. S. D. No. 5, Co.	6	d10-20-years	4,000			2609	Youngstown, Ohio	5	1924-1933	40,000		
2607	Phillips & Sedgewick Cos. Joint S. D. 36, Colo.	6	d1937-1952	3,000			2717	Yuba City Un. High Sch. Dist., Calif.	6		256,000	107.13	
2405	Plainfield, Conn.	4 1/2	1927-1952	175,000	103.55	4.23	Total bond sale for November (370 municipalities covering 494 separate issues) \$41,864,263						
2295	Pittsburg, Kan.	5	1923-1932	10,108	100	5.00	REVISED TOTALS FOR PREVIOUS MONTHS.						
2822	Pittsford, N. Y.	5	1927-1942	30,000	103.76	4.59	The following items, included in our totals for previous months, should be eliminated from the same. We give the page number of the issue of our paper in which the reasons for these eliminations may be found:						
2715	Platte River Drain. Dist. No. 1, Mo.	5 1/2	1927-1942	50,000			2819	Cotton Valley Sch. Dist. No. 12, La. (July list)			\$60,000		
2715	Polk County, Ga.	5 1/2	1934	100,000	109.060	4.52	2604	Fort Morgan, Colo. (October list)			115,000		
2502	Port Austin, Mich.	5 1/2	1923-1927	11,300	100	5.50	2605	Imperial County, Calif. (August list)			300,000		
2296	Potacowawa Creek D. D., Miss.	6	1928-1943	10,500			2609	Imperial County, Calif. (July list)			250,000		
2295	Portage, Utah	6	d10-20-years	85,000			1583	Midhollan Road Dist., Texas (April L.I.)			80,000		
2295	Portland, Ore.	5		294,587	var.		2502	Roosevelt Electrical District, Ariz. (Sept. list)			75,000		
2405	Pottstown Sch. Dist., Pa.	4 1/2	1927-1951	450,000	101.749	4.35	We have also learned of the following additional sales for previous months:						
2502	Pratt & Barbara Cos. S. D. No. 43, Kan.	4 1/2	1937	27,500			Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
2715	Prattville Un. Free S. D. No. 2, N. Y.	5	Yearly	7,000	100	5.00	2498	Adams Township School Dist., Pa. (June)	5	1925-1943	\$95,000	104.92	
2607	Prospect S. D. 33, No. Dak.	4	*1940	5,000	100	4.00	2603	Bonita S. D., La. (July)	5	1923-1927	5,000	100	5.00
2183	Providence, R. I.	4	1962	2,500,000	97.16	4.15	2292	Brookville Conrol. Sch. Dist., Ohio (July)	5 1/2	1923-1952	41,000	101.125	
2607	Pueblo Co. S. D. 12, Colo.			6,000			2711	Brown Co., Ohio (July)	5 1/2	1923-1948	197,000		
2608	Pueblo Co. S. D. 47, Colo.			6,500			2711	Brown Co., Ohio (May)	5 1/2	1923-1931	28,000	102.30	4.97
2502	Pulaski Co. Ind. (2 iss.)	6		30,000			2711	Brown Co., Ohio (June)	5 1/2	1923-1931	28,500	101.744	4.95
2608	Quinter, Kan.	5		42,000			2180	Cambridge, Ohio	5 1/2	1925-1930	6,387	102.07	5.95
2296	Racine, Wis. (2 issues)	4 1/2	1923-1942	130,000	100.32	4.46	2711	Chewelah, Wash. (March)	7	serially	4,500		
2405	Rahway, N. J.	4 1/2	1923-1932	158,000	100	4.50	2180	Clovis, Calif.	6		109,066	100	7.00
2405	Rahway, N. J.	4 1/2	1923-1937	44,000			2180	Ooqehown Sch. Dist. No. 2, No. Dak. (Sept.)	4	*1940	42,000	100	4.00
2502	Ramapo Com. Sch. Dist. No. 2, N. Y.	5		10,000			2180	Coshocton Schol. Dist. No. 2, No. Dak.	4	*1940	42,000	100	4.00
2183	Ramsey County, Minn.	5		30,000	100		2711	Coshocton, Ohio	6	1923-1927	2,500	100.10	5.97
2502	Ravenna, Neb.	6	d10-20-years	29,232			2604	Cothoston Twp. Rural Sch. Dist., Ohio (August)	6	1923-1926	4,215	100.25	5.89
2405	Ravenna, Ohio	5 1/2	1924-193										

Page	Name	Rate	Maturity	Amount	Price	Basis
2183	New England Special Sch. District, No. Dak.		*1940	40,000	100	4.00
2714	North Beaver Twp., Pa. (June)		1952	90,000	101.083	4.44
2183	No. Tonawanda, N. Y.			30,000		
2183	Oberon Sch. Dist., No. 16, No. Dak. (Sept.)		*1940	78,000	100	4.00
2295	Pickaway Co., O. (June)		1931	40,000	100.07	
2183	Pike Co., Ky. (Sept.)		1927-1952	200,000	100	5.00
2822	Pulaski Co., Ind. (July)		1923-1932	13,000	101.577	4.67
2183	Reservation S. D. No. 1, No. Dak. (Sept.)		*1942	11,500	100	4.00
2183	Riechland Co. Sch. Dist. No. 12, Mont.			5,500	100	6.00
2296	Seattle, Wash. (8 issues)		var.	60,991	100	6.00
2608	Shade Twp. Sch. Dist., Pa. (Aug.)			39,500	100.36	
2715	Sheridan County Sch. Dist. No. 39, Wyo.			4,000		
2184	Spokane, Wash. (5 iss.)			35,843		
2503	Tacoma, Wash. (5 iss.)		var.	19,369		
2184	Twin Buttes Sch. Dist. No. 1, No. Dak.		*1940	50,000	100	4.00
3297	Van Wert, Ohio (Sept.)		1932	4,000	100.875	4.82
3184	Vigo County, Ind.		1923-1932	3,600	100.72	4.87
3184	Vigo County, Ind.		1923-1932	3,800	100.71	4.87
2184	Wabasha, Minn. (2 iss.)			25,000	100.24	
2716	Washington County, Ind.		1923-1932	15,200	100	5.00
2503	West Park, Ohio (Sept.)		1923-1931	588,947	103.42	
2184	Wildrose Spec. Sch. Dist. No. 90, No. Dak.		*1940	45,000	100	4.00
2824	Wilmington, N. Y. (Sept.)		1927-1933	7,000	100	5.00
2503	Wilmington, O. (Sept.)		1922-1931	13,500	100	5.50

All the above sales (except as indicated) are for October. These additional October issues will make the total sales (not including temporary loans) for that month \$67,971,479.

DEBENTURES SOLD BY CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES IN NOVEMBER.

Page	Name	Rate	Maturity	Amount	Price	Basis
2717	Alberta Sch. Dist., Alta. (5 issues)		Yearly	\$6,600	Var.	Var.
2407	Birney, Sask.			1,150		
2717	Bogotville, Que.		Yearly	75,000		
2407	Chateauguay, Que.			20,000	99.10	
2504	Colchester Sch. Twp., Ont.		Yearly	57,268	100.33	5.95
2610	Cumberland, Ont.		Yearly	2,700	100	6.00
2407	Cutcliffe, Sask.			3,000		
2504	Dufferin County, Ont.		Yearly	18,000	96.357	5.75
2504	Dufferin County, Ont.		Yearly	60,000		
2298	Ellice Sch. Dist., Man.		Yearly	5,000		
2298	Etoloboke, Ont.		Yearly	45,000	97.884	5.72
2407	Holton County, Ont.		Yearly	46,000	99.73	5.53
2610	Innisfield Twp., Ont.		Yearly	18,000	97.80	5.75
2298	Lundi Sch. Dist., Man.		Yearly	11,000		
2610	Mersea Twp., Ont.		Yearly	7,500	100.27	
2504	Minnedosa, Man.		Yearly	6,000		
2504	New Toronto, Ont.		Yearly	67,500	96.17	6.50
2298	Niagara Falls, Ont.			100,000	101.67	
3185	Port Credit, Ont.		1923-1952	3,000		6.00
2610	Port Credit, Ont.		Yearly	65,000		6.00
2610	Renfrew, Ont.		Yearly	43,496	96.89	6.20
2717	Riverside, Ont.		Yearly	50,000	100.28	
2610	St. Thomas, Ont.			20,000	100	5.50
2407	Sarnick, B. C.			20,000		
2407	Sandwich, Ont.			397,000	98.59	6.18
2610	Saskatchewan Sch. Dist., Sask.		Var.	7,100	Var.	Var.
2407	Sintaluta, Sask.			8,000		
2298	Stettler, Alta.		Yearly	5,000		
2298	Vulcan, Alta.		Yearly	5,000		
2610	Walkerville, Ont.		Yearly	127,000	95.398	
2407	Weston, Ont.		Yearly	30,000	101.13	5.96
2407	Windsor, Ont. (3 issues)		Yearly	239,403	96.60	
2298	Yoek Twp., Ont.			104,200	103.43	

Total amount of debentures sold in Canada during November \$1,673,827

We have also learned of the following additional sales for previous months:

Page	Name	Rate	Maturity	Amount	Price	Basis
2185	Bassano Mun. Hospital Dist., Alta.		1927	\$10,000	98.15	
2824	Kamloops, B. C. (Sept.)		1942	22,000	100	6.00
2185	Marston South Roman Catholic School Commission, Que.		1923-1932	7,000	97.00	
2407	Saskatchewan Sch. Dist., Sask.		Var.	19,200		
2825	Saskatchewan Sch. Dist., Sask.		Var.	7,800		
2185	Vancouver Districts Joint Sewerage & Drainage Board, B. C.		1962	300,000	91.689	
2185	Windsor South Roman Catholic Sch. Commission, Que.		1923-1932	8,000	97.81	

The above sales are for October. These additional issues will make total sales for that month \$28,722,678.

a Average date of maturity. d Subject to call in and during the earlier year and to mature in the later year. k Not including \$37,801,291 of temporary loans reported, and which do not belong in the list. z Taken by sinking fund as an investment. y And other considerations. r Refunding bonds. * But may be redeemed two years after date.

NEWS ITEMS.

Montana.—Official Vote on Constitutional Amendments, &c.—The official vote cast at the general election, as announced by the Secretary of State, shows that three of the four measures submitted carried, the bill providing for an amendment of the Anti-Wager Law, which was leading by a small majority in the early returns—V. 115, p. 2291—having been beaten by 66,363 negative votes to 60,057 affirmative. The final count on the Soldier Bonus Act, which provides for a \$4,500,000 bond issue, was 67,463 "for" to 62,100 "against." The two Constitutional amendments, one authorizing the Legislature to provide a form and plan of government for counties and cities, and the other creating County Boards of Equalization and a State Board of Equalization carried by voters of 67,249 to 50,178 and 65,279 to 52,536, respectively.

Oklahoma.—Soldier Bonus Measure Defeated.—Of the several States voting on bonus measures on Nov. 7, Oklahoma was the only one to turn down the proposal. The unofficial vote on the question is said to show a majority of about 5,000 votes against. The bill, if approved, would

have amended the Constitution by the creation of Article 26, authorizing the payment of a bonus to World War veterans and the issuance of \$50,000,000 bonds for the necessary funds.

Stockton, Calif.—City Manager Government Adopted.—At an election held Nov. 28 the voters, it is unofficially reported, adopted, by about 3 to 1, an ordinance providing for a city manager form of government.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

ADA, Norman County, Minn.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on Jan. 2 to vote on the question of issuing \$28,000 4 1/2% electric light and power plant bonds. A. O. Guren, City Clerk.

ADDISON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Meyersdale), Somerset County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$10,500 5% school bonds has been sold to J. A. Cramer, Wm. Frazee, Frank Anderson and J. W. Griffith at par and interest.

ALBANY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Laramie) Wyo.—BIDS.—The following bids were received for the \$40,000 5% 20-year high school bonds on Dec. 12:
 Crosby McCornell & Co., Den. #101.56
 Keeler Bros & Co., Denver... 98.35
 Benwell, Phillips & Co., Den. 101.21
 H. C. Speer & Sons Co., Chicago 98.02
 Sldo, Simons, Fels & Co., Den. 100.38
 Internat. Tr. Co., Denver,
 Bankers Trust Co., Denver... 100.31
 Wells-Dickey Co., Minne.,
 James N. Wright & Co., Den. 100.01
 Stern Bros., Kansas City... 97.87
 Antonides & Co., Denver... 99.13
 Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Toledo... 97.64
 Hanchet Bond Co., Chicago... 98.61
 Geo. W. Valley & Co., Denver... 96.26
 Bolger, Mosser & Willaman, Chi. 98.52

* Successful bid; for previous reference to same see V. 115, p. 2710.

ALLEGHANY COUNTY (P. O. Cumberland), Md.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Thomas P. Richards, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for an issue of \$500,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds until 11 a. m. Jan. 12. Denom. \$100, \$500 or \$1,000, to suit purchaser. Due \$50,000 yearly on July 1 from 1936 to 1945. These bonds are authorized by Chapter 234 of the Acts of 1922 of the General Assembly of Maryland. Certified check for 5% of bid required.

Financial Statement.

Assessable basis.....\$56,693,750
 Bonded indebtedness (not including this issue).....1,020,000
 No floating debt.

ALPINE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Utah County, Utah.—BOND SALE.—The Palmer Bond & Mortgage Co. of Salt Lake City, has purchased \$30,000 5% refunding bonds at par.

ANAHEIM, Orange County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—A vote of 1,889 "for" to 424 "against" carried the proposition to issue \$165,000 municipal bonds.

ARCADE, Wyoming County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Arcade was awarded at par an issue of \$1,200 5% water right purchase bonds on Dec. 11. Date Dec. 1 1922. Denom. \$400. Due \$400 on Dec. 1 in each of the years 1924, 1925 and 1926. Int. ann.

AROSTOOK COUNTY (P. O. Houlton), Me.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until to-day, Dec. 23, for the purchase of an issue of \$76,000 4 1/2% coupon highway and bridge refunding bonds, it is reported. Date Nov. 1 1922. Due serially from 1923 to 1941, inclusive.

ASBURY PARK, Monmouth County, N. J.—NOTE SALE.—B. J. Van Ingen & Co. of New York were awarded the issue of \$100,000 6 months' tax revenue notes offered for sale on Dec. 19 (V. 115, p. 2710) for a premium of \$60 (100.65) for 5s, a basis of about 4.99%. Due six months from Dec. 19 1922.

ASHTABULA, Ashtabula County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by M. A. Taylor, City Auditor, until 12 m. Jan. 8 for the purchase of an issue of \$60,000 5 1/2% coupon street railroad impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due \$6,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1933, incl. Int. A. & O. Issued under authority of ordinance No. 1178, of the City Council. Cert. check for 5% of bid, payable to the City Treasurer, required. No bid for less than par and accrued interest considered.

ATCHISON COUNTY (P. O. Atchison), Kans.—BOND SALE.—Starn Bros. & Co. of Kansas City, purchased on Dec. 10, the \$83,000 4 1/2% impt. bonds registered by the State Auditor of Kansas, on Nov. 9—V. 115, p. 2603—at a premium of \$1,464.95, equal to 101.23. Due serially. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & J. Date July 1 1922.

AUGUSTA, Richmond County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 1 the Sinking Fund Commission purchased \$115,000 4 1/2% refunding bonds, Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1922. Int. J.-D. Due Dec. 1 1952.

BEATRICE, Gage County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held to-day (Dec. 23) to vote on the question of issuing \$7,000 transmission line bonds.

BEAVER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Beaver), Utah.—DESCRIPTION.—The \$25,000 5% school refunding bonds awarded to Boettcher, Porter & Co. of Denver as stated in V. 115, p. 1653, are described as follows: Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. Int. (J. & D.) payable at the County Treasurer's office or at Kountze Bros., N. Y. City. Due \$2,500 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1927 to 1936 incl.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation, estimated.....\$20,000,000
 Assessed valuation, 1921.....7,828,804
 Total bonded debt (including this issue).....320,850
 Population, 1920 Census, 5,139

BEAVER DAM, Dodge County, Wisc.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received by Wm. A. Gergen, City Clerk, until 8 p. m. Dec. 20 for \$12,000 5% coupon bonds. Date July 1 1922. Due \$6,000 on Jan. 1 in each of the years 1938 and 1939.

BEDFORD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.—Village Clerk E. L. Allen on Dec. 21 offered for sale the following three issues of 5 1/2% coupon bonds:
 \$10,958.29 Logan Ave. special assessment impt. bonds. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924; \$1,000, 1925; \$1,500, 1926; \$1,000, 1927; \$1,500, 1928; \$1,000, 1929; \$1,500, 1930; \$1,000, 1931; and \$1,458.29, 1932.
 16,582.49 Powers Road impt. bonds. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,582.49, 1924; \$2,000, 1925; \$1,500, 1926; \$2,000, 1927 & 1928; \$1,500, 1929; \$2,000, 1930, 1931 & 1932.
 4,140.88 Blaine Ave. water bonds. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$460.88, 1924, and \$460, 1925 to 1932 inclusive.
 Date Dec. 1 1922. Int. J. & D.

BEMIDJI, Beltrami County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 6% coupon municipal impt. bonds offered on Dec. 11—V. 115, p. 2401—were awarded to the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. of Minneapolis, at a premium of \$655, equal to 101.31, a basis of about 5.63%. Date Jan. 2 1923. Due \$10,000 yearly on Jan. 2 from 1924 to 1928, inclusive.

BEVERLY, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Beverly National Bank was awarded on Dec. 4 a temporary loan of \$150,000, issued in anticipation of revenue, on a 4.15% discount basis plus \$1. Denom. 4 for \$25,000 each; 4 for \$10,000 each, and 2 for \$5,000 each. Due Mar. 14 1923. Other bidders, all of Boston, were:

Bidders	Discount	Premium
Shawmut Corp.	4.28%	\$1.26
Blake Bros. & Co.	4.29%	6.00
First National Corp.	4.34%	1.00
Old Colony Trust Co.	4.50%	3.00

BINGHAMTON, Broome County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 21 the following three issues of 4½% bridge bonds, aggregating \$81,000 were awarded to Rutter & Co., of New York, at 101.543, a basis of about 4.11%:
 \$12,000 Court Street Bridge bonds. Date April 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on April 1 from 1923 to 1934, inclusive.
 50,000 Ferry Street Bridge bonds. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1923 to 1932, inclusive, and \$3,000 1933 to 1942, inclusive.
 19,000 Washington Street Bridge bonds. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1941, inclusive.
 Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-annually.

BLUE EARTH COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 66 (P. O. Rapidan), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Dec. 28 by W. L. Councilman, District Clerk, for \$20,000 5% school bonds. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1925 to 1931, incl.; \$2,000, 1932 to 1936, incl.; and \$3,000, 1937. Int. J. & D. A cert. check for \$2,000, payable to the District Treasurer, required.

BOULDER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16 (P. O. Boulder), Colo.—BOND SALE.—Our Western representative advises us that Boettcher, Porter & Co., of Denver, have purchased \$5,000 5½% serial school building bonds.

BOUNDARY COUNTY (P. O. Bonners Ferry), Idaho.—BONDS SALE.—The Union Trust Co. of Spokane has purchased \$100,000 6% road and bridge bonds at par plus a premium of \$500, equal to 100.50.

BRIDGEWATER, McCook County, So. Dak.—BOND ELECTION CALLED OFF.—The election which was scheduled to take place on Dec. 22 (V. 115, p. 2710) was called off.

BRYANT COUNTY (P. O. Durant), Okla.—BOND SALE.—The American National Bank of Oklahoma City has purchased \$41,800 5½% judgment bonds at par plus accrued interest. Denom. \$1,000 and 1 for \$800. Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. M. & S. Due Sept. 1 1942.

BUTLER COUNTY (P. O. Eldorado), Kan.—BOND SALE.—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita has purchased the \$16,000 4½% road improvement bonds registered by the State Auditor of Kansas on Nov. 14—V. 115, p. 2603—at a premium of \$6 10, equal to 100.03.

BUTLER COUNTY (P. O. Hamilton), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 9 the \$163,800 5% coupon Oxford-Millville Road bonds offered on that date (V. 115, p. 2603) were awarded to the Second National Bank of Hamilton, at par and int. Date Nov. 1 1922. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$41,000, 1924, 1925 and 1926 and \$40,800, 1927. There were no other bidders.

CAMBRIDGE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The temporary loan of \$400,000 offered for sale on Dec. 19 (V. 115, p. 2711), has been sold to the Harvard Trust Co., at a 4.19% discount basis plus a premium of \$8.50. Date Dec. 20 1922. Due May 10 1923.

CANYON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Canyon), Randall County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—Brig. Garrett & Co., of Dallas, purchased \$100,000 5½% new high school bldg. bonds at par plus a premium of \$375, equal to 100.375.

CAVE SPRINGS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cave Springs), Early County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 school bldg. bonds voted at the election held on Dec. 2—V. 115, p. 2603—have been disposed of at 101. The purchaser will also pay all expenses.

CEDER GROVE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Cedergrove), Essex County, N. J.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election is to be held on Dec. 26 to vote on the question of issuing \$10,000 school building purchase bonds.

CHANUTE, Neosho County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,000 4½% water works bonds registered by the State Auditor of Kansas on Nov. 15—V. 115, p. 2603—were purchased by the First National Bank of Chanute at par.

CHELtenham TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Elkins Park), Montgomery County, Pa.—PRICE PAID.—The price paid by Robert Glendenning & Co. of Philadelphia, for the \$190,000 4½% school bonds offered on Dec. 4 and reported sold to that company in V. 115, p. 2603—was 101.411. This is equal to about a 4.15% basis. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1922 and mature \$38,000 on Dec. 1 in each of the years 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947 and 1952.

CHESTER, Orange County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Union National Corp. of New York, was awarded the issue of \$10,000 5% fire engine and equipment bonds offered on Dec. 21 (V. 115, p. 2603) at 101.33, a basis of about 4.72%. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1923 to 1932.

CHICAGO SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Chicago), Cook County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Jan. 4 by Wm. W. Smyth, Clerk of the Board of Trustees, for \$3,000,000 4% bonds. Bonds may be registered. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the District Treasurer's office in lawful money of the U. S. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$158,000, 1925 to 1942 incl.; and \$156,000, 1943. Certified check or bank draft on a responsible Chicago bank, for 3% of amount of bid, payable to the "Clerk of the Sanitary District of Chicago," required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the District Treasurer's office. Legality approved by Wood & Oakley of Chicago.

Financial Statement.

Equalized value of property, 1921	\$1,824,157,564
Authorized indebtedness 3%	54,724,726
Outstanding bonds, Jan. 1 1923	27,219,000
Amount of present issue	3,000,000
Total bonded debt including present issue	30,219,000
Fixed contract liabilities	5,000,000
Total	\$35,219,000
Unexercised debt incurring power	\$19,505,726

The official advertisement of the offering of the above bonds may be found among the advertisements in the subsequent pages of this issue

CLAY COUNTY (P. O. Brazil), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Brazil Trust Co. of Brazil was awarded at par and accrued interest the following three issues of 5% highway improvement bonds offered on Nov. 14 (V. 151, p. 2072):
 \$7,600 Granville Hunt et al., Posey Township bonds. Denom. \$380.
 7,800 George F. Clingerman et al., Posey Township bonds. Denom. \$390.
 25,400 Harry Freed et al., Harrison Township bonds. Denom. \$635.
 Date Sept. 15 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due 1-20th of each issue each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 inclusive.

CLEARWATER, Sedgewick County, Kans.—BOND SALE.—The Guarantee Title & Trust Co. of Wichita, has purchased the \$17,500 5% electric light line bonds registered by the State Auditor of Kansas, on Nov. 20—V. 115, p. 2603. Denom. \$500. Date Aug. 15 1922. Int. F. & A. 15.

CLEARWATER COUNTY (P. O. Bagley), Minn.—BIDS REJECTED—RE-OFFERED.—All bids received for the following three issues of drainage bonds offered on Dec. 5—V. 115, p. 2402—were rejected:
 \$14,879 Judicial Ditch No. 4 bonds. Date Dec. 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000 and 1 for \$879. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$879 1927 and \$1,000 1928 to 1941, inclusive.
 11,932 Judicial Ditch No. 5 bonds. Date Dec. 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000 and 1 for \$932. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$932 1927, and \$1,000 1928 to 1938, inclusive.
 6,771 Judicial Ditch No. 2 bonds. Date July 1 1922. Due on July 1 as follows: \$771 1930 and \$1,000 1931 to 1936, inclusive.
 The bonds will be re-offered for sale at 2 p. m. Jan. 2. H. K. Rude, County Auditor.

CLEVELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cleveland), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 18 a syndicate composed of the First National Bank, Eldredge & Co., Kissel, Klunneit & Co., and Richards, Parish & Lamson; all of New York, was awarded the \$2,000,000 4½% tax-free coupon bonds for the purpose of providing buildings for the Public Library of the district, offered on that date (V. 115, p. 2402) at 100.66, a basis of about 4.43%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.), payable at the Bankers Trust Co., N. Y. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$83,000 1924 to 1939, incl., and \$84,000 1940 to 1947, incl. These bonds are offered to investors to yield from 4.25% to 4.40%, according to maturity.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation 1921	\$1,727,100,480
Total bonded debt (including this issue)	30,465,000
Sinking fund	3,255,782
Net debt	27,209,218
Ratio of net debt to assessed valuation	about 1½%
Population 1920 (U. S. Census)	796,841

COLLIER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rennerdale), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$110,000 4½% bonds offered on Dec. 19 (V. 115, p. 2499) were awarded to the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh for a premium of \$2,839.50 (102.572) and accrued int., a basis of about 4.31%. Date Dec. 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000 on Dec. 1 in each of the years 1927, 1931, 1935, 1938, 1940, 1943, 1945, 1947, 1948, 1950 and 1951. Other bidders, all of Pittsburgh, were:
 J. H. Holmes & Co. \$2,250 premium
 Redmond & Co. 2,110 premium
 Glover & McGregor 1,938 premium
 Graham, Parsons & Co. 798 premium

COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11, El Paso County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—A special telegraphic dispatch from our Western correspondent advises us that the \$100,000 bonds offered on Dec. 21 (V. 115, p. 2711) were awarded to Bosworth, Chanut & Co. of Denver as 4½% at 100.17 plus the cost of furnishing bonds.

COLUMBUS GROVE, Putnam County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Smith B. Williams, Village Clerk, until 12 m. Dec. 30 for an issue of \$8,500 5½% I. C. H. No. 129 (Village share) Impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and 1 for \$500. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due within 10 years from date. Int. semi-ann. Issued under authority of the laws of Ohio, and of Section 1193-2 and 3930 of the Gen. Code of Ohio, and under and in accordance with a certain ordinance of the Village, passed on Oct. 30 1922. No bid for less than par and accrued int., considered. Cert. check for 5% of bid required.

CONCORD TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Frankfort), Ross County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 5½% school building bonds offered on Dec. 19—V. 115, p. 2603—were disposed of, Date Dec. 19 1922. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1924 to 1935, inclusive, and \$1,000 1936 to 1946, inclusive.

COOK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 148 (P. O. Dalton), Ill.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 19 the following two issues of 5% bonds, which were offered on that date—V. 115, p. 2711—were awarded to the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago, for \$56,570, equal to 102.854, a basis of about 4.62%:
 \$10,000 site-purchase bonds. Due \$500 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1923 to 1942, inclusive.
 45,000 school building bonds. Due \$2,500 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1923 to 1940, inclusive.
 Date Nov. 1 1922.

COTTON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. Minden), Webster Parish, La.—BOND SALE NOT COMPLETED.—The sale of the \$60,000 6% school bonds to Sutherland, Barry & Co., Inc., of New Orleans at 107.26—a basis of about 5.05%—on July 10 (V. 115, p. 458), was never completed. The bonds were re-offered on Oct. 10 and sold to the Marine Bank & Trust Co. and the Whitney-Central Trust Co., both of New Orleans, as stated in V. 115, p. 2402.

CRESTLINE, Crawford County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. Jan. 15 by Chance E. Dewold, Village Treasurer, for an issue of \$23,457.6% (property owner's share) Scott Street improvement bonds. Denom. \$500, except one for \$457. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,500 from 1923 to 1928, incl.; \$4,000 in 1929 and 1930 and \$37 in 1931. Int. M. & S. These bonds are issued under authority of the General Code of Ohio and in compliance with an ordinance passed June 15 1922 and as amended Sept. 26 1922. Cert. check, payable to the Village Treasurer, for \$600 required. No bid for less than par and accrued interest considered.

CRESTON, Lincoln County, Wash.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 76 "for" to 4 "against" an issue of \$11,000 6% water bonds was voted at an election held on Dec. 5. J. M. West, Town Clerk.

CRISP CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Edgecombe County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2:30 p. m. Jan. 18 by R. E. Sentelle, Clerk of the County Board of Education, P. O. Fairboro, for \$25,000 6% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Due on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1925 to 1932, incl., and \$2,000, 1933 to 1941, incl. Legality will be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, Boston, whose approving opinion will be furnished the purchaser. A cert. check for 2% of amount bid for, payable to the Board of Education of Edgecombe County, required.

CRYSTAL LAKE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Crystal Lake), McHenry County, Ill.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—The Harris Trust & Savings Bank, of Chicago, has purchased and is now offering to investors at prices to yield 4.35%, an issue of \$195,000 5% coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank, Chicago. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1926; \$12,000, 1927 to 1936, inclusive, and \$13,000, 1937 to 1941, inclusive.

Financial Statement.

Real value of taxable property, estimated	\$7,803,042
Assessed valuation for taxation	3,946,521
Total debt (this issue included)	195,000
Population, estimated, 4,500	

CUSHING, Payne County, Okla.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At a recent election, according to the "Oklahoman" of Dec. 16, a proposition to issue \$500,000 water and sewer bonds was defeated.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by H. O. Bolch, City Auditor, until Jan. 8 1923 for an issue of \$75,908.60 5½% (city's portion) general improvement bonds. Denom. \$500 and one for \$408.60. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due \$7,500 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1924 to 1932, inclusive, and \$8,408.60 on Dec. 1 1933. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Citizen's Bank of Cuyahoga Falls. Certified check for 10% of bid, drawn on some solvent bank in the State of Ohio, payable to the City Treasurer required. No bid for less than par and accrued interest considered.

DANBURY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Port Clinton), Ottawa County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$115,000 high school building bonds which were authorized at the November election (V. 115, p. 2180) were sold to the Industrial Commission of Ohio at par.

DAVISS COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 10 a. m. Jan. 15 by Daniel I. Myers, County Auditor, for \$4,000 5% drainage bonds. Denom. \$400. Date Jan. 15 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$400 yearly on Nov. 15 from 1923 to 1932, inclusive.

DEARBORN COUNTY (P. O. Lawrenceburg), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 15 the issue of \$36,360 5% Alfred J. Woods et al. Miller Township road bonds offered on that date—V. 115, p. 2499—was awarded to the Peoples National Bank of Lawrenceburg for \$37,368.52 (102.773) and int., a basis of about 4.60%. Date Nov. 6 1922. Due \$1,212 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1938 inclusive.

DEARBORN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Dearborn), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that bids received for an issue of \$59,000 bonds recently offered, were rejected, and the bonds auctioned among the four highest bidders. The award, it is stated, was finally made to Matthew Finn, of Detroit, for a premium of \$403, equal to 100.584 for 4 3/4%.

DEER PARK, Hamilton County, Ohio.—PRICE PAID.—W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo were awarded at par and int. the \$10,000 5% street lighting bonds, the sale of which was reported in V. 115, p. 2711.

DENVER (CITY AND COUNTY) SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Colo.—BIDS TO BE ASKED FOR SOON.—Our Western representative advises us that bids will be called for the \$2,000,000 4 1/2% school bonds—V. 115, p. 2180—as soon as approving opinion of Wood & Oakley of Chicago has been obtained.

DE WITT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. De Witt), Clinton County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—The \$125,000 bonds for the building of a new high school were voted at the election held on Dec. 4.—V. 115, p. 2293.

DODGE CITY, Ford County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The Kansas State School Fund Commission has purchased the \$38,473 55 5/8% sewer bonds registered by the State Auditor of Kansas on Nov. 20—V. 115, p. 2604—at par. Date July 1 1922. Int. J.-J. Due serially.

DU BOIS COUNTY (P. O. Jasper), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$17,200 4 1/2% coupon Albert Cummings et al. Jefferson Trp., road bonds, offered on Dec. 19 (V. 115, p. 2711), were awarded to the Birskey National Bank, of Birskey, at par and interest. Date Dec. 15 1922. Due \$800 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

EASTON, Talbot County, Md.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election an issue of \$17,000 5% gas plant purchase and improvement bonds was voted. The official vote was 140 "for" to 2 "against" the issue.

EMMETT, Pottawatomie County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 5% electric light line bonds registered by the State Auditor on Nov. 14—V. 115, p. 2604—were purchased by the Central Trust Co. of Topeka at a premium of \$75, equal to 100.50. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. M.-S. Due serially.

ENNIS, Ellis County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—J. B. Oldham of Dallas has purchased \$50,000 sanitary, \$35,000 water and sewer, and \$50,000 school bonds at par and accrued interest. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Date Jan. 10 1923. Int. A. & O. Int rate 5% and 5 1/2%. Due in 40 years. These bonds were voted on June 20—V. 115, p. 210.

FAIRFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fairfield), Green County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—D. S. Lynn, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Jan. 4 for the purchase at not less than par and int. of \$185,000 5 1/2% school bldg. bonds, issued under authority of Secs. 5849-4 and 7630-1, Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan 4 1923. Int. M. & S. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1924 to 1940, incl., and \$7,000, 1941 to 1947, incl. Cert. check for \$9,250, payable to D. S. Lynn, Treasurer of the Board of Education, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Legality approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland. In our issue of Dec. 18 on page 2712, this item was inadvertently reported under the caption, "Fairfield School District, N. Y."

FAIRPORT (P. O. Fairport Harbor), Lake County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by John K. Marko, Village Clerk, until 12 m. Dec. 26 for an issue of \$15,000 5 1/2% electric transmission line bonds. Date Oct. 1 1922. Denom. \$500. Due on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1932, incl., as follows: \$2,000 in 1922, 1929, 1932, and \$1,500 in each of the other years. Int. semi-ann. Issued under authority of the laws of Ohio, Sec. 3939 of the General Code of Ohio. Certified check for 10% of bid, payable to the City Treasurer, required. No bid for less than par and accrued interest considered.

FLAGSTAFF, Coconino County, Ariz.—BIDS.—The following bids were received for the \$60,000 6% park bonds on Dec. 6:

Table with columns: Bidder Name, Premium. Includes Bolzer, Mossar & Willaman, Chicago; J. C. Mayer & Co., Cincinnati; Jas. N. Wright, Denver; N. S. Hill & Co., Cincinnati; C. W. McNear & Co., Chicago; Bankers Trust Co., Sidlo, Simons, Fels & Co., Benwell, Phillips & Co., all of Denver; Crosby, McConnell & Co., Denver; American Bank & Trust Co., Antoides & Co., Denver; Geo. W. Vallery & Co., Denver; Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Toledo.

FLINT, Genesee County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—L. F. Rothschild & Co. of New York, were the successful bidders for the \$115,000 4 1/2% water works improvement bonds offered on Dec. 18 (V. 115, p. 2604) for a premium of \$8,174.29, equal to 107.10, a basis of about 4.28%. Date Dec. 15 1922. Due \$75,000 in 1947 and \$40,000 in 1948. The following is a list of bids received. Several bids were received on 4 1/2% and 4 3/4% bonds which were not considered as bonds were advertised for 4 1/2% only.

Table with columns: Bidders Name, Par & Accr. Int., Amt. of Bid, and Pmt. a Prem. Lists various bidders like L. F. Rothschild & Co., First National Bank, Eldredge & Co., A. G. Becker & Co., R. L. Day & Co., Prudden & Co., Barr Bros. & Co., Federal Securities Corp., Watling, Lerchen & Co., Budget & Co., Industrial Savings Bank, E. H. Rollins & Son, Seasonood & Mayer, H. L. Allen & Co., Keane-Higbie & Co., Harris, Small & Lawson, Bonbright & Co., A. B. Leach & Co., Halsey Stuart & Co., Minton, Lampert & Co., Stacy & Braun, Wm. R. Compton & Co., Vanderhelf & Robertson, W. L. Slayton & Co.

FOREMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Little River County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—Farson, Son & Co. of New York have purchased \$60,000 6% coupon bonds. Date Oct. 2 1922. Due as follows: \$1,500, 1928 and 1929; \$2,000, 1930 to 1932 incl.; \$2,500, 1933 to 1935 incl.; \$3,000, 1936 to 1939 incl.; \$3,500, 1940 to 1942 incl.; \$4,000, 1943 to 1945 incl.; and \$4,500, 1946 and 1947.

Financial Statement table for Foreman School District with columns: Item, Amount. Includes Real valuation, estimated (\$1,500,000); Assessed valuation for 1920 taxes (\$1,000,317); Total bonded debt (\$60,000); Population, estimated (4,000).

FOREST CITY, Rutherford County, No. Caro.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Dec. 11 an issue of \$50,000 6% 30-year serial school bonds was voted by a count of 412 to 25.

FORT COLLINS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Larimer), Colo.—BOND ELECTION TO BE CALLED ABOUT APRIL.—In reply to our inquiry as to the date on which an election was to be held to vote on issuing \$400,000 high school building bonds, Harry B. McCreary, District Secretary says: "The proposed issue of bonds amounting to \$400,000 for the erection of a new high school building is now in the hands of a committee selected from the various organizations of the city for decision. A survey and investigation are now being made and it is probable that an election will be called for approving the bonds about April 15."

FORT MILL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Fort Mill), So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago has purchased the \$73,000 6% coupon bonds offered on Dec. 20—V. 115, p. 2712—at a premium of \$1,375, equal to 101.88. Due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1923 to 1926 incl.; \$3,000, 1927 to 1931 incl.; and \$5,000, 1932 to 1941 incl.; optional on any interest-paying date after July 1 1931.

FORT SMITH, Sebastian County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—At the offering on Dec. 14—V. 115, p. 2604—the City National Bank of Fort Smith and the Mercantile Trust Co. of St. Louis were awarded \$350,000 5% water works bonds at 98.16. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Int. M. & S. Due 1927 to 1944.

FORT WORTH, Tarrant County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—Our western representative advises us that an election will be held on Dec. 30 to vote on the question of issuing \$1,500,000 5% 40-year (serial) water bonds and \$800,000 street, \$250,000 light, and \$200,000 police bonds.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 15 the following two issues of 5% Sewer District No. 1 bonds, aggregating \$111,500, offered on that date—V. 115, p. 2605—were awarded to the Ohio National Bank of Columbus, for \$112,720 (101.094) and interest, a basis of about 4.80%: \$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.

Table listing bidders for Franklin County bonds: Stacy & Braun, Toledo (\$402.00); Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Cincinnati (491.00); Detroit Trust Co., Detroit (1,142.00); Wm. R. Compton Co., Chicago (777.77); Seasonood & Mayer, Cincinnati (57.00); Well, Roth & Co., Cincinnati (657.00); Keane, Higbie & Co., Detroit (115.00); W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo (130.45); Otis & Co., Cleveland (65.00); Ohio National Bank, Columbus (1,220.00).

FROID, Roosevelt County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 electric light plant bonds offered on Dec. 15—V. 115, p. 2293—were awarded to Fairbanks, Morse & Co. of St. Paul at par as 6s. Date Nov. 1 1921. Due Nov. 1 1941; optional Nov. 1 1931.

GARDNER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary revenue loan of \$50,000, according to newspaper reports, has been sold to the First National Bank of Gardner on a 4-46% discount basis. Due \$25,000 on Feb. 15 1923 and \$25,000 on March 1 1923.

GRAND ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hall County, Neb.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on Dec. 12—V. 115, p. 2438—the \$175,000 school building bonds were defeated by a vote of 765 "for" to 1,011 "against" the issue.

GRATIOT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Gratiot), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—According to newspaper reports Matthew Finn, of Detroit, has been awarded an issue of \$50,000 30-year 5% school bonds.

GREENUP COUNTY (P. O. Greenup), Ky.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 5% road and bridge bonds offered on Dec. 18—V. 115, p. 2500—were awarded to Well, Roth & Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of \$406, equal to 101.62, a basis of about 4.80%. Date Dec. 15 1922. Due on Dec. 15 as follows: \$10,000 1945 and 1946 and \$5,000 1947.

GREENVILLE, Hunt County, Tex.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the offering of the \$125,000 5% street improvement bonds on Jan. 9—V. 115, p. 2712—the following financial statement has come to hand:

Financial Statement table for Greenville with columns: Item, Amount. Includes Estimated value of all taxable property (\$15,208,517.00); Assessed value of all taxable property 1922 (11,406,388.00); Total bonded indebtedness (1,278,017.00); Total municipal light, water & sewer bonds (380,500.00); Cash in sinking fund (65,852.20); Total debt (1,278,017.00); Tax rate for 1921 (831,664.80); Population (821.10).

HACKENSACK, Bergen County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—RE-OFFERED.—The issue of \$500,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered sewer bonds offered on Dec. 18—V. 115, p. 2605—were not sold. New bids will be received until 8 p. m. Jan. 8 by William Schaaf, Secretary of the Improvement Commission, for the purchase of the issue; 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: \$13,000 1924 to 1959, incl.; \$12,000 1916, and \$10,000 1961 and 1962. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Commission required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Bonds will be prepared under supervision of U. S. Mrgs. & Trust Co., N. Y.; legality will be approved by Wakelee, Thornhall & Wright of New York.

HADDON HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Haddon Heights), Camden County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 8 p. m. Dec. 29 by M. B. Duffy, District Clerk, for an issue of \$300,000 5% (registered or coupon, or both) school bonds. Date Dec. 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$7,000 from 1924 to 1935, inclusive, and \$8,000 from 1936 to 1962, inclusive. Certified check for 2% of bid, drawn on an incorporated bank or trust company, required. No bid for less than par and accrued interest considered.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Noblesville), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$3,000 4 1/2% H. W. Johnson and A. O. Sample road bonds offered on Dec. 16 (V. 115, p. 2500), were not sold.

HAMPTON COUNTY (P. O. Hampton), So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10:30 p. m. Jan. 20 by Hugh O. Hanna, County Attorney, for \$50,000 coupon Savannah River Bridge bonds. Denom. to suit purchaser. Interest rate not to exceed 6%. A certified check for \$500, payable to the above official, required.

HARRISON, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Farson, Son & Co. of New York were awarded the issue of \$70,000 coupon sewer bonds offered on Dec. 16—V. 115, p. 2712—at 100.268 for 4 1/4s, a basis of about 4.23%. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due \$2,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1923 to 1957 inclusive.

HARRISONVILLE, Cass County, Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Jan. 9 to vote on the question of issuing \$60,000 sewerage-system bonds.

Table listing bidders for Hartford bonds: R. L. Day & Co., Boston; Merrill, Oldham & Co., Boston; Conning & Co., Hartford; H. C. Warren & Co., New Haven; R. F. Griggs Co., Waterbury; Remick, Hodges & Co., New York; E. H. Rollins & Sons, Hartford; Watkins & Co., New York; Judd & Co., Hartford; Wm. R. Compton Co., New York; R. T. H. Barnes & Co., Hartford; Lampert, Barker & Jennings, Inc., New York; Patne, Webber & Co., Hartford; Green, Ellis & Anderson, New York; Kissel, Kimicutt & Co., New York; Estabrooke & Co., Boston; Kimmel, Putnam & Co., Hartford; Ohas. W. Scranton & Co., New Haven; National City Co., New York; Harris, Forbes & Co., New York; Eldredge & Co., New York; City Bank & Trust Co. (for \$100,000), Hartford.

* Bonds awarded R. L. Day & Co., Boston, et al. (See V. 115, p. 2712).

HEALDSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Healdsburg), Sonoma County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The National City Co. has purchased \$67,000 5% school bonds at a premium of \$716.90, equal to 101.07. Accord-

ing to the San Francisco "Chronicle," of Dec. 13 there were six other bids, of which the three next highest were: Schwabacher & Co., a premium of \$690 10; Blyth, Witter & Co., \$422, and Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., \$375.

HIGHLAND, Doniphan County, Kan.—DESCRIPTION.—The \$12,000 4 1/2% water works bonds registered by the State Auditor of Kansas on Nov. 16—V. 115, p. 2605—are described as follows: Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1922. Int. M. & N. Due Nov. 1 1947; optional 1932.

HOUSTON, Harris County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION MAY BE HELD DURING MARCH.—In answer to our inquiry as to the calling of an election to vote on issuing \$3,000,000 school building bonds, H. L. Mills, Business Manager of Public Schools, says: "Election will in all probability be held during March 1923."

HOWARD COUNTY (P. O. Kokomo), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,800 4 1/2% Orrville Tenn et al. Taylor Township road bonds, which failed to sell when offered on Nov. 25—V. 115, p. 2500—have been sold to L. B. Ryan, of Kokomo. Date Nov. 15 1922. Due \$190 each six months from May 15 1923 to 1932, inclusive.

HOWELL, Colfax County, Nebr.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 5% coupon light and power distribution bonds offered on Dec. 18 (V. 115, p. 2713) were purchased by the banking house of F. Folder of Schuyler at 100.01, a basis of about 4.99%. Date Dec. 1 1921. Due Dec. 1 1943. Optional after 5 years.

HOXIE, Sheridan County, Kans.—BOND SALE.—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita, has purchased the \$18,827 20 5/8% sewer bonds registered by the State Auditor of Kansas, on Nov. 22—V. 115, p. 2605—at 102. Denom. \$500. Date Feb. 1 1922. Int. F. & A. Due serially 1 to 20 years.

HYMERA, Sullivan County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Hymera State Bank was awarded, at par, the issue of \$4,500 5% fire truck and equip. bonds, offered on Dec. 16 (V. 115, p. 2500). Date Dec. 16 1922. Due \$1,250 on Dec. 16 in 1923 and 1924, and \$1,000 on Dec. 16 in 1925 and 1926.

HYSHAM, Treasure County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until Dec. 26 by O. L. Evie, Town Clerk, for \$5,000 6% sewer bonds. A certified check for \$1,000 required.

INDEPENDENCE, Montgomery County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$26,520 7 1/2% paving bonds registered by the State Auditor of Kansas on Nov. 17 (V. 115, p. 2605) were awarded to the State School Fund Commission of Kansas at par. Date Oct. 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Due serially.

INDIAN LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Indian Lake), Hamilton County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Union National Corp. of New York were awarded an issue of \$8,000 6% school bonds on Nov. 23 for 103.81, a basis of about 4.22%. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due \$800 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1923 to 1932 incl.

JACKSON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Jackson), Jackson County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—According to newspaper reports, the proposition to issue the \$275,000 4 1/2% bonds for the purpose of acquiring a site was carried at the election held on Dec. 16 (V. 115, p. 2605) by a vote of 1,247 to 1,069. The total vote cast was 2,329, of which several ballots were defective.

JUNCTION CITY, Geary County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$17,682 4 1/2% paving bonds registered by the State Auditor of Kansas on Nov. 24—V. 115, p. 2605—were purchased by local banks at par on Nov. 28. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Due serially.

KALAMAZOO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Kalamazoo), Kalamazoo County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago was the successful bidder for the \$550,000 5% school bonds, offered on Dec. 18—V. 115, p. 2713. They offered a premium of \$20,000, equal to 103.64. The following is a complete list of the bids received:

Name	Price Bid.	Name	Price Bid.
R. L. Day & Co., Bost.	\$562,705 00	Detroit Trust Co., Det.	565,950 00
1st Tr. & Sav. Bk., Chi.	561,330 00	Kalamazoo City Savings	
Halsey, Stuart & Co., Chi	567,656 75	Bank, Kalamazoo	568,234 00
Harris Tr. & Sav. Bank.	570,020 00	Blyth, Witter & Co., Chi	566,659 00

KINGS MOUNTAIN, Cleveland County, N. Caro.—BOND SALE.—Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo have purchased the \$68,000 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) water and sewer bonds offered on Dec. 15 (V. 115, p. 2605) at par plus a premium of \$3,350, equal to 104.92, a basis of about 5.60%. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due \$2,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1925 to 1938 incl.

KIOWA, Barber County, Kans.—BOND SALE.—The Guarantee Title & Trust Co. of Wichita, has purchased the \$180,000 5% paving bonds registered by the State Auditor of Kansas, on Nov. 20—V. 115, p. 2605—at par and accrued int. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Date May 1 1922. Int. M. & N. Due serially 1 to 20 years.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY (P. O. Warsaw), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The 3 issues of 5% road bonds, offered on Dec. 18 (V. 115, p. 2713), were awarded as follows:

\$24,000 Levi Fruit et al., Lake & Jackson Township bonds to the Farmers' State Bank of Montone, at \$24,340, equal to 101.41, a basis of about 4.74%. Date Dec. 15 1922. Due \$1,200 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

10,000 Geo. Rummel et al., Scott & Prairie Twp. bonds to the Meyer-Kiser State Bank of Indianapolis, at \$10,141, equal to 101.41, a basis of about 4.72%. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 15 1922. Due \$500 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

10,900 C. Leroy Leonard et al., county unit road bonds to the Indiana Loan & Trust Co. of Warsaw, at \$11,017, equal to 101.08, a basis of about 4.76%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 15 1922. Due \$1,090 yearly on May 15 from 1923 to 1932, inclusive. Int. May 15 and Nov. 15. Bonds are payable at the County Treasurer's office.

The following, all of Indianapolis, also submitted bids: The Bankers' Trust Co., J. F. Wild & Co., State Bank, and Fletcher-American Co.

LAKE-MOODY COUNTY JOINT DITCH NO. 1 (P. O. Flandreau), So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals were received until 11 a. m. Dec. 22 by Edgar Hornby, District Clerk, for \$100,000 6% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 20 years.

LAKEWOOD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$62,000 5% city portion street impt. bonds offered on Dec. 18—V. 115, p. 2606—were sold to Keane, Higbie & Co. of Detroit, for \$63,054, equal to 101.70, a basis of 4.71%. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows \$5,000, 1924 to 1927, incl., and \$6,000, 1928 to 1934, incl. The following are the bids received:

Premium.	Premium.		
Keane, Higbie & Co., Det.	\$1,054 00	Breed, Elliott & Harrison,	\$200 00
Title Guar. & Tr. Co., Cin.	756 40	Cincinnati	
E. H. Rollins & Sons, Cin.	729 12	The Brotherhood Holding	186 00
O. Co., Cleveland	545 60	Co., Cleveland	77 50
Federal Secur. Co., Chic.	471 40	Well, Roth & Co., Cin.	71 00
Sidney Spitzer & Co., Tol.	471 20	Detroit Trust Co., Detroit.	65 00
Stacy & Braun, Toledo	434 00	N. S. Hill & Co., Cin.	65 00
Guardian Savings & Trust		Bonbright & Co., Chicago	52 50
Co., Cleveland	316 20	Boleer, Mosser & Willaman	15 00
		Chicago	

LEMON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Middletown), Butler County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Robert A. Cass, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Jan. 10 for an issue of \$130,000 5 1/2% school house bonds. Denom. to suit purchaser. Date Dec. 15 1922. Due \$6,500 yearly on Sept. 15 from 1924 to 1943. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the Monroe National Bank of Monroe. These bonds are issued under authority of Sections 7625, 7626, 7627 and 7628 of the General Code of Ohio, and in accordance with a resolution passed by the Board of Education on Sept 21 1922. Certified check for 5% of bid, required. No bid for less than par and accrued interest considered.

LEOMINSTER, Worcester County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$17,000 4 1/2% coupon "City Stables Loan" bonds, offered on Dec. 15, was awarded to Merrill, Oldham & Co. of Boston at 101.35 and accrued interest. Date Nov. 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1923 to

1939 incl. Principal and semi-ann. interest (M. & N.) payable at the First National Bank of Boston.

LIBERTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. White Sulphur Springs), Sullivan County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$19,200 5% coupon school bonds, offered on Dec. 20 (V. 115, p. 2713), were awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield of New York, at 102.29, a basis of about 4.71%. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1923 to 1940, incl., and \$1,200 in 1941

LIDERWOOD, Richland County, N. Dak.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Nov. 14—V. 115, p. 2180—the \$16,000 5% 20-year school bonds were voted by a count of 121 to 12. Sealed bids were received by A. L. Parsons, District Clerk, until 8 p. m. Dec. 22 for \$14,000 of these bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1922. Int. J.-J. Due Dec. 1 1942.

LIGONIER, Noble County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Farmers' & Merchants' Trust Co. of Ligonier, bidding \$15,880 (101.146) and interest, a basis of about 4.78%, was awarded the \$15,700 5% coupon bonds offered on Dec. 18—V. 115, p. 2606. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due \$7.85 semi-ann. from July 1 1924 to Jan. 1 1934, incl. The Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis, bid \$15,863 30 and Thomas D. Sheerin & Co., Indianapolis, \$15,873 50.

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—BOND SALE.—Boettcher, Porter & Co., of Denver, have purchased \$30,000 5 1/2% school-building bonds, subject to being voted at an election to be held soon.

LINN COUNTY (P. O. Albany), Ore.—BOND SALE.—The Ladd & Tilton Bank of Portland has been awarded an issue of \$125,000 road bonds. Apparently these are the same bonds which were offered unsuccessfully for Feb. 18 (V. 114, p. 876).

LOCKPORT, Niagara County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. Dec. 27 by H. F. Rommel, City Treasurer, for the following 2 issues of 5% bonds: \$19,823 17 bonds for the account of Local Assessment No. 832. Due yearly on Dec. 27 as follows: \$2,202 57 from 1923 to 1930, incl., and \$2,202 61, 1931. 22,153 29 bonds for the account of Local Assessment No. 833. Due yearly on Dec. 27 as follows: \$2,416 48 from 1923 to 1930, incl., and \$2,416 55, 1931.

Bonds shall be registered as to principal. Date Dec. 27 1922. Prin. and annual int. (Dec. 27), payable at the City Treasurer's office. Cert. check on a solvent banking institution for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, for each issue, payable to the city of Lockport, required.

McKINNEY, Collin County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On Jan. 20 an election will be held to vote on the question of issuing \$100,000 Junior high school building bonds.

MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52 (P. O. Ennis), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Until Jan. 13 bids will be received by (Mrs.) C. W. Chawling, Clerk, for \$20,000 6% school-building bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

MAIZE, Sedgwick County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,000 5% electric light bonds registered by the State Auditor of Kansas on Nov. 14—V. 115, p. 2606—were purchased by the Branch-Middelkauff Co. of Wichita. Denom. \$500. Int. J. & J. Due July 1 1940.

MAPLETON, Monona County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Dec. 18 (V. 115, p. 2501), the \$50,000 bonds for the erection of a municipal electric light plant were voted by a count of 462 "for" to 30 "against" the issue.

MAURICE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Maurice), Shawnee County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Dec. 29 by John M. Mieros, District Secretary, for \$55,000 5% coupon school building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Int. (M. & N.) payable at the District Treasurer's office. Due on Nov. 1 from 1925 to 1942. Immediately following the opening of the sealed bids, open bids will be asked for. These bonds were voted on Nov. 10—V. 115, p. 2294.

MAYWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Maywood), Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 8 p. m. Dec. 27 by W. J. Cuddy, Clerk, Board of Education, for the purchase at not less than par and accrued int. of an issue of 5% coupon (with privilege of registration as to both principal and int., or as to principal only) bonds not to exceed \$147,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of not more than \$500 over \$147,000. Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.), payable at the City National Bank of Hackensack. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$12,000, 1927 to 1933, incl., and \$14,000, 1934 to 1948, incl. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company, for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, required.

MEMPHIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Memphis), Hall County, Tex.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 3 p. m. Dec. 21 by J. A. Odum, Secretary Board of Education, for \$110,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Due serially 1 to 40 years. A cert. check for \$2,200, payable to the School District, required. Total indebtedness of district, including this issue, \$165,000; sinking fund on hand, \$3,500; total assessed val. for 1922, \$3,750,000; approximate actual val., \$6,000,000; population, about 4,200; area, 46 square miles.

MERCHANTVILLE, Camden County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Chas. S. Ball, Borough Clerk, for the purchase of \$12,000 4 1/2% Maple Avenue Funding Bonds, until 8 p. m. Dec. 26. Date Jan 1 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Jan 1 from 1924 to 1935. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company, for 2% of bid required.

MILAN COUNTY (P. O. Cameron), Tex.—BOND SALE.—Our Western representative advises us that an issue of \$35,000 Gause Road District bonds has been disposed of at par less \$700, equal to 98.

MILFORD BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Milford), Hunterdon County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—F. G. Hanor, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Dec. 27 for the purchase at not less than par and int. of an issue of 5% coupon school bonds, not to exceed \$48,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$600 over \$48,000. Denom. \$600. Date Jan. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the First National Bank of Milford. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,200, 1924 to 1933, incl.; \$1,800, 1934 to 1953, incl. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, required.

MODESTO, Stanislaus County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$5,774 92 paving bonds has been awarded to the Standard Paving Co. of Modesto at par.

MORGAN COUNTY (P. O. West Liberty), Ky.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$220,000 road and bridge bonds has been voted, E. N. Williams says in a telegram to us that: "Fiscal court will meet soon to determine mode of sale and denomination of bonds and devise plans for having bonds passed on by court or bond bidding attorneys so they can be sold. Sale will be in February"

MORRIS, Okmulgee County, Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Dec. 12—V. 115, p. 2607—the \$67,000 bond issue for the purpose of extending the water works system was voted.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 11 an issue of \$64,000 5% Germantown-Middletown road impt. bonds was awarded to Grau, Todd & Co. of Cincinnati for \$64,080, equal to 100.125, a basis of about 4.97%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$7,000 1924 to 1931 incl. and \$8,000 1932.

MOORESTOWN, Burlington County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 1 the Moorestown Trust Co. and the Burlington County Trust Co. were the successful bidders at par for an issue of \$70,000 5 1/2% temporary road bonds. Date July 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Maturing July 1924. Interest J. & J.

MORRISTOWN, Morris County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—Lampert, Barker & Jennings of New York, were awarded the issue of \$136,000 4 1/2% coupon refunding bonds, offered on Dec. 19 (V. 115, p. 2607), at 100.22,

a basis of about 4.48%. Date Dec. 30 1922. Due \$4,000 yearly on Dec. 30 from 1923 to 1956, inclusive.

MURRAY COUNTY (P. O. Slayton), Minn.—BOND OFFERING—E. V. O'Brien, County Auditor, will receive bids until 1 p. m. Jan. 5 for \$21,800 5% bonds. Date Dec. 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. A cert. check for 5% of issue, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

BOND OFFERING—Bids will be received at the same time by the above official for \$145,000 County Ditch No. 19, and Judicial Ditch No. 20 bonds. Int. rate not to exceed 5%. Int. J. & J. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due 1923 to 1941, incl. A cert. check for 5% of amount of bid, required.

NAPOLEON B. BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Fort Lauderdale), Fla.—BOND OFFERING—James S. Rickards, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Jan. 18 for \$350,000 6% drainage bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Interest semi-annual. Due serially in 25 years. Legality approved by John C. Thomson, New York City.

NAPOLEON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Napoleon), Jackson County, Mich.—BOND SALE—Reports stated that Humpus Hull & Co. of Detroit, have been awarded an issue of \$15,000 5 1/4% school bonds.

NEWARK, Essex County, N. J.—NOTE SALE—The city has sold an issue of \$500,000 4 1/2% notes, dated Nov. 29 1922 and maturing May 29 1923, to J. S. Rippeil & Co., of Newark. Denom. \$50,000.

NEW JERSEY (State of)—BOND SALE—The additional \$2,000,000 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) Series "C," highway extension bonds, was over-subscribed 25 times when offered for sale on Dec. 9 (V. 115, p. 2714). The successful bidder was a syndicate composed of Dillon, Read & Co., Robert, Windthrop & Co., Roosevelt & Son and Barr Bros. & Co., all of New York. The price paid was 102.097, a basis of about 4.06% if called after 15 years and a basis of about 4.13% if allowed to run full 30 years. The bonds are described as follows: Coupon bonds in \$1,000 denomination, with provision for registration of principal and interest in denominations 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; optional after 15 years upon 6 months' notice. We are officially informed that all of these bonds have been sold to investors. They were offered at 103 and interest, yielding about 4% to 1935 and 4.25% thereafter. Local newspapers state that nine other banking houses bid for the entire issue at prices ranging from 100.56 to 101.558.

NEW LONDON, New London County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING—W. Z. White, Director of Finance, will receive bids until 12 m. Dec. 27 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$150,000 4 1/4% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal and interest or principal only) school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in U. S. gold coin or its equivalent at the City Treasurer's office or at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston. Due \$6,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1924 to 1948 incl. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City of New London, required. Bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston. The legality of the bonds will be examined by Messrs. Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston. Bonds will be delivered at the office of the City Treasurer or at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, at purchaser's option, on Jan. 2 1923, or as soon thereafter as bonds may be ready. Bids are desired on forms which will be furnished by the Old Colony Trust Co. or the undersigned.

Financial Statement. Bonded debt, not including this issue \$2,314,000. Water bonds, included in above 901,000. Assessed valuation of taxable property 33,693,139. Population, 1920 25,688.

NICKERSON, Reno County, Kans.—BOND SALE—The \$83,500 5% paving bonds registered by the State Auditor of Kansas on Nov. 9 (V. 115, p. 2607), have been sold.

NORWALK CITY SECOND TAXING DISTRICT (P. O. South Norwalk), Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING—Bids will be received until 8 p. m. Jan. 23 by Arthur Sterling, District Clerk, for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$50,000 4 1/4% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal and interest, or principal only) water-improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (F. & A.) payable in lawful money of the United States at the South Norwalk Trust Co., or at the fiscal agency in New York. Due \$10,000 on Aug. 1 in each of the years 1925, 1928, 1931, 1934 and 1937. Certified check for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the District Treasurer, required. Bonds will be certified as to genuineness by the South Norwalk Trust Co.; legality will be approved by John H. Light.

The official advertisement of the offering of the above bonds may be found among the advertisements in the subsequent pages of this issue.

NORWICH, Chenango County, N. Y.—BOND SALE—The following two issues of 5% paving bonds (Series "DD" and "EE") offered on Dec. 20 (V. 115, p. 2714) were awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield of New York at 104.72 and accrued interest, a basis of about 4.41%: \$8,423 bonds, Series DD. Denom. 16 for \$500 and 1 for \$423. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$500 from 1926 to 1941 incl. and \$423 in 1942. 4,546 bonds, Series EE. Denom. 3 for \$500 and 1 for \$546. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$500 from 1926 to 1933 incl. and \$546 in 1934. \$892.67 bonds, Series FF, offered at the same time, went to the Sinking Fund at par. Denom. \$892.67. Due Jan. 1 1924. All the bonds are dated Jan. 1 1923.

NORWOOD, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING—W. R. Locke, City Auditor, will receive bids until 12 m. Jan. 8 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of the following two issues of 5% coupon bonds: \$10,000 Park Real Estate bonds. Due \$500 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1943 inclusive.

\$0,000 Duck Creek storm water sewer bonds. Due \$4,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1943 inclusive. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Norwood National Bank of Norwood. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonded debt Dec. 1 1922, \$2,395,982; sinking fund, \$671,515.

OLD FORGE, Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE—O'Brien, Potter & Co. of Buffalo, were awarded the issue of \$24,500 water and light bonds, offered on Dec. 18 (V. 115, p. 2714), at 100.21 for 4 1/4%, a basis of about 4.72%. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,500 from 1924 to 1939, inclusive, and \$500 in 1940.

ONEIDA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17 (P. O. Stone), Idaho.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until Jan. 6 by C. E. Harris, District Clerk, for \$1,500 6% coupon refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,500. Date Jan. 1 1923. Int. J. & J. Due 1939. A cert. check for \$500, payable to the above official, required.

OWOSSO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Owosso), Shiawassee County Mich.—BOND SALE—On Dec. 12 the \$250,000 bonds, for three new ward school buildings, voted during July (V. 115, p. 402), were sold, it is stated, to Keane, Higbie & Co. and the Security Trust Co., both of Detroit, at 4 1/4%.

PARK PLACE, Tex.—BONDS VOTED—The Houston "Post" of Dec. 17 had the following to say regarding the voting of 3 issues of bonds: "Park Place voted on her \$180,000 bond issue Saturday (Dec. 16) and carried them. The 3 different issues were voted on separately and all went over by large margins.

The \$75,000 sewage system issue carried by 126 votes, the \$100,000 paving bonds went over by 138 votes, and the city hall and fire station issue of \$5,000 polled a favorable majority of 116.

The present administration of the city of Park Place is under the direction of Captain William N. Pearson, Mayor; E. M. Hays is City Secretary.

PASADENA, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS DEFEATED—At the election held on Dec. 5—V. 115, p. 2502—the proposition to issue \$500,000 bonds for a bus line failed to carry.

PEABODY, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN—Reports state that the city awarded a temporary loan of \$100,000 dated Dec. 21

and maturing May 1 1923, to the Warren National Bank of Peabody, on a 4.26% discount basis.

PEMBERTON, Burlington County, N. J.—BOND SALE—The Peoples National Bank of Pemberton were awarded at par and accrued interest the issue of \$20,000 4 1/4% coupon electric light and power system bonds offered on Dec. 20 (V. 115, p. 2714). Date Jan. 1 1923. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1925 to 1934 incl., and \$1,125 from 1935 to 1942 inclusive.

PERRYTON, Ochiltree County, Texas.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received by Abe Green, City Secretary, until 7:30 p. m. Jan. 9 for the following two issues of 6% coupon bonds: \$75,000 water-works bonds. Due yearly on Jan. 15 as follows: \$1,000, 1926, and \$2,000, 1927 to 1963, inclusive. 35,000 electric light bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 15 from 1929 to 1963, inclusive.

Date Jan. 15 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. A certified check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, required.

Financial Statement. Estimated actual value of all property \$2,500,000. Assessed valuation 1922 829,752. Total debt, including these issues \$117,000. Less water-works bonds included in above \$75,000. Less Sinking Fund 450. Net debt 41,550. Population, 1920 Census, 675; present estimate, 2,000.

PETERSBURG, Dinwiddie County, Va.—BOND SALE—The Wm. R. Compton Co. of New York and the Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co. of Baltimore jointly purchased on Dec. 19, and are now offering to investors at prices to yield 4.40%; an issue of \$800,000 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only or both principal and interest) municipal improvement bonds at 99.08 a basis of about 4.53%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y. City. Due Dec. 1 1962.

Financial Statement (as Officially Reported). Assessed value of taxable property \$42,220,061. Total bonded debt, including this issue 3,964,000. Water bonds 580,000. Sinking fund 950,000. Net bonded debt 2,434,000. (Net debt less than 5 1/2-5% of assessed valuation.) Population, 1920 Census, 31,012.

PINEBLUFF, Moore County, N. C.—BONDS NOT SOLD—The \$8,000 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) water bonds offered on Dec. 20 (V. 115, p. 2714) were not sold as no bids were received. J. B. Little, Mayor, says: "An attempt will be made to sell bonds privately."

PITTSFIELD, Berkshire County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN—Goldman, Sachs & Co. of Boston were awarded the temporary loan of \$75,000 which was offered for sale on Dec. 19 (V. 115, p. 2715) at a 4.12% discount basis. Date Dec. 20 1922. Due April 20 1923. Other bidders were: Other Bidders—Discount Rate. Other Bidders—Discount Rate. Blake Bros. & Co. 4.18% plus \$1. Old Colony Tr. Co. 4.35% plus \$1.50. First Nat. Bank, Boston 4.31%. S. N. Bond & Co. 4.38%. First Nat. Corp., Boston 4.34%.

PITTSFORD, Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND SALE—On Nov. 28 an issue of \$30,000 5% water bonds was awarded to Sags, Walcott & Steel of Rochester for \$31,128, equal to 103.76, a basis of about 4.59%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1922. Int. J. & D. Due yearly on June 1 from 1927 to 1942.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY (P. O. Plymouth), Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Horace T. Fogg, County Treasurer, is receiving bids until 10 a. m. Dec. 26 for \$36,000 4 1/4% registerable bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 15 1922. Int. J. & D. 15. Due \$4,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1923 to 1931, inclusive. These bonds are issued under the authority of Chapter 586 of the Acts of 1920 and will be properly certified as to genuineness and are tax exempt under the laws of Massachusetts and under the Federal Income Tax Act.

PORT HURON, St. Clair County, Mich.—BOND SALE—On Dec. 13 an issue of \$50,000 5% water bonds was awarded to the U. S. Savings Bank of Port Huron for \$52,011, equal to 104.022, a basis of about 4.54%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1920. Interest annually on July 1. Due \$8,000 July 1 1933; \$16,000, July 1 1934 and 1935, and \$10,000, July 1 1936.

PONDERA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (P. O. Brady), Mont.—BOND SALE—The State Land Board has purchased \$1,200 6% school bonds. Denom. \$300. Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. M. & S. Due in 5 years, optional any interest paying date.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Dutchess County, N. Y.—BOND SALE—Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York, were awarded the \$278,000 4 1/4% 18 1/2-year (average) coupon or registered refunding bonds offered on Dec. 20 (V. 115, p. 2607), for \$285,200.20 (102.69) and accrued interest, a basis of about 4.05%. Date Dec. 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$40,000 in 1928, \$8,000 from 1929 to 1951, incl., and \$54,000 in 1952. The following is a list of the other bids received:

Table with columns: Other Bidders, Price Bid. Includes entries for O'Brien, Potter & Co. of Buffalo (\$285,100.04), Sherwood & Merrifield, New York (284,650.00), Farnson, Son & Co., New York (284,508.00), Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., New York (284,427.36), Eastman, Dillon & Co., New York (283,912.00), Wm. R. Compton Co., N. Y.; Graham, Parsons & Co., N. Y. (283,832.44), E. H. Rollins & Sons, New York (283,657.30), Seasongood & Mayer, New York (283,643.40), Fallkill National Bank, Poughkeepsie, for Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, New York (283,618.38), L. F. Rothschild & Co., New York (283,952.57), A. B. Leach & Co., New York (282,912.26), Clark, Williams & Co., New York; C. W. Whitis & Co., N. Y. (282,840.06), Lehman, Bros., New York (282,336.80), R. W. Pressprich & Co., New York; Redmond & Co., N. Y. (281,864.20), Lamport, Barker & Jennings, New York (281,141.40), Hallgarten & Co., New York (281,019.00).

PRINCETON, Mercer County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING—John P. Cuyler, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until Dec. 29 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of an issue of 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal and interest or principal only) sewer bonds not to exceed \$1,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000, over \$50,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due \$5,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1924 to 1933, inclusive. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) will be payable at the office of the Borough Collector in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard weight and fineness, or its equivalent. Certified check, payable to the order of the Borough Collector, for 2% of the face value of the bonds bid for, drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company, required. Legality as to issue is approved by Richard Stockton 3d, Borough Attorney. The bonds are to be issued to pay for the construction of a septic tank, and are issued under authority of Chapter 232 of the laws of New Jersey 1916. If less than the maximum authorized amount of the issue is sold, the unsold bonds of the issue will be those last maturing. The assessed valuation for the year 1922 is \$9,564,425, and the tax rate is \$2.45 per \$100. The borough of Princeton has no bonded debt except this issue, and has no floating debt.

PRINCETON SCHOOL CITY, Gibson County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 8 a. m. Jan. 8 1923 by the Board of School Trustees (Harvey Milburn, Sec'y), for an issue of \$8,000 5% coupon gymnasium and auditorium bonds. Date Feb. 1 1923. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 semi-ann. from Aug. 1 1923 to Feb. 1 1931. Principal and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the People's American Bank of Princeton. Cert. check for not less than \$100 required.

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13 (P. O. Rye), Colo.—BOND ELECTION—BOND SALE—Subject to being voted at an election to be held soon, \$13,000 refunding and \$5,000 building bonds have been sold to Boettcher, Porter & Co. of Denver.

PULASKI COUNTY (P. O. Winamac), Ind.—BOND SALE—On July 13 an issue of \$13,000 5% gravel road bonds was sold to the J. F. Wild

& Co. State Bank of Indianapolis, for \$13,205, equal to 101.577, a basis of about 4.67%. Denom. \$650. Date April 14 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$650 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, inclusive.

RAPID CITY, Pennington County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by Earl A. Hopkins, City Auditor, until 7.30 p. m. Jan. 2 for \$140,000 funding bonds. Denom. not less than \$100 or more than \$1,000. Date Dec. 15 1922. Due Dec. 15 1942. Int. semi-ann. Interest rate not to exceed 8%. A certified check for \$10,000 required.

Financial Statement.
Assessed valuation, property within corporate limits for year '22 \$7,039,916
Actual value, estimated..... 10,000,000
Total bonded debt (including this issue)..... 412,000
Amount in sinking funds to apply on bonded indebtedness..... 45,944.90

RED OAK, Montgomery County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport, have purchased \$25,000 4 1/2% park bonds at par, less \$370 for printing the bonds.

RENSSLAER, Rensselaer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Union National Corp. of New York was awarded the issue of \$95,000 coupon (with privilege of registration) sold 4 1/2% improvement bonds, offered on Dec. 19 (V. 115, p. 2715), for 102.68, a basis of about 4.19%. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due \$5,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1925 to 1943 incl.

RICHMOND, Henrico County, Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,000,000 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only or both principal and interest) bonds offered on Dec. 19 (V. 115, p. 2608) were purchased by a syndicate composed of Guaranty Company of New York, Equitable Trust Co., Kissel, Kimbitt & Co. and Eldredge & Co., all of New York, at 102.242, a basis of about 4.37%. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due Jan. 1 1957. The \$2,000,000 is composed of \$756,000 sewer, \$500,000 water works, \$250,000 gas works and \$500,000 public improvement bonds.

The following bids were received:

Lampert, Barker & Jennings, Inc.	\$2,010,200.00
Stacy & Braun; Richards, Parish & Lamson; Keane, Highle & Co.; Old Colony Trust Co.; Edmunds Bros.	2,003,400.00
*Central National Bank	2,044,640.00
Remick, Hodges & Co.	2,037,000.00
Scott & Stringfellow	2,016,580.00
Broad Street Bank	2,029,600.00
Estabrook & Co.; Merchants National Bank; Blodgett & Co.; Curtis & Sanger; Hamahs, Ballin & Lee	2,038,400.00
Hallgarten & Co.; Wm. R. Compton Co.; Wheat, Williams & Co., Inc.; Baker, Watts & Co.; American National Bank	2,022,800.00
State & City Bank & Trust Co.	2,036,180.00
Frederick E. Nolting & Co.; First National Bank; National City Co.; Harris, Forbes & Co.; Bankers Trust Co.; E. H. Rollins & Sons	2,016,180.00
Richmond Trust Co.	2,037,320.00
Planters National Bank	2,010,418.67

* Bidding for the account of the successful syndicate given above.

ROBERTSON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Franklin), Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—On Dec. 28 an election will be held to vote on the question of issuing \$200,000 5% bonds. Joe Reed, County Judge.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—NOTES OFFERED.—J. C. Wilson, City Comptroller, offered for sale yesterday (Dec. 22) on an interest basis, an issue of \$225,000 school revenue notes, maturing 5 months from Dec. 28 1922 at the Central Union Trust Co., New York.

ROOSEVELT COUNTY (P. O. Mondak), Mont.—BOND SALE.—W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo, have purchased an issue of \$104,000 funding and road bonds recently authorized.

ROSENBERG, Fort Bend County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Jan. 10 to vote on the question of issuing \$70,000 municipal bonds.

ST. BERNARD, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by John Meyer, City Auditor, until 12 m. Jan. 15 for an issue of \$22,000 5% bonds issued for the purpose of providing a fund to pay the cost and expenses of extending, enlarging, improving and repairing the electric light plant. Denom. \$500. Date Mar. 1 1923. Due yearly on Mar. 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1932 and \$3,500 from 1933 to 1938, incl. Issued under authority of the laws of Ohio and Section 3039 of the Gen. Code of Ohio, and in accordance with Ordinance No. 20-1922, passed Nov. 9 1922. Cert. check for 10% of bid, required. No bid for less than par and accrued int., considered.

BOND SALE.—Messrs. Poor & Co. of Cincinnati were awarded \$17,500 5% Tower Ave. impt. bonds offered on Nov. 21 (V. 115, p. 1972) for a premium of \$61.61, equal to 100.35. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due 18 years from date.

ST. FRANCIS, Cheyenne County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$38,372.44 5% sewer bonds registered by the State Auditor of Kansas on Nov. 15—V. 115, p. 2608—were purchased by W. G. Houd & Co. of Wichita.

ST. PAUL, Minn.—BIDS REJECTED.—BONDS ABSORBED BY GENERAL CITY SINKING FUND.—Jesse Foote, City Comptroller, advises us that the following bids were received and rejected at the offering of the \$100,000 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) water works bonds on Dec. 14 (V. 115, p. 2608), the bonds being absorbed by the general sinking fund of the city:

Bidders	Rate	Premium
Kalman, Wood & Co., Minneapolis	4 1/2%	\$4,220.00
Wells Dickey Co., Minneapolis	4 1/2%	4,220.00
Eldredge & Co., New York	4 1/2%	3,790.00
Guaranty Company of New York	4 1/2%	1.00
Barr Bros. & Co., New York	4 1/2%	3,785.00
Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago	4 1/2%	3,734.00
Bankers Trust Co., New York	4 1/2%	3,729.00
Hamilton A. Gill & Co., New York	4 1/2%	3,530.00
Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc., Minneapolis	4 1/2%	3,450.00
Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minneapolis	4 1/2%	4,450.00
Merchants' Trust & Savings Bank, St. Paul	4 1/2%	3,099.00
W. A. Harriman & Co., New York	4 1/2%	3,074.00
Capital Trust & Savings Bank, St. Paul	4 1/2%	3,027.00
A. G. Becker & Co., St. Louis	4 1/2%	101.00
Northwestern Trust Co., St. Paul	4 1/2%	2,100.00
Paine, Webber & Co., Minneapolis	4 1/2%	1,038.00
Stix & Co., St. Louis	4 1/2%	2,371.56
Stacy & Braun, Toledo	4 1/2%	2,870.00
R. W. Pressprich & Co., New York	4 1/2%	2,880.00
Lampert, Barker & Jennings, Inc., New York	4 1/2%	3,510.00
J. G. White & Co., New York	4 1/2%	2,760.00
E. H. Rollins & Sons, New York	4 1/2%	3,492.00
Farson, Son & Co., New York	4 1/2%	1,550.00
Merrill, Oldham & Co., Boston	4 1/2%	1,011.77
William R. Compton Co., New York	4 1/2%	427.00
The Merchants' Loan & Trust Co., Chicago	4 1/2%	2,877.00
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati	4 1/2%	3,390.00
The First National Bank of St. Paul	4 1/2%	3,390.00

* Discount bid; all other amounts being premium offered.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—PROPOSITIONS TO BE VOTED ON AT THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON FEB. 9.—The following is a list of the propositions aggregating \$88,372,500 to be voted on at the election to be held Feb. 9—V. 115, p. 2296:

Establishing, opening and widening streets	\$8,650,000
Acquisition of land for a plaza opposite Union Station	2,600,000
Improvement of streets and highways	5,800,000
Electric street lighting system	8,000,000
New court house	4,000,000
Construction and reconstruction of public sewers	8,000,000
Conversion of River des Peres to a public sewer	11,000,000
Acquisition of land for new parks and playgrounds	2,500,000
Improvement of existing parks and playgrounds	1,300,000
Aquarium in Zoological Park	400,000
Municipal light, heat and power plant	1,000,000
Hospital extension and improvement	5,000,000

Municipal auditorium	5,000,000
Memorial plaza	6,000,000
Fire department improvement	772,500
Elimination of railroad grade crossings	1,600,000
West approach to Municipal Bridge	1,500,000
East approach to Municipal Bridge	1,500,000
New armory	1,000,000
Reconstruction of public markets	1,250,000
Water-works extension	12,000,000

SALEM, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$41,307 refunding bonds offered on Dec. 4—V. 115, p. 2296—were awarded to Richards, Parish & Lamson of Cleveland for a premium of \$738, equal to 101.786 for 5 1/8%, a basis of about 5.00%. Date Sept. 15 1922. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$2,307, 1924; \$3,000, 1925 to 1938 incl.

SAVAGE, Scott County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,000 refunding bonds offered on Oct. 5—V. 115, p. 1558—were awarded to the First State Bank of Savage.

SAWTELLE, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 1,136 "for" to 39 "against" an issue of \$275,000 water bonds was voted at an election held on Dec. 12.

SCOTT AND LESUER COUNTIES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 (P. O. New Prague), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 1.30 p. m. Dec. 20 by F. E. Remmer, Secretary Board of Education, for \$100,000 4 1/2% coupon school building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Int. J. & J. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1924 to 1927, incl.; \$4,000, 1928 to 1931, incl.; \$5,000, 1932 to 1935, incl.; \$5,000, 1936 and 1937, and \$40,000, 1938. A certified check for 10% of amount of bid, payable to the District Treasurer, required.

SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Scranton), Lackawanna County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—D. R. Atherton, Chairman of the Finance Committee, will receive bids until 7.30 p. m. Jan. 8 for \$1,000,000 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal) school building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the District Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$35,000, 1924 to 1937, incl. and \$31,000, 1938 to 1962, incl. Certified check (or cash) for 10%, payable to the District, required. Bonded debt (excl. this issue), \$1,335,000. Sinking fund, \$381,164.

SEDEGWICK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46 (P. O. Sedgewick), Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—BOND SALE.—Subject to being voted at election to be held Jan. 8, Bosworth, Chanute & Co. of Denver have purchased \$7,400 5 1/2% 10-20-year school building bonds.

SELMA, Johnson County, No. Caro.—BOND ELECTION.—Regarding an election to be held on Jan. 22 the Birmingham "Age-Herald" of Dec. 17 says:

"The qualified electors of the city of Selma will be called upon to render their verdict on three separate and distinct propositions affecting the tax rate within the city limits at a special election to be held Jan. 22 1923, according to ordinances that were passed by the City Council, and an order granted by the County Commissioners of Dallas County last week. These proposals will be: The levying of an additional tax of 2 mills on all property within the Selma School District, the proceeds to be used in the operation of the schools; the selling of \$100,000 worth of city bonds, the proceeds to be used for school building purposes, and the selling of \$50,000 worth of bonds, the proceeds to be used for acquiring additional cemetery space for the city."

SEATTLE, Wash.—BOND SALES.—During the month of November the City of Seattle issued the following bonds, all bearing 6% interest with the exception of the issue marked (*):

District No.	Amount	Purpose	Date	Due
3475	\$4,340.27	Paving	Nov. 3 1922	Nov. 3 1934
3408	6,990.40	Paving	Nov. 4 1922	Nov. 4 1934
3488	1,456.48	Paving	Nov. 6 1922	Nov. 6 1934
3499	7,475.05	Grading, &c.	Nov. 6 1922	Nov. 6 1934
3504	1,601.65	Paving	Nov. 7 1922	Nov. 7 1934
3478	1,226.87	Walks	Nov. 7 1922	Nov. 7 1934
3400	823.39	Walks	Nov. 17 1922	Nov. 17 1934
3472	801.60	Walks	Nov. 18 1922	Nov. 18 1934
3514*	6,353.66	Condemnation for street	Nov. 20 1922	Nov. 20 1934
3468	22,804.35	Grade	Nov. 23 1922	Nov. 23 1934
3317	139,737.12	Paving	Nov. 23 1922	Nov. 23 1934
3493	51,008.24	Paving	Nov. 24 1922	Nov. 24 1934
3478	1,133.24	Grade	Nov. 25 1922	Nov. 25 1934
3484	19,310.04	Paving	Nov. 25 1922	Nov. 25 1934
3066	9,169.89	Grade	Nov. 27 1922	Nov. 27 1934
3529	3,016.24	Paving	Nov. 27 1922	Nov. 27 1934

All bonds are subject to call yearly in November.

SHADYSIDE, Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Shultz Bros. & Co. of Cleveland have been awarded the following three issues of 6% sewer refunding bonds offered on Dec. 16 (V. 115, p. 2503), paying a premium of \$573.90 (102.39) and accrued interest, a basis of about 5.50%:

\$18,000 First Sewer District bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1931 inclusive.
1,200 Second Sewer District bond. Due Oct. 1 1928.
4,000 Third Sewer District bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1927 to 1930 inclusive.

Date Oct. 10 1922. Int. semi-ann. The following bids were also received:

N. S. Hill & Co., Cinc.	\$373.00	Ryan, Bowman & Co., Tol.	\$368.00
Weil, Roth & Co., Cinc.	558.80	W. K. Terry & Co., Tol.	502.00
Bohmer, Reinhart & Co., Cincinnati	294.60	Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Cincinnati	467.00
		Sidney Spitzer & Co., Toledo	144.00

SHELBY, Cleveland County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,000 5 1/2% street and sidewalk impt. bonds offered on Dec. 15—V. 115, p. 2503—were awarded to the First National Bank of Shelby as 6s at a premium of \$10, equal to 100.008, a basis of about 4.99%. Date Jan. 15 1923. Due on Jan. 15 as follows: \$5,000, 1924 to 1933 incl., and \$9,000, 1934 to 1938 incl.

SINKING SPRINGS BORO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sinking Springs), Berks County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$56,000 4 1/2% coupon tax-free school building bonds offered on Dec. 5—V. 115, p. 2503—were awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia at 101.422, a basis of about 4.43%. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924 to 1933 incl.; \$2,000, 1934 to 1948 incl.; \$3,000, 1949 to 1952 incl., and \$4,000, 1953. The following is a list of the bids received:

Name	Price Bid	Name	Price Bid
M. M. Freeman & Co., Phil.	101.422	Graham, Parsons Co., Phila.	100.01
Stroud & Co., Phila.	100.387	Lewis & Snyder, Phila.	100.166
Sinking Springs Bank	100.625		

SOMERSET COUNTY (P. O. Somerville), N. J.—INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF BOND SALE.—In response to our request for information concerning the sale of \$149,000 bonds to local banks, W. S. Woodruff, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, writes us in part:

"The object of the county in issuing these bonds through the various banks of the county was one of co-operation and mutual helpfulness, the banks agreeing to take the bonds at such times as needed by the county, thereby saving the county considerable in interest. Not only have \$149,000 worth of these bonds been sold, but almost \$300,000 more than this amount they were sold as par and the maturities of the issue are on Dec. 1 1926. The bonds can be retired after two years. The rate of interest is 5%, payable June 1 and Dec. 1. They were issued as required and bear dates from June 1 to Dec. 1. The denominations are \$1,000. The banks participating in the issue are the Somerville Trust Co., the Second National Bank of Somerville, the Bound Brook Trust Co., the First National Bank of Bound Brook, the Bernardsville National Bank, the Peapack-Gladstone National Bank, the Dime Savings Bank of Somerville and the Karitan Savings Bank of Karitan."

SOMERVELL COUNTY (P. O. Glen Rose), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Jan. 16 to vote on the question of issuing \$175,000 road bonds.

SOUTH PASADENA, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 5 p. m. Dec. 26 by Nettie A.

Hewitt, City Clerk, for \$40,000 4 1/2% coupon sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-D.), payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due \$1,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1923 to 1962. Incl. The approving opinion of Clay & Dillon of N. Y. City, and Edward R. Young of Los Angeles, will be furnished the purchaser. Assessed valuation \$8,158,685. Bonded debt, \$546,000. Tax rate \$1 7/8.

STARKE COUNTY (P. O. Knox), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Dec. 30 by A. W. Carlson, County Treasurer, for the following 2 issues of 5% gravel road bonds: \$6,500 Willard Baughman and J. Felix Bliss et al., Wayne & California Townships bonds. Denom. \$325. 11,200 Charles Wehlmann et al., California Township bonds. Denom. \$560. Date Nov. 15 1922. Due 1 bond of each issue from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932. Int. M. & N. 15. No bid for less than par considered.

STEWART, McLeod County, Minn.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 118 "for" to 70 "against," the \$5,000 5 1/2% 20-year village hall erection bonds were carried at the election held on Dec. 12—V. 115, p. 2503.

SULLIVAN COUNTY (P. O. Sullivan), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 5% highway improvement bonds, offered on Dec. 11—V. 115, p. 2608—were awarded to the Sullivan State Bank, of Sullivan, for a premium of \$250—equal to 101.32, a basis of about 4.72%: \$9,400 Oscar W. Allen et al., Curry Township bonds. 9,400 Joseph Berlingmiller et al., Curry Township bonds. Date Sept. 15 1922. Denom. \$470. Due 1 bond of each issue each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, incl. Int. M. & N. 15.

SUMMIT COUNTY (P. O. Akron), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Scott Porter, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, until 12 m. Jan. 4 for the purchase of an issue of \$392,000 5% bonds for the purpose of improving sections "I," "J," "K," "L" and "M" of the Cleveland-Massillon Road, I. C. H. No. 17. Date Jan. 1 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$44,000 in each of the years 1924, 1926, 1928, 1930 and 1932, and \$43,000 in each of the years 1925, 1927, 1929, 1931. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Cert. check for 5% of bid, required.

SURF, Ocean County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$5,000 6% 1-5-year serial coupon street improvement bonds was awarded to M. L. Berry of Toms River at par. Date Nov. 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1923 to 1927, incl.

TACOMA, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The following 6% bonds were issued by the city of Tacoma during November at par:

Dist. No.	Amount.	Purpose.	Date.	Due.
1,155	\$74,951 90	Sewer	Nov. 7 1922	Nov. 7 1929
4,106	1,939 10	Paving	Nov. 8 1922	Nov. 8 1934
4,080	13,442 95	Paving	Nov. 15 1922	Nov. 15 1934
1,272	1,850 00	Grading	Nov. 15 1922	Nov. 15 1929
4,095	4,821 82	Paving	Nov. 15 1922	Nov. 15 1934
4,108	2,214 80	Grading	Nov. 15 1922	Nov. 15 1934
4,105	2,502 60	Paving	Nov. 15 1922	Nov. 15 1934
1,280	966 10	Sidewalk	Nov. 22 1922	Nov. 22 1922
1,276	1,182 00	Sidewalk	Nov. 22 1922	Nov. 22 1922
6,518	1,940 50	Lighting	Nov. 22 1922	Nov. 22 1922

All bonds are subject to call yearly in November.

TENINO, Thurston County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Dec. 28 by Thomas Finan, Town Clerk, for \$5,000 town hall building bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 2 1923. Due serially, all bonds being subject to call for payment at any interest paying date upon 30 days' notice, duly published in the official newspaper published at Tenino. Prin. and int. payable at the Town Treasurer's office.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY (P. O. Lafayette), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. E. Calsbeck, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Jan. 6 for the following 2 issues of 5% highway bonds: \$4,100 Mary Crouse Martin et al., Wayne Township bonds. Date Nov. 11 1922. Denom. \$205. Due \$205 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933. 1,400 Sanford Gowen et al., Tippecanoe Township bonds. Date Nov. 25 1922. Denom. \$70. Due \$70 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive. 5,600 T. E. Conrod et al., Laurame Township bonds. Denom. \$208. Date Nov. 11 1922. Due \$208 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive. Int. M. & N. 15.

TULIA, Swisher County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—Sidney Spitzer & Co. of Toledo have purchased the three issues of 6% bonds offered on Dec. 18—V. 115, p. 2608—at a premium of \$3,852 50, equal to 103 85, a basis of about 5.68%: \$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 incl. 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.

UNION, Union County, So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—W. D. Arthur, City Clerk and Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Jan. 9 for \$150,000 coupon street impmt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Int. J.-J., not to exceed 5%. Due \$5,000, 1924 to 1953 incl.

UTICA, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 18 the \$560,000 4 1/2% coupon public improvement bonds offered on that date—V. 115, p. 2716—were awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield of New York for \$569,469 60 (101.699) and interest, a basis of about 4.65%. Due \$28,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1924 to 1943 incl. Other bidders, all of New York, were:

Name	Price Bid.	Name	Price Bid.
Roosevelt & Son	\$569,167 20	Wm. R. Compton Co.	\$566,608 00
A. B. Leach & Co., Inc.	567,756 00	Remick, Hodges & Co.	565,143 20
Barr Bros. & Co.	566,714 40	Geo. B. Gibbons & Co.	566,300 00

VALIER, Pondera County, Mont.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Dec. 27 to vote on the question of issuing \$35,000 water bonds. Interest rate not to exceed 0%. Bonds to mature in 20 years, and to be optional after 10 years. T. Durnell, Town Clerk.

VALLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. North Loup), Nebr.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Dec. 12—V. 115, p. 2503—the \$70,000 school bonds were voted by a count of 273 "for" to 73 "against" the issue.

VANDEBURGH COUNTY (P. O. Evansville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Walter A. Smith, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Jan. 3 for an issue of \$69,800 4 1/2% P. M. Frisse et al., Weinbach Ave. Road Impt. Light. Township bonds. Date Jan. 3 1923. Due \$1,746 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1943, incl. Int. M. & N. 15.

VERMILION PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Abbeville), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 11 a. m. Jan. 15 by Jos. E. Broussard, President of the Police Jury, for \$500,000 road bonds. A certified check for \$10,000 required.

VIGO COUNTY (P. O. Terre Haute), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. M. Lee, County Auditor, will receive bids until 11 a. m. Dec. 30 for \$100,000 5% Wabash River bridge refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$5,000 each six months from July 1 1923 to Jan. 1 1933 incl. Cert. check for 3% of amount of bonds required. Bonded debt, \$242,200; assessed valuation, \$132,335,430.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Otis), Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—BOND SALE.—Subject to being voted at an election to be held soon, James H. Causby & Co., of Denver, have purchased \$17,000 5 1/2% 20-40-year (opt.) school-building bonds.

WARSAW, Wyoming County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—A. B. Leach & Co. of New York have been awarded the issue of \$63,000 coupon or registered village bonds, offered on Dec. 18—V. 115, p. 2716—for a premium of \$539, equal to 100.85 for 4 1/2%, a basis of about 4.39%. Due \$3,000 yearly on April 1 from 1923 to 1943, incl. Other bidders were:

	Int. Rate.	Price Bid.
Harris, Forbes & Co., New York	4 1/2%	100.732
W. R. Compton & Co., New York	4 1/2%	63.395
O'Brian, Potter & Co., Buffalo	4.60%	100.417
Wyoming County National Bank, Warsaw	4.70%	100
Parson, Son & Co., New York	4 1/2%	100.315
Sherwood & Merrifield, New York	4.50%	100.33
Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., New York	4 1/2%	100.125
Clinton H. Brown & Co., New York	4.75%	101.31
Union National Corp., New York	4.60%	100.19

WATERTOWN, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Dec. 15 a temporary loan of \$100,000, maturing \$50,000 on each of the dates May 29 and June 29 1923, was awarded to the Shawmut Corp. of Boston on a 4.28% discount basis, plus \$1 26 premium.

WATERVILLE, Kennebec County, Me.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—According to reports, all bids for the \$50,000 4 1/2% school bonds, offered on Dec. 19—V. 115, p. 2716—were rejected. The bonds will be re-offered for sale bearing 4 1/2% interest and bids will be received until 11 a. m. Dec. 29. The bonds are dated Dec. 15 1923 and mature Dec. 15 1942.

WATSONVILLE, Santa Cruz County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The San Francisco "Commercial News" of Dec. 14 says: "The \$250,000 block of City of Watsonville municipal improvement 5% bonds, dated Dec. 1 1922 and maturing from 1923 to 1947, were awarded to the Palaro National Bank, R. H. Moulton & Co. and the Anglo California Trust Co. on their premium bid of \$3,130, according to word received here Dec. 14. Other bids and bidders include: Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., \$3,469; Anglo & London Paris Co., \$2,971; Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, \$2,520; Schwabacher & Co., \$2,005, and Cyrus Peirce & Co., \$1,508."

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Wooster), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. Jan. 3 by F. C. Redick, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for an issue of \$100,000 5 1/2% inter-county highway No. 96 and No. 417 improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 15 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S. 15) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due yearly on Sept. 15 as follows: \$11,000 from 1923 to 1930 incl. and \$12,000 in 1931. These bonds are issued under authority of Sections 1223 and 6929, General Code of Ohio. Certified check drawn on any national bank for 3% of bid, payable to the Board of County Commissioners, required. No bid for less than par and accrued interest and only unconditional bids will be considered.

WELDON GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Weldon), Halifax County, N. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 6% school bonds offered on Dec. 18—V. 115, p. 2609—were awarded to Blanchett, Thornburgh & Anderson, of Toledo, at a premium of \$5,497 50, equal to 107.46. Date July 1 1922. Due \$500 yearly from 1938 to 1952, inclusive.

WESTFIELD, Chautauqua County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—During the forepart of this month the National Bank of Westfield, of Westfield, was awarded \$32,000 4 1/2% paving bonds for \$32,010, equal to 100.03, a basis of about 4.49%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1922. Int. J. & D. Due \$4,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1923 to 1930, inclusive.

WEST RIVERSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Riverside), Riverside County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—Banks, Huntley & Co. of Los Angeles, have purchased the \$40,000 5% school bonds offered on Dec. 11—V. 115, p. 2297—at par plus a premium of \$624 01, equal to 101.56. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due as follows: \$2,000, 1925 to 1938, incl., and \$3,000, 1939 to 1942, inclusive.

WEYMOUTH, Norfolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The town has negotiated with C. D. Parker & Co. of Boston a temporary loan of \$50,000, dated Dec. 11 1922 and maturing May 25 1923, on a 4.28% discount basis.

WILMINGTON, Essex County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 10 O'Brian, Potter & Co. of Buffalo were awarded \$7,000 5% water bonds at par. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. M. & S. Due \$1,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1927 to 1933 inclusive.

WOBURN, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 22 the following 5 issues of 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds aggregating \$40,700 were awarded to Edmunds Bros. of Boston at 100.56, a basis of about 4.20%: \$5,000 Bridge loan, payable \$1,000 Dec. 1 1923 to 1925 incl. \$3,500 School house loan, payable \$1,300 Dec. 1 1923 and \$1,000 Dec. 1 1924 and 1925. 4,200 Water main loan, payable \$2,400 Dec. 1 1923 and \$1,800 Dec. 1 1924. 5,200 Sewer and surface drainage loan, payable \$2,700 Dec. 1 1923, \$1,500 Dec. 1 1924 and \$1,000 Dec. 1 1925. 25,000 Macadam loan, payable \$5,000 Dec. 1 1923 to 1927 incl. Denoms. \$500, \$1,000, \$300, \$400, \$800 and \$700. Date Dec. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the Second National Bank, Boston.

WOODSFIELD, Monroe County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Well, Roth & Co. of Cincinnati were awarded the issue of \$37,000 5 1/2% power house bonds, offered on Dec. 15 (V. 115, p. 2699), for \$37,805 (102.175) and accrued interest, a basis of about 4.19%. Date Nov. 1 1922. Denom. 1 for \$2,000 and 14 for \$2,500. Due one bond yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1938 incl. Other bidders were as follows:

		Title Gu. & Tr. Co., Cinc.	\$37,462 50
Seasoned & Mayer, Cin.	\$37,838 00	Bolmer, Reinhart & Co.,	37,469 90
Sinay Spitzer & Co., Tol.	37,410 70	Cincinnati	37,569 80
Ryan, Bowman & Co., Toledo	37,481 00	Burfee, Niles & Co., Tol.	37,531 00
The Monroe Bank	37,529 10	Prudden & Co., Cinc.	37,503 00
W. L. Slayton & Co., Tol.	37,301 00	Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Cinc.	37,382 00
Bolger, Mosser & Williams, Chicago	37,775 00	Stacy & Braun, Toledo	37,577 00
A. T. Bell & Co., Toledo	37,503 20	N. S. Hill & Co., Cincinnati	37,396 00
Richards, Parish & Lamson, Cincinnati	37,394 00		

YONKERS, Westchester County, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—On Dec. 7 the city awarded \$400,000 and \$250,000 notes to Salomon Bros. & Hutzler of New York, on 4.49% and 4.59% interest basis, respectively. Denom. \$25,000. Date Dec. 11 1922. Payable Aug. 8 1923.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

HALIFAX, N. S.—DEBENTURES OFFERED.—On Dec. 21, James J. Hopewell City Treasurer, offered for sale an issue of 5% coupon or registered school debentures, sufficient to raise the sum of \$126,570. Denom. \$100 and multiples. Date Jan. 1 1923. Int. J. & J. Due Jan. 1 1923.

HULL ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, Que.—AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS GRANTED.—Reports state that this district has been granted the required authority by the Government of Quebec for the location of a \$300,000 debenture loan.

INDIAN HEAD, Sask.—DEBENTURES SOLD.—\$4,787 7% 15-year debentures have been sold locally, according to newspaper reports.

KAMLOOPS, B. C.—DEBENTURE SALE.—During September \$22,000 6% 20-year sewer debentures, dated June 1 1922, were sold locally at par. Denom. \$500. Int. J. & D.

MEAFORD, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—An issue of \$100,000 debentures for a new school, it is stated, will be voted upon on Jan. 1.

MIDLAND, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—It is reported that the Town Council passed a by-law authorizing the issuance of \$8,000 15-year park and \$73,000 30-year sewer 5 1/2% debentures.

MIMICO, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—According to the Toronto "Globe" of Dec. 18, an issue of \$67,500 local improvement and \$41,000 sewer and water 5 1/2% 30 annual installment debentures, offered for sale on Dec. 15, were awarded to Murray & Co. of Toronto at 96.00, a basis of about 6.07%. The following bids, according to the "Globe," were: C. H. Burgess & Co., 95.81; Gairdner, Clarke & Co., 95.61; Bell, Gounlock & Co., 95.51; McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., 95.92, and Canada Bond Corp., 92.14.

MONTREAL SOUTH, Que.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Tenders will be received by M. Coadon, Town Clerk, according to newspaper reports, for an issue of \$20,000 6 1/2% debentures until Jan. 18 1923. Due May 1 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Bank of Hochelaga, Montreal.

MOOSE JAW, Sask.—CORRECTION.—In V. 115, p. 2610, we reported that \$7,400 debentures had been sold. We are now advised by W. C. Gaudie, City Treasurer, that these debentures have been voted, but not sold, and will probably not be disposed of for several weeks.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont.—BONDS VOTED DOWN.—On Dec. 2 \$32,000 5 1/2% debentures for the purchase of a site for a city hall was defeated. There were 691 affirmative votes to 988 negative votes.

NORTH VANCOUVER, B. C.—DEBENTURES DEFEATED.—It is reported in the "Monetary Times" of Toronto, that \$8,000 city hall alterations, \$9,300 city hall remodeling and \$3,000 school debentures were defeated at an election held on Nov. 18.

ONTARIO (Province of).—\$10,000,000 MORE BONDS SOLD.—The Province, through the syndicate composed of Aemilius Jarvis & Co., Wood, Gundy & Co. and A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto, which handled the recent \$5,000,000 5 1/2% 20-year debentures—V. 115, p. 2717—has sold an additional block of \$10,000,000, making \$15,000,000. The Toronto "Globe" in its issue of Dec. 20, in reporting the sale of these additional bonds, comments as follows on the transaction:

"Provinces of Ontario's financing at this time totals \$15,000,000 of bonds, a further \$10,000,000 having been provided in addition to the original \$5,000,000 on which tenders were publicly called. The entire offering was handled through the original syndicate of three Toronto houses, Wood, Gundy & Co., A. E. Ames & Co. and Aemilius Jarvis & Co., and it is stated that the bulk of the issue which was offered locally has been sold. To the private investor the bonds were offered at 101 and accrued interest to yield about 5.42%. The financial district has expressed much satisfaction with the reception accorded such a large offering, which has been especially gratifying in view of the fact that the market for several weeks before had been distinctly unsettled. There had been some doubt expressed, too, whether the public would be attracted by a price above par. It is understood that this issue of \$15,000,000 about completes the Province's financing program for the present. Some \$5,000,000 of Treasury notes mature in January, but it is possible that a portion of the funds secured in the current financing will be diverted to the discharge of this obligation."

ONTARIO HYDRO ELECTRIC COMMISSION, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The Dominion Securities Corp. of Toronto, it is reported, was

awarded an issue of \$3,000,000 6% 22-year hydro-electric debentures on Dec. 1.

OWEN SOUND, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—According to newspaper reports, the ratepayers will vote on \$18,000 debentures for the erection of a building for the Agricultural Fair and \$40,000 debentures for extensions to the gas system at the municipal elections on Jan. 1.

RIMOUSKI, Que.—BOND SALE.—According to reports, the \$55,600 5 1/2% installment bonds offered on Dec. 11 (V. 115, p. 2504) were awarded to Le Credit Canadien at 95.45, a basis of about 5.85%. Due shortly from 1923 to 1950.

SAINTE FLORE EAST, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—It is reported that an issue of \$15,000 6% 30-year aqueduct and drainage debentures has been purchased by the Credit Industriel at 98.55, a basis of about 6.10%.

ST. THOMAS, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—The question of issuing \$32,000 debentures will be submitted to the voters, it is reported, at the municipal elections on Jan. 1.

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALES.—The following is a list of debentures, aggregating \$7,800, according to the "Financial Post" of Toronto, sold from Nov. 18 to Dec. 2: \$4,000 Niagara No. 4469, 15-years 8%—to Cross & Co. of Regina, 3,800 Newark No. 4113, 16-years, 7 1/2%—to Waterman-Waterbury, of Regina.

DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—The following, we learn from the same source, is a list of authorizations granted by the Local Government Board from Nov. 18 to Dec. 2:

\$1,500 Infield, 600 Kensington Lake.
SCARBOROUGH TOWNSHIP, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—Reports state that on Jan. 1 the ratepayers will vote on the question of issuing \$40,000 bridge and \$25,000 fire equipment debentures.

STAMFORD TOWNSHIP, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—According to newspaper reports, the ratepayers will vote at the municipal elections on Jan. 1 on the question of issuing \$40,000 5-installment stone purchase and \$20,000 20-installment hydro-electric 5 1/2% debentures.

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Sealed proposals addressed to the Board of Trustees of The Sanitary District of Chicago and indorsed "Proposals for Purchasing Bonds," will be received by the Clerk of said The Sanitary District of Chicago at Room 700, 910 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, until twelve (12) o'clock noon (standard time), on Thursday, January 4, 1923.

The bonds for the purchase of which said bids will be received are the thirty-seventh and present issue of three million (\$3,000,000.00) dollars worth of bonds of said The Sanitary District of Chicago, in denomination of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars each, all to bear date the first day of January, 1923, with interest at the rate of four per cent (4%) per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of July and the first day of January of each year until said bonds are paid. One hundred and fifty-eight thousand (\$158,000.00) dollars of the principal of said three million (\$3,000,000.00) dollars worth of bonds hereby offered for sale are to be payable on the first day of January, 1925, and one hundred and fifty-eight thousand (\$158,000.00) dollars of the principal of said three million (\$3,000,000.00) dollars hereby offered for sale are to be payable on the first day of January of each succeeding year up to and including the year 1942, and one hundred and fifty-six thousand (\$156,000.00) dollars of said principal to be payable on the first day of January, 1943, both principal and interest to be payable at the office of the Treasurer of said The Sanitary District of Chicago in lawful money of the United States of America.

All bonds may be registered as to principal at the option of the owner.

Proposals will be received for three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00) worth of said bonds or any portion thereof.

Each proposal must be accompanied by certified check or cash in amount equal to three per cent (3%) of the amount of bid. All certified checks, cashier's checks or drafts must be drawn on some responsible Chicago bank and must be payable to the order of the Clerk of The Sanitary District of Chicago. Said amount of three per cent (3%) of the amount of the bid will be held by said The Sanitary District of Chicago until all of the said proposals have been canvassed and the bids have been awarded.

The right is reserved to sell the whole or any portion of said three million (\$3,000,000.00) dollars worth of bonds and to reject any and all of said bids.

Said bonds to be paid for and delivered at the office of the Treasurer of said The Sanitary District of Chicago.

An opinion by Wood & Oakley will be furnished, certifying the legality of said bond issue.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Equalized value of property, 1921.....	\$1,824,157,564.00
Authorized indebtedness, 3% ..	54,724,726.00
Outstanding bonds, January 1, 1923.....	27,219,000.00
Amount of present issue.....	3,000,000.00
Total bonded debt, including present issue.....	30,219,000.00
Fixed contract liabilities.....	5,000,000.00
Total.....	\$35,219,000.00
Unexercised debt-incurring power.....	\$19,505,726.00

The money derived from the sale of said bonds is to be used for the purpose of assisting to pay the cost of permanent improvements. The estimated population of The Sanitary District of Chicago is 3,142,000.

For further information apply to the Chairman of the Committee on Finance of the Board of Trustees of The Sanitary District of Chicago, Room 700, 910 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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Said bonds shall be fifty in number, of the denomination of \$1,000 each, dated August 1st, 1922, ten of which are payable August 1st, 1925, ten of which are payable August 1st, 1928, ten of which are payable August 1st, 1931, ten of which are payable August 1st, 1934, and ten of which are payable August 1st, 1937, bearing interest at the rate of four and one-quarter per cent per annum, payable on the first days of February and August in each year, except the last payment of interest, which shall be payable at the maturity of the bonds, and will be coupon bonds, registerable at the option of the holder, either as to principal alone or as to both principal and interest.

Both principal and interest will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the South Norwalk Trust Company, of South Norwalk, Connecticut, or at the fiscal agency of said Second Taxing District of the City of Norwalk, in New York City, New York.

All proposals shall be addressed to District Commissioners, Second Taxing District of the City of Norwalk, South Norwalk, Connecticut, and must be accompanied by a certified check to the order of the Treasurer of said Second Taxing District of the City of Norwalk, for 1% of the par value of the bonds bid for, and the check of the successful bidder to be retained by said Commissioners and credited upon the purchase price of the bonds and the checks of all unsuccessful bidders to be forthwith returned.

Said bonds will not be sold for less than par and accrued interest.

The District Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

The bonds shall be certified as to genuineness by the South Norwalk Trust Company, of South Norwalk, Connecticut, and their validity will be approved by John H. Light, ex-Attorney-General of the State of Connecticut, and a duplicate original of his opinion will be furnished to the purchaser.

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