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THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

For the second time President Harding has halted—and, it is to be hoped, has killed—a brazen raid upon the Treasury, this one being the bill of Senator Bursum of New Mexico for further pension increases “to certain soldiers, sailors and marines of the Civil War,” a proposition which bears out the fears expressed by the “Chronicle” that even the enactment of the wildest bonus scheme yet offered would not kill the pension leech. If this bill, says Mr. Harding, were limited to its provisions for surviving participants in the Civil and the Mexican wars and also the War of 1812, it would still be unjustifiable; but its effect, as he points out, would virtually be an invitation to come up and help one's self.

The most particular objection found is the “loose provisions for pensioning widows.” The present law makes the widow of a Civil War veteran eligible to a pension if she married him prior to June 27 1905, marriage within 40 years after that war thus constituting a pensionable “widowhood”; this Bursum grab would stretch the 40 years another decade, and would provide that after that extended term any marriage or cohabiting for two years before the veteran's death shall entitle the widow to \$50 a month during her life. On the score of reason and justice, most people would say that the only widows who are entitled to public aid are those who married the soldier before or during his war service, and that one who may marry him afterwards (possibly with some thought of a pension to be had thereby) has no claim. Upon this Mr. Harding says:

“In view of the fact that this same bill makes provision for pensions for widows of the veterans of the War of 1812, the possible burden of this sweeping pro-

vision seems worthy of serious consideration. Frankly, I do not recognize any public obligation to pension women who now, nearly 60 years after the Civil War, become the wives of veterans of that war.”

The very youngest participant in the War of 1812, if still surviving, would be, say, 128 years old; what is the moral status of pension desert for a “widow” who may have married him and an expected pension, after old age had impaired him in all respects?

The estimated present annual cost of the Bursum largess, says the President, would be about 108 millions, and he ventures the prediction that if this were established as a precedent the pension outlay by 1950 would exceed 50 billions. The present compensation, he adds, to widows of the late war is \$24 a month, and “it would be indefensible to insist upon that limitation for actual war widows if we are to pay \$600 a year to widows who marry veterans 60 years after the Civil War.” Such a scheme, he further remarks, is an outright bestowal, “with a heedlessness for the Government's financial problems which is a discouragement to every effort to reduce expenditures and thereby relieve the burdens of Federal taxation.”

It is said that the veto “came as a distinct shock to Senator Bursum.” The Bursum scheme ought to seem incredible and unthinkable. The fact, therefore, that it succeeded in getting through the two Houses ought to be a shock to the common sense and the sense of justice in the country. The veto will be of incalculable benefit if it happily sets an impassable barrier to further bonus and pension raids.

The commercial mortality in December was heavy; it has been heavy throughout the entire year, in fact throughout the past two years, but the December statement shows some signs of a let-up from the large totals of the preceding months back to November 1920. It is true that both in number and in the amount of liabilities, the December defaults were larger than those of November, but the increase in December is not so great as it was a year ago, or as it has been in preceding years, and some gain as the year comes to a close is quite usual. The number of commercial failures in the United States last month was 1,814 and the amount of liabilities involved \$52,069,021. These figures contrast with 1,737 defaults in November for \$40,265,297, and with 2,444 failures in December 1921, when the aggregate defaulted indebtedness was \$87,502,382. An unusual number of large failures still characterizes the December return, and in fact is accountable for the large sum involved, as it has been for more than a year. The increase in the number of commercial defaults in December last as compared with the preceding month, is

less than 5%; in 1921 the gain in December over November was nearly 23%. This was an exceptional increase, while the gain last month was only nominal and it is to be hoped, and is expected, that a decided improvement in this feature of the trade situation is in store for the current year.

Failures in manufacturing lines were slightly less numerous in December than they were in the preceding month, while among traders there was some increase in the number of defaults, likewise an increase in the number of defaults in the third class, which includes agents and brokers. Our statement of commercial failures is based upon the records compiled by R. G. Dun & Co., and in these records only the defaults among strictly mercantile concerns are considered, the defaults in the banking division being reported separately. There were in December last 449 mercantile defaults classed as engaged in manufacturing pursuits, with an aggregate of defaulted indebtedness of \$20,690,820. These figures contrast with 531 defaults of manufacturing concerns in December 1921 having a defaulted indebtedness of \$38,786,254. Among traders there were 1,301 failures last month, with liabilities of \$20,004,976, whereas in December 1921 the number of defaults in the trading class was 1,795 and the amount of defaulted indebtedness in that department of trade \$34,882,504. Trading failures are naturally more numerous than those in the other departments of business, as the trading class is very much larger than the manufacturing, but usually the losses involved in the manufacturing division exceed those of the other divisions because of the more extensive interests. The defaults of the past two years have been almost continuously relatively, as well as actually, more numerous in the trading class than in manufacturing, and it may be said that the extensive liquidation which has marked that trying period was largely due to over-extension in the trading division, rather than in the manufacturing lines.

In the third class, in which the records of R. G. Dun & Co. are separated, which includes agents and brokers, the defaults were heavier last month than in November, but very much fewer in number than they were in December 1921. Last month there were 64 such defaults reported, with liabilities of \$11,373,225 and in December 1921 the number of failures in the same class was 118, with a defaulted indebtedness of \$13,833,624. The average amount of liabilities in this third class was very much greater last month than a year ago, but this was caused by a few failures of unusual size during the month just closed. Considering all mercantile failures there were in December last 70 mercantile defaults, each having liabilities of more than \$100,000, the aggregate of such indebtedness being \$29,486,167. This leaves for the other 1,744 defaults recorded in that month an aggregate of defaulted indebtedness of \$22,582,860, an average for each of these defaults of about \$13,000. In November there were only 58 mercantile defaults where the liabilities in each instance exceeded \$100,000, and the average defaulted indebtedness of the remaining defaults was about \$12,600. Last month 3.9% of all mercantile defaults that occurred in the United States during that month reported 57% of the aggregate of defaulted indebtedness, while in November 3.3% of the total number of defaults involved only 47.4% of the amount of indebtedness therein involved.

The outstanding event of the week has been the breaking up of the Conference of Allied Premiers held at Paris. The conference convened in Paris last Tuesday, Jan. 2. From the outset the dispatches from that centre gave little ground for hope that an agreement would be reached on the reparations question. In fact, the same impression had existed for some little time before the representatives of the different Governments came together. As the days passed it became increasingly evident that the British and French were absolutely deadlocked. According to the cable advices the Italians and Belgians held back their plans in the hope of having them serve as a compromise between those of the British and French delegations. Those two groups made known their respective plans at the first session on Tuesday. They practically agreed only on the single point that a reduction in the amount of indemnities to be exacted from the Germans should be made. The French insisted on being given authority to advance into the Ruhr district in the event of the Germans not meeting their terms. The British were absolutely opposed to this proposal. And there the two groups stood and fell, with the Italians and the Belgians unable to accomplish anything as mediators. The actual breaking up of the Paris conference occurred shortly before 7 o'clock Thursday evening. A member of the British delegation was quoted as saying soon thereafter that "we are going home to-morrow morning. France goes ahead without us." The Paris and London dispatches yesterday morning indicated that the French and British Governments might decide upon their future action during the day. Apparently they did not. So far as indicated in the cable dispatches, proceedings at the Near East Conference in Lausanne continued essentially inconclusive.

The Conference convened "promptly at 2 o'clock" Tuesday afternoon. The British and French delegations each presented their respective plans for settling the reparations question at the first session. The Associated Press correspondent in the French capital cabled that "Prime Minister Bonar Law and Premier Poincare appeared to be rather apart in the opening session of the reparations conference to-day than they were at the end of the London meeting in December." The British plan fixes "the primary obligation of Germany in the form of 50,000,000,000 gold mark 32-year bonds, bearing no interest for four years, 4% for the next four years, and 5% thereafter." The plan also provides for "a moratorium of four years, except for certain deliveries of goods, and thereafter the payment of 2,000,000,000 gold marks yearly for four years, 2,500,000,000 yearly for the following two years, and 3,500,000,000 gold marks after ten years, or such smaller sum, not less than 2,500,000,000 marks, as might be fixed by an impartial tribunal." The Associated Press representative said that "various modifying conditions of payment make the total reparations vary in amount from 30,000,000,000 to 50,000,000,000 gold marks, as the German Government may elect from time to time to redeem the bonds as the country's prosperity may enable it to do." He added that "Marquis Della Toretta later presented the Italian scheme, which has been revised since its first publication and is now described as approaching the French view more closely than it does the British. The Belgian delegates adopted the role of

listeners only at the first meeting." The dispatch said also that "after hearing the three plans outlined the Conference delegates decided to issue them for publication and adjourned until to-morrow [Wednesday] afternoon at 3 o'clock. They took tea together."

It was pointed out in an Associated Press dispatch from Paris Wednesday morning that "the British and French are alike in fixing German reparations at a total of 50,000,000,000 gold marks, and similar also in setting up a comprehensive financial control of Germany. They are in direct opposition on the question of penalties, France being for taking so-called productive guarantees in the Rhineland and the Ruhr, while Great Britain would occupy German territories beyond the present zone only upon some future default and with the unanimous consent of the Allies." The early dispatches and during the day Wednesday indicated that little or no progress had been made in harmonizing the features of the French and English plans, over which there were the greatest differences of opinion. The Conference adjourned Wednesday evening until 3 o'clock the next afternoon, "thus avoiding the immediate break which had been expected in many quarters," according to the Associated Press correspondent. It developed that Premier Poincare, earlier in the day, had been instructed by the French Council of Ministers "to move in the Premiers' conference on reparations that the French plan be adopted as the minimum acceptable to France." The Associated Press representative said also that "the Cabinet Council decided that if the meeting did not accept that plan Premier Poincare was directed to ask the Conference to register formally lack of agreement among the Allies." The Premier subsequently spent two hours in explaining the French position to the Conference. In fact, it was stated that little was done except to listen to this presentation. The situation was not so tense, however, that the serving of tea at 5.30 Wednesday afternoon was dispensed with. The Paris cable advices stated that "Mr. Bonar Law, at the session resumed after tea, replied for Great Britain and the impression gathered from his opening remarks was that he desired to avoid a rupture of the Conference and was disposed to be conciliatory." It was also stated that "Germany's representatives in Paris are frankly pleased with the British proposals, but expressed little hope that the British plan, even in its main points, would be accepted by France. They expressed the fear that France was determined to take independent action unless the French plan were accepted by the Allies."

Commenting upon the situation, the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" said that "both from the Quai d'Orsay and Hotel Crillon late this evening reports were issued summarizing the events of the day. They indicate that neither the British nor the French are prepared to yield an inch in their demands and the Conference is expected to break up Friday." The New York "Tribune" representative cabled that, "with the final collapse of the Paris reparations conference apparently only a matter of hours, France to-night was maturing its plans for sending its armies into the Ruhr. Following open admissions at to-day's Premiers' sessions that the viewpoints of France and Britain were irreconcilable, President Millerand called Marshal Foch into

conference. A meeting of the National War Council will be announced shortly. Seeing no chance of Allied co-operation in the productive guaranty plan advanced by Premier Poincare yesterday, France is turning to the only alternative it believes is left to make Germany pay—military occupation of the Ruhr Basin."

The collapse which had been expected occurred shortly before 7 o'clock Thursday evening. Premier Poincare had taken up the greater part of the time at the sessions that day with the reading of "what amounted to a virtual ultimatum to the British to say yes or no to the French reparations proposition or else discontinue the Conference, according to a British delegate." The latter was quoted as saying that he and his associates "were astounded by the tone adopted by M. Poincare in his remarks during the session, which was held in secret, as are all the present series of meetings." The informant was further quoted as saying that "the French Premier spoke in a sharp, peremptory manner as he delivered his statement." Adjournment was taken at 4.30 o'clock Thursday afternoon for an hour. The Paris advices stated that "just before the time for the second session at 5.30 p. m., the Italian delegation deposited fresh propositions in a final attempt to save the Conference from a breakdown." It was added that the Italians had been waiting at their hotel for a reply to a telegram sent to Premier Mussolini in which definite instructions were requested. The Associated Press correspondent said that "the reply instructed the Italian delegation to reject the British reparations plan." He added that "the British delegates, aware of the substance of the inquiry that had been sent to Premier Mussolini, averred that if the Italians opposed the British plan the British delegation would leave Paris." After the Conference broke up a member of the British delegation was quoted as saying, as already related, that "it is an amicable rupture. We are going home to-morrow. France goes ahead without us."

The Paris and London cable dispatches yesterday morning indicated that both the French and British Governments might decide during the day upon their future action on the situation growing out of the breaking up of the Conference. The New York "Herald" correspondent cabled that "the exact time and manner of France's operations in the Ruhr will be determined after conferences to-morrow [yesterday] with the Belgians and the Italians and after a full meeting of the French Cabinet." The representative of the New York "Tribune" in the same centre said that "no definite move can be taken until Monday at the earliest. Poincare has decided he wishes another default decision rendered against Germany by the Reparations Commission before taking action." According to a London cablegram Premier Bonar Law called a meeting of his Cabinet immediately upon his return from Paris" to consider the status of the various organizations under the Versailles treaty, such as the Reparations Commission, the Inter-Allied Rhineland Commission, the Military Control Commission and the Committee on Guaranties." The Berlin representative of the New York "Tribune" sent word that "with the news from Paris of the break-up of the Premiers' conference the mark to-day [Thursday] took a sensational downward plunge of 1,000 points, being quoted at the close of the Bourse at

8,225 to the dollar." Other cablegrams from the same centre yesterday morning indicated the prevalence of what was termed "cautious pessimism," and of a "slight hope" that the United States Government might intervene in the European situation in a decisive way. The telegraphic advices from Washington yesterday morning were conflicting. A special representative of the New York "Herald" who is known to be particularly close to high Administration officials, said that, while they would not express an opinion on the break-up of the Paris Conference for publication, "there is semi-official authority to justify the statement, however, that despite the failure of the most recent reparations move this Government does not regard the door as having been finally closed against a peaceful solution of the problem."

The late Paris cable advices last evening did not disclose that decisive action had been taken either by the French or British Governments. It was stated in an Associated Press dispatch from the French capital that "French officials to-day declared simply that they were unable to give any indication as to how or when France would act. It is pointed out that any action France will take will be under the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles, rather than under the French reparations plan presented to the Conference, which is regarded as null, since it was proposed on the basis of co-operation by all the Allies." The correspondent added that "the Government, it is understood, will await action by the Reparations Commission on Germany's default in coal deliveries, at least, and possibly will defer any action until the next reparations payment in cash is due on January 15." He further stated that "meanwhile France, Italy and Belgium will agree on a line of action through exchanges of views." According to the Washington correspondent of "The Sun," official announcement was made at the State Department that "anxious to use its good offices in bringing about a settlement of the reparations situation, the United States Government is at this time waiting for some reply from the Allies to the informal suggestions of Secretary of State Hughes for the formation of an international committee of experts to determine Germany's ability to pay." The correspondent explained that "this announcement was made in order to let the Allied Governments know that while the United States will not meddle, unasked, in the European situation, it will be most glad to do everything it can to help bring about an agreement if only the Allies will indicate their desire to have the United States act."

As to the Near East Conference at Lausanne, one of the most novel developments was "the receipt of a note from Ismet Pasha to Lord Curzon, proposing a plebiscite in Mosul to determine whether the inhabitants wished to remain under the Government of Irak or to be ruled from Angora." The head of the Turkish delegation asserted in his note that "the world will not view favorably the English claim to Mosul by right of conquest and challenges Lord Curzon to submit that issue to the opinion of the world." The note also contained the following formal proposal: "That the British Government agree to leave free and absolved from all occupation the inhabitants of Irak, to whom it has promised liberation, and that these populations be permitted to vote in complete independence on the destiny of their country. The result of such a plebiscite will leave no doubt, and it will be

seen that these populations will pronounce against all protectorates or mandates and will show their desire to unite themselves with Turkey." The New York "Herald" representative at the Lausanne gathering, cabling at the same time, presented a rather discouraging picture. He said that "the continuance or rupture of the Lausanne Conference—peace or war—will be decided at Angora in the next few days, when Hassan Bey lays before the National Assembly Lord Curzon's final declaration of Great Britain's determination that Turkey cannot have Mosul. It is the fixed belief that the Angora leaders will insist on fulfillment of the National Pact by which the disputed oil territory becomes Turkish, and Constantinople once more has been plunged into the atmosphere of a crisis resembling the days preceding the Mudania Conference."

A report was received in Constantinople from Angora Tuesday that "the Turkish National Assembly has decided unanimously to uphold the National Pact." It was explained further that "the National Pact, which Mustapha Kemal Pasha has repeatedly declared should be fulfilled, provides, among other things, that the Mosul district of Mesopotamia shall be Turkish territory. It is this district, containing some of the richest oil wells in the world, that is one of the chief bones of contention between the Turkish and British delegates, the latter claiming it as a part of the Kingdom of Irak, a British mandatory State. Another article of the pact calls for a plebiscite to determine the juridical status of Western Thrace. This plebiscite was one of the first demands made by the Turks after their arrival in Lausanne. The pact declares for abolition of the capitulations, and guarantees the rights of the minority populations in Turkey 'on the same basis as is established in other countries by conventions hitherto concluded between the Powers of the Entente, their adversaries and certain of their associates.' The Straits of the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus would be open 'to world commerce and international communication,' under the terms of the pact."

Still another development was the issuance by American Ambassador Child of a communique to the press in which he said that the Americans insisted that the Turks grant the Americans a "national home." In the communique he also said: "The American delegation, though not negotiating a peace treaty nor submitting definite plans for adjustments to which the United States Government cannot become a signatory, has stated to the Conference its full approval of the demand of Lord Curzon and the other Allied statesmen for any practicable plan for a national Armenian home and for the acceptance of such a plan. The American delegation has sought and obtained the views of those who represent the movement in the United States for a national Armenian home, and who may be considered representative experts upon the subject, and has laid these views before the Conference to-day. In addition to this and on behalf of the Armenians and Americans interested, we have given assurance that the case for a national Armenian home shall be put before the Conference and have a hearing. We have contributed and will continue to contribute to the insistence that Turkey shall give consideration to any practicable, concrete plan which may be put forward."

The Near East Conference was not in session on either Sunday or New Year's Day. The New York "Times" correspondent there said that the Conference reopened on Tuesday, "with the Turks fully predicting a rupture over the Mosul question." He added that "according to the Turkish spokesman, the breaking off of the negotiations here would not necessarily be followed by war between Great Britain and Turkey, but there would be anti-British insurrections in the Mosul district too powerful for the British to put down." He also cabled that "as for the Conference proceedings to-day, they were rather lackadaisical. On the other hand, Lord Curzon was absent in Paris, whence he returned to-night, while the Turks were awaiting new instructions from Angora. That the Turks wish to delay all real discussion until after the Paris reparations negotiations have shown whether there will be a break in Anglo-French unity is obvious." Ismet Pasha was quoted as saying on Wednesday that "nothing serious would be done by the Turks before Hassan Bey returned to Lausanne." It was explained that "Ismet sent him home ten days ago to try to induce the National Assembly to take a more conciliatory attitude."

The New York "Times" correspondent, in commenting Thursday morning on the results of the Conference up to that time said: "The sole result of the six weeks' conference has been the tentative Straits agreement, which the Turks have made contingent upon gaining satisfaction on other issues. On Mosul and the capitulations there is a deadlock. The English refuse to give the territory to the Turks, and the Turks refuse to make any treaty unless they get Mosul. In the discussions of the capitulations the Allies insist upon a special regime for foreigners, while the Turks say that any law good enough for the Turks is good enough for anyone else who wishes to live in Turkey. The pity of the situation here is that the Allies could make a peace treaty with Ismet, the man who, after all, led the Turks to victory, but the extreme Nationalism of the Turkish Assembly prevents his making concessions necessary to meet the Allies on middle ground."

In a cablegram yesterday morning the same correspondent said that "the fate of the Lausanne Conference depends largely on whether the British and French remain united here after the split at Paris. The Turks are counting largely on benefiting by the Allied differences over the German policy, but it would appear that they are overplaying the game." He added that "the Paris split is having effect here. Yesterday [Wednesday] and to-day, encouraged by the Allied differences at Paris, the Turks withdrew almost all the economic concessions they had made so far in the six weeks' conference here, so that the full meeting of the Economic Commission to-morrow [Friday] will have a sorry program. Further evidence that the Turk is stiffening was given this afternoon when in a discussion of the Greek patriarch issue the Turks came out flatly with a demand that the patriarch quit Constantinople, whereas for two weeks they had been considering under what conditions the patriarchate might remain in Turkey."

Inasmuch as the matter had been kept altogether from the public much surprise was occasioned by the announcement, in the course of a speech by Chancellor Cuno before the Hamburg Bourse on Dec. 31 that "a Franco-German non-war compact proposed by Germany to France through the mediation of a neu-

tral Power has been rejected by Premier Poincare." The Associated Press correspondent in Hamburg cabled that "the Chancellor's revelation was the first official admission that the German Government had recently undertaken serious steps to placate French war apprehensions, and incidentally to dispose of the recurrent French accusations that Germany was arming for a new war." The correspondent also gave the following outline of the proposals: "The German New Year's non-war compact was proposed to France through the medium of an unnamed Power, probably either Switzerland or Holland. It provided for a solemn pledge by all the Powers interested in the Rhine that none of them should wage war on the others for a generation without the active authorization of their people, as expressed through a popular referendum in all the countries involved. The German Government stipulated that a world Power which was not interested in the Rhine should be guardian or trustee of this pledge. Such an obligation, Chancellor Cuno stated, would commit each nation which was a party to the compact to a peace policy, and would afford the most secure guarantee conceivable."

The German Foreign Minister, Baron von Rosenberg, made a statement on Wednesday in which he said that "Germany could not interpose the slightest objections if Great Britain or the United States should supplement or guarantee her proposed anti-war compact by special promises or pledges to France, and that it was with this contingency in view that Germany named Great Britain as a member of the agreement and America as the custodian or trustee of it." This was the first official disclosure of the identity of the nations upon whom Germany had called to act in this proposed agreement.

For some time there has been a controversy between the German and French Governments as to the quantity of nitrates that Germany should deliver to France. The latter demanded 300,000 tons. In reply the German Government issued a statement "denying that the French were entitled to demand nitrates under the Wiesbaden agreement, contending that Germany was only obliged to supply nitrates so far as was compatible with her own requirements." It was set forth in the statement also that "the Germans' own production of nitrates is so far from sufficient to meet the demands of home agriculture that the Government has been compelled to release part of its foreign currency to make up the deficiency abroad." It was explained in a Berlin dispatch that "the Government's statement was issued because of the agitation in the French press to construe the German rejection as a treaty default. It argues that it is impossible for Germany to assume obligations for deliveries of nitrogen after April 1923, so far as delivery is based on the London plans embodying demands for the non-devastated area, the German Government having already asked in its note of Nov. 14 that deliveries of goods in 1923 be confined to such as applied wholly to reconstruction purposes." The dispatch added that "after further detailing Germany's needs, the note contends that, in any case, the French demands are five times as great as the actual requirements, if the devastated district is taken in proportion with all France and the computation is based on the French use of nitrogen last year. It asserts that the decision whether the French demands under the Wiesbaden agreement are legitimate must rest with

the court which made that agreement, and adds that 'only if Germany refuses to adhere to such decision can default in the treaty be spoken of.'

Official discount rates at leading European centres continue to be quoted at 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 in London were easier and declined to 2¼@2 5-16% for short and long bills, as against 2½@2 9-16% last week. Call money at the British centre was likewise lowered, and finished at 1¼%, comparing with 1½% a week earlier. At Paris and Switzerland the open market discounts were 4½ and 2%, the same as heretofore.

The Bank of England in its statement for the week ending Jan. 4 showed a gain in gold holdings of £50,183, but an increase of £874,000 in total reserve, due to a decrease in note circulation of £824,000, while heavy increases in the deposit item aided in bringing about a drop in the proportion of reserve to liabilities to 13.87%, as against 15.77% last week and 17.02% in the week of Dec. 21. Last year the ratio stood at 11% and in 1921 at 8½%. No uneasiness was shown over the smaller reserve ratio, it being taken to reflect merely the heavy year-end settlements and certain to be corrected with the return of funds into normal channels in the course of a week or so. Public deposits were reduced £407,000, but "other" deposits increased £24,958,000. Loans on Government securities increased £7,690,000, and on other securities £16,046,000. The gold stock now stands at £127,493,190, as against £128,439,940 in 1922 and £128,285,000 the year before. Total reserve aggregates £21,887,000, which compares with £21,195,490 last year and £15,165,800 in 1921. Circulation is £124,053,000. A year ago it was £125,694,450 and in 1922 £131,569,260, while loans amount to £94,203,000, in comparison with £120,020,236 and £84,729,122 one and two years ago, respectively. Clearings through the London banks for the week were £791,662,000, which contrasts with £459,566,000 last week and £732,292,000 a year earlier. There has been no change in the Bank's official discount rate, which remains at 3%. We append herewith comparisons of the principal items of the Bank of England return for a series of years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1923. Jan. 3.	1922. Jan. 4.	1921. Jan. 5.	1920. Jan. 7.	1919. Jan. 8.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	124,053,000	125,694,450	131,569,260	90,347,630	70,141,020
Public deposits.....	12,916,000	17,118,299	16,719,245	21,463,041	28,163,856
Other deposits.....	143,859,000	174,903,528	154,987,508	137,296,057	140,187,612
Govt. securities.....	59,658,000	68,751,987	89,760,831	60,941,000	71,877,244
Other securities.....	94,203,000	120,020,236	84,729,122	96,282,226	85,493,318
Reserve notes & coin	21,887,000	21,195,490	15,165,800	19,382,891	28,829,527
Coin and bullion.....	127,493,190	128,439,940	128,285,060	91,280,521	80,520,547
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	13.87%	11%	8½%	12¼%	17¼%
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 150,950 francs. The Bank's gold holdings, therefore, now aggregate 5,534,980,150 francs, comparing with 5,524,315,894 francs on the corresponding date last year and with 5,500,646,860 francs the year before; of these amounts, 1,864,367,056 francs were held abroad in 1923 and 1,948,367,056 francs in both 1922 and 1921. During the week, increases were registered in all the various items, viz.: Silver, 194,000

francs; bills discounted, 42,950,000 francs; advances, 26,056,000 francs; Treasury deposits, 43,543,000 francs; and general deposits, 184,661,000 francs. Note circulation recorded the enormous expansion of over one billion francs in a single week—1,067,308,000 francs, to be exact—bringing the total outstanding up to 37,426,594,000 francs. This compares with 37,421,829,805 francs last year at this time and with 38,589,593,950 francs in 1921. 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 1922 and 1921 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Gold Holdings—	Changes for Week. Francs.	Status as of		
		Jan. 4 1923. Francs.	Jan. 5 1922. Francs.	Jan. 6 1921. Francs.
In France.....Inc.	150,950	3,670,613,100	3,575,948,837	3,552,279,804
Abroad.....	No change	1,864,367,050	1,948,367,056	1,948,367,056
Total.....Inc.	150,950	5,534,980,150	5,524,315,894	5,500,646,860
Silver.....Inc.	194,000	289,658,000	279,896,900	266,240,128
Bills discounted.....Inc.	42,950,000	2,443,935,000	2,850,821,089	3,344,708,959
Advances.....Inc.	26,056,000	2,186,738,000	2,285,894,980	2,222,602,983
Note circulation.....Inc.	1,067,308,000	37,426,594,000	37,421,829,805	38,589,593,950
Treasury deposits.....Inc.	43,543,000	64,025,000	18,786,449	83,358,330
General deposits.....Inc.	184,661,000	2,473,646,000	2,880,352,111	3,577,976,012

The statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany, as of Dec. 23, was featured by another enormous addition to note circulation, namely 166,707,769,000 marks, which carried the grand total of notes past the trillion mark, up to 1,136,328,515,000 marks. This showing is the more striking when it is recalled that the week's addition of notes is well in excess of the Bank's total circulation a little over a year ago, and that it compares with less than 2,000,000 marks of notes in circulation just before the outbreak of the World War. Other highly sensational changes were an expansion of 63,469,175,000 marks in Treasury and loan association notes, an increase in bills of exchange and checks of 41,561,039,000 marks and a gain of 142,829,104,000 marks in discount and Treasury bills. In deposits also there was a huge expansion, namely 100,140,517,000 marks. Advances increased 942,628,000 marks, "other assets," 23,580,563,000 marks, "other liabilities" 5,464,218,000 marks, and notes of other banks 317,000 marks. Total coin and bullion gained 1,501,000 marks. A small loss in gold was reported, 1,000 marks, and a decline of 71,822,000 marks in investments. Gold holdings are reported as 1,004,846,000 marks.

An analysis of the Federal Reserve Bank statement, issued at the close of business on Thursday, revealed a further slight lowering in reserve ratios, accompanied by some further increase in the bill holdings. Gold reserves for the country as a whole gained about \$9,000,000, but the New York bank in its operations with the other Reserve banks parted with \$43,800,000. Rediscounts on Government secured paper expanded \$34,000,000, but were reduced \$37,000,000 in "all other," with some \$9,000,000 increase in purchased bills, and the net result was an addition to bill holdings of \$6,600,000. Locally the gain in discounting of Government paper was even larger, and total bill holdings expanded more than \$46,700,000, to \$237,380,000. Deposits showed a heavy gain, but the amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation was reduced \$53,000,000. The New York Bank earning assets and deposits both increased heavily, while Reserve notes in circulation were reduced \$1,600,000. Member banks' reserve

account again increased, \$81,000,000, to \$1,842,-749,000 nationally, and \$34,000,000, to \$741,929,000, at the local bank. In consequence of these changes, the reserve ratio for the banks as a group fell 0.8%, to 71.3%, while at New York there was a loss of 5%, to 75.0%. Bankers regarded the statement as showing that activity is being transferred from country regions to the cities.

Preparations to meet the huge end-of-the-year disbursements brought about another sensational expansion in both loans and deposits, as shown in last Saturday's statement of New York Clearing House banks. In loans and discounts there was an increase of no less than \$140,452,000, while net demand deposits expanded \$174,096,000 to \$4,042,719,000. This total is exclusive of Government deposits to the amount of \$181,890,000, a contraction in the latter item of \$54,485,000 for the week. Time deposits remained about stationary, losing only \$521,000 to \$415,835,000. Other lesser changes included a decline in cash of members of the Federal Reserve Bank in own vaults of \$8,517,000 to \$58,942,000 (not counted as reserve); reductions of \$189,000 and \$218,000 in the reserves of State banks and trust companies in own vaults and other depositories, respectively, while the reserve of member banks in the Reserve Bank registered a gain of \$29,075,000. As a result notwithstanding the addition to deposits, surplus increased \$6,054,060, which brought the total of excess reserves up to \$24,943,130, as compared with \$18,889,070 the week before. 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 \$68,942,000 held by these banks on Saturday last.

Ease developed in the local money market surprisingly soon after the extraordinarily large interest and dividend disbursements on Jan. 2. That the renewal rate for call loans should drop to 3¾% and that it should be possible to borrow day-to-day funds as low as 3½% naturally attracted special attention and caused generally favorable comment. The upturn to 5% yesterday afternoon was attributed to withdrawals by the Government. The recession in time money from 5% to 4½% for all maturities was regarded in ultra-conservative financial circles as even more important and significant. Full advantage was taken of the money market conditions by investment houses. Many new issues—some good-sized—were offered, and in each instance a quick resale was reported. Apparently the advance investment buying in December was not as large as usual, although the disbursements at the beginning of the New Year were substantially larger than on the corresponding date a year previous. Naturally there has been more money seeking investment this week. The Federal Government withdrew \$70,000,000 from local depositories. That its finances are not in a pressing state was shown by the announcement of Secretary Mellon that, upon presentation, the Treasury would redeem about \$850,000,000 Victory notes that do not mature until May 20 next, and that it was waiting to take up \$225,000,000 more that were called for redemption on Dec. 15, but which have not been presented. The people of the United States and this Nation are to be congratulated on the fact that Mr. Mellon is directing the finances. If

there were a few more men in public life of his ability, sound ideas and steadiness of purpose there would be no occasion to be apprehensive over the activities of the radicals. Our money market appeared to be in no way affected by the practical certainty of the failure of the Paris Conference of Premiers, even before it started. The effect even on foreign exchange was not pronounced. So far there has been a pretty general tendency in this country, outside of international banking circles, to disregard European affairs. The time is coming, even if it is not close at hand, when they must be carefully considered by every thinking person in this country, as well as abroad.

Dealing with specific rates for money, call loans this week ranged between 3½% and 5½%. A week ago the range was 4½@6%. Monday was a holiday (New Year's Day). Tuesday the high was 5½%, the low 5% and renewals at 5½%. On Wednesday there was a drop to 3½%, while the renewal basis was 5%, which was the maximum figure. Increased ease developed on Thursday and call funds ruled at 4%; the low was again 3½% and the high 4%. On Friday rates stiffened up at the close to 5%, but renewals were negotiated at the lowest figure in quite some time, namely 3¾%, and this was the minimum for the day. Funds were in fairly liberal supply. The figures here given apply to mixed collateral and all-industrial loans without differentiation. For fixed date maturities the situation was quiet with quotations unchanged up to Friday (yesterday) when the range was lowered to 4½@4¾% for all periods from sixty days to six months, as against 4¾@5% last week. Offerings were freer, but the demand was not large, so that trading was of moderate proportions.

Mercantile paper rates were not changed from 4½@4¾% for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, while names less well known continue to require 4¾@5%. A good inquiry was noted with dealings well diversified. Country banks, however, were the principal buyers.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances ruled at rates previously current, with the undertone steady. A moderate degree of activity was noted, but transactions in the aggregate were not particularly important. Both local and out-of-town institutions were in the market. For call loans against bankers' acceptances, the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council is now down to 3½%, against 4½% last week. 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 bills running 150 days. Open market quotations were as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.			
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills.....	4½@4	4½@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 JANUARY 5 1923.

Federal Reserve Bank of—	Discounted bills maturing within 90 days (incl. mem- ber banks' 15-day collateral notes) secured by—			Bankers' ac- ceptances discounted for member banks	Trade ac- ceptances maturing within 90 days	Agricul- tural and lee-stock paper maturing 91 to 180 days
	Treasury notes and certifi- cates of indebt- edness	U. S. bonds and Victory notes	Other- wise secured and unsecured			
Boston.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
New York.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Philadelphia.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Cleveland.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Richmond.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Atlanta.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Chicago.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
St. Louis.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Minneapolis.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Kansas City.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Dallas.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
San Francisco.....	4	4	4	4	4	4

The sterling exchange market this week was influenced, sentimentally at least, by developments in the reparations wrangle and rates showed some irregularity, accompanied by a slight drop in the latter part of the week. With the resumption of business on Tuesday, following the New Year holiday, announcement of Bonar Law's plan of modified reparations requirements and partial debt cancellation produced a good effect and sterling advanced from 4 63¼ to 4 65¼ on a general buying movement here. Moreover, London sent materially higher cable rates and several of the larger banking concerns came into the market as buyers, so that the volume of business transacted for a time assumed sizable proportions. On Thursday, however, news of the failure of the British and French Premiers to arrive at a working agreement and the consequent collapse of the Paris Conference had a decidedly dampening influence. While quotations were not as sharply affected as in the case of the Continental currencies, there were nevertheless losses of about 1 cent, to 4 64. Concurrently with this, dealers promptly withdrew from the market and trading lapsed into dulness.

Bankers, as a rule, were reluctant to express any definite opinion as to the outcome of the present situation. There seems, however, to be a more or less general belief that after the necessary preliminary skirmishes for position have been indulged in, France will feel the necessity of either consenting to the British proposal or else submitting an alternative plan which will prove acceptable to the other Allies. There seems to be little doubt in the minds of all concerned that sterling prices will be maintained despite European political troubles, but it is frankly conceded that serious disagreement between France and England would undoubtedly lead to very grave international complications, hence speculative and other interests are again adopting a policy of extreme caution in the matter of entering upon new commitments. Nevertheless, few if any seemed to regard the present reparations deadlock as final. That local interests were not unduly alarmed was illustrated by the fact that after the first shock, prices commenced to rally and the close was fairly steady. The arrival on Thursday of the British Financial Delegation, with Stanley Baldwin, Chancellor of the Exchequer and other dignitaries to discuss debt adjustment aroused considerable interest, but failed to exercise any effect on actual market values.

Referring to the day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was a trifle firmer and demand bills advanced fractionally, to 4 63¼@ 4 63 13-16, cable transfers to 4 63½@ 4 64 1-16 and sixty days to 4 61½@ 4 61 11-16; trading, however,

was practically at a standstill. Monday was a holiday (New Year's Day). On Tuesday an improved tone was noticeable, so that quotations moved up to 4 63⅝@ 4 64⅞ for demand, 4 63⅞@ 4 65½ for cable transfers and 4 61½@ 4 62¾ for sixty days; good buying incidental to better foreign news, also an accumulation of orders over the holiday, was said to be responsible for the firmness. On Wednesday, although the volume of business showed a falling off, price levels made a further slight gain, with demand at 4 64¾@ 4 65¼, cable transfers at 4 65@ 4 65½ and sixty days at 4 62⅝@ 4 63½. Irregularity developed on Thursday and announcement of the breaking up of the Paris reparations discussions brought an easier tendency and the range was lower, at 4 64¼@ 4 65 for demand, 4 64½@ 4 65¼ for cable transfers and 4 62⅞@ 4 62⅞ for sixty days. On Friday the market was quiet, but fairly steady, and demand bills were quoted at 4 64@ 4 65, cable transfers at 4 64¼@ 4 65¼ and sixty days at 4 61⅞@ 4 62⅞. Closing quotations were 4 62¾ for sixty days, 4 64⅞ for demand and 4 65⅞ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 64⅝, sixty days at 4 61⅞, ninety days at 4 61½, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 62¼, and seven-day grain bills at 4 63⅞. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 64⅝.

Gold arrivals were somewhat larger, comprising \$2,725,000 on the Berengaria, \$550,000 on the Adriatic, both from England, and \$475,000 on the Finland, also from England, and \$395,000 on the Rochambeau from Havre. Four bags of gold were received on the Asia from Marseilles. Approximately \$1,175,000 is on its way on the Lapland. The SS. Alvarado from Ecuador brought gold dust and platinum to the amount of \$41,620, to various consignees.

Movements in Continental exchange were marked by irregularity and weakness and after a brief period of strength, accompanied by substantial gains in the early part of the week, price levels responded to news of the collapse of negotiations between the Allied Premiers at Paris by losses of from 15 to 55 points. The effect of the unfavorable reparations developments was most pronounced in the case of French francs, which broke to 6.90, a loss of 55 points. Belgian currency moved similarly. Reichsmarks, after opening at 0.0142, fell off to 0.0115. Lire suffered in sympathy with the rest of the list; checks declining from 5.23 to 5.04, but recovering to 5.08¼. Austrian exchange continues virtually stationary, while changes in Greek and the Mid-European currencies were lacking in importance. Exchange quotations were in the main a reflection of fluctuations in London. In the local market trading, which had shown a fair degree of activity in the initial dealings, relapsed into dulness, and operators resumed their former attitude of "watchful waiting" pending a decision in the important issues now at stake. Attention centred almost wholly on the reparations question, which overshadowed all else, and reports that an agreement for neutralization of the Turkish Straits, as a result of private negotiations between delegates to the Near East peace conference at Lausanne, is believed to be at hand, passed almost unnoticed. Rumors that a large loan to Italy was shortly to be placed in the United States have been officially denied by the Italian Embassy.

London check rate in Paris closed at 66.90, as against 63.83 last week. In New York sight bills

on the French centre closed at 7.06½, against 7.25½; cable transfers at 7.07½, against 7.26½; commercial sight at 7.04½, against 7.23½, and commercial sixty days at 7.01½, against 7.20½ a week earlier. Antwerp francs finished at 6.53 for checks and 6.54 for cable transfers. A week ago the close was 6.65½ and 6.66½. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 0.0119 for both checks and cable transfers, which compares with 0.0134 last week. Austrian kronen finished at 0.00014½ (unchanged). Lire closed at 5.08¼ for bankers' sight bills and 5.09¼ for cable remittances. This compares with 5.03½ and 5.04½ in the preceding week. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.93, against 3.14; on Bucharest at 0.58, against 0.59; on Poland at 0.00055, against 0.00056, and on Finland at 2.50, against 2.58 last week. Greek exchange closed at 1.12 for checks and 1.17 for cable transfers, in comparison with 1.15 and 1.20 a week ago.

The neutral exchanges, formerly so-called, were affected only to a minor extent by the fluctuations at other Continental centres. Trading was dull and restricted throughout, but quotations were maintained with the undertone firm. Guilders opened at 39.43, then advanced to 39.66, subsequently losing part of the gain. Norwegian exchange, after an advance to 19.12, receded to 18.84, then finished at 18.88. The firmness was the result of the announcement that the United States would abide by the award in favor of the Norwegian Government of \$14,000,000 by the Court of Arbitration and that the claim would shortly be paid. A demand for guilders was noted incidental to payments of American subscriptions to the new Dutch internal loan.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at 39.51, against 39.56; cable transfers at 39.60, against 39.65; commercial sight at 39.46, against 39.51, and commercial sixty days at 39.16, against 39.20 a week ago. Closing rates for Swiss francs were 18.93 for bankers' sight bills and 18.95 for cable transfers, in comparison with 18.93 and 18.95 last week. Copenhagen checks closed at 20.43 and cable transfers at 20.47, against 20.56 and 20.60. Checks on Sweden finished at 26.86 and cable transfers at 26.90, against 26.96 and 27.00, while checks on Norway closed at 18.88 and cable transfers at 18.92, against 18.87 and 18.90 the week before. Spanish pesetas, after early weakness and a decline to 15.67, recovered and finished at 15.72 for checks and 15.73 for cable transfers (unchanged).

With regard to South American quotations very little change has been noted. The Argentine check rate was slightly easier at 37.62 and cable transfers at 37.67, against 37.70 and 37.80; while Brazilian exchange receded and finished at 11.60 for checks and 11.65 for cable transfers, as compared with 11.95 and 12.00 the previous week. Chilean exchange was easier at 12.80, against 13⅜, but Peru remains at 4.19.

Far Eastern exchange closed as follows: Hong Kong, 53¾@54, against 52¾@53; Shanghai, 72½@72¾, against 72@72¼; Yokohama, 48⅞@49¼ (unchanged); Manila, 50@50¼ (unchanged); Singapore, 54½@54¾ (unchanged); Bombay, 31½@31¾, against 31@31¼, and Calcutta, 31½@31¾, against 31¼@31½.

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 522 of the Tariff Act of 1922, the Federal Reserve Bank is now certifying daily to the Secretary of the Treasury

the buying rate for cable transfers on the different countries of the world. We give below the record for the week just past:

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANK TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922, DEC. 30 1922 TO JAN. 5 1923, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	Dec. 30.	Jan. 1.	Jan. 2.	Jan. 3.	Jan. 4.	Jan. 5.
EUROPE—						
Austria, krone.....	\$.000014	\$.000014	\$.000014	\$.000014	\$.000014	\$.000014
Belgium, franc.....	.0674	.0681	.0666	.0664	.0664	.0647
Bulgaria, lev.....	.0070	.007071	.007071	.007071	.007071	.007071
Czechoslovakia, krone.....	.030994	.030925	.03062	.02989	.029135	.029135
Denmark, krone.....	.2061	.2059	.2052	.2048	.2047	.2047
England, pound sterling.....	4.6385	4.6480	4.6522	4.6481	4.6483	4.6483
Finland, Markka.....	.024963	.025633	.0251	.0250	.024767	.024767
France, franc.....	.0734	.0741	.0725	.0718	.0700	.0700
Germany, reichsmark.....	.000138	.000139	.000134	.000124	.000118	.000118
Greece, drachma.....	.011814	.012233	.01235	.012625	.012038	.012038
Holland, guilder.....	.3959	.3959	.3947	.3966	.3963	.3963
Hungary, krone.....	.000413	.000409	.000411	.000411	.000407	.000407
Italy, lire.....	.0590	.0513	.0517	.0514	.0506	.0506
Norway, krone.....	.1888	.1880	.1905	.1889	.1888	.1888
Poland, mark.....	.000056	.000056	.000057	.000057	.000056	.000056
Portugal, escuda.....	.0465	.0462	.0466	.0460	.0467	.0467
Rumania, leu.....	.005775	.005811	.005906	.005869	.005772	.005772
Serbia, dinar.....	.01075	.010864				
Spain, peseta.....	.1573	.1574	.1576	.1572	.1570	.1570
Sweden, krona.....	.2703	.2698	.2702	.2695	.2685	.2685
Switzerland, franc.....	.1893	.1894	.1895	.1893	.1894	.1894
Yugoslavia, krone.....	.002681	.002717	*.01075	*.010775	*.010745	*.010745
ASIA—						
China, Chefoo tael.....	.7342	.7333	.7350	.7383	.7383	.7383
Hankow tael.....	.7333	.7325	.7342	.7375	.7375	.7375
Shanghai tael.....	.7081	.7073	.7090	.7141	.7164	.7164
Tientsin tael.....	.7392	.7375	.7400	.7425	.7433	.7433
Hongkong dollar.....	.5275	.5277	.5290	.5345	.5354	.5354
Mexican dollar.....	.5178	.5171	.5181	.5210	.5208	.5208
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar.....	.5342	.5333	.5342	.5363	.5375	.5375
Yuan dollar.....	.5213	.5204	.5225	.5267	.5279	.5279
India, rupee.....	.3111	.3111	.3132	.3127	.3117	.3117
Japan, yen.....	.4893	.4895	.4896	.4894	.4892	.4892
Singapore (S. S.) dollar.....	.5325	.5329	.5333	.5392	.5392	.5392
NORTH AMERICA—						
Canada, dollar.....	.987083	.988865	.990566	.990417	.993333	.993333
Cuba, peso.....	.999375	.999625	.999375	1.00	.9995	.9995
Mexico, peso.....	.484063	.486406	.485417	.485833	.485469	.485469
Newfoundland, dollar.....	.985469	.987227	.988789	.988125	.99125	.99125
SOUTH AMERICA—						
Argentina, peso (gold).....	.8545	.8553	.8564	.8568	.8501	.8501
Brazil, milreals.....	.1163	.1167	.1153	.1149	.1141	.1141
Chile, peso (paper).....	.1293	.1289	.1281	.1273	.1294	.1294
Uruguay, peso.....	.8507	.8501	.8507	.8519	.8500	.8500

* Quotations are for 1 dinar, which is equivalent to 4 kronen.

The New York Clearing House banks in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$3,608,539 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending Jan. 4. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$4,167,539, while the shipments have reached \$559,000, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week ending Jan. 4.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$4,167,539	\$559,000	Gain \$3,608,539

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. 30.	Monday, Jan. 1.	Tuesday, Jan. 2.	Wednesday, Jan. 3.	Thursday, Jan. 4.	Friday, Jan. 5.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 78,900,000	\$ Holiday	\$ 88,000,000	\$ 55,000,000	\$ 70,000,000	\$ 68,000,000	\$ C. 359,900,000

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

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

Banks of	Jan. 4 1923.			Jan. 5 1922.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England.....	£ 127,493,190	£ —	£ 127,493,190	£ 128,439,940	£ —	£ 128,439,940
France.....	145,824,524	11,560,000	157,384,524	143,037,952	11,160,000	154,197,952
Germany.....	50,110,680	7,189,400	57,300,080	49,684,850	551,250	50,236,100
Aus.-Hun.....	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000
Spain.....	160,967,000	25,898,000	186,865,000	100,462,000	25,078,000	125,540,000
Italy.....	35,053,000	3,029,000	38,082,000	33,895,000	2,970,000	36,865,000
Netherland.....	48,483,000	749,000	49,232,000	50,497,000	687,000	51,184,000
Nat. Belg.....	10,757,000	2,172,000	12,929,000	10,663,000	1,616,000	12,279,000
Switzernd.....	21,742,000	4,065,000	25,807,000	21,925,000	4,600,000	26,525,000
Sweden.....	15,220,000	—	15,220,000	15,265,000	—	15,265,000
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
Total week.....	587,459,394	57,283,400	644,742,794	585,613,742	49,248,250	634,861,992
Prev. week.....	588,007,223	57,440,300	645,447,523	585,466,693	49,301,650	634,768,343

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £74,674,682 held abroad.

THE GOVERNMENT SALARY CLASSIFICATION BILL—DANGEROUS INNOVATIONS PROPOSED.

The Committee on Appropriations of the United States Senate has had under consideration for several months the bill (H. R. 8928) classifying all of the civilian positions in the Federal service, and fixing salary grades therefor. It is understood that there is a prospect of an early report from this Committee and possible action by the Senate at this session of Congress.

The bill passed the House on Dec. 15 1921 during the second session of the present Congress. When it came over to the Senate there was a rather heated controversy as to whether the bill should be referred to the Committee on Appropriations or to the Committee on the Civil Service, and the Senate finally decided that the bill should first go to the Committee on the Civil Service for a report on the substantive and administrative features, and then to the Committee on Appropriations for a report on the salary schedules themselves. On Feb. 3 1922 the Committee on the Civil Service, after having materially amended the bill as it passed the House, made a favorable report. The bill was then referred to the Committee on Appropriations, where it has been ever since. It seems that the Committee on Appropriations, on account of the way in which the bill had been drafted, found it impossible to consider the salary schedules apart from the substance of the bill itself. Opposition apparently developed in this Committee to the bill as a whole, and the general impression prevailed that the bill had been to all intents and purposes buried in the files of the Committee.

Recent agitation, however, has caused a sharp revival of interest on the part of Congress in the fate of this bill, the general opinion being at this time that some such bill is absolutely necessary to the effective operation of the Federal Budget. This question of uniformity of pay for the same work, and that of promotions and deserved increases in salary, has been at a standstill since the adoption of the budget system, and much injustice has been done to the rank and file of Government employees who are told year by year by their superior administrative officials and by Congressmen that nothing can be done until a reclassification bill is passed.

The particular bill under consideration is open to several serious objections. In the first place it vests in the Civil Service Commission the sole authority finally to determine the grades and compensation of every civilian employee of the Federal Government, including the authority to determine promotions, demotions and dismissals. Heads of departments are therefore deprived of this control over the employees under their jurisdiction. From the standpoint of the employees this may seem to be a greater protection by giving them a certain security of position from which they cannot be dislodged, except upon the approval of a centralized agency not connected with any department or establishment. But from an administrative standpoint the scheme has nothing to commend it. No business organization could survive under such an arrangement. The authority of an administrative official to employ, to discharge, to promote, or to demote, is one of the most vital instruments of effective management.

Closely related to this feature are certain provisions of the bill relating to the employment of skilled,

specialized and common labor. These require that the employees shall be compensated according to the "prevailing practice" in private employment through agreements in each instance to be arrived at by collective bargaining. In other words, a department head desiring to employ a number of plasterers would, under the specific language of the bill, be required to bargain with a representative of the plasterers and reach an agreement with him as to their compensation. This agreement having been made, must be approved by the Bureau of the Budget. The effect of this provision would be to compel the laborers of all classes now employed by the Government to organize, and all new employments of labor would have to be made from the ranks of organized labor. In no other way could the Government deal with a labor representative. In order to have a representative for the particular class employed, there must be an organization and the selection of a spokesman.

The natural outcome of the operation of this provision would be that the Government could fix the compensation for the laborers employed by it only through agreements arrived at after bargaining with representatives of the American Federation of Labor. So far as we know, this is the first time in the history of our Government that this principle has been seriously proposed in national legislation, and nothing too strong can be said in condemnation of it.

With reference to the compensation provided in the bill for the clerical and other subordinate positions, it appears to be fairly liberal. The rates range from a minimum of \$1,080 for beginners to about \$3,600. This is greatly in excess of the present rates of pay, and the new rates would go a long way towards enabling the bulk of Government employees to meet adequately modern economic conditions. But when it comes to the higher administrative positions, positions of greater responsibility, requiring long professional training, technical skill and executive ability, the rates of pay provided in the bill appear in many respects lower than the existing rates. If this bill should become a law, the highest salary which any civilian employee of the Government could receive would be \$7,200 per annum, and he could not receive that unless he were the responsible head of an important bureau of the Government. If his services were purely professional, such as law, medicine, or scientific, the highest salary he could receive (not being the head of a bureau) would be \$6,000 per annum. It is provided, however, that in those cases where existing salaries are higher than the maximum grades in the bill, and are fixed by legislative enactment, they shall not be reduced to the classifications in the bill.

The number of these positions, the salaries of which are specifically fixed by law, is relatively small. This leaves the salaries of a large body of the high administrative officials subject to reduction to the minimum of \$6,000 as the entrance salary, and \$7,200 as the maximum possible to be received in any case. The theory of the bill with reference to these key positions is again at variance with the common experience of administrative practice in private business enterprise where it is recognized that the best results are obtained through paying much larger salaries to a few men of exceptional ability in positions of great responsibility than is paid to the rank and file of routine employees. The passage of this bill, as regards the salary rates, cannot but have a deadening effect upon the higher officials of the Gov-

ernment. It would make it more difficult than ever for the Government to secure a competent administrative personnel. Many of these officials, now, and for many years past, have held their positions at great personal sacrifices—some in the hope that the Government would recognize the necessity of paying salaries in some way commensurate with those paid in private employment.

In view of the serious defects of the bill as pointed out above, it is to be hoped that it will be entirely rewritten in the particulars indicated by the Committee on Appropriations before it is returned to the floor of the United States Senate.

GOVERNOR SMITH'S BEGINNING.

Governor Smith's inaugural remarks in his new term and his message, of considerable length and delivered verbally, are a mingling of good and bad. Probably the worst of the latter is his advocacy of abolishing the two commissions, the Public Service and the Transit, and transferring their powers to the municipalities, also public ownership and operation of all public utilities by cities, as per the party platform. It is unhappily true that the slime of politics pursued as a personal plunder by politicians is everywhere and upon everything and that there is no marked purity in Albany or Buffalo any more than in this city. It is true that the phrase "local self-government" sounds well and is the only proper aim, theoretically; true also, as Governor Smith points out, that this city built its own sewers and public buildings (although some very unpleasant history of a half-century ago is bound in with the latter) and that it built the latest water works. But when we are asked to apply that sound theory of self-government to this overgrown city of to-day we encounter some prodigious if not insurmountable difficulties. The people of this city "ought" to be equal to self-protection and self-government, and they "ought" to take the consequences of their incapacity; but those consequences would lie universally, and the unhappy truth is that we cannot afford to take the risks of turning the first city of the Western world more completely over to Tammany. Further, public ownership and operation of utilities has already given a demonstration against itself by ample experience.

The recommendation on constitutional changing is utterly bad. The Constitution, says Governor Smith, "should be kept as close as possible to the rank and file of the people," and he adds:

"They made that law, and the limitation that permits only the Legislature to initiate amendments is inadequate. The present system amounts to a referendum. Under safeguards such as will properly register a popular demand, there should be an amendment to the State Constitution that will permit the people themselves to initiate as well as pass upon amendments to the fundamental law."

Nothing could easily be more wrong than this. Constitutional changing should be made at once a slower, a more difficult, and therefore a more thoughtful matter, instead of being brought "as close as possible" to the emotional whimsies of the people. To add the initiative to the present very bad form of referendum would be to copy one of the worst defects in some of the wilder State Constitutions. On the contrary, and without taking space to quote from those articles, we must refer the reader to two articles in the "Chronicle" in October of 1921 [pages 1512 and 1629] in which were shown the worse condition

of New York than of most other States in this matter of constitutional changing and the need of requiring on the referendum at least a majority of a full vote instead of merely a majority "of those voting thereon."

The recommendation to restore the direct primary is also bad. So is the advice for new powers for the present local administration in matters pertaining to "the port," a subject which belongs quite as much to the country as to the city or the State. Instead of new statutory safeguards of women in industry, on the plea of equalizing, the latter might better be found in removing some of the present interventions for the supposed protection of the male. The proposal to ask a lightening of the Volstead law, as a wish on the part of the State, is legal and in form entirely proper; it will be deemed timely and well, or the reverse, according as one favors that law and deems it enforceable, or the contrary. A State bonus to ex-service men must be classed among the bad recommendations, while that for raising the limit on our State income tax to \$5,000 is of the same character. If we are to have a State income tax there ought to be no personal exemption whatever. Even the Federal income tax would lose its burdensome character if applied to the whole body of the country's income, instead of to only a small portion of it, for then the rate would be so small as not to make the tax onerous.

All that is said for economy and a more business-like handling of State Government, as itself a "business," deserves approval, but that will be a question of performance. We had performance under the late Administration; whether we get it, or only complimentary approval and an empty promise will now depend upon whether Mr. Smith is the real Executive or obeys the malign power which has given him a second term and now intends and expects to control his hand, being in that event indifferent about his tongue. Personally, he is a man of exceptional probity, of no little independence, and of no mean ability. He is entitled to the benefit of all doubts, and has the best wishes of all thinking men in the trial of his independence, for much more than his own personal future is involved.

THE VETO OF THE BURSUM PENSION BILL.

President Harding, by his veto of the Bursum Pension Bill (S. 3275) on Wednesday last, has again prevented a distribution of a great bounty from the public Treasury for political purposes. His veto message, as indicated in our article on The Financial Situation, on earlier pages, is a worthy companion to his recent veto of the Soldiers' Bonus bill. As with that bill, the President was compelled to take a stand against that occupied by the majority of the members of his own party in the House and in the Senate, and to withstand the political pressure of perhaps the most powerful and highly organized body of men in the country.

In our issue of Sept. 16 1922 we discussed the provisions of this bill and the disastrous effect its passage would have upon national finance. It will be remembered that the bill passed the Senate on Sept. 8 1922 with practically no explanation and no discussion, at a time when a large number of bills were being passed by the Senate under the unanimous consent rule. The objection of one Senator, either Democrat or Republican, could have prevented the passage of the bill. The bill as it left the Senate was bad

enough, but when it reached the House it was amended to make more liberal allowances. The Senate accepted the House amendments and the bill finally passed on Dec. 23, just in time, as Senator Bursum announced, to be a Christmas present from the Nation to the veterans. The bill provided \$72 per month for each veteran of the Civil War, and \$50 per month for each widow of a veteran of the Civil War.

The veto message is short and vigorous. At the outset the President raises the objection that the bill would set a precedent which would cause an outlay from the national Treasury of over \$50,000,000,000 during the next half century. The immediate effect of the bill would mean an annual outlay of \$108,000,000 a year. The President said:

"The Act makes no pretence of new consideration for the needy or dependent, no new generosity for the veteran wards of the Nation. It is an outright bestowal upon the Government's pension roll, with a heedlessness for the Government's financial problem which is a discouragement to every effort to reduce expenditure and thereby relieve the Federal burdens of taxation."

Speaking more particularly, the President made an attack upon the provisions for pensions to widows of Civil War veterans which cannot be met. It is estimated that about 275,000 women would be eligible each to a pension of \$50 a month as long as they lived if the bill became a law. Any marriage or cohabitation for two years prior to a veteran's death would put the woman in question upon this pension roll. The President calls attention to the fact that widows of World War veterans, "those who shared in the shock and sorrows of the conflict," receive only \$24 per month, and yet this bill would pay \$50 per month to any woman living with a veteran of the Civil War for two years or more immediately prior to his death. The public interest demands that Congress sustain the veto of the President on this bill.

Indications of Business Activity

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE HOOVER IN REVIEW OF WORLD CONDITIONS FORECASTS CONTINUED PROGRESS.

Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, in a review of world conditions, made public Jan. 1 while stating that "economic forecast cannot amount to more than a review of tendencies and a hazard in the future," finds "the odds are favorable for 1923," and ventures the opinion that "there is ample reason why there should be continued progress during the next twelve months." Secretary Hoover's summary of the world's economic situation and prospects, based upon the special investigation of the Department's representatives in each foreign country, follows:

In the large view of the world has made distinct economic progress during the past year and the conditions are very favorable to continued progress during 1923. There are in exception three of four states in Europe which give continued anxiety, but these exceptions should not obscure the profound forces of progress elsewhere over the whole world. In the main, even in these areas of uncertainty, the difficulties are to a large degree fiscal and political rather than commercial and industrial.

During the year the world generally has gained in social stability. Bolshevism has greatly diminished and even in Russia has been replaced by a mixture of socialism and individualism; at least active war has ceased for the first time since 1914; famine and distress have diminished to much less numbers this winter than at any time since the great war began; production has increased greatly during the past year; unemployment is less in world totals than at any time since the armistice; international commerce is increasing; the world is now pretty generally purchasing its commodities by the normal exchange of services and goods, a fact which in itself marks an enormous step in recovery from the strained movements of credit and gold which followed the war.

In our country unemployment has ceased to be a problem and we are, indeed, upon an economic level of comparatively great comfort in every direction except for the lag of recovery in some branches of agriculture. Even in this field there has been a distinct improvement in prices in the past twelve months and its troubles are mostly due to over production in some lines. Our manufacturing industries are engaged well up to the available labor; industrial production has enormously increased over last year; real wages and savings are at a high level. Our transportation and housing show great gains in construction, though we are yet behind in these equipments. Both our exports and our imports are again increasing after the great depression and are to-day far above pre-war levels.

Outside of Europe the whole world has shaken itself free from the great after-war slump. The economic wounds of Asia, Africa, Latin America and Australia from the war were more the sympathetic reaction from slump in the combatant states than direct injury. Their production and commerce have recovered to levels above pre-war. The enforced isolation of many areas in Latin America and Asia during the war has strengthened their economic fibre by increased variety of production and has contributed vitally to their effective recovery.

In Europe, England, together with the old neutral nations, are making steady progress in production and diminishing unemployment. Their trade and commerce are improving; their governmental finances are growing stronger; their currencies that are not already on a gold basis are steadily approaching par; and their exchanges are more stable. The combatant states on the Continent are slower in recovery. Even these nations, including Russia, have shown progress all along the line in commercial, industrial and agricultural fields although the harvests suffered in some spots. Some of these nations such as Italy, Belgium, The Baltic States, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary show increasing political and social stability and improvement in their Government finances. In Germany and some minor states in southeastern Europe, governmental finance and political difficulties threaten to overwhelm the commercial and industrial recuperation already made.

The continued maintenance of armies on a greater than pre-war basis in the old Allied states maintains political uncertainty, lowers productivity, and retards the balancing of budgets with consequent cessation of direct or indirect inflation. Disarmament and the constructive settlement of German reparations and the economic relations of states in southeastern Europe are the outstanding problems of Europe, and their adjustment to some degree will affect the progress of the rest of the world. The more general realization during the past year of the growing menace of these situations and the fundamentals that underlie their solution is in itself some step toward progress. Their solution would mark the end of the most acutely destructive forces in the economic life of the world which still survive the war.

Economic forecast can not amount to more than a review of tendencies and a hazard in the future. The odds are favorable for 1923; the world begins the year with greater economic strength than a year ago; production and trade are upon a larger and more substantial basis, with the single exception of the sore spot in Central Europe. The healing force of business and commerce has gained substantial ascendancy over destructive political and social forces. There is ample reason why there should be continued progress during the next twelve months.

NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE BOARD REPORTS INCREASED INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY AND INCREASED WAGES.

The results of a survey of industrial activity and wage changes, made by the National Industrial Conference Board, were indicated on Dec. 31, when substantial increases in hourly and weekly wage earnings in virtually all classes of labor during the period from July to October of this year were shown, and a new high point in industrial activity was reported. In its survey of wage changes covering 400,000 wage earners in 23 industries, the Board indicates that in only two industries, lumber and rubber, was there a decrease in hourly wages during the period. There was a decline in weekly earnings only in two other industries, automobile manufacturing and book and job printing, but this was reported as slight. The Board says:

The average hourly earnings of all wage earners covered in this investigation were \$0.238 in July 1914. In July 1922 they had risen to \$0.484, in August to \$0.486, in September to \$0.495. In September 1922, therefore, the average hourly earnings of all the wage earners covered were 108% higher than in July 1914.

The average hourly earnings of women show a far greater rise than for men above 1914 levels in September 1922, being 127% above the pre-war figure. Skilled and unskilled classes of labor show practically the same increase in hourly earnings relative to 1914, though from July to September 1922 the hourly earnings of skilled labor increased slightly more than those of unskilled.

The average weekly earnings of all wage earners, which were \$12.27 in July 1914 had risen to \$23.09 in July 1922, to \$23.31 in August and to \$23.88 in September. In the latter month they were 95% above the July 1914. The average weekly earnings of unskilled labor appear to have increased more since 1914 and during July, August and September of 1922, than those of skilled labor. Average weekly earnings of unskilled labor in July 1922 were 87% above 1914 and in September 1922 95% above pre-war levels, while those of skilled labor in July 1922 were 86% above 1914 and in September 1922 had risen to 92% above the July 1914 level.

Employment in identical plants in the 23 industries covered in July 1922 was 16% above the July 1914 level. In August 1922 it was 18% and in September 23% above the pre-war figure, showing the steady improvement in employment conditions during the last summer.

The actual hours worked per week per wage earners also increased from 47.7 in July to 48.2 in September, although this figure is still below that for July 1914. Plant hours and the nominal working week also improved steadily during July, August and September of this year, though these also were still considerably below the pre-war levels.

Taking into account the changes in the cost of living since 1914 and during July, August and September 1922 this investigation shows that the "real" hourly earnings of all wage earners were 30% higher in July 1922 than in July 1914; 33% higher in August 1922 and 34% higher in September 1922. "Real" weekly earnings were 21% higher in July 1922, 23% higher in August 1922 and 25% higher in September 1922 than in July 1914.

As to the Board's review of industrial activity, we quote the following from the New York "Tribune":

A new high point in industrial activity in the United States is noted in a survey of the industrial situation issued yesterday by the National Industrial Conference Board. On the basis of production studies in the principal and basic industries it was found that the index figure for November 1922 business surpassed the previous high points of June 1918; October 1919, and March 1921 by a considerable margin.

The index figure for November 1922 is 134.3, as compared with 124.8 for the preceding month. The previous high mark was in October 1919, when the curve for industrial activity reached 127. In June 1918 the figure was 123.9 and in March 1921 123.4.

Important increases were reported for November in the production of pig iron and steel ingots and in the consumption of cotton. Although maintaining an unusually high level, unfilled steel tonnage, car loadings and building contracts showed decreases.

Much Building Activity.

This difference in the movement of important commodities may be due to season fluctuation, or, it is thought, it may indicate an actual falling off in the total volume of general business.

Building activity continued at an unprecedented level, although the November figures were slightly under those for October. Steel, cotton and wool showed the largest individual gains during the month, ranging from 11.2% for wool to 12.7 for cotton.

The upward price and wage movement was more pronounced in November than in the preceding two months. The announcement states:

"Wholesale prices made very considerable gains in November as compared with October. During the latter part of November a hesitancy on the part of buyers developed and a slight reaction occurred in some commodities—for example, in cotton, hides, leather, pig iron and coal. Retail prices, which have been gradually moving upward, increased during November and early December at a somewhat faster rate.

"Harvests in most of the staple agricultural products have been large, but farmers have been unable to realize as high prices as they had expected. Prices, except for cotton and tobacco, are relatively low. On the whole, prices of agricultural products are considerably below those of other commodities based on their relation before the war. The shortage of cars has made it difficult for the farmers to ship and realize on the crops which he already has in hand.

"Many industries are seriously handicapped by labor shortage. The effect of this condition on wage levels is definitely indicated by the wage figure developed by the National Industrial Conference Board. Whereas the average weekly earnings of all factory workers as of the beginning of 1922 were \$22.27, in July 1922 they were \$23.09, and in September 1922 they had increased to \$23.88, or 6% in comparison with the beginning of the year. Average hourly earnings of all factory workers at the beginning of the year were \$0.482; in July 1922 they were \$0.484, and in September 1922 they had advanced to \$0.495. Man-hours of work for an identical group of establishments increased between July and September from 18,008,654 to 18,838,226, an increase of 4.6%.

A ROSEATE VIEW OF BUILDING OPERATIONS, PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE.

Based upon a survey which it has just completed, the Copper & Brass Research Association estimates the total building construction for the year 1923 at \$6,000,000,000. The potential market for copper in building construction in this country next year (including sheet copper for roofing, leaders and gutters, etc., as well as the copper content of the brass used in plumbing pipe, hardware and lighting fixtures) is estimated at approximately 780,000,000 pounds. In 1922, statistics for 11 months of which are now available, the total expenditure for building construction is placed at \$4,910,000,000 by the Association. In addition, there were projected (but not built) other buildings of a total estimated cost of \$2,480,000,000. The report of the Association proceeds as follows:

In other words, in 1922 there was developed an actual building program of \$7,390,000,000. Of this huge amount a little less than \$5,000,000,000 has actually been constructed and the remainder is carried over into 1923.

In estimating the amount of building construction in 1923, the carry-over from 1922 has been reduced to \$1,240,000,000, because experience indicates that in making preliminary estimates the cost is usually placed on the safe side, and allowance is also necessary for the percentage of such projects as have been indefinitely postponed or will not come up in 1923.

Taking the known accumulated shortage as a basis, after deducting work completed during 1922, and adding the normal increment of building for the year 1923, the actual building requirements of the nation are estimated at \$7,830,000,000. The details of the 1923 estimates as well as the expenditures for the same classes in 1922, follow:

	1923 Estimates.	1922 Expenditures.
Apartment houses	\$1,253,000,000	\$950,000,000
Churches	530,000,000	205,000,000
Dwellings	940,000,000	680,000,000
Hospitals	595,000,000	230,000,000
Hotels	851,000,000	640,000,000
Industrial buildings	827,000,000	655,000,000
Office buildings	804,000,000	645,000,000
Public buildings	328,000,000	260,000,000
Public garages	162,000,000	125,000,000
Schools	1,540,000,000	610,000,000
Total	\$7,830,000,000	\$5,000,000,000

To complete such a vast amount of building during the year 1923 presupposes that the entire shortage plus the normal increment for the year will be carried out in 1923 and that we shall enter 1924 with a clean building slate. It is believed by the Association, however, that neither the financial nor material and labor resources of the country are in a position to carry this entire program to conclusion in 12 months' time.

The Association's reports indicate that there still exists over the major part of the country a housing shortage of considerable proportions, despite the huge construction of 1922.

There is, of course, no definite data to go on in estimating how far the present resources of the country and the labor and materials situation will enable it to go in the 1923 building program, but careful consideration of the various factors involved leads to the estimate of \$6,000,000,000 as the amount which can be completed in 1923.

Of this amount some \$3,030,000,000 will be devoted to housing, about \$2,025,000,000 to office, business and industrial buildings, and the remainder \$2,675,000,000, to churches, hospitals and schools.

The estimated expenditures for building construction in 1923 for the entire country are as follows:

Apartment houses	\$960,000,000	Industrial buildings	\$634,000,000
Churches	406,000,000	Office buildings	616,000,000
Dwellings	720,000,000	Public buildings	252,000,000
Hospitals	456,000,000	Public garages	124,000,000
Hotels	652,000,000	Schools	1,180,000,000
Total	\$6,000,000,000		

This sum, it is estimated, will be divided geographically about as follows:

New England States	\$455,000,000
New York State, Southwestern Connecticut, Northern New Jersey, Northern Pennsylvania	1,395,000,000
Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia, Virginia, North and South Carolina	825,000,000
Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee	755,000,000
Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota	1,600,000,000
Eastern Montana, North and South Dakota, Eastern Nebraska, Eastern Kansas	250,000,000
Pacific Coast States, Gulf States and Arkansas, Oklahoma, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico	720,000,000

THE ACTIVITY OF THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY IN 1922.

The following facts and figures regarding the great activity of the automobile industry in 1922, as prepared "for show numbers of newspapers," have been given out this week by Alfred Reeves, General Manager of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce. They are full of interest to every one.

Production—	
Cars and trucks	2,527,000
Cars	2,287,000
Trucks	240,000
Previous record motor vehicle production (1920)	2,205,000
Number of new cars needed for replacements in 1923	1,800,000
Production of closed cars	35%
Total wholesale value of cars and trucks	\$1,558,567,000
Total wholesale value of cars	\$1,374,487,000
Total wholesale value of trucks	\$184,080,000
Estimated average retail price of car 1921	\$900
Estimated average retail price of car 1922	\$770
Reduction in average retail price of car	14%
Estimated average retail price of truck 1921	\$1,326
Estimated average retail price of truck 1922	\$1,050
Reduction in average retail price of truck	21%
Tire production	36,340,000
Number of persons employed in motor vehicle and allied lines	2,431,400
Registration—	
Motor vehicles registered in U. S. (approx.)	11,500,000
Motor cars	10,250,000
Motor trucks	1,250,000
Increase in U. S. registration over last year	7%
World registration of motor vehicles	12,750,000
Per cent of world registration owned by U. S. A.	81%
Motor vehicle registration on farms	3,500,000
Motor cars	3,300,000
Motor trucks	200,000
Motor cars serving suburban communities	780,000
Passengers carried annually by motor car	7,500,000,000
Automobile's Relation to Other Business—	
Number of carloads of automobile freight shipped by railroad	400,000
Per cent of rubber supply used by automobile industry	83%
Per cent of plate glass supply used by automobile industry	30%
Per cent of aluminum supply used by automobile industry	20%
Per cent of iron and steel supply used by automobile industry	4%
Number of doctors using motor cars	110,000
Number of motor cars owned by corporations	600,000
Gasoline consumption (U. S.) 1922 (gals.)	5,300,000,000
Average monthly surplus of gasoline (gals.)	784,261,000
Gasoline consumption (U. S.) 1921 (gals.)	4,506,706,000
Per cent of cars used more or less for business	90%
Per cent of total car mileage used entirely for business	60%
Motor Bus and Motor Truck Facts—	
Number of cities using bus lines	108
Number of motor buses in use	40,000
Number of schools using motor buses	12,000
Number of street railways using motor buses	56
Number of railroads using motor vehicles on short lines	40
Number of motor express lines in U. S.	1,500
Farm products hauled by motor transport annually (tons)	134,400,000
Freight hauled annually by motor trucks—tons	1,430,000,000
Exports—	
Value of motor vehicles and parts exported (including engines and tires)	\$123,742,000
Number of motor cars exported	66,000
Number of motor trucks exported	10,000
Value of motor cars exported	\$52,125,000
Value of motor trucks exported	\$8,881,000
Motor Vehicle Retail Business in U. S.—	
Passenger car dealers	38,000
Motor truck dealers	25,000
Public garages	48,000
Service stations and repair shops	63,000
Supply stores	63,700

AUTOMOBILE PRODUCTION WELL MAINTAINED IN NOVEMBER.

Reports received by the Department of Commerce through the Bureau of the Census, in co-operation with the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, show only a slight decline in the November output of cars and trucks compared with the preceding month. A year ago November production showed a marked drop compared with October. The November production this year totals 214,631 passenger cars and 21,223 trucks, or more than double the output in the corresponding month of last year. The following table gives the total production for each of the last five months, with corresponding figures for the same months of last year. With a few exceptions, the Census Bureau says, the reports each month are from identical firms and include approximately

90 passenger-car and 80 truck manufacturers. A few slight revisions of figures previously reported have been received for the months back to July 1922.

AUTOMOBILE AND TRUCK PRODUCTION.

	(Number of Machines)			
	—Passenger cars.—		—Trucks.—	
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
July	224,770	165,574	21,739	10,766
August	248,484	167,705	24,394	13,080
September	187,964	144,669	19,130	13,648
October	216,467	134,734	21,434	12,813
November	214,631	106,042	21,223	10,010

JOHN MOODY'S REVIEW OF 1922 AND FORECAST FOR 1923.

The key to the American business and financial outlook for 1923, states John Moody in his Annual Review and Forecast, issued Jan. 4, is closely tied to pending developments in Europe. Should the reparations problem reach an early settlement in 1923, the reaction on America would be far-reaching and profound. Mr. Moody points out that a reduction in the reparations total to a reasonable basis would add great strength to French credit and at once tend to start all Europe on the road to stability. The loose talk regarding the imminence of a "crash" in Germany is analyzed, and the statement made that 99% of the German "crash" has already taken place; that the repudiation of the mark as a medium of exchange and standard of value is (essentially) already accomplished. He argues that there is no conceivable way in which Germany can ever restore any important value to the paper mark, and that all German internal Government debt has already been practically wiped out. Germany thus stands to-day with the smallest internal debt (in real value) of any European nation.

Mr. Moody foresees a probable settlement of the reparations and German financial problem during 1923, and expresses the belief that such an event will immediately have a most favorable effect upon American business, particularly in enlarging the market for our agricultural products. The impoverishment of the American farmer indicates that the present business revival is not altogether healthy. In the fall of 1922 the average purchasing power of the agricultural population was only 64% of what it was in 1913, while that of union labor averages from 90% to 130% in 1913. "Obviously," states Mr. Moody, "prosperity must become more evenly distributed if we are to have confidence in a healthy expansion of business during and after 1923."

Mr. Moody expects relatively low interest rates to prevail during 1923 and general ease in the money market, with only slight seasonal changes. Prices of high-grade bonds should be maintained, with probably a further slow upward movement. On the other hand, quotations of taxable issues cannot be expected to return to the high prices of a dozen years ago, even under the most favorable conditions. So long as relatively high Federal taxation prevails, rises in fixed income-bearing securities will necessarily be limited, he thinks.

F. H. RAWSON OF CHICAGO FINDS UNDERLYING CONDITIONS PROMISING.

In a Jan. 1 statement on current economic conditions, Frederick H. Rawson, President of the Union Trust Co. of Chicago has the following to say in part:

The year 1922 closes with much to be thankful for, and conservative optimism is more warranted to-day than at any time since the armistice. While the return to prosperity has not been as rapid as hoped for, it must nevertheless, be a source of great satisfaction to everyone when comparing our condition with that of other countries. In contrast with the situation in Europe, we are enjoying relatively great prosperity and our outlook is far better than that of any other nation. There is nothing amiss with our situation that hard work, thrift, and sound thinking will not correct.

Generally speaking, the year 1922 has not proved a big year from the standpoint of profits, but underlying conditions are promising and point to relatively satisfactory business during the first half of 1923. Beyond that time, conservatism should be used in making commitments until further light is available upon the adjustment of the foreign situation, the tendency of our own Congress to enact experimental legislation, and the early crop prospects.

It is a fine evidence of the soundness of business conditions that we were able so speedily to overcome the prostrating influence of two long and disastrous strikes occurring in the very heart of the year. The coal strike unfortunately terminated in a truce and the test of strength between operator and miner will probably begin again in the early spring. Since the settlement of the railroad strike the railroads have been making rapid strides in repairing equipment and functioning to capacity. The railroad situation is still a most serious problem. The roads are confronted on the one hand by the clamor of labor for higher wages and on the other hand by a large group of shippers demanding lower rates. The Inter-State Commerce Commission in the exercise of its rate regulating function yielded to pressure on all sides and as soon as a little cream appeared on the railroad pitcher skimmed it off by reducing rates before the roads were able to secure appreciable reductions in wages and material costs, with the result that in no six months period since the Esch-Cummins Act went into effect have the Class A roads earned anywhere near the percentage allowed by law. It is hoped that the Commission will not be further influenced by public clamor for lower rates, the reduction of which

would continue to make railroad securities unpopular with investors and prevent the roads from securing sufficient new money to keep the transportation machine up to the requirements of the country. Both shippers and travelers should realize that what they really need is good transportation at a reasonable rate rather than inferior service at a cheaper rate.

Industrially Europe has made good progress during 1922, but politically the situation is still troublesome. Labor has been better employed throughout Western Europe and the rise in sterling exchange has encouraged the hope that a like improvement may be found with respect to other countries, but the hope will not be realized to any appreciable extent so long as the reparations question remains unsettled, national budgets are so far out of balance, currency inflation continues, and unrealizable hopes are indulged in with respect to the adjustment of the inter-Allied debts.

At home we are confronted with some tendencies which only good sense and intelligent understanding of economics on the part of the public will render harmless. We seem also inclined to consent to a sort of constitutional moratorium, while we experiment with all kinds of public control through regulation and even through operation of those functions formerly entrusted entirely to private enterprise. We find in operation certain well organized forces in our country that resent the application of such control over their own activities while insisting that the affairs of others shall be thoroughly and well regulated. Added to this is the unfortunate disposition to create in our House of Congress "blocs" committed to introduce and pass, if possible, legislation favoring their particular constituency in contrast to the fundamental principle of legislation in which the welfare of the whole country becomes the primary obligation of every lawmaker. The adverse effect of these experiments will continue until the people of this country come to realize that the Government cannot correct all existing faults and that laws cannot be depended upon to rectify the errors of extravagance and waste nor to overcome the immutable law of supply and demand.

I have an abiding faith, however, that although there may be disturbances for a time, in the end good judgment will prevail and the people will realize that we cannot as a nation disregard the fundamental guaranties of our constitution without paying for that folly a price entirely out of keeping with any temporary advantage that might accrue to any single class of our citizens.

JAMES B. FORGAN'S SURVEY OF 1922.

In a summary of the year 1922, James B. Forgan, Chairman of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Chicago and the First Trust & Savings Bank, while observing that the year 1922 showed little change from 1921, states that "the year 1922, however, has shown considerable progress in that the liquidation which had been begun was continued and in many ways brought about a restoration of normal conditions within the country. Thus, for example, the currency situation is a satisfactory one, and there is no longer any danger of a catastrophe overwhelming our banking and industrial structure. The natural resources and recuperative powers of this country are still so great that to some extent it prospers independently of conditions in the rest of the world." Mr. Forgan also says in part:

Nevertheless, in spite of improvement in our own country, conditions would be far better if outside of our boundaries matters were being adjusted satisfactorily. The condition of Europe has prevented a proper disposal of the surplus of many of our crops and has disarranged the customary method of financing our agricultural industry. The foreign buyer is no longer able to purchase for future needs as he did before the war, with the result that more of our crop than formerly must be carried by the producer for a considerable period of time. Various attempts are being made to solve the financial problem, as well as the one of warehousing the crops until they can be sold. Some progress has been made and undoubtedly time will solve many of the difficulties of the farming community and restore fully its purchasing power.

To this situation, which results from factors over which we have little or no control, there were added during the year disturbances entirely due to domestic conditions. The country is still suffering from the results of serious railroad and coal strikes. It is to be hoped that the commissions appointed by the Federal Government for the purpose of investigating underlying conditions of these fundamental industries will come forward with some concrete proposals which in the future may spare the country such serious industrial unrest as has prevailed this last year.

Likewise, our whole immigration problem, which is intimately connected with the labor problem, must be carefully considered. There is some ground for believing that if immigration continues to be restricted, there may come about in time a shift in the location of some of our principal manufacturers. Thus the textile industry has been located in the past mainly in the northeastern part of the country. This has been due partly to an abundance of water power, but still more to the supply of cheap labor coming from Europe and settling in the neighborhood of New York and Boston. If this supply is interrupted, it may prove cheaper to locate textile factories near the source of the raw material, thus saving transportation charges. Since in the South less fuel is required by the laborer and food is cheaper, it may well be that labor costs in the Southern cotton mills will be much lower than those prevailing in the New England district. A similar situation may be found to prevail in some other industries. These considerations are noted here not because they are necessarily favorable or unfavorable to our development, but as being among important ultimate results arising from our present immigration policy. Such questions need careful and impartial investigation. On the one hand, adequate care must be taken that undesirable elements be prevented from entering the country, and, on the other hand, immigration to this country should be made easy and attractive for those who are willing to work and capable of adding to the productive power of the nation in case investigation should prove that the present labor supply of the country is inadequate.

Most crops have been large. Cotton, however, proved to be an exception, and provided Europe is in a position to buy a sufficiently large amount of this important crop, the price of raw cotton is likely to be high.

As just noted, cotton prices may be high provided European consumption is normal. But Europe is less able than ever before to arrange for the necessary financing for the purchase of the cotton which it undoubtedly needs to keep its textile mills occupied to their full extent, and this European situation affects not merely the cotton farmer but also others, either directly or indirectly. On the whole, the European situation is more serious than it was even a year ago. The question of the German reparations and the inter-Allied debts is as far from settlement as ever. There has been endless discussion, but no concrete proposals have been

brought forward satisfactory to all parties. Public sentiment all over the world is still unwilling to consider dispassionately these questions which are really economic rather than political. The prejudices and passions aroused by the war still prevail to a large extent, and they make difficult in this country a reasonable discussion of what to do about the debts due us from our allies and prevent, notably in Europe, any rational consideration of proposals to revise the financial and economic clauses of the Treaty of Versailles. Little improvement in Europe can be expected until there is a change in public opinion, and until there is, there can be little hope of a restoration of complete prosperity in the world and in our own country.

A phase of this attitude of mind, which has given concern to many students of economics, is our position in respect to the tariff. It is believed by many that the recent tariff legislation is unwise as it will prevent the importation of goods from Europe into this country. This is felt to be all the more serious because, if we insist that Europe repay in full the large sums which it borrowed during the war, it can do so only by means of selling us goods. If we are successful in preventing European countries from selling us goods, it will not only make it almost impossible for them to repay their debts but will also make it difficult for them to purchase goods from us. In other words, our recent tariff legislation, in the opinion of many practical and theoretical economists, places new obstacles in the path of European recovery and thus at the same time hinders a restoration of our foreign commerce. According to this view, we have passed the stage of industrial development where it is necessary for us to protect our industries by excessive import duties.

We have probably progressed upon the road of recovery as far as we can by our own unaided efforts. Further improvement depends upon developments which are not entirely within our control, but the Government of our country can accomplish much if it will use its best efforts to induce other countries to enter into discussions with frankness and goodwill in order to discover ways and means which will bring real peace and prosperity to the world. The motives of our country, however, will be questioned if we ourselves pass legislation which to foreign countries at least seems designed to prevent their recovery.

Current Events and Discussions

WEEKLY RETURNS OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

Net reduction of \$53,100,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation and an increase of \$14,100,000 in cash reserves, accompanied by an increase of \$124,500,000 in deposit liabilities, are shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly bank statement issued as at close of business on Jan. 3 1923, and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined. In consequence of these changes the reserve ratio shows a decline from 72.1 to 71.3% for the week.

The statement introduces a new item "non-reserve cash," which is composed of national bank notes, Federal Reserve bank notes, unassorted currency and nickels and cents formerly included in "uncollected items," and subsidiary silver formerly included in "legal tender notes, silver, &c."

During the week the Treasury redeemed the remaining \$12,000,000 of Pittman certificates, held as cover for outstanding Federal Reserve bank notes. Two Federal Reserve banks still show a liability on Federal Reserve bank notes in circulation, which are secured by U. S. bonds. Other Treasury certificates increased by \$7,600,000, while total earning assets of the Reserve banks show an increase of \$5,300,000. After noting these facts the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Gold reserves of the System increased by over \$9,000,000. Chicago reports an increase of \$15,300,000, St. Louis an increase of about \$15,000,000 and Boston an increase of \$14,000,000. Smaller increases in gold reserves totaling \$25,300,000 are shown for the Richmond, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Minneapolis and Kansas City banks. The largest decrease in gold reserves for the week, amounting to \$43,900,000, is shown for the New York Bank, while smaller decreases totaling \$16,600,000 are reported by the three remaining Reserve banks.

Holdings of paper secured by Government obligations show an increase for the week from \$316,500,000 to \$351,500,000. Of the total held on Jan. 3, \$195,600,000, or 55.6%, were secured by U. S. bonds, \$1,500,000, or 0.5%, by Victory notes, \$125,500,000, or 35.7%, by Treasury notes and \$28,900,000, or 8.2%, by Treasury certificates. Compared with \$206,900,000, \$2,300,000, \$98,400,000 and \$8,900,000 reported the week before.

After closing their books on Dec. 30 and paying the accrued 6% dividend the Reserve banks paid to the Government a total of \$10,851,000 of franchise taxes and increased their surplus account by about \$3,000,000 to \$218,400,000, or to slightly over 100% of the banks' total subscribed capital.

The statement in full, in comparison with preceding weeks with the corresponding date last year will be found on subsequent pages, namely, pages 54 and 55. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks on Jan. 3 1923, as compared with a week and a year ago, follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)	
	Jan. 3 1922.	Jan. 4 1923.
Total reserves.....	+\$14,100,000	+\$153,100,000
Gold reserves.....	+9,000,000	+174,200,000
Total earning assets.....	+5,300,000	-131,500,000
Discounted bills, total.....	-2,200,000	-484,900,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	+35,000,000	-126,000,000
Other bills discounted.....	-37,200,000	-358,900,000
Purchased bills.....	-1,300,000	+128,300,000
United States securities, total.....	+3,100,000	+225,400,000
Bonds and notes.....	+3,100,000	+133,600,000
Pittman certificates.....	-12,000,000	-113,000,000
Other Treasury certificates.....	+7,600,000	+204,800,000
Total deposits.....	+124,500,000	+195,600,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	+81,500,000	+211,400,000
Government deposits.....	-1,200,000	-61,700,000
Other deposits.....	+44,200,000	+45,900,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	-53,100,000	+5,700,000
F. R. Bank notes in circulation, net liability.....	-7,700,000	-80,900,000

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

A further increase by \$47,000,000 in loans and discounts, as against a reduction of \$12,000,000 in investments, accompanied by an increase of \$19,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks, is shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly statement of condition on Dec. 27 of 782 member banks in leading cities. It should be noted that the figures of these member banks are always a week behind those of the Federal Reserve banks themselves. As against increases of \$60,000,000 in loans secured by corporate obligations and of \$3,000,000 in loans secured by Government obligations, other loans and discounts show a reduction for the week of \$16,000,000. Investments in Government securities declined about \$13,000,000, while other investments show a nominal increase. Member banks in New York City report an increase of \$42,000,000 in loans secured by corporate obligations, as against reductions of \$13,000,000 in all other loans and of \$5,000,000 in investments.

For the past year the loans and investments of the reporting banks increased by about \$1,370,000,000. Of this total only about \$110,000,000 represents the increase in loans, while about \$1,260,000,000 constitutes the increase in investments, largely in U. S. securities. Of the total loans and investments, the share of loans and discounts was about 70% about the end of 1922, compared with 76% a year before, while the share of investments stood at 30%, compared with 24% at the close of 1921. During the same period borrowings of the reporting banks from the Reserve banks declined by \$327,000,000, or from 4.7 to 2.3% of the banks' total loans and investments. Member banks in New York City report for the past year a decrease of about \$50,000,000 in accommodation at the local Reserve Bank, and a decrease from 2.8 to 1.6% in the ratio of accommodation. Further comment regarding the changes shown by these member banks is as follows:

As against a reduction of \$40,000,000 in Government deposits, net demand deposits of the reporting institutions show an increase for the week of \$69,000,000 and time deposits an increase of \$21,000,000. Corset spending changes for the year include increases of about \$1,081,000,000 in net demand deposits, of \$710,000,000 in time deposits and of \$214,000,000 in Government deposits. For the member banks in New York City increases for the year of \$186,000,000 in net demand deposits, of \$228,000,000 in time deposits and of \$143,000,000 in Government deposits are noted. Reserve balances of the reporting banks show an increase of \$9,000,000 for the week and of \$127,000,000 for the year, while cash in vault went up \$14,000,000 during the week and \$19,000,000 during the year.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 55—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 (-)	
	Dec. 27 1922.	Dec. 28 1921.
Loans and discounts—total.....	+\$47,000,000	+\$109,000,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	+3,000,000	-222,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	+60,000,000	+609,000,000
All other.....	-16,000,000	-278,000,000
Investments, total.....	-12,000,000	+1,263,000,000
U. S. bonds.....	-	+535,000,000
Victory notes.....	-2,000,000	-148,000,000
U. S. Treasury notes.....	-7,000,000	+677,000,000
Treasury certificates.....	-4,000,000	+15,000,000
Other stocks and bonds.....	+1,000,000	+184,000,000
Reserve balances with F. R. banks.....	+9,000,000	+127,000,000
Cash in vault.....	+14,000,000	+19,000,000
Government deposits.....	-40,000,000	+214,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	+69,000,000	+1,081,000,000
Time deposits.....	+21,000,000	+710,000,000
Total accommodation at F. R. banks.....	+19,000,000	-327,000,000

TERMINATION OF ALLIED PREMIERS' CONFERENCE IN LONDON—NO AGREEMENT ON GERMAN REPARATIONS—BONAR LAW ON GOLD DEPOSITS.

Once again the Allied Premiers have been unsuccessful in their efforts to reach agreement on the question of German reparations. Like its predecessors, the conference which opened at Paris on Jan. 2, dissolved on the 4th inst., with the British delegation in disagreement with the representatives of France for adjusting the disputed reparations question. This week's Paris conference represented a renewal of the discussions held in London from Dec. 9 to 11, adjournment having been taken on the latter date until Jan. 2, when it was arranged (as we indicated in our issue of Dec. 16, page 2632) that the Premiers would take up the discussions anew at Paris. With the coming together in Paris on the 1st inst. of the Prime Minister of France, Great Britain and Belgium, together with Marquis Della Torretta, representing the Italian Premier, it was stated that the conference

which was to begin on the succeeding day was regarded "as the final effort of the Allies to reach a collective settlement of the reparations question." The Associated Press Paris cablegrams which stated this said:

There was a sober and even anxious spirit in Allied circles to-night, in face of the probability that, if the conference fails, separate and direct action by France will follow.

The meeting is a continuation of last month's Premiers' conference in London, which was called to examine whether any practical results could come from a general economic congress in Brussels. The main questions to be decided are, first, whether a moratorium can be granted to Germany, and, second, upon what terms.

France and Great Britain are sharply divided in policy. The French insist upon seizing the productive resources of Germany on the left bank of the Rhine and in the Ruhr Valley as guarantees that when the moratorium terminates Germany will resume her reparations payments. President Millerand in replying to the New Year good wishes of the diplomatic corps to-day made it clear that France stands upon her conception of justice and her rights under the Treaty of Versailles.

"Complete peace can be established," he declared, "only on the basis of the treaties and through respect for the rights acquired and the obligations incurred."

The British Government thoroughly disapproves stern methods or penalties and desires to work out a plan under which Germany will be allowed a moratorium of at least two years, this time to be employed in so reorganizing her resources that she may successfully shoulder her debts.

Any settlement likely to be successful depends, in Mr. Bonar Law's view, on some form of international loan for Germany and, together with his associates on the British delegation, he has received with approval the suggestion of the American Secretary of State that an international commission determine the amount of reparations to be expected.

The conviction held by Premier Poincare of France is that a change in heart on the part of Germany is required above all other considerations. He believes Germany's plans for the future are based upon a policy of resistance to the execution of the Versailles Treaty, and any effort to help her as regards as useless until the Berlin Government decides in earnest to fulfill its obligations.

Extension of the present partial moratorium, which expires on Jan. 15, and the raising of cash for Germany in the international market will, in the French view, be nullified by the continued German opposition to payment of her debts, so that action such as France now contemplates will be eventually forced upon the Allies.

The Belgian and Italian Governments appear now to lean more toward the French view than toward the British, but with some disposition to seek middle ground.

The Italian delegation has a plan which it will present to the Council after Poincare and Bonar Law have explained the French and British viewpoints. This conciliatory program calls for guarantees to satisfy France, but without penalties, so as to meet the British objection, relying upon such action by Germany as would have the result of making the guarantees productive without the use of force.

The Belgian Premier, M. Theunis, who worked strenuously in London last August to bring Lloyd George and Poincare together, also seeks to harmonize the French and British programs, which, it is understood, he thinks could be done if the German Government would unreservedly affirm its willingness to fulfill the reparations clauses of the Treaty to the full extent of the nation's resources.

Both the Belgian and Italian views thus rely upon Germany to surrender economically, trusting that the Allies will lay down for her terms that she can meet.

The French Cabinet meets to-morrow morning under the chairmanship of President Millerand to decide finally the French Government's policy.

With the opening of the Conference on the 2nd, the French, British and Italian proposals were laid before the Premiers. Summarizing these the cablegrams (Associated Press) said:

The British and French are alike in fixing German reparations at a total of 50,000,000,000 gold mark, and similar also in setting up a comprehensive financial control of Germany. They are in direct opposition on the question of penalties, France being for taking so-called productive guarantees in the Rhineland and the Ruhr, while Great Britain would occupy German territories beyond the present zone only upon some future default and with the unanimous consent of the Allies.

France desires to pay the European interallied debts with Class C reparation bonds, while England insists upon the partial payment of debts due her, with the immediate taking of gold deposited by France and Italy in London for security for war advances. This gold includes 1,864,000,000 francs, or about one-third the gold reserve of the Bank of France.

The Italian plan, which is essentially the same as that offered at the London conference by Premier Mussolini, follows in general terms the French idea, but relies upon persuading Germany to provide the guarantees requested without the menace of force.

Premier Theunis and Foreign Minister Jaspar of Belgium brought the plan of the Belgian Government, which they did not submit. They did not intend to submit it to-day, but were reserving it as a basis of compromise, should there be an opportunity to do so later. They appeared doubtful to-night of being able to do anything effective. Their spirit, however, is to try, and the respect in which both Belgian statesmen are held is such that they may be listened to attentively.

In another item in this issue we give in detail both the British and French proposals. The former called for a four-year moratorium and the latter for a two-year moratorium.

Regarding the Conference on the 2nd and indicating that disagreement seemed imminent, the Associated Press advises from Paris said:

The Prime Ministers of France, Great Britain and Belgium and Marquis Della Torretta for Italy emerged this afternoon in a gloomy mood from the first short session of the Premiers' Council, called to solve the reparations complex. They were well nigh hopeless of agreement, and members of their delegations talked of the conference breaking up in two days.

The meeting of the Premiers to-day was a continuation of the postponed London Conference; it has borne little fruit thus far. Premier Bonar Law remarked that owing to public opinion in France and Great Britain an agreement would be most difficult, if not impossible. M. de Lastyrie, the French Finance Minister, who was with Premier Poincare in the meeting, said extending his arms:

"England and France are as far apart as that."

The Belgian and Italian delegates expressed dismay at the unyielding positions taken up by Premiers Bonar Law and Poincare.

As to a statement made by the British Prime Minister, Bonar Law, we quote the following Associated Press cablegram from Paris Jan. 2:

You can get certain amounts of money by taking immediate possession of Germany, but you cannot take over Germany and re-establish her financial stability," declared Mr. Bonar Law, the British Prime Minister to-night in the first direct statement he has made on reparations since he became head of the Government.

"The Allies have reached a point where they must choose between these two methods," he continued. "They cannot have both. This is not a political question; it is a business question. You can get certain amounts from Germany if you take possession of her, but you cannot take them and re-establish German credit.

"I wish to say that it is certain there is, on the part of the British Government, an earnest desire to act in accord with the Allies. I am convinced that this also is the desire of the French Government. A real danger is that differences in the public opinion of the countries will be so strong as to make it difficult, if not impossible, to reach an agreement.

"Large sums are only available through loans. The amount of indemnity must be fixed not by partisans but by impartial business minded people. No one is fond of paying debts if it can be avoided. This is equally true of any nation, and Germany is no exception.

"Having fixed reasonable conditions if Germany does not then take necessary steps forthwith to carry them out the necessary steps must be taken to force her to comply.

"If we do not need reparations to the same extent as other nations we need them certainly to a greater extent than others outside of our islands seem to believe. The question is getting the largest amount Germany is able to pay. If this were all there was to it there should not be difficulty in an agreement.

"It is stated constantly in the French press that there can be no question about the payment of the French debt until Germany pays her indemnity. This sounds natural, but let us look at it logically. We have made our budget position strong by making our taxpayers poor. We are suffering from this fact. Our unemployment is a scourge as great as that of any of the other Allied countries. We run serious risks of ruin unless there is a very big improvement in our position. We are in a far worse position as regards the people of our country than the other allies, whose position is less strong than ours financially.

"It is often said that we have a selfish interest in the restoration of Germany, because we do so much foreign trade. It is my firm conviction that, from a purely selfish point of view, if an earthquake were to come along and swallow Germany up we would gain, not lose, since Germany is our trade rival."

A copyright cablegram to the New York "Times" Jan. 2, referring to the British and French proposals and the remarks of Bonar Law, said in part:

While both agreed that German reparations should be reduced to a total of 50,000,000,000 gold marks, there is otherwise between the British and French plans a complete difference, and it is between them that the Allies will have to choose. They cannot be fitted into each other and they cannot both be acted upon. Mr. Bonar Law, speaking to the British and American newspaper men this evening after the Premiers' meeting, made that perfectly clear.

"A moratorium is necessary," he said, "and if it is to be effective it must be so arranged that the demands made during the moratorium period are not so great as to prevent the recovery of German credit. The plan which the British Government has submitted to-day seeks to establish the best way of dealing with the situation in a business way and obtain the biggest possible return.

"If we cannot in that way get what we need, then we must take possession. But we cannot hope to obtain during the period of moratorium the amounts which would satisfy our demands and at the same time enable Germany to recover her credit. The Allies must choose between the two methods. They cannot have both.

Belgium, it was stated on the 2d, was prepared to sacrifice one of its most sacred prerogatives, won on the field of battle during the war, in an attempt to save the situation, effect a settlement of the reparation question and bring the conference to a successful conclusion. Henri Jaspar, the Belgian Foreign Minister, was quoted to this effect in the Associated Press cablegrams, these adding:

Jaspar declared that the seven to eight billion marks left in Belgian occupied territory by the Germans after the armistice doubtless would play a great role in the conference. Belgium, he said, was prepared to make concessions to Germany by coming to terms for the redemption of these paper marks at the rate of two-fifths of their gold value.

"This conference cannot, must not, end in failure," said M. Jaspar this evening. "Belgium will take the lead in the way of making concessions and do her utmost to settle finally, once and for all time, this reparations question. If we fall here it will not be our fault."

The Belgian Government, when King Albert re-entered the kingdom in November 1918, undertook to redeem all the paper marks left in Belgium by the Germans at the rate of 1 franc 25 centimes.

After the avalanche of plans placed before the conference to-day the Belgians refrained from making known their attitude, but should the Council reach a deadlock during the week it is understood the Belgians will accept the redemption of this currency at the rate of exchange obtaining when the armistice was signed. It is asserted that the only condition Belgium will exact from Germany is that the German Government acknowledge without restriction its liability to pay 50,000,000,000 gold marks as reparations.

On the 3d inst. the cablegrams from Paris brought the news that "M. Poincare's plain refusal even to accept the British plan as material for discussion together with the French plan has virtually brought the Conference to an end, in the view of the British British representatives. They frankly admit that the Conference is being prolonged to-morrow, or Friday at the latest, in order to preserve the Franco-British accord as long as possible because of the delicate negotiations at Lausanne. The same accounts said

The Conference, in the judgment of both French and British delegates, will probably end to-morrow without an agreement, thus breaking up unity among the Allied Governments, upon which the policies of all the principal Western Powers are based.

There is much dismay and anxiety over the situation. The tone of the Conference has been cordial enough, but the British and French views are irreconcilable as they stand now.

We likewise quote the following from the Associated Press cablegrams from Paris Jan. 3:

Premier Poincare in his criticism of the British plan to-day argued that it would restore Germany the hegemony in Europe she had lost through the war and would leave France with a post-war burden, including pensions and other charges and her debt to the United States, totalling \$73,000,000,000 gold marks, while the British war burden was reduced to 45,000,000,000 marks. Thus Great Britain's war debt would be only 62% of France's.

Under these conditions France would owe 14,000,000,000 gold marks to the United States and the French pensions and reconstruction of the devastated regions would amount to 59,000,000,000 marks. In addition to the 11,000,000,000 marks she would fail to receive as reparations, her total war burden would thus be 73,000,000,000 gold marks.

Great Britain, on the contrary, would have to pay her debt to the United States of 15,500,000,000 gold marks and 30,000,000,000 for pensions, thus accounting for her total war burden of 45,500,000,000 marks.

France, to obtain cancellation of her debt to Great Britain, would have to abandon 30,000,000,000 marks in Class C reparations bonds, 1,000,000,000 gold marks deposited in the Bank of England and the 2,000,000,000-marks war debt due from Belgium, besides sacrificing on the Class A and Class B bonds.

He gave the value of the reparations to be expected under the British plan as 27,000,000,000 gold marks, of which France's share would be only 10,400,000,000 marks.

The Belgian Premier spoke in the conference with deep emotion, which is quite unusual in this business man.

"Under no circumstances will Belgium renounce the right which she won by her heroic stand during the war and by the Allies' unanimous consent after the armistice," said M. Theunis.

All eyes were turned upon Mr. Bonar Law. Amid a dramatic silence the British Premier arose and said in a matter-of-fact way, which contrasted sharply with the Belgian Premier's impassioned tones: "Very well, we yield. But we are under the impression that Belgium was prepared to make concessions."

"Belgium has reached the limit of her concessions. Perhaps Germany might be called upon to make some effort," M. Theunis replied, and for a moment the atmosphere of the conference was rather heavily charged. But Marquis Della Torretta relieved the tension by suggesting that tea be served.

Premier Poincare, in relating to the Reparations Conference yesterday what had taken place in Washington respecting Chancellor Cuno's proposed peace agreement, said that Secretary Hughes did not seem to make clear in his conversation with Ambassador Jusserand the possibility of an Anglo-American guarantee for France. Such a guarantee, Mr. Poincare said, even though it was duly ratified by the American Senate and assured France of defensive military co-operation within a fixed period, would not be sufficient to relieve her of all uneasiness.

American officials in Paris are following the conference closely and are keeping in constant touch with the foreign offices and other official sources. Some British observers think that the American Government had in a general way an unofficial knowledge of the British plan before it was presented. But American officials in Paris say they knew nothing of it previously.

Germany's representatives in Paris are awaiting word from the Allied Premiers before presenting the new German proposals for a reparations settlement, no reply having yet been received to the request of the German Ambassador here that Dr. Karl Bergmann, the German spokesman, be heard by the conference. Dr. Bergmann said this forenoon that a definite refusal to hear him would result first in his consulting his Government before he could put the proposals in writing.

It was said in German circles that if the conference broke up before the Premiers replied to the German request the proposals probably would not be presented at all.

The German officials were frankly pleased with the British proposals, but expressed little hope that the British plan, even in its main points, would be accepted by France.

A high German official, commenting on Prime Minister Bonar Law's words in his statement last night, when he asserted that if an earthquake were to swallow Germany Great Britain would gain, not lose, since Germany was Great Britain's trade rival, had this to say:

"If Germany disappeared thus, even if it were an economic earthquake, I am afraid those countries on the edges of Germany might be engulfed with her."

Incidentally, it may be noted, Bonar Law in addressing the Conference on the 3d inst. referred to the application by Great Britain of the gold deposits of France and Italy to the reduction of inter-Allied debts, and we quote in part a copyright cablegram to the New York "Times" regarding the conversations at the Conference on the 3d:

Both from the Quai d'Orsay and Hotel Crillon late this evening reports were issued summarizing the events of the day. They indicate that neither the British nor the French are prepared to yield an inch in their demands and the conference is expected to break up Friday.

The attitude of Premier Bonar Law is especially puzzling to the French. He seems to regard quite calmly the possibility of returning to England and leaving it to the French to do as they please in enforcing their guarantees. At the same time he does not seem to consider such action as amounting to a rupture of friendly relations. Both in the conference and in conversation with Premier Poincare he has maintained an attitude of warm respect and cordiality, but he appears to regard the issues between them with the same coldness of reason as he regards the chessmen in his favorite game.

French Begin to Worry.

The French are beginning to be worried about what will come after Jan. 15, the date when their policy of seizing guarantees will begin to operate. They know that they cannot renounce their plan, but the coolness with which the Scotch-Canadian Premier regards the outlook fills them with an uneasiness it is difficult to conceal. If they take their liberty will England take hers? That is the real issue as it presents itself to their minds.

To-night the Belgians are busy trying to work out some plan for a short term arrangement which would provide for the seizure of French guarantees while the British plan is more closely considered, but hopes for such a compromise, even if it is ever proposed, are regarded as small.

The French began the day with a Cabinet meeting at which Premier Poincare obtained unanimous support for his intention to present to the conference two proposals which in the text communicated to the press read very much like ultimatums.

The first of these was that he should demand of the conference that it take the French and not the British plan as a basis of discussion. This was equivalent to asking the British to throw over their plan from the very outset, and to the French Minister it somehow seemed the possible thing to expect.

The second of M. Poincare's demands was that the British should admit before any discussion took place the essential principle of the French plan, that any moratorium should be accompanied by seizure of productive guarantees.

Thrashing Out Both Plans.

But when the conference met at 3 o'clock neither of these demands was conceded, and a four and a half hours' discussion took place in which the British plan bulked as largely as the French. No decision was reached and the conference will go on to-morrow on the same lines as to-day—thrashing out in constructive criticism both the intentions and effect of the two plans submitted yesterday.

Between the two Governments there has seldom been such fair and frank discussion, and this much must be said for it that it was conducted throughout in a friendly spirit and with mutual recognition that the thesis defended by each side was at least honest in intention and the result of reasoned conviction.

M. Poincare began the debate with a long criticism of the British plan. To the French, he said, it had come as a disappointment. It diminished the French claims and it entailed revision of the Treaty of Versailles, to which the French could not consent.

He, however, appreciated the spirit of the note because it was sincere and it put the conference in the presence of realities. After the experience of many conferences which ended in unsatisfactory makeshifts, that was in itself a benefit, for it was perhaps best to see at the outset if the essential views of the different countries concerned were irreconcilable, and in this case, as they were presented in the two plans, they admittedly were so.

The French Premier had three main points of criticism to make. The first was that the British plan was an abrogation of the terms of the Treaty of Versailles. If it were adopted it would have to be submitted for ratification to the Parliaments of all the countries which signed the treaty.

The second criticism was the simple statement that France could not accept the granting of a moratorium to Germany without guarantees. France herself had limited the guarantees which she had proposed to take so as to meet the British objections, but she could not go further on the road of concessions.

Thirdly, the British plan was too lenient in the maximum figure imposed. Germany had by gross inflation achieved a position where she had no internal debt, and the British proposal made the German foreign debt so small that it would scarcely be a burden.

For these reasons France did not feel that it was possible to take the British note as a basis for discussion.

Neutral Commission Objected to.

To his arguments which were set forth in a typewritten statement, he added a more detailed criticism of the British plan in which particular objection was taken to superseding the Reparation Commission by a neutral body with a German chairman, and to the proposal that the reparations in kind be reduced during the moratorium period.

He made special criticism of the British proposals for cancellation of the Allied debts and of that particular proposal which provides for the appropriation by England of the gold deposits made by France and Italy during the war. In describing the possibility which to his mind would result from adoption of the British plan he argued that Germany could within a single year raise a sufficient loan to wipe out the entire debt at its present value. If nothing were done during the next four years to control and reorganize German finance and to secure payment, nothing would be obtained at the end of those four years.

Belgium Rejects British Plan.

Premier Theunis, of Belgium, followed M. Poincare with the intimation that he also could not accept the British plans. The Germans could always do more than they pretended, he said. He saw little hope, however, of reconciling the British and French points of view as expressed in the documents submitted and began the conciliatory efforts such as have frequently characterized his role at Allied conferences by suggesting that both plans should be scrapped and new proposals made for the conditions of the moratorium.

Mr. Bonar Law began his reply by recording his satisfaction that M. Poincare, like himself, wanted to set down the vital differences in their conceptions. He said the real difference was one of fact. If he believed that he could get the money out of Germany by applying the French plan, he said he would support it. But he did not believe that that was the best way to set about obtaining any big payments. He promised to submit to-morrow a detailed reply to M. Poincare's criticism of the British plan and also a detailed criticism of the French plan by the British delegation.

Taking up the points which had been made by Premier Theunis, he said that the British had no intention to take away the small amount still owing to Belgium and would agree, if the Belgians insisted, that their priority should stand. At the same time he wished to point out that all the Allies were making sacrifices and Belgium had already received a larger proportion of her claims than any one else was likely to get.

Doubts Treaty Would Be Violated.

Turning then to M. Poincare's criticism, he said England appreciated the fact that the French had modified their proposals for taking guarantees to the extent they had done. He could not admit that the British plan was in any way a violation of the treaty, although he was prepared to take legal opinion on the point. All the British proposed came within the scope of Annex 2, Part 8 of the treaty, which had already been used in such appointments as the Guarantees Committee. The French proposals were in his opinion quite as much an infringement of the treaty.

The four years' moratorium which the British proposed was reducible to two under certain conditions, and the British scheme provided for the fullest possible penalties if Germany failed to carry out the steps which the Financial Control Commission declared necessary.

He attached no importance to points of detail, such as the fact that the Chairman of the Commission should be German. The only reason why he should be German was that he would be in constant relation with the German Government, and his nationality would not cause the Commission to be regarded with hostility by the German people. When the question arose as to carrying out the measures proposed by the Commission the German member would have no vote.

Dealing with the question of the inter-Allied debts, the British Premier said he could not understand the objection of the French and Italians to the application by Great Britain of the gold deposits of France and Italy to reduction of these debts. The gold deposits themselves did not exist. They were sent to the United States years ago in payment of war materials and supplies. Italy's debt to England was £500,000,000 sterling. All she was asked to pay was £75,000,000 in German bonds.

England had enormous debts to America, and even if she got all that her European allies owed her and the maximum she could collect from Germany, this would not meet her liabilities.

Turning again to the essential difference between the British and French plans he said it would be best not to patch up an unworkable plan, but he would not object to a temporary arrangement if it were practicable.

The first difference between the French and British was as to the amount of reparations which could be obtained. The second difference was as to the way in which they could be obtained. In the British view, the only way of getting large sums was by the re-establishment of German credit. It was on that basis, therefore, that they must test the French plan or any other plan. They must see what results they were going to obtain.

Fatal to German Credit.

He had studied the French plan and would say frankly that he thought it made the recovery of German credit impossible. The control system which the French proposed to set up in Germany would have the power of veto and would become the taxing authority of the country. It would become practically the Government of Germany. Every financial authority whom he had been able to consult had declared restoration of German credit impossible unless there was fixation of German liabilities.

The French plan left all bonds out of consideration. The British, on the other hand, had fixed for the first and second series of bonds a sum which was midway between the maximum and minimum fixed by the French budget reporter as the present value of claims on Germany. The choice for the Allies to make was between these two courses—whether they should try and get a small amount now, and so destroy the whole chance of getting a big sum later, or whether they should wait a little and get more.

The action which the French proposed to take by assuming general control of the Ruhr was a danger to German credit, for the reason that the Ruhr was the jugular vein of German industry and control was bound to have injurious effect.

The British experts who had examined the French proposals had found that during the first year of the proposed moratorium the Allies would take from Germany in cash and kind between £70,000,000 and £80,000,000. In their opinion the fact that a large part of this amount was to be taken in kind was as dangerous as if it were taken in cash, and would be quite as harmful to any attempt by the German Government to stabilize the mark. The French proposed, in addition, to retain the proceeds of their guarantees in the hands of the Reparation Commission. But that would make it impossible for Germany to restore her credit or raise a loan.

The alternative, therefore, was very obvious: Did they wish to try to get something now, or try to get more later?

Marquis Della Torretta announced that he would lay his Government's observations before the Conference to-morrow.

Anent the decision on the 4th inst. to "amicably" dissolve the Conference, the following is quoted from the Associated Press advices indicating that the German proposals had not been presented at the Conference:

Dr. Karl Bergmann was given no opportunity to present the German Government's plan. He held himself in readiness during the last two days in case he received a call from the conference to appear before it, but the Allies were too deeply absorbed by their own differences to think of summoning further trouble with a new German plan.

As to what Germany proposed we take the following from the "Wall Street Journal" of the 2d :

Details of the German financial plan, which may be credited to Chancellor Cuno, the business man head of the German Republic, are as follows:

Germany asked that the loan of 20,000,000,000 gold marks be raised by an international consortium of bankers, similar to that created some time ago for China, principally in outside neutral countries, meaning primarily the United States. Germany would attempt to raise some of the money by an internal loan, and proposes that half of the sum so raised be kept in Germany.

From the 20,000,000,000 5% interest would be taken each year for four years to meet the charges on the loan, and 1% each year for amortization. This loan would be followed in 1927, by a 5,000,000,000 gold marks loan, and four years later in 1931 by another 5,000,000,000 loan, both of these sums to be devoted to reparations under the same conditions of the first and larger loan.

If it is impossible to raise as much as 20,000,000,000 gold marks the sum that is raised would be devoted to reparations under the same plan.

Germany also asks that the French and whatever other Allied troops are occupying Dusseldorf, Ruhrort and Duisburg—outside the zone of occupation defined in the Versailles treaty and which the Berlin Government declares are being occupied without any right—be withdrawn immediately.

From the Associated Press cablegrams we also quote the following statement by Prime Minister Bonar Law on the 4th inst. explaining why France and Great Britain had reached a point where it was impossible to agree on reparations:

The conference is over. M. Poincare this afternoon stated, what was obvious to both of us, that in the London Conference we had felt that this difference between the two countries was so great as to make it almost impossible to come to an agreement.

He then put the ground of the difficulty as he understood it clearly before the conference. M. Poincare said there was a ditch between us; that not only the views of the French delegation but the views of the French people made a bridge impassable.

The principle which he put as constituting that ditch was this simple question: "Is there to be a moratorium with guarantees or without guarantees?"

Our view all through, clearly stated, has been that there are two methods of dealing with this question. One is to seize from your debtor whatever is within your reach, and the other is consider in anything you seize, whether or not it will prevent recovery of German credit.

I therefore put it to M. Poincare that the real ground of difference between us was not merely a question of particular guarantees, but whether the amounts which Germany is required to give this year and the following years are or are not of an extent so great as to make the question of revived German credit impossible.

The French proposals would take either in cash or deliveries of merchandise during the first year of the moratorium about 80,000,000 pounds sterling (1,520,000,000 marks gold). If this immense sum were exacted during the moratorium Germany would have to pay her nationals in paper marks, making stabilization impossible.

M. Poincare and I came to the conclusion that as there was a vital difference of opinion between us it was obvious that nothing could be gained by long discussions and arguments and that an agreement was impossible.

Other details of the day's developments were furnished as follows in Paris Associated Press cablegrams of Jan. 4:

The British will make special efforts to continue their work under the Entente in all fields of European politics excepting German reparations. Mr. Bonar Law's conception appears to be that France may try a free hand

with Germany for a few months, until she becomes convinced that her plans will not fulfill expectations, and that then she will turn again toward England.

Mr. Bonar Law deeply regrets the outcome of the conference. He said to-night it was apparent at the recent London meeting that the breach dividing the French and British reparation views was too wide to admit of a compromise, but this did not prevent him from coming to Paris in the hope of finding some last minute solution of the problem.

There are various indications of sadness on the part of the Premiers and Ambassadors over the dissolution of the alliance which carried their countries through the war and up to this time in dealing with what have been found to be unsolvable problems of peace. Allusions were made privately to the contrast between this situation and the great, whole-hearted enthusiasm during the war.

Premier Mussolini turned the scale decisively against the British plan. The Italian delegates had reserved their final declaration until to-day, and this morning it appeared that they were inclined to support Mr. Bonar Law's proposal with slight modifications. A telegram received from Rome just before the conference opened instructed them to vote for the French plan as against the British, in case they should find it useless to push their own plan. This strengthened France and Belgium, and Great Britain stood alone.

M. Poincare is not elated to-night over his success; he is described as in sober mood, conscious of great anxieties and difficulties ahead. He will proceed warily and will report to the French Parliament on its reassembling next Thursday. In the meantime the Reparations Commission will meet on Tuesday to pass upon coal deliveries and also upon Germany's request for a moratorium.

Sir John Bradbury is expected to be present, as the breaking up of the conference does not mean withdrawal of the British delegate from the Reparations Commission. The Versailles Treaty specifies that no member of the Commission may withdraw without giving a year's notice.

The French will await the action of the Commission before putting their plan into execution. M. Poincare, in applying the plan in the absence of British support, may, it is said in semi-official circles, find it necessary to support the customs officers and guards by a small military force in the Ruhr. He will still insist, however, that these soldiers will be so limited that such action could not possibly be interpreted as military occupation, properly speaking.

The British are fearful of the results that would follow the application of Premier Poincare's guarantee in the Ruhr and the Rhineland. The same British officials profess to doubt that France will actually carry out its threat of independent action, although the only definite alternative which has been suggested is reference of the whole problem to the League of Nations. The Italians are reported to have considered suggesting such a course to-day, but it is generally believed that there would be only a slight chance of such a solution.

The British delegates are returning to London to-morrow morning after a formal farewell to the French and other delegations. Mr. Bonar Law will preside at a Cabinet council soon after his arrival in London. The British are eager to know the reaction in the United States over the conference and how their plan was received. They asked the American Embassy here to supply them with press comment from the United States, if any was available. They are speculating to-night as to whether the United States will intervene with some suggestion or plan, now that France and Great Britain have failed to agree.

Intimations have reached the British that Secretary of State Hughes might make some further announcement if the conference broke up and the officials are wondering if these intimations have any foundation in fact. American officials have received no indication of this from Washington.

The following is taken from the New York "Times" Paris cablegram Jan. 4 (copyright):

In good faith and esteem England and France decided to-day to go their separate roads, as far as German reparations are concerned, after the British plan had been definitely rejected by Italy and Belgium.

It would be too much to say that the Entente was broken. As a union of policy it broke at the Conference table of 1919. But to-day marked the end of the long pretense that the interests and policies of the two countries toward Germany could remain the same. For better or worse it has been long inevitable and that it came to-day without passion, without shouting or discord, but quietly spoken by Mr. Bonar Law and quietly agreed to by M. Poincare was, perhaps, the best way that it could have come.

The actual words with which the long partnership was dissolved were spoken at 6:30 this evening after a three hours' meeting at which a last attempt had been made not so much to bridge the gulf which separated the two countries as to explain their opposing positions.

There had been a half-hour interval in which the two Premiers and their colleagues drafted their final speeches. Mr. Bonar Law went to his hotel and ordered that everything be packed up ready for his departure to-morrow morning. Then he returned to the Quai d'Orsay and read this statement:

"His majesty's Government, after having given most earnest consideration to the French proposals, are definitely of the opinion that these proposals if carried into effect would not only fail in obtaining the desired results, but are likely to have a grave and even disastrous effect upon the situation of Europe. In these circumstances the British Government cannot take part in them or accept the responsibility of them.

"His Majesty's Government at the same time desires to assure the Government of the Republic that while they regret extremely that there should be an irreconcilable difference of opinion on a subject so serious, the feeling of friendship on the part not only of the British Government, but also of the British people toward the Government and people of France remains unchanged."

To this declaration Premier Poincare read the following reply:

"The French Government for their part have examined very attentively and carefully the British proposals, and the longer they have studied them the more they have felt obliged to recognize that the proposals would involve, together with a considerable reduction of the debt owing to France, an overthrow of the Treaty of Versailles and that it is impossible for them to accept such a solution.

"The Government of the Republic deeply regret their inability to agree with Great Britain on these serious questions, but they thank the British Government for their friendly statements, and can assure them that, in spite of this difference of opinion, the sentiment of the French Government and nation toward England will remain unchangingly cordial."

Every one present and perhaps most of all the two Premiers, who were closely associated during the war, felt gravely the responsibility of what they had done, but for more than three weeks they had known that it was almost inevitable, and there is no doubt that when Mr. Bonar Law came to Paris he knew that these words would have to be spoken. So much he let fall in a statement made to the press after the meeting.

In London, he said, they had felt that the difference between the desires and policies of the two countries was too great to permit of any agreement being reached. That had not, however, prevented both countries from doing their utmost to reach an agreement.

All that has been done, therefore, since the London conversations, has simply been leading up to this evening's dramatic conclusions. Three days ago, when the British proposals were presented to the French, Mr. Bonar Law stated that he saw no other way than that either his or the French plan should be accepted. There could be no compromise. The Allies would have to choose one or the other. They have chosen by the majority of France, Belgium and Italy against England to follow the French plan.

In the division three debtor countries have lined up against their creditor. That may be only incidental to the situation, but it is none the less not without significance.

At to-day's meeting almost all attention was given to the careful definition of the point of view of each country and of the exact reasons for their separation. M. Poincare placed the issue clearly before the conference. Between England and France, he said, the difference was one involving principle, and, that being so, there was nothing to be gained and much might be lost by futile compromises. To this statement Mr. Bonar Law agreed with a characteristic nod of his head.

Continuing, M. Poincare said that not only the views of the French Parliament but of the French people made it impossible for him to cross the ditch which separated him from the English. The only chance of agreement was that the English should find a way from one side to the other.

He defined the grounds of difference with a question: "Was there to be a moratorium with pledges or without pledges?" France, and he was happy to add, Belgium and Italy, were of the opinion that pledges must be taken. Only the British were opposed, and he asked Mr. Bonar Law to make one more attempt to accept the desire of the majority that the condition of pledges as defined in the French plan should be attached to the moratorium.

Mr. Bonar Law, speaking slowly, answered that under no circumstances could he accept the French proposal that a moratorium should be accompanied by pledges of the kind proposed. Further, he could not accept the distinction which M. Poincare had made between the British and French points of view. It was not, he said, a question of pledges which was the real difference in principle between the British and French delegations, but whether the steps to be taken would or would not prevent the recovery of German credit.

The British view was that there were two ways of dealing with the question. One was to seize whatever was within reach and the other was to see if what was seized would prevent the recovery of German credit. He therefore put it to the conference that the real ground of difference was not merely one of particular pledges, but whether the amounts which Germany was to surrender under these pledges during the next two years were not so great as to make the recovery of German credit impossible.

British examination of the French proposals had shown that the amount of £80,000,000 sterling would be collected from Germany and that it did not matter whether that amount was in cash or kind, the result would be the same—it would completely prevent the recovery of German credit and therefore prevent the collection of those large sums from Germany which the Allies as victors in a war of wanton aggression had a right to expect. That being so, he could not give his adherence to the French proposals, and to his great regret he felt compelled to retire from the Conference.

Whatever action may be taken, it is stated to be the British intention to stand aside, at least until such time as the success or failure of the French plan has been demonstrated. They will not interfere in any way either to try to modify French action or to control German reaction unless serious trouble should seem imminent.

The British intend to preserve an attitude of strict neutrality between the French and Germans. There will be no separate negotiation with Germany nor any formation of reparation plans outside the French plan until that has either succeeded or failed. But this attitude of neutrality will not, of course, be strictly preserved should America show any desire to find another settlement. British interest in reparations is far too large, as Mr. Bonar Law has clearly indicated, for Great Britain to remain aloof, and her lack of confidence in the French method is all the more likely to incline her to support some other scheme.

In announcing the position of Italy on the reparations proposal Marquis Della Torretta on Jan. 4 said:

The Italian delegation sincerely regrets to see that the efforts it made to reach an accord among the Allies on such a grave question [reparations] have not been crowned with success. The Italian delegation has interpreted the thought of its own Government in the conviction that the disagreement among the Allies has not influenced the cordial sentiments of friendship so long existing and expresses the hope that eventually even on this present question there will be reconsideration and agreement.

An Associated Press cablegram from Paris yesterday (Jan. 5) said:

It was denied to-day in British circles that any member of the British delegation had said Great Britain would make a formal protest in the event France went into the Ruhr. But there was no definite indication given that the British Government would not make such formal protest. It was stated authoritatively that Great Britain expects France to hold anything she may seize in Germany as trustee for all the Allies. This is in accordance with expressions in a recent speech by M. Poincare, and a British spokesman said to-day he had seen nothing since to change the situation in this respect.

The same cablegram also said:

Although divided by the German reparations issue, upon which Great Britain and France split at yesterday's Allied Conference, Premier Poincare, and Prime Minister Bonar Law met to-day for discussion of other questions on friendly terms.

The French Premier called upon the British Prime Minister early this afternoon and the two were together for a half hour discussing the Near Eastern situation and fields of action other than reparations in which France and Great Britain may co-operate. The conversation was described as most friendly. It was indicated in British circles that the French and British delegates would continue to work together at Lausanne.

The two Prime Ministers had another twenty minutes' talk on the railway station platform just before the midday train left with the British delegation for London on board. Mr. Bonar Law asked M. Poincare to keep him informed each day of every move and the French Premier promised he would do so. Mr. Bonar Law told his French colleague he hoped with all his heart that the Entente would not only continue, but be fortified.

When the British Prime Minister made some allusions to what had taken place at the Allied conference, M. Poincare remarked that French opinion was entirely wrapped up in the idea of guarantees. In response Mr. Bonar Law explained again that British opinion was opposed to any measures which it thought would disturb the economic life of Europe.

Finance Minister de Lasteyrie and other members of the French Cabinet were with their chief at the station and the leave taking was commented upon as probably the most cordial between British and French statesmen

since the war. There was much laughter among the participants and an apparent utter absence of strain or resentment for the breaking up of the reparations conference.

Two minutes before the train left Mr. Bonar Law stepped into his private car and stood at the window, with M. Poincare below on the platform. The two Premiers, smiling at each other, exchanged a word now and then until the train drew out, when Mr. Bonar Law waved his hand and bowed and M. Poincare lifted his hat and called out "Bon voyage."

It was understood that Prime Minister Bonar Law would preside at a meeting of the British Cabinet in London to-morrow. British officials said England would probably await events, now that France had resumed her liberty of action.

BRITISH PLAN FOR SETTLEMENT OF REPARATIONS QUESTION.

Elsewhere in this issue we give an account of the Allied Premiers' Conference which opened at Paris on the 2nd inst., indicating the proposals which came before the Conference. The British proposals for the settlement of the reparations question, which were presented by the British delegation on the 2nd, but met with opposition at the session on the 3rd inst., were given in detail as follows in a copyright cablegram from Paris on the 2nd inst, to the New York "Times" together with a summary and explanation of the plan:

The German obligations under the peace treaty are fixed by the plan at: Nothing for four years (apart from certain deliveries in kind, for which credit is to be given against future payments).

Two billions gold marks (£100,000,000) per annum for the next four years. Two and one-half billion gold marks (£125,000,000) per annum for the following two years.

After ten years 3,500,000,000 (£166,000,000) or such small sums—not less than 2,500,000,000—as may be fixed by an impartial tribunal.

If the supervising authority provided for below decides unanimously that the state of German finances before the end of the initial period of four years is such that cash payments for reparations can be made it will have the power to antedate the commencement of the annual payments of 2,000,000,000 by such a period not exceeding two years as it may see fit and to make such adjustments in respect of future payment as it may deem to be equitable so as to secure that the total liability shall not be increased.

Obligations are to take the form of 5% bonds redeemable at call by the German Government—at the outset easy terms, gradually rising to par at the end of thirty-two years.

The bonds are to be divided into two series, Series One representing a fixed payment (rising to 2,500,000,000 per annum), and Series Two representing additional payments over and above 2,500,000,000 per annum from the eleventh year onward.

No Sinking Fund. Provided.

There is no sinking fund, but redemption, more especially in the earlier years, is permitted upon such liberal terms that the saving in annual interest on the bonds redeemed will, if German credit is re-established, be sufficient to cover both the interest and sinking fund on German loans raised in the market for redemption purposes.

This arrangement gives Germany a strong inducement to raise such loans as soon as possible, since she will thereby convert a perpetual into a terminable obligation without increase of the annual charge and also substitute a normal foreign to private bondholders for her present obligations to foreign Governments.

The bonds provided for in the scheme are not intended either to be issued to the public or placed on the market. They are to serve merely as accounting machinery. The "mobilization" of the German reparation debt is to be effected by loans raised by Germany from the public, the proceeds which would be applied to redemption of the original bonds.

In order to give Germany a real chance of restoring the budget equilibrium and stabilizing the mark it is absolutely essential she should have complete freedom from payments in foreign currencies during the initial period and that deliveries in kind (except in so far as the receiving countries may be willing to pay cash for them) should be reduced to the minimum.

It will, however, be necessary that deliveries on reparations account of, coke to France, coal to Italy and possibly of dye stuffs, should be continued though upon a reduced scale, even during this initial period. The precise quantities can only be settled by negotiations in the event of the plan proving successful it is highly probable, however, that Germany would herself seek to increase her deliveries in kind in the early years of the maximum in view of the liberal terms on which the value is applied to cancellation of her debt.

This plan would be offered to Germany on condition that she undertakes:

1. To stabilize the mark in accordance with the recommendations contained in the majority report of the foreign experts consulted by the German Government in November last, and restore the budget equilibrium within limits of time to be prescribed say [six months for stabilization and two years for budget reform].

2. To accept such financial supervision as may be deemed by the Allied powers to be necessary to see to the punctual carrying out of these reforms. [See Schedule B].

3. To submit in the event of her failing to satisfy the supervising authority that condition (1) is being observed, or failing to discharge her obligations as now revised, to any measures which the Allied Powers, upon report of such failure from the supervising authority, may unanimously decide to be necessary, including forcible seizure of German revenues and assets and military occupation of German territories outside the existing zone of occupation.

The Interallied Debt.

The following proposals are put forward for dealing with the interallied debts upon the understanding that the above reparations plan is accepted and all proposals for taking pledges and the application of penalties (otherwise than as provided for in the above plan) are abandoned:

First—The gold deposits now held by Great Britain as security for interdebts are to be applied toward the reduction of these debts.

Second—The first series of German bonds to be received by France in respect of the Belgian war debt, and 1,500,000,000 of the first series of bonds to be received by Italy in respect of her share of reparations, are to be transferred to Great Britain.

Third—The balance of net debts owing as between the European Allies in respect of advances for the purpose of carrying on the war is to be entirely written off, all counter claims being abandoned, on condition that the debtors transfer their interests in the second series (contingent) bonds to a pool for distribution to those powers which are indebted to the United States of America in proportion to their respective American debts.

The governing principles of the plan are:

1. To fix the minimum German liability, which is within recent estimates which have been made by financial experts of German capacity to pay, and a supplementary liability which is prima facie not unduly onerous, but which be reduced by an impartial tribunal if it should prove in the event to be exclusively.
2. To substitute for the present fixed obligations of the European Allies to Great Britain an arrangement under which all except a small percentage (which would be accepted in the form of transfer of German obligations) would be remitted, but under which the contingent German payments in excess of the fixed minimum would be available for discharging European debts to America generally.
3. To give attractive terms to Germany for early redemption of the annual payments by anticipation.

50,000,000,000 Mark Bond Issue.

The primary obligation of Germany is put into the form of an issue of 50,000,000,000 gold mark thirty-two year bonds bearing no interest for four years, 4%, for the next four years and 5% thereafter. No provision is proposed for a sinking fund, but the bonds can be redeemed on terms which if German credit recovers will enable interest and a sinking fund on loans required for redemption to be met out of the resultant saving on interest on the bonds.

Germany thus has a double inducement to borrow from the public to redeem the original bonds.

(a) She frees herself from the direct liability to the Allied Governments.

(b) She substitutes without additional cost a terminal for a perpetual liability.

The merits claimed for the plan are that its adoption will make the restoration of German credit possible and lead to the recovery of very substantial sums for reparations, while persistence in a policy of attempting to enforce impossible claims will end in the destruction of creance altogether.

The present value of the primary obligation under the plan cannot be precisely estimated owing to the redemption options.

If the adoption of the plan led to rapid revival of German credit and Germany were able by raising loans to pay off the whole of the fixed annuity in the first few years, the present value might not be more, and might possibly even less, than 30,000,000,000.

But if this happened the Allies would have actually received this 30,000,000,000 and Germany would undoubtedly be in a position to pay for the service of the second series of bonds when they fall to be created ten years hence, and redeem that series also very rapidly. In that event this second series would be worth at least their present value on a 6¼% table—7.4 billions—so that on this supposition the whole indemnity would have been collected in twelve or fifteen years (mainly in the first ten) and the present value of over 307,000,000,000 realized.

On the worst assumption that no German loans become possible either now or in the future and that the second series of bonds has to be canceled altogether and Germany merely pays interest on the first series as a perpetual annuity beginning four years hence at 2,000,000,000 and rising four years later 2,500,000,000 the present value of on a 5% table is 39,500,000,000.

The burden on Germany (which will be reduced if she raises redemption loans on favorable terms) covers all financial liabilities under the treaty.

Existing Bonds to Be Cancelled.

The text of the proposals reads:

1. The existing German bonds, Series A, B and C, are to be cancelled and the schedule of payments of annuities is to be reduced to the amounts required year by year to provide interest payable on the new bonds to be issued under Paragraph 2.

2. Germany is to issue to the Reparation Commission new bonds to be divided into two series:

(a) First series of bonds is to amount to 50,000,000,000 gold marks to be issued forthwith repayable at par on Dec. 31 1954, and bearing interest at the rate of 5% per annum payable half yearly; interest to be suspended in its entirety for the first four years (until Jan. 1 1927), and to the extent of 1% per annum for the next four years (until Jan. 1 1931).

(b) The second series of bonds is to amount to 31,000,000,000 gold marks (being the amount of deferred interest on the bonds of the first series compounded at 5% to April 1 1933), or such lesser amount (if any) the arbitral tribunal provided for in Paragraph 3 may determine to be issued on April 1 1933, repayable at par on Mar. 31 1965, and bearing interest at 5% per annum, payable half yearly.

If at any time before Jan. 1 1927 the supervising authority provided for in Paragraph 11 decides unanimously that the condition of German finances is such that cash payments for reparation can be required, Germany is to pay in cash such sums as this authority may prescribe in each calendar years 1925 and 1926, not exceeding 2,000,000,000 gold marks in either year.

Payments to go for Cancellation.

Any such payments are to be applied to cancellation of the first series of bonds at redemption price or otherwise in reduction of the aggregate liability under the preceding paragraph as the supervising authority may direct.

Third—If before April 1 1933, Germany proves to the satisfaction of the arbitral tribunal that the payments required to meet interest upon the second series of bonds exceed her capacity, her obligation to issue such bonds is to be cancelled in whole or in part as the tribunal may decide.

The arbitral tribunal is to be appointed upon application by the German Government to be made not later than Oct. 1 1932, and consist of one person nominated by the Reparation Commission, one nominated by the German Government and a third by agreement between the other two, or in default of agreement, by the President of the United States of America.

Fourth—The bonds issued and to be issued under Paragraph 2 are to be accepted by the Allied Governments in commutation of all financial liabilities of the German Government remaining undischarged on Dec. 31 1922, under the treaty of Versailles to the powers which have ratified the treaty, including all liabilities under agreements with particular powers in commutation of treaty obligations, but excluding Treasury bills issued to Belgium in respect of the last five installments of cash payments due in 1922.

Germany is to pay at maturity the bills issued to Belgium in respect of the first two of these five installment, those issued in respect of the remaining three installments to be cancelled and the amounts thereof recredited to Belgium.

As to Payments in Kind.

The treaty obligations to make deliveries on coal, dyestuffs, &c., are to continue subject to the various conditions in regard to quantities and prices laid down in the treaty. Such deliveries (in so far as they may exceed the new annual maximum to be agreed upon) are to be paid for by the receptive receiving powers in cash unless otherwise agreed between Germany and the powers concerned. All deliveries within the new annual maxima or which may be made subject to such special agreement are to be paid for by the receiving powers by a set-off against the interest receivable upon bonds held by it or (until such interest payments have begun or in so far as that may be sufficient) by surrender at the redemption price of bonds for cancellation.

Fifth—Germany is to have the right to redeem bonds of the first series as on any interest date after June 30 1923, at the price shown in Schedule "A."

As soon as, but not before the first series of bonds has been redeemed, Germany is to have the right to redeem the bonds of the second series as on any interest date at a discount of ¾%, for each unexpired half year.

Redemption of both series at more favorable rates is to be permissible by agreement between Germany and the respective powers interested subject to the approval of the Reparation Commission.

The bonds are to be negotiable as between the Governments of the powers to which they are issued and as between these Governments and the Reparation Commission, but not otherwise except with the specific sanction of the Reparation Commission. Redemption is to be effected by direct agreement between the German Government and the respective bondholders. In default of agreement the redemption money may be paid to the Reparation Commission, who will call up bonds for redemption in the Spa agreement percentages.

It is explained that these bonds should in no case be placed on the market, "mobilization" of the German debt being effected exclusively by the floatation of German loans to effect redemption of the original bonds. An exception is introduced to provide for the contingency of the United States Government agreeing to accept the bonds in payment of debts owing to the United States.

Bonds to Be Distributed.

Sixth—Eighty per cent of the bonds of the first series is to be distributed forthwith to the powers entitled to reparation in the Spa agreement percentages. The remaining 20% is to be retained by the Reparation Commission as a reserve for adjustment of accounts between the powers and for payment of miscellaneous treaty charges as provided below.

Seventh—Belgium is to discharge her existing debit in respect of her priority adjusted in accordance with Paragraph 4 by surrender to the Reparation Commission of the reserve of bonds of the first series to the face value of an equal amount of debit plus 26¼% par, Belgium to waive her claims to priority payment over other powers in so far as they have not already been met.

Eighth—The United States (subject to the consent of that Power), Great Britain and France are to receive out of the bonds of the first series retained as a reserve by the Reparation Commission amounts to the face value equal to their respective credits arising out of the last paragraph of Article 232 of the treaty—the Serbian war debt.

Ninth—All other outstanding debts and credits as between the Powers entitled to reparations and the Reparation Commission are to be cleared as on Jan. 1 1923, by the transfer of bonds of the first series at the redemption price. Debits are to be adjusted by transfer from the debtor Powers to the Reparations Commission of reserve and credits and by transfer from the reserve to the creditor Power.

Tenth—As from Jan. 1 1923 the cost of the armies of occupation and clearing office and other miscellaneous charges up to such amount per annum as the Reparation Commission may approve, except in so far as they can be met from cash accruing to the Reparation Commission reserve in respect of interest on bonds in that reserve, are to be discharged by the transfer of bonds at the redemption price from the Reparation Commission reserve to the powers entitled to payments. Any bonds remaining on the reserve when its liabilities have been liquidated are to be distributed to the various powers entitled to reparations in the Spa agreement percentage.

What Germany Must Do.

Eleventh—Germany is to agree:

1. To stabilize the mark in accordance with the recommendations contained in the majority report of the foreign experts consulted by the German Government in November last, and to restore the budget equilibrium with limits of time to be prescribed (say six months for stabilization and two years for budget reform).

2. To accept such financial supervision as may be deemed by the Allied Powers to be necessary to see to the punctual carrying out of these reforms (see Schedule B).

3. To submit in the event of her failing to satisfy the supervising authority that Condition 1 is being observed, or failing to discharge her obligations as now revised, to any measure which the Allied Powers upon report of such failure from the supervising authority may unanimously decide to be necessary. Such measures may include forcible seizure of German revenue and assets and the taking over of German fiscal machinery and military occupation of German territories outside the treaty occupation area.

Twelfth—All loans raised by Germany in the national market of any power which is a holder of any bonds are to be applied to the redemption of bonds held by that power unless and except to such extent as the government of that power may otherwise agree.

In order to facilitate the provision of funds for restoration of the devastated regions of France, Great Britain is to agree that 50% of any German loans raised on the British market before Jan. 1 1927, which would otherwise be applied to the redemption of bonds held by Great Britain, shall be applied to the redemption of bonds held by France.

European Inter-Allied Debts.

Thirteenth—The deposits of gold which are held by Great Britain as security for loans made to France and Italy for the purpose of carrying on the war are to be applied forthwith toward the repayment of these loans.

The French share of the German bonds applicable to the repayment of the Belgium war debt are to be transferred to Great Britain and accepted by her as satisfaction of an equal amount of the French debt to Great Britain.

One and a half billion of the first series of German bonds are to be transferred by Great Britain to Italy and accepted by Great Britain in discharge of an amount of the Italian debt to Great Britain equal to the face value of these bonds.

The balance of the French and Italian war debts to Great Britain are to be written off. All counterclaims by France and Italy being at the same time abandoned.

The Italian debt to France is to be written off.

Great Britain and France are to transfer to the Reparation Commission as trustee the net war debts owing them by Serbia, Rumania, Greece and Portugal to be dealt with as provided below.

On April 1 1933, the bonds of the second series are to be distributed as follows: Great Britain, France and Italy are to have the aggregate of the Spa agreement percentages of these powers; Belgium, Japan and any other powers which may not accept these arrangements are to have their respective Spa agreement percentages.

The aggregate share assigned to the above-mentioned group of powers is to be divided in proportion to the respective debts of these powers to the United States in respect of war advances as on April 1 1922.

Powers other than Great Britain, France and Italy which are indebted to America are to have the option of coming into the above arrangement and having their debts to the European Allies written off or of discharging their European inter-allied debts and retaining their Spa agreement percentages of the second series bonds. Portugal, who is indebted only to Great Britain, is to have the option of ceding her interest in the second series bonds to be dealt with apart as a joint share and having her debt cancelled or of dis-

charging her debt and retaining her Spa agreement percentage of the second series bonds.

Any payments made in respect of uncanceled European interallied indebtedness are to be invested by the Reparations Commission in German bonds, such bonds to be retained by the Reparations Commission until April, 1933, and then to be distributed among the group of powers first mentioned above in the same proportions as the second series German bonds.

Fourteen—The powers to which remission of debts is to be granted by Great Britain under Paragraph 13 are to agree to support any proposals made by Great Britain for mitigating the liabilities of ex-enemy powers other than Germany under the treaties of Saint Germain, Trianon and Neuilly.

Interest Dates and Prices.

Schedule A of the British plan fixes the interest dates and prices of the first series bonds beginning Dec. 31 1923, at 50 and rising by three points yearly till 1927, after which the rise is by one point half-yearly to 76, and thenceforth by half point per half-year to par at maturity.

The scale allows redemption on an 8% basis at the start, gradually falling to a 5% basis at the end of the thirty-two-year period. The schedule is also so arranged as to enable Germany, if her credit is re-established to provide interest and sinking fund on loans raised for redemption out of the saving effected on the interest of cancelled bonds and to give special inducement for redemption in the earliest years.

Supervision of German Finance.

Of Schedule "B" relating to supervision of German finance the document says:

It will be necessary to establish machinery for the effective supervision of German financial legislation and administration on behalf of the Allies, at any rate until the time when the new arrangements have come into full operation and Germany is regularly discharging her reparations obligations.

It is proposed that a Foreign Finance Council should be set up with its seat in Berlin.

The council will consist of persons appointed by Great Britain, France, Belgium and Italy, with two other members of American and neutral European nationality respectively. The German Finance Minister will be ex-officio chairman (without a vote except in case of an equality of votes) and will be required by law to act on the council's advice in regard to all matters affecting: Paragraph 1, currency legislation; Paragraph 2, budget fiscal legislation and public expenditure; Paragraph 3, general treasury administration, and, Paragraph 4, financial prohibitions control of foreign remittances, &c.

This, of course, means a considerable measure of interference with German democratic independence in matters of finance, but such interference is the inevitable concomitant of any method of effective supervision or control.

Association of the Finance Minister with the Council seems to be the only method by which foreign interference can be squared with democratic machinery.

As regards the powers of the Council, the main object to be aimed at is to leave the German Administration as far as possible in German hands and avoid responsibility for initiative in regard to details in the matter of legislation.

It is desirable to give the Council very wide powers, but also wide discretion as to the manner in which and the extent to which they are to be used.

It is not practicable to lay down beforehand any rigid rules in regard to such matters as further degree of expansion of a note issue which can be permitted or a further increase which may be allowed to take place in the floating debt—still less to insist on raising loans—the possibility of which depends on finding lenders.

Whatever form of local control may be decided upon, it should be responsible and independent, that is not subject to the Reparation Commission in Paris.

It will be necessary to provide that the German Foreign Finance Council should sit without the German Finance Minister whenever occasion requires the exercise of executive powers at present possessed by the Reparation Commission by the existing Committee of Guarantees.

If the Reparation Commission is retained at all it should be as a purely judicial body, with such changes of constitution as may appear desirable.

The special powers of the foreign Finance Council should expire on Dec. 31 1928, but the allied Governments should have the power by unanimous decision to renew them for a further period or periods if they deem such renewal necessary.

After the expiration of its special powers the Council will cease to sit under the Chairmanship of the German Finance Minister, but will continue to exercise the powers which have been transferred to it from the Reparation Commission and the Committee of Guarantees.

DETAILS OF FRENCH PLAN FOR SOLUTION OF THE REPARATIONS PROBLEM.

Both the Associated Press cablegrams from Paris Jan. 2 and a copyright cablegram to the New York "Times" that date gave detailed information regarding the plan submitted by Premier Poincare to the Allied Premiers' Conference in Paris looking to the adjustment of the reparations question. The "Times'" copyright cablegram is quoted herewith:

The reparation plan which was handed in to the Premiers' Conference to-day begins with a statement of French sufferings through the war and emphasizes the belief that payment of reparations in an indispensable condition for the restoration of French finance and the sole logical preparation for the economic reconstruction of Europe.

It declares that the French aim is to seek a solution of the reparations problem in conjunction with the allied debt and obtain the adoption of a precise policy with regard to stabilization of the mark with reorganization of German finance and the immediate seizure of guarantees which the French Government thinks indispensable for assurance of payment after the moratorium period and to prevent further evasion by Germany.

Dealing with the German demand for a reduction of the reparations debt and its fixation within budgetary possibilities, the note continues that this demand is inadmissible in view of the bad faith shown in the last four years by Germany in relation to her budget. No reduction of the German debt can be envisaged by the French Government unless certain allies admit the possibility of a relation or rearrangement of their claim on Germany by a modification of percentages and the attribution of priority to the devastated regions.

Repetition is made of France's proposal to annul her share of G bonds as a method of settlement of interallied debts. For payment of A and B bonds by Germany the French Government advocates that the allied Governments should in every way favor the emission of foreign loans by Germany. It argues that Germany has sufficient real securities whereon to float limited

loans, and that these securities could be controlled by the Committee on Guarantees.

German Finance Reorganization.

For the reorganization of German finance the French plan makes the following suggestion:

First—That the German Government should submit a plan for stabilization of the mark to the Reparation Commission, which should not necessitate any intervention on the money market other than would be necessary to maintain the value of the mark abroad at the rate quoted at the time the plan enters into operation and until the internal value of the mark reaches the same level as the external value.

Second—Immediate measures should be taken to balance the German budget and maintain this balance progressively until Germany shall have paid her reparations debt.

Third—Cessation of discounting of Treasury bonds by the Reichsbank from the beginning of the application of the stabilization plan.

Fourth—Reinforcement of measures to prevent the exportation of capital and the accumulation of foreign moneys within Germany.

For the control of these measures by the Committee on Guarantees the French Government suggests that a complete plan of legislative and administrative measures should be established by the German Government in accord with the Reparation Commission; that to the Guarantees Committee should be given facilities to obtain all information on the financial position of the Reich and German States, and it should have the right to prohibit any expenditure which it thinks inopportune and to prescribe any increase of taxation, while also controlling the Reichsbank to the extent necessary to assure the execution of the reform plan approved by the Reparation Commission. Any failure by Germany to conform to the arrangement with the Reparation Commission would be regarded as voluntary failure, giving the right to penalties by the Allies. The Committee on Guarantees should sit at Berlin.

The Associated Press account follows:

The French plan presented by Premier Poincare reviews the results of the war and declares at the outset that reparations as provided for by the Treaty of Versailles is not only an indispensable condition to the restoration of French finances, but the only logical means to the restoration of the economic situation in Europe.

The plan says that France is ready to agree that the "C" Bonds of the reparations be cancelled in consideration for the cancellation of equal sums of the European inter-Allied war debts, provided that that method of payment is approved by the Allies. This is equivalent to reducing the total reparations to fifty billion gold marks in case Great Britain is disposed to cancel the "C" Bonds accepted in payment of the debts due her.

Strict measures to prevent the exodus of capital, assure the balancing of the budget, stoppage of the issue of paper currency, organization and supervision of German finance by the Allies and prohibition of the discounting of Treasury bonds by the Reichsbank are provided for in this plan.

The plan insists that a moratorium can only be partial and demands that the expenses of the occupation of the Rhineland must be paid and that deliveries in kind must continue. It proposes that an Allied Commission with full authority from the German Government be sent to the Valley of the Ruhr to collect the tax on coal production in that region, and that the tax on German exports shall be collected by the Allies in foreign money.

The mission to collect the coal tax and taxes on exports, as well as import duties in the Rhineland would be presided over by a Frenchman, though the plan provides that seizure of the guarantees should be made by the Allies in common. Premier Poincare estimates the proceeds from the different guarantees as follows:

Lumber deliveries, 40,000,000 gold marks; coal deliveries, 360,000,000 marks; nitrate deliveries, 60,000,000 marks; tax on exports, 400,000,000 marks; coal tax, 120,000,000 marks; divers other collections, 20,000,000 marks; total 1,000,000,000 marks.

As penalties for refusal to accept these conditions for a two years' moratorium, the plan provides for the military occupation of the districts of Essen and Bochum and all the rest of the Valley of the Ruhr, as may be decided upon by Marshal Foch, and the establishment of a customs frontier around all the territory occupied.

In addition to these penalties the document recalls the right of France and the other Allies to continue the occupation of the Rhineland until the clauses of the Treaty of Versailles are carried out.

In printing the above, the "Times" said:

The Class C bonds mentioned in the French reparation plan are part of a series provided for under the London ultimatum to Germany issued by the Allies on May 5 1921, when the total of German reparations was fixed at 132,000,000,000 gold marks. It was provided that Germany create three classes of reparations bonds, based on Paragraph 12 of Annex 2 of Part VIII, of the Treaty of Versailles.

The first class of bonds, or Class A, for 12,000,000,000 gold marks, were to be delivered by July 1 1921.

The Class B bonds, for 38,000,000,000 gold marks, were to be delivered by Nov. 1 1921.

The Class C bonds, for 82,000,000,000 gold marks, were likewise to be delivered by Nov. 1 1921, but to be issued by the Reparations Commission "as and when it is satisfied that the payments which Germany undertakes to make in pursuance of this agreement are sufficient to provide for the payment of interest and sinking funds on such bonds."

All the bonds were to bear interest at 5% per annum.

The Allied document provided that subject to the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles the bonds should be secured by the whole assets and revenues of the German Empire and the German States. It was further provided:

"The service of the bonds of Series A, B and C shall be a first, second and third charge respectively" on the assets and revenues supervised by the Committee of Guarantees, notably the proceeds of German maritime and land customs and duties, on the proceeds of the levy of 25% on the value of German exports, and on the proceeds of such direct or indirect taxes as might be proposed by the German Government and accepted by the Committee of Guarantees in addition to or in substitution for the funds previously specified.

The French proposal apparently is to scale down the direct demands on Germany to 50,000,000,000 gold marks, as represented by the Class A and Class B bonds, which have preferential position in connection with Germany's assets, and make available for the interallied debts the Class C bonds, which have been questioned in some quarters as a somewhat uncertain third lien.

For France this would mean a scaling down of Germany's obligations, since the French apparently propose to renounce claims on the Class C bonds.

REJECTION BY FRANCE OF FRANCO-GERMAN NON-WAR COMPACT.

According to a statement attributed to Wilhelm Cuno, the German Chancellor, before the Hamburg Bourse on

Dec. 31, a Franco-German non-war compact proposed by Germany to France through the mediation of a neutral power has been rejected by Premier Poincare. The Associated Press cablegrams from Hamburg, in stating this, add:

The Chancellor's revelation was the first official admission that the German Government had recently undertaken serious steps to placate French war apprehensions, and incidentally to dispose of the recurrent French accusations that Germany was arming for a new war.

The German New Year's non-war compact was proposed to France through the medium of an unnamed power, probably either Switzerland or Holland. It provided for a solemn pledge by all the Powers interested in the Rhine that none of them should wage war on the others for a generation without the active authorization of their people, as expressed through a popular referendum in all the countries involved.

The German Government stipulated that a world power which was not interested in the Rhine should be guardian or trustee of this pledge. Such an obligation, Chancellor Cuno stated, would commit each nation which was a party to the compact to a peace policy, and would afford the most secure guarantee conceivable.

"To my regret," said the Chancellor, "France has seen fit to reject our proposal."

The major part of the Chancellor's speech was devoted to a discussion of reparations and their effect on the national and international situation. He gave the barest outlines of the new German proposals, declaring that the Government had decided to name a definite sum which it believed it would be able to pay off through the aid of a system of domestic and foreign loans. He expressed strong approval of the sentiments voiced by the American Secretary of State at New Haven and believed that Mr. Hughes's views closely tallied with those entertained by the Germans.

FRANCE DECLARES OBJECT OF GERMAN NON-WAR PACT WAS TO OBTAIN EVACUATION OF RUHR.

According to Associated Press cablegrams from Paris, Jan. 4, Premier Poincare has sent a cable message to Ambassador Jusserand in Washington asking him to see Secretary of State Hughes in connection with the statement made to the Associated Press yesterday by Baron von Rosenberg, the German Foreign Minister, on the German truce proposal, which Premier Poincare contends, showed that the principal object of the non-war compact proposed by Germany was to obtain the evacuation of the Rhineland without the payment of reparations. The Baron's statement is given in another issue of this paper in which we refer to the informal inquiry to France made by Secretary Hughes anent the pact. The Paris cablegram of the 4th inst. also says:

Premier Poincare's message asked Ambassador Jusserand, in taking up the Rosenberg statement with Secretary Hughes, to make the following observations:

First. That the object Germany had in view in making the proposition was manifestly, "as admitted by Baron von Rosenberg," to get the French to evacuate the left bank of the Rhine before the Germans had fulfilled their reparations obligations.

Second. That it is absurd to pretend that before entering the League of Nations Germany is not subject to all the clauses of the Treaty of Versailles that bear Germany's signature, and that she is free to-day to attack France.

Third. That the proposition for non-aggression against France, Italy and Great Britain would leave Germany entirely free to attack the smaller allies of France, notably Poland and Czechoslovakia, and even neutrals such as Denmark, to recover possession of territory inhabited by Danes and Poles, and to begin again to prepare her hegemony over Europe.

"We know very well right now," says the Premier's cable message, "that the day Germany will want to make war it will be on the smaller nations that she will throw herself. Her plan of non-aggression would leave her free to do so and would prohibit us from going to their help."

SECRETARY HUGHES'S SUGGESTION THAT COMMISSION OF FINANCIERS WORK OUT REPARATIONS SOLUTION—REVIEW OF ARMS PARLEY.

The readiness of the United States to aid in any practical way in the solution of European problems was made clear by Secretary of State Charles E. Hughes, in an address at New Haven on Dec. 29 when he discussed "Some Aspects of Our Foreign Policy" before the American Historical Association. Secretary Hughes declared that "the economic conditions in Europe give us the greatest concern," and he not only asserted that "there can be no economic recuperation in Europe unless Germany recuperates," but added "there will be no permanent peace unless economic satisfactions are enjoyed." Referring to the fact that "some of our own people have suggested that the United States should assume the role of arbiter," Secretary Hughes observed that "there is one sufficient answer to this suggestion and that is that we have not been asked to assume the role of arbiter." He declared that "there ought to be a way for statesmen to agree upon what Germany can pay" and further said that if statesmen cannot agree "then there should be called to their aid those who can point the way to a solution." "Why should they not," he said, "invite men of the highest authority in finance in their respective countries—men of such prestige, experience and honor that their agreement upon the amount to be paid and upon a financial plan for working out the payments would be accepted throughout the world as the most authoritative expression obtainable." "I have no doubt," said Secretary Hughes, "that distinguished Americans would be willing to serve in such a commission." Secretary Hughes further said: "I do not believe that any general conference would

answer the purpose better, much less that any political conference would accomplish a result which Premiers find it impossible to reach. But I do believe that a small group, given proper freedom of action, would be able soon to devise a proper plan." Secretary Hughes also spoke at length regarding the conference a year ago on Limitation of Armament, and we quote as follows the account of his speech as given in the New Haven dispatches to the New York "Times":

"The economic conditions in Europe give us the greatest concern. They have long received the earnest consideration of the Administration. It is idle to say that we are not interested in these problems, for we are deeply interested from an economic standpoint, as our credits and markets are involved, and from a humanitarian standpoint, as the heart of the American people goes out to those who are in distress.

"We cannot dispose of these problems by calling them European, for they are world problems and we cannot escape the injurious consequences of a failure to settle them. They are, however, European problems in the sense that they cannot be solved without the consent of European Governments. We cannot consent for them. The key to the settlement is in their hands, not in ours.

"The crux of the European situation lies in the settlement of reparations. There will be no adjustment of other needs, however pressing, until a definite and accepted basis for the discharge of reparations claims has been fixed. It is futile to attempt to erect any economic structure in Europe until the foundation is laid.

No Obstruction from America.

"How can the United States help in this matter? We are not seeking reparations. We are indeed asking for the reimbursement of the costs of our army of occupation; and, with good reason, for we have maintained our army in Europe at the request of the Allies and of Germany and under an agreement that its cost with like army costs should be a first charge upon the amounts paid by Germany. Others have been paid and we have not been paid.

"But we are not seeking general reparations. We are bearing our own burden and through our loans a large part of Europe's burden in addition. No demands of ours stand in the way of a proper settlement of the reparation question.

"Of course we hold the obligations of European Governments and there has been much discussion abroad and here with respect to them. There has been a persistent attempt ever since the armistice to link up the debts owing to our Government with reparations or with projects of cancellation. This attempt was resisted in a determined manner under the former Administration and under the present Administration.

"The matter is plain enough from our standpoint. The capacity of Germany to pay is not at all affected by any indebtedness of any of the Allies to us. That indebtedness does not diminish Germany's capacity, and its removal would not increase her capacity.

"For example, if France had been able to finance her part in the war without borrowing at all from us, that is, by taxation and internal loans, the problem of what Germany could pay would be exactly the same. Moreover, so far as the debtors to the United States are concerned, they have unsettled credit balances, and their condition and capacity to pay cannot be properly determined until the amount that can be realized on these credits for reparations has been determined.

Congress Power as to Debts.

"The Administration must also consider the difficulty arising from the fact that the question of these obligations which we hold, and what shall be done with them, is not a question within the province of the Executive. Not only may Congress deal with private property of this sort, but it has dealt with it. It has created a commission, and instead of giving that commission board powers such as the Administration proposed, which quite apart from cancellation might permit a sound discretion to be exercised in accordance with the facts elicited, Congress has placed definite restrictions upon the power of the commission in providing for the refunding of these debts.

"But what is our attitude toward the question of reparations, standing as it does as a distinct question, and as one which cannot be settled unless the European Governments concerned are able to agree.

"We have no desire to see Germany relieved of her responsibility for the war, or of her just obligations to make reparation for the injuries due to her aggression. There is not the slightest desire that France shall lose any part of her just claims. On the other hand, we do not wish to see a prostrate Germany.

German Recuperation Sought.

"There can be no economic recuperation in Europe unless Germany recuperates. There will be no permanent peace unless economic satisfaction are enjoyed. There must be hope, and industry must have promise of reward, if there is to be prosperity. We should view with disfavor measures which instead of producing reparations would threaten disaster.

"Some of our own people have suggested that the United States should assume the role of arbiter. There is one sufficient answer to this suggestion, and that is that we have not been asked to assume the role of arbiter. There could be no such arbitrament unless it were invited, and it would be an extraordinary and unprecedented thing for us to ask for such an invitation.

"I do not think that we should endeavor to take such a burden of responsibility. We have quite enough to bear without drawing to ourselves all the ill-feeling which would result from disappointed hopes and a settlement which was viewed as forced upon nations by this country, which at the same time is demanding the payment of its debts.

Opposes Force in Reparations.

"But the situation does call for a settlement upon its merits. The first condition of a satisfactory settlement is that the question should be taken out of politics. Statesmen have their difficulties, their public opinion, the exigencies which they must face. It is devoutly to be hoped that they will effect a settlement among themselves and that the coming meeting at Paris will find a solution. But if it does not, what should be done?

"The alternative of forcible measures to obtain reparations is not an attractive one. No one can foretell the extent of the serious consequences which might ensue from such a course. Apart from political results, I believe that the opinion of experts is that such measures will not produce reparation payments, but might tend to destroy the basis of those payments, which must be found in economic recuperation.

"If, however, statesmen cannot agree and such an alternative is faced, what can be done? Is there not another way out? The fundamental condition is that in this critical moment the merits of the question, as an economic one, must alone be regarded. Sentiment, however natural, must be disregarded; mutual recriminations are of no avail; reviews of the

past, whether accurate or inaccurate, promise nothing; assertions of blame on the one hand and excuses on the other, come to naught.

Financial Commission Suggested.

"There ought to be a way for statesmen to agree upon what Germany can pay, for no matter what claims may be made against her that is the limit of satisfaction. There ought to be a way to determine that limit, and to provide a financial plan by which immediate results can be obtained and the European nations can feel that the foundation has been laid for their mutual and earnest endeavors to bring about the utmost prosperity to which the industry of their people entitles them.

"If statesmen cannot agree and exigencies of public opinion make their course difficult, then there should be called to their aid those who can point the way to a solution.

"Why should they not invite men of the highest authority in finance in their respective countries—men of such prestige, experience and honor that their agreement upon the amount to be paid, and upon a financial plan for working out the payments, would be accepted throughout the world as the most authoritative expression obtainable? Governments need not bind themselves in advance to accept the recommendations, but they can at least make possible such an inquiry with their approval and free the men who may represent their country in such a commission from any responsibility to Foreign Offices and from any duty to obey political instructions.

Americans Would Help.

"In other words, they may invite an answer to this difficult and pressing question from men of such standing and in such circumstances of freedom as will insure a reply prompted only by knowledge and conscience. I have no doubt that distinguished Americans would be willing to serve in such a commission.

If Governments saw fit to reject the recommendation upon which such a body agreed, they would be free to do so, but they would have the advantage of impartial advice and of an enlightened public opinion. Peoples would be informed, the question would be rescued from assertion and counter-assertion and the problem put upon its way to solution.

"I do not believe that any general conference would answer the purpose better, much less that any political conference would accomplish a result which Premiers find it impossible to reach. But I do believe that a small group given proper freedom of action, would be able soon to devise a proper plan. It would be time enough to consider forcible measures after such an opportunity had been exhausted.

Friendly Aid From Experts.

"Such a body would not only be expert but friendly. It would not be bound by special official obligations; it would have no animus and no duty but to find and state the truth. In a situation which requires an absence of technicality and immunity from interference, I hope that the way may soon be found for a frank discussion and determination of what is essentially an economic problem.

"The United States has the most friendly and disinterested purpose in this matter and wishes to aid in any practical way. But it is idle to make suggestions which arouse false hopes and are so impractical that they cannot bear fruit. On the other hand, there lies open a broad avenue of opportunity if those whose voluntary action is indispensable are willing to take advantage of it. And once this is done the avenues of America helpfulness cannot fail to open hopefully."

Discussing the Washington conference, Mr. Hughes said, in part:

"I may perhaps assuage your curiosity by saying that probably there never was an international gathering in which candor and fairness more fully dominated the intercourse of great Powers and where intrigue had less play. When diarists and letter writers have their day in court and every bit of paper is scrutinized, there will be nothing, I am sure, which will derogate from the present general appreciation of the spirit which animated that earnest endeavor to remove distrust and to furnish unsailable proofs of international goodwill."

Mr. Hughes gave an outline of some previous movements for disarmament, and continued:

"At the end of the great war, the completeness of the victory over the Central Powers and the realization by the Allies of the terrible cost of that victory apparently had at once simplified the problems through the removal of earlier menaces and given hope for a solution because of the deep longings of suffering and impoverished peoples for a lasting peace. It has been the keen desire of the people of the United States to give their help to this end. They have been opposed to alliances, but they have no desire to withhold their co-operation wherever they believed there was a sound basis for it.

"The conference method of dealing with international problems, a method which the President strongly favored, made cogent appeal to the practical judgment of our people, and the specific application of this method to the endeavor to secure an agreement for the limitation of armament received the most earnest consideration."

Tension Over Pacific Allayed.

Mr. Hughes spoke of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, saying:

"In this country the prospect of the continuance of the alliance had caused no little uneasiness. The agreement had originally been prompted, and it had been continued, because of the attitude of Russia and Germany, but there was no longer fear of danger from those quarters. The American policy in the Far East was one of equal opportunity, and if there were to be co-operation in the recognition and application of this principle, there seemed to be no exigency requiring the continuance of the agreement. The question was pressed, and there was no satisfactory answer—Why under existing conditions should there be such an alliance?"

"Meanwhile, as Mr. Balfour has expressed it, 'a state of international tension' had arisen in the Pacific area. It was quite impossible to point to any definite issue which warranted the forebodings in which prophets of evil indulged. Those mischief-makers who seek to aggravate international difficulties and to make still heavier the burdens of distrust, whose rumor factories are more provocative than armament, were busy inciting suspicion and ill feeling both here and in the East.

"It became manifest that it was an opportune time; indeed that it was necessary to have a frank discussion and to endeavor to clear away the clouds. There was instant appreciation of the fact that the hour had struck not only to discuss limitation of arms but to do even a better thing in seeking to remove causes of misunderstanding. The combination of the two objects was the outstanding feature of the American proposal.

General Army Cut Impossible.

"While, with respect to armament, the hope of accomplishment centered in the naval situation, it was deemed best not to exclude the discussion of land armament. We have looked with deep concern upon the maintenance of large military establishments by peoples already impoverished by the great war and have earnestly desired this intolerable burden could be lightened.

"For ourselves, we had no problem of this sort. Our army had been reduced. From approximately four million men in the field and in training in the American army at the time of the armistice, we had brought down our regular establishment to less than 160,000 men at the time of the conference.

"But, while this subject was presented to the conference, it at once became apparent that Europe was not ready to limit land armament. I need not dwell on the causes for the feeling of insecurity that has oppressed the victors and filled the new European States with apprehension. Although this reduction of armament was one of the declared objects of the new international organization, and lay close to the hopes of peoples, still, after prolonged consideration, the League of Nations has apparently come to the conclusion that nothing can be accomplished in this direction until the Governments primarily concerned agree and that they are not yet ready to agree."

Misunderstandings Removed.

Speaking of the results of the conference, Secretary Hughes said:

"The most important results are those which are unwritten and impalpable; those that relate to sentiment and purpose, to good will and a better understanding. When there is friendship and confidence, treaties to maintain peace are of least importance, and where suspicion and hatred dominate the thought of peoples it may be wise to interpose the mechanism of conciliation, but the best assurance of peace is lacking.

"If you would measure the work of the conference, contrast the present opinion as to peace in the East with the view that was widely held and constantly expressed before the conference was called. The mists, which many called war clouds, have been dispelled. Confidence has been restored, fears allayed and a new feeling of respect and friendship engendered. Quite apart from specific engagements, it was worth all the efforts of the conference to produce a new state of mind with respect to our relations with the Far East.

"It will be the part of wisdom for our peoples to maintain this attitude and to frown upon those who seek to change it. Auto-suggestion has an important place in national as well as in individual life, and nations intent on peace will find the ways of peace.

"When the conference was called Great Britain and the United States were pursuing different policies as to naval construction. Our navy had adopted the policy of constructing new capital ship tonnage without attempting to modernize the older tonnage. Great Britain had adopted a policy of modernizing her older capital ships and she began to put this policy into effect during the war.

"The result is that in a considerable number of British ships bulges have been fitted, elevation of turret guns increased and turret-loading arrangements modified to conform to increased elevation. By the reconstruction clauses of the treaty this system is only partially stopped. It is recognized that it is entirely legitimate to allow suitable provision to be made in the older ships for defense against submarine and air warfare.

"Since the signing of the treaty, and keeping strictly within its terms, Great Britain has continued her policy of modernizing her older ships to meet the dangers of air and torpedo attack. On the other hand, it must be remembered with the completion of the two ships of the West Virginia class we shall have three post-Jutland ships with eight 16-inch guns, and also the Tennessee and California of 32,300 tons with twelve 14-inch guns, which were completed in 1921.

Favors an Efficient Navy.

"So far as the United States is concerned the ground of complaint seems to be, not of the treaty standard, but of the fact that the appropriations which thus far been allowed are not deemed by our experts to permit the personnel needed to maintain adequately the treaty standard and do not provide for the modernization work on older ships to protect against air and submarine attack, that is, work which may be done under the provisions of the treaty by the United States as well as by other Powers. Personally, I am strongly in favor of maintaining an efficient navy up to the treaty standard.

"The original American proposal contemplated a limitation of auxiliary combatant craft in a ratio similar to that recognized by the treaty as to capital ships. It was proposed that the tonnage of auxiliary surface combatant craft, including light cruisers, flotilla leaders and destroyers, should be as follows: For the United States, 450,000 tons; for the British Empire, 450,000 tons; for Japan, 270,000 tons. Unfortunately, this limitation was not secured. I shall not review the reason for this, but I may say that the failure is not attributable to us. The American position is just the same as it was at the conference, and we should welcome the opportunity to make the agreement upon this subject that we then proposed.

"While the three great naval powers are not under an agreement as to limitation upon the total tonnage of auxiliary combatant craft, it ought to be possible to arrange a *modus vivendi* which would preclude a wasteful and unnecessary competition."

Mr. Hughes also spoke of the new treaties regarding China, saying:

"The open door policy is not limited to China. Recently we have had occasion to apply it to mandated territories. It voices, whenever and wherever there may be occasion, the American principal of fair treatment and freedom from unjust and injurious discrimination. The more specific statement in the Chinese Treaty of what this policy connotes cannot fail to be of great value as a precedent in dealing with similar questions elsewhere.

"The Washington conference, if its work continues to enjoy the same support in public sentiment which was so emphatically expressed at the time, will not only afford a better assurance of peace and the continuance of friendly relations, but will serve to illustrate the method of effective international co-operation which fully accords with the genius of American institutions."

FRENCH VIEW OF SECRETARY HUGHES'S SUGGESTIONS.

According to a Paris cablegram (copyright) to the New York "Times" Dec. 30, "only garbled and utterly incomplete reports" of the speech of Secretary of State Hughes (which we give elsewhere in this issue), reached Paris that morning, and on them hasty judgments have been formed. The cablegram continues in part:

In political circles almost nothing was to be heard during the day but criticism of the American suggestions and that criticism was too often expressed with irritation. It has not been till this evening, which has brought copies of the London papers, that any one here has been able to form a proper judgment of the statement of the Secretary of State, and unless some steps are taken through diplomatic means to correct in the minds of the authorities and through them the press of foreign countries the first impressions which the incomplete reports gave, grave

mischievous may be done instead of the good which was the obvious intention of the speech.

It must therefore be with the understanding that it is based on imperfect knowledge that such criticism of Mr. Hughes's speech as appears here to-night must be read.

Mr. Hughes's proposals are based on the possibility of the failure of the conference to be held here next week, and that fact alone has not been brought out in the French press. The "Temps" therefore, as one example, seems to assume that the Secretary of State is proposing an alternative to the French policy in the present crisis, and is taking indirectly a hand in the conference.

There are three points in the speech, writes the "Temps," which it is necessary to take into consideration. The Secretary of State has declared that he does not wish France to lose any part of her just claims, but at the same time he does not wish to see a prostrate Germany.

"Let us thank Mr. Hughes for respecting the rights of France," the "Temps" goes on, "and let us tell him that the prostration of Germany is also far from one of our wishes. If we are tired of procrastinations and if we are asking for guarantees, it is simply because we wish to put an end to French disillusionments and German crises—those two results of the methods which have been followed up to now.

"Mr. Hughes suggests—although no official proposals have been made to this effect—to hand the reparations problem over to an international expert committee, which would impose no obligations of acceptance in advance upon any Government. The Secretary of State thinks the discussion would thus be simplified because it would ease up from political influence.

"This proposal calls for two brief observations. First of all, the reparations debt results from treaties and accords concluded between Governments. And it is not the custom for a nation to abandon rights which it holds from treaties and international accords in order to submit them to arbitrators who represent private interests. The Government of the United States would certainly not consent to any abdication of this kind if it had to safeguard the rights of its country.

"Further, nothing can prevent the reparations problem from being a political problem. When the matter affects the credit of several great nations, when its repercussions touch millions of sufferers and tens of millions of taxpayers, it cannot be withdrawn from political influences because it itself reacts on the politics of the whole world."

Turning then to Mr. Hughes's statement about the relations between reparations and inter-Allied debts, the "Temps" says:

"It seems to us that the American Secretary of State has forgotten a decisive argument. Let us remind him of it: The Allied nations which were ruined cannot pay their debts to the United States as long as they have not been paid by Germany.

"Deprived of this essential fact, which would have obliged the American Secretary of State to change his conclusions, Mr. Hughes's reasonings come down to this: France and her Allies ought to submit to a reduction of their claim on Germany to within the limits fixed by the International Committee of Bankers. But the Government of the United States will not in its turn accept any reduction of its claim on an Allied country.

"This thesis is so far from being equitable that Mr. Hughes, who is a lawyer, obviously does not consider it as final. Why, then, does he seem to accept it? Without doubt, it is because he is compelled to do so by electoral necessity."

This criticism by the "Temps" of Mr. Hughes's pronouncement may be taken as at least semi-official. But of his plans and intentions nothing is officially known at the Quai d'Orsay, and at the meeting of the Allied Premiers, which begins here on Tuesday, no account will be taken of all that he has said, because there will be no American representative present and because the Prime Ministers will be dealing with a matter which must be settled by Jan. 15 and not at some remote date suitable to the convenience of international financiers.

LONDON "TIMES" ON SECRETARY HUGHES'S SUGGESTION—REPARATIONS AND INTER-ALLIED DEBT.

The New York "Times" in London advises Dec. 30 reported the London "Times" of the date as saying:

Mr. Hughes's speech yesterday makes it clear that President Harding's efforts are directed solely toward the appointment of a commission of financial experts to determine Germany's capacity to pay. The policy of President Harding's Administration appears to be that German reparations must be considered as a question apart from inter-Allied debts, that it is first of all necessary to determine the amount Germany can pay, and that he would be willing that American representatives should sit upon a body having this strictly limited objective.

It is understood in Washington that Great Britain, Italy, Belgium and Germany would favorably regard American intervention under these conditions. The assent of France is alone necessary for the adoption of this sound and sensible proposal. No one can deny the need for such an inquiry. The President's suggestion to Congress is eminently practical.

It is also a welcome and gratifying gesture to Mr. Baldwin's mission. The Congressional resolution lays down a minimum rate of interest of 4½% and a maximum period of twenty-five years for amortization. These terms are not elastic enough. They make no adequate allowance for differences in the credit of the debtors, and they are out of touch in more respects than one with the realities of the debt situation.

The French mission which went to Washington earlier in the year confessed, it will be remembered, that it could not fund on those terms. Moreover, as Mr. Bonar Law pointed out in his admirable speech on the reparations question in the House of Commons, the difference between British and Continental finance is broadly that the national finances in this country are in a strong position but the finances of individuals are weak. The strength of the national finances has been achieved at the expense of the finances of individuals by unprecedentedly heavy taxation. On the Continent, on the other hand, the finances of individuals are strong, while those of the exchequers are weak.

It is false to assume that the British taxpayer can shoulder still further sacrifices. But in consideration of a complete settlement of intergovernmental debts the British Government is prepared to adopt very generous policy in regard to inter-Allied debts. It is no part of the United States policy to cancel the debts.

Therefore, to the extent that we might cancel debts owing by our Allies to us, we should increase the capacity of those countries to repay their debts to America, since we have the same set of debtors. This is an aspect of the subject of inter-Allied indebtedness which is probably not thoroughly appreciated on the other side of the Atlantic. But undoubtedly any cancellation on our part would tend to produce a gain to America as well as to our Allies.

BERLIN NEWSPAPERS AGREE WITH HUGHES—SAY SPEECH PUTS EUROPE ON RESTRICTED PROBATION.

The reception in Germany of the suggestion of Secretary of State Hughes that a financial commission be invited to undertake the solution of the reparation question is indicated in the following Associated Press cablegram from Berlin Jan. 2:

The newspapers to-day give unstinted approval to the interpretation of Secretary Hughes's speech in New Haven on reparations and lay stress on the international significance attaching to his utterances.

"The American statement puts Europe on restricted probation," says the "Boersen Courier," which expresses the belief that unless the Entente statesmen are able to get together they will be forced to make a declaration of bankruptcy, whereupon the United States will settle the issue on a purely economic basis.

"European statesmen, therefore," says the "Courier," "have a choice between demonstrating their ability to arrive at a tangible solution or being humbled in the dust by America."

Mr. Hughes's suggestion that authoritative experts be called in to deal with the situation appeals to the "Tageblatt," which declares that Germany would accept such a verdict, especially as the prospects are that reputable American opinion would be represented on such a jury.

"Will France also turn a deaf ear to this speech?" asks the "Zeit," the organ of the industrialists. It describes the American Secretary's address as far transcending mere theory, and especially in view of the suggestion of Mr. Hughes that eminent American authorities would be willing to take places on the Commission of Appraisal.

SECRETARY OF STATE HUGHES ON INFORMAL INQUIRY OF FRANCE RELATIVE TO FRANCO-GERMAN NON-WAR PACT.

In another item in this issue reference is made to the statement by Chancellor Cuno of Germany on Dec. 31 that Premier Poincare of France had rejected a Franco-German non-war pact, which is said to have been proposed by Germany to France through the mediation of a neutral Power. While Premier Poincare is reported as saying that the proposal reached Paris through Secretary of State Hughes at Washington, a statement issued by the State Department at Washington on the 2d inst. indicates that this Government made only "informal inquiry of the French Government" in the matter. The State Department's announcement is contained in the following press dispatch from Washington Jan. 2 which we take from the New York "Tribune":

The State Department announced to-day the German proposal for an agreement under which France, Great Britain, Italy and Germany should "solemnly agree among themselves and promise the Government of the United States" not to resort to war for the period of one generation without the authority of a plebiscite had not been transmitted to the French Government formally by Secretary Hughes, as an informal inquiry showed it was not acceptable to France. The Department issued this statement:

"The German Ambassador, on behalf of his Government, recently submitted to the Secretary of State a proposal to the effect that the Powers interested in the Rhine—to wit, France, Great Britain, Italy and Germany—should 'solemnly agree among themselves and promise the Government of the United States that they will not resort to war against each other for a period of one generation without being authorized to do so by a plebiscite of their own people.'

French Opposed to Proposal.

"It was deemed inadvisable to transmit the proposal to the Governments named unless it appeared that it would be favorably considered by the French Government. On making informal inquiry of the French Government the Secretary of State was informed that that Government could not view the proposal with favor, as such an arrangement could not be made under the provisions of the French constitution."

The announcement is the first word State Department officials have permitted to escape them in any way on the German proposal. They would add no comment to-day on the announcement.

Disclosure by the Department that Germany would have made the United States guardian or trustee of the peace pact is the first official intimation of the plan which sought to bring American influence to bear on the European problem. There was nothing to indicate whether the Washington Administration would have refused to accept such responsibility has the French Government found it desirable to enter into the pact.

Think America Deeply Interested.

In some quarters there was a disposition to believe the action of Secretary Hughes in sounding out French opinion informally evidenced the Washington Government was deeply interested in the proposal.

The full text of the German plan was not given out here and officials would not say to what extent the Washington Government would have been committed had it been accepted in Paris.

Chancellor Cuno, in his Hamburg speech, which first disclosed the peace offer, indicated the Power acting as trustee would be no more than the depository of the premises of the signatory Governments, and presumably would not be required to take any steps for enforcement of the agreement.

Reticence of American officials on the plan up to this time presumably has been due to the peculiar situation in which the Government found itself in dealing with a proposal which required even passive participation by this Government in the tangled affairs of Europe.

An Associated Press Cablegram from Paris Jan. 2 states:

Premier Poincare to-day furnished the reparations conference with further information concerning the non-aggression proposal referred to in the recent speech of Chancellor Wilhelm Cuno of Germany. M. Poincare said that the proposal originated with the German Ambassador at Washington and that it reached Paris through Secretary Hughes and Ambassador Jusserand on Dec. 18.

The French Premier asserted that he informed M. Jusserand that the proposed pact was no doubt a manoeuvre by the German Government on the eve of the Paris conference. He said that the proposal was renewed on Dec. 21 and that in replying this time he pointed out that Article X of the Versailles Treaty contained a formal non-aggression provision which was binding to France.

It was evident to him that Germany wanted to be able to equivocate on the penalties likely to be enforced against her in case of default. France, he said, declined to walk into such a trap, and he subsequently requested Ambassador Jusserand to inform Secretary Hughes of the true meaning of the proposal.

We also quote the following Associated Press cablegram from Berlin Jan. 3:

Germany could not interpose the slightest objection if Great Britain or the United States should supplement or guarantee her proposed anti-war compact by special promises or pledges to France, and it was with this contingency in view that Germany named Great Britain as a member of the agreement and America as the custodian or trustee of it.

This statement was made by the German Foreign Minister, Baron von Rosenberg, to the Associated Press to-day in a discussion of the German peace proposal and Premier Poincare's explanation of France's rejection of it.

"Neither through the Power (the United States) which transmitted our proposal, nor through other channels did we receive back a query from the French Government with respect to our alleged purpose in limiting this pact to a generation," Baron von Rosenberg said.

"Any suggestion by the French Government proposing a longer term would naturally have had our approval and consent. The mere adoption of the somewhat elastic conception implied in the word 'generation' had for its primary purpose the provoking of a discussion over the period to be agreed upon. A generation does not indicate a sharply defined stretch of years and only possesses significance as indicating at least thirty years; in other words, it was a restriction in respect to a minimum but did not define a maximum.

"The Federal Government was desirous of relieving the Rhineland of its fifteen years of Allied occupation, and therefore desired to vouchsafe France security and assurances for a period which would run considerably longer than the prescribed term of occupation.

"The material and physical prerequisites for a war of revenge, which Poincare once more suggests as an established fact, are wholly lacking in Germany, as is also the psychic attitude essential thereto among the preponderance of the mass of the German people, unless France is determined to create a war of her own accord."

A change in Germany's constitution, as well as that of France, would be necessitated if the German proposal were accepted, he pointed out, yet, if the question of guaranteeing peace were at stake, the legislative bodies in Germany certainly would not be opposed to such a constitutional amendment.

"This much is certain," Baron von Rosenberg continued, "that, according to Poincare's advices to the conference of Premiers, the French News Agency report yesterday declaring that the German proposal was neither transmitted to France nor rejected by France, was false. Poincare himself affirms that he received the proposal, and rejected it.

"His accompanying defamations and aspersions charging that every German action is a clumsy maneuver, a trap and a dangerous hypocrisy, are obviously intended to cloak the fact that our proposal was not met with objective consideration and that the opposition to it cannot be logically defended by him."

WITHDRAWAL BY SENATOR BORAH OF PROPOSAL FOR WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.

The proposal of Senator Borah to have President Harding call a world economic conference, which the Senator offered as an amendment to the Naval Appropriation Bill, (and which was referred to at length in our issue of Saturday, last week, page 2846) was withdrawn on Dec. 29, after extended debate in which it was indicated by Senators Watson, McCormick and Lodge that the United States was holding conversations with a view to sounding European nations in the matter. Senator Lodge in his statement with regard thereto said:

I think a great deal of complexity has been made out of a very simple subject. I understand that our Government in the usual way, through its Ambassadors and Ministers abroad, has been making inquiries, holding what are technically called conversations, informal conversations, with a view to ascertaining on the part of this Government whether there was anything it could properly do to improve financial conditions in Europe.

Senator McCormick made the statement in the Senate at the same time that: "I know that conversations have been carried on to the end that a conference may be held in Brussels and that the suggestion may be made to this Government that it may sit at Brussels."

Senator Watson had the following to say in part regarding the conversations carried on by the President:

The letter of the President read to us on the 28th inst. contained this clause:

Such inquiry would have revealed the futility of any conference called until it is understood that such a conference would be welcomed by the nations concerned within the limits of discussion which the express will of Congress compels this Government to impose.

The Senator from Idaho has construed that to mean that the Secretary of State or our administration should take no action whatever in the matter until European countries shall have requested them to do so. I submit, and especially in the light of what I know to be going on, that that is not the correct interpretation of the clause. What does it say:

Until such a conference would be welcomed by the nations concerned. In other words, until feelers should be put out, as we ordinarily express it, for the purpose of finding out whether or not such a conference would be welcomed by those people; and I go so far as to say that that has been done, and that the things that have been undertaken may, if successfully continued, go so far as to result in the holding of a conference in the future.

Mr. Watson—I state my views and my opinion from what I know concerning the situation. I am not here to say that the President has started out to call a conference, such a conference as the Senator from Idaho proposes in his amendment. I am here to say, however, that for the last two or three months feelers have been put out for the purpose of ascertaining the situation and just how far we could go, how far we might be asked to go, and how far other nations would be willing to go in the adjustment of the situation. I do not know to what length that process has gone; I have never said a word to the Secretary of State about it, nor has he to me. I draw my own conclusions from some things that I know.

Senator Borah, during the course of the debate on his proposal on the 29th, when he finally decided to withdraw the amendment, said in part:

The President's letter of yesterday perhaps might be regarded by many as sufficient justification for me withdrawing this amendment. Of course, I desire to speak with the utmost respect with reference to the letter, and I only mention it at all to enable me to state my position.

As I understand the President's letter, it is not his purpose to act in this matter until there is an indication upon the part of the nations of Europe that they desire that action shall be taken. His letter pretty plainly states that proposition. That is a disagreement upon a fundamental proposition. It is not a mere matter of form; it is a matter of difference which goes to the very heart of this entire movement.

If we are to wait until the nations of Europe get together and send word that they have agreed to disarm, there will be very little occasion for calling any conference at all; but I do not believe that in the present condition of affairs that is likely to happen until much worse conditions happen in this country than now obtain. I speak, therefore, with the utmost respect for the Chief Magistrate when I say that is a matter of disagreement upon a fundamental proposition underlying this entire proposition. I do not believe that we can wait longer upon Europe.

Now, as I said in the beginning, if there is no occasion for this conference, if the situation is not one which calls for a conference, if the situation is not one which calls for treatment, there is no reason in the world why this amendment should prevail. On the other hand, if the situation is such that we must deal with it, then I am a firm believer in the proposition that the power of public opinion ought to operate upon this situation.

Besides witnessing the withdrawal of the Borah proposal, the day's developments also brought the suggestion from Secretary of State Hughes, that the reparations question might be solved through a financial commission. This suggestion is referred to elsewhere in this issue. A press dispatch from Washington, the same day, appearing in the "Journal of Commerce" said in part:

It was pointed out clearly that the proposal for a non-political commission would be an alternate suggestion, to be advanced only in event the statesmen fail to agree. In event this suggestion should be found acceptable to the Allied nations it was stated that President Harding would nominate the American representatives who would sit upon the commission, provided the other nations gave their sanction to inviting the United States to participate. There is no intention, whatever, of the President inviting the European powers to assemble in this country for the purpose of discussing the economic situation, because he thinks that the question of international debts would be raised and an issue, unwelcome because of the existing Congressional limitation, created at the parley.

President Harding did not seek to disguise his approval of the failure of the Borah amendment to receive favorable consideration. The President takes the view that the statements made by the Senators opposed to the rider were wholly justified in characterizing the proposal as unsound and inclined to embarrass the Administration at this stage of the conversations with other nations.

Mr. Harding feels that it is perfectly futile to expect a concord of European powers to grown out of an amendment, proposed hastily, to a pending piece of legislation, holding a larger view of the international situation should be taken.

The conference of the President with the correspondents at the White House to-day did not bring forth even a meager recital of the steps that have been taken by this Government to be helpful in the European situation. It was held inconsistent to recount what had been done, for the reason that it might disclose facts harmful to the present negotiations.

The Administration spokesman contented himself with saying that this Government had not been unmindful of the importance of the European situation in its relation to the United States and that it was fair to assume the Administration had tried to exert its influence to bring the various Allied nations to a unified agreement on reparations. However, it was stated that such basic questions could not be settled until the nations were committed to a plan and that the United States could not force them to make such a commitment against their will.

Cool to German Chamber Idea.

While the President believes that the move of the United States and the German Chamber of Commerce to attack the reparations question by having a commission of business men determine what Germany can pay is inspired by commendable motives, Mr. Harding is known to think that the Allied Governments will accept the dictum of no conference to which they are not a direct party. Furthermore, the President believes that it would be perfectly useless for the nations to enter into a conference to arrive at a settlement of the reparations question unless the participating nations agree to be bound by the decision that is reached.

To call a parley merely to assess the amount of the German reparations would be to play into Germany's hands, according to the White House view. The practicability of the suggestion made by the German Chamber of Commerce has been seriously questioned in high official circles.

Thus it seems probably that the United States Government will mark time until after the Premiers' Conference, hoping that this policy will give birth to the long awaited agreement and thus make unnecessary any suggestions on the part of this Government. However, in event of failure, it was made clear that the United States will not stand back, but will actively seek to have the issue clarified by the deliberations of a non-political, scientific commission.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO 80,000,000 DUTCH GUILDER LOAN BEING RECEIVED BY ZIMMERMANN & FORSHAY.

The New York "Times" Jan. 4 stated that Zimmermann & Forshay announced that they would receive subscriptions to the new Dutch loan consisting of 80,000,000 guilders of 6% 50-year bonds, not redeemable before 1928. They are issued in denominations of 1,000 and 50 guilders at the official subscription price of 97%.

A NEW DUTCH SILVER COIN PUT OUT TO REDEEM SILVER NOTES.

The New York "Times" of Dec. 31 is authority for the following:

The Dutch newspapers state that a new silver florin is to be issued in Holland, with a lower alloy than the florin now in circulation. It is added that 2,200,000 of such florins and 16,000,000 half florins have been minted for the Dutch East Indies.

Commenting on the decision for the new coin, the statement is made that the resultant increase of silver florins will make possible the withdrawal of a large amount of silver notes previously in circulation.

ITALIAN EMBASSY DENIES REPORTS THAT LOAN IS SOUGHT IN UNITED STATES.

Regarding reports which were in circulation a week ago to the effect that the Italian Government was seeking a loan of \$200,000,000 in the United States, the Italian Embassy this week authorized the following statement:

Reports have lately appeared in the American press concerning alleged arrangements for Italian loans in the United States. Certain business meddlers having credited themselves with authority conferred on them for financial matters by the Italian Government or by interests close to the Italian Government, the Italian Embassy emphatically warns against any such persons or their statements which are entirely unwarranted and devoid of any authority in the matter.

NEW ISSUE OF \$75,000,000 FEDERAL LAND BANK BONDS.

An offering for public subscription by a country-wide group, composed of the twelve Federal Land Banks, investment houses, institutions and upwards of 1,000 dealers, of a new issue of \$75,000,000 10-20-Year Federal Land Bank 4½% bonds was announced on Jan. 4. The bonds were offered at 101% and interest, to yield 4⅞% to the redemption date (1933) and 4½% thereafter to redemption or maturity. The banking houses heading the group offering the bonds consist of Alex. Brown & Sons, of Baltimore; Harris, Forbes & Co., Brown Brothers & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., The National City Co. and the Guaranty Co. of New York. The subscription books were closed on the day of the offering, the bonds, it was stated, having been disposed of. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1923, are due Jan. 1 1943, and are not redeemable before Jan. 1 1933. Interest is payable Jan. 1 and July 1 at any Federal Land Bank or Federal Reserve Bank. Principal is payable at the bank of issue. The bonds, coupon and registered (interchangeable) are issued in denominations of \$10,000, \$5,000, \$1,000, \$500, \$100 and \$40. The following is taken from the official circular:

The Supreme Court of the United States has held: (a) That these banks were legally created as part of the banking system of the United States; and (b) that the bonds issued by the banks are instrumentalities of the United States Government and are exempt from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation.

Issuing Banks.—The twelve Federal Land Banks were organized by the United States Government with an original \$9,000,000 capital stock which has since increased through the operation of the system to over \$36,000,000.

Security.—These bonds, in addition to being obligations of the Federal Land Banks, all twelve of which are primarily liable for interest and ultimately liable for the principal on each bond, are secured by collateral consisting of an equal amount of United States Government bonds, or mortgages on farm lands which must be: (a) First mortgages, to an amount not exceeding 50% of the value of the land and 20% of the value of the permanent improvements as appraised by United States appraisers; (b) limited to \$10,000 on any one mortgage; (c) guaranteed by the local National Farm Loan Association of which the borrower is a member and stockholder; the stock of these associations carries a double liability; (d) reduced each year by payment of part of the mortgage debt.

Values.—The conservatism of appraisals made for the Federal Land Banks is indicated by the fact that, during the year ended Nov. 30 1922, 4,714 farms against which the Banks had made loans totaling less than \$15,000,000, were sold for approximately \$40,000,000.

Operation.—In five years of active operation the twelve Federal Land Banks have been built up until on Nov. 30 1922 their capital was \$36,104,717; reserve, \$2,532,500; surplus and undivided profits, \$5,155,630; and total assets, \$694,357,096. All twelve Banks are on a dividend-paying basis and every bank shows a surplus earned from its operations.

Acceptable by Treasury.—These bonds are acceptable by the United States Treasury as security for Government deposits including Postal Savings funds.

Legal for Trust Funds.—The Federal Farm Loan Act provides that the bonds shall be lawful investments for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the United States Government. They are eligible under the laws of many of the States for investment of all public and private funds and have been officially held eligible for investment by savings banks in 35 States (listed on the back of this circular).

The United States Government, as of Jan. 1 1923, owned approximately \$3,000,000 of the capital stock of the Federal Land Banks. The Farm Loan Associations, during the year 1922, acquired approximately \$8,500,000 of Federal Land Bank stock, 25% of the proceeds of which was used to retire stock owned by the Government, as required by the Farm Loan Act. The United States Treasury has purchased and now holds over \$112,000,000 Federal Land Bank bonds. The Banks themselves are under the direction and control of the Federal Farm Loan Board, a bureau of the Treasury Department of the United States Government.

The following is the consolidated statement of condition of the twelve Federal Land Banks at the close of business Nov. 30 1922 (as officially reported by the Federal Farm Loan Board):

Assets.	
Net mortgage loans	\$622,329,815 31
Accrued interest on mortgage loans (not matured)	10,908,470 16
U. S. Government bonds and securities	49,346,120 48
Accrued interest on bonds and securities (not matured)	320,982 53
Farm Loan bonds on hand (unsold)	1,697,780 00
Accrued interest on Farm Loan bonds on hand (not matured)	6,063 46
Other accrued interest (uncollected)	166,709 48
Notes receivable, acceptances, &c.	383,386 75
Cash on hand and in banks	5,712,844 61
Accounts receivable	142,550 41
Installments matured (in process of collection)	1,177,216 49
Banking houses	573,460 97
Furniture and fixtures	172,546 75
Other assets	1,419,148 34
Total assets	\$694,357,095 74

Liabilities.

Capital stock held by—	
United States Government	\$4,264,880 00
National Farm Loan Associations	31,711,562 50
Borrowers through agents	123,385 00
Individual subscribers	4,890 00
Total capital stock	\$36,104,717 50
Reserve (from earnings)	2,532,500 00
Surplus (from earnings)	300,000 00
Farm Loan bonds authorized and issued	641,208,375 00
Accrued interest on Farm Loan bonds (not matured)	2,501,208 06
U. S. Government deposits	2,450,000 00
Notes payable	345,707 19
Due borrowers on uncompleted loans	865,150 10
Amortization installments paid in advance	2,374,082 35
Matured interest on Farm Loan bonds (coupons not presented)	72,997 22
Reserved for dividends unpaid	746,717 99
Other liabilities	4,855,630 33
Undivided profits	—
Total liabilities	\$694,357,095 74

Federal Land Bank bonds have been officially held eligible for investment by savings banks in the following States: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The most recent previous offering of Federal Land Bank bonds was in September and was likewise for an issue of \$75,000,000; it was referred to in these columns Sept. 30, page 1483. Other offerings during 1922 were noted in our issues of Feb. 11, page 568, and May 13, page 2072.

OFFERING OF \$1,000,000 AGRICULTURAL JOINT STOCK LAND BANK BONDS.

Brooke, Stokes & Co., of Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore, offered on Jan. 2 at 102½% and interest, to yield about 4.68% to the callable date and 5% thereafter; \$1,000,000 5% farm loan bonds of the Agricultural Joint Stock Land Bank of Charleston, W. Va. The bonds in denomination of \$1,000, are dated Nov. 1 1922, are due Nov. 1 1952, and are callable at par on Nov. 1 1932 or any interest date thereafter. Interest is payable May and Nov. 1 at the Bankers Trust Co., New York City, and at the Agricultural Joint Stock Land Bank, Charleston, W. Va. The bank is authorized to operate in Ohio and West Virginia. The active officers and majority of directors, it is said, are identical with that of the Virginian Joint Stock Land Bank. The following is taken from the official announcement of the offering:

These bonds are the obligation of the Agricultural Joint Stock Land Bank and are secured by deposit with the Farm Loan Registrar (representing the U. S. Treasury Department, through the Farm Loan Board) of farm loan mortgages or U. S. Government securities, at least equaling the amount of bonds outstanding. Each of the deposited farm loan mortgages must be for less than one-half the appraised value of land and improvements on which it is secured. The bonds are also protected by the equity of the paid-in capital stock of the Bank, carrying double liability and the accumulated surplus and reserves.

The Bank states that its loans will be largely confined in the State of Ohio to the territory immediately south of Columbus and west to the Indiana line, a district where the average selling price of land ranges from \$250 to \$300 per acre, but on which the Bank rarely loans as much as \$100 per acre.

In the State of West Virginia, loans are made in very few counties, the principal field being in the limestone blue grass section of the State where land has sold for many years at \$200 per acre and to-day cannot be purchased at that price. Loans are placed at an average of about \$40 per acre upon such land in this State.

These bonds are issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act and it is stated on their face that they "shall be deemed and held to be instrumentalities of the Government of the United States, and as such they and the income derived therefrom shall be exempt from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation." They are legal investments for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government, and are acceptable at par for Postal Savings and other deposits of Government funds.

OFFERING OF SOUTHERN MINNESOTA JOINT STOCK LAND BANK BONDS.

At 103 and accrued interest, to net about 4⅞% to the optional date and 5% thereafter, Dillon, Read & Co. and the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago offered on Jan. 3 \$5,000,000 Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank 5% Farm Loan bonds. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1922, become due Nov. 1 1952, and are redeemable as a whole or in part by lot on Nov. 1 1932 or any interest date thereafter at 100 and interest. Principal and interest (May 1 and Nov. 1) are payable at the Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank, Redwood Falls, Minn.; and at the offices of Dillon, Read & Co., New York City, and the Northern Trust Co., Chicago, Ill. The bonds, coupon and fully registered bonds and interchangeable, are in denominations of \$1,000 and \$10,000. The bonds are issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act and are exempt from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation. A letter from William H. Gold, President of the Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank, under date of Jan. 2 1923, to Dillon, Read & Co. and the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago, says in part:

These bonds are secured by deposit with the Registrar of the Sixth Federal Farm Loan District of an equal face amount of first mortgages on farm

lands at not exceeding 50% of the values as appraised by Federal Government appraisers, and— or by deposit of United States Government bonds or certificates of indebtedness.

All these farm mortgages are made on the Government amortization plan, which requires a payment on the principal of not less than 1% per annum, thus assuring a constantly increasing equity behind the bonds.

The paid-in capital stock of \$1,050,000 and the reserve fund of \$220,403 75 as of Dec. 30 1922, provide additional protection. The capital stock carries with it double stockholders' liability, as do national bank stocks.

The intrinsic soundness of the whole situation is apparent from the following figures, derived from the 1920 Census:

Total value of farm property in Minnesota and South Dakota on Jan. 1 1920.....	\$6,611,290,330
Value of crops derived from this property in 1919.....	817,027,042
Value of dairy products derived from this property in 1919.....	94,682,705

The Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank of Redwood Falls, Minn., was chartered under the Farm Loan Act on June 25 1919. The original capital stock was subscribed at par by members of the firms of the Gold-Cooper Securities Co. of Redwood Falls, Minn., and the Gold Brothers Security Company of Big Stone City, So. Dak. Since the original subscription, stock has been sold to the investing public at substantial premiums. There is \$1,050,000 stock outstanding, on which dividends at the rate of 8% per annum are being paid.

Although the bank is authorized to make loans throughout Minnesota and South Dakota, two of the country's great agricultural States, its policy now (as heretofore) is to confine its business to southern Minnesota and eastern South Dakota.

The following figures assembled from the United States Census of 1920 are significant:

The 53 Minnesota counties in which the bank operates constitute 64.63% of the total farm lands in the State in area and yet they represent 78.79% of the farm land values of the State. The average value per acre in the 53 counties was \$152 76, as compared with \$76 16 per acre for the balance of the State.

The bank's South Dakota territory of 28 counties is only 35.43% of the farm acreage in the State, but it comprises 66.49% of the farm land values of the State. The average value per acre in the bank's territory was \$153 20, against \$42 19 for the balance.

These counties, all lying in the celebrated corn belt, are the section in which the bank's senior officers have lived and have done business for forty years.

Statement of Condition of the Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank as of Dec. 30 1922.

(Revised to give effect to the sale of the present issue of bonds.)

<i>Assets—</i>	
First mortgage farm loans.....	\$11,075,850 00
Accrued interest on loans.....	176,891 17
Farm Loan bonds on hand.....	25,000 00
U. S. bonds and certificates of indebtedness owned.....	4,905,932 90
Building, furniture and fixtures.....	44,425 29
Interest accrued on U. S. Government securities.....	24,971 23
Accounts receivable.....	7,196 03
Cash and due from banks.....	816,924 07
	\$17,077,190 69
<i>Liabilities—</i>	
Capital stock.....	\$1,050,000 00
Undivided profits and reserve.....	220,403 75
Amortization payments on principal of loans.....	94,950 88
Deferred loans—Due borrowers.....	24,115 24
Coupons due—Unpaid.....	6,512 50
Interest accrued on bonds.....	131,208 32
Farm Loan bonds outstanding.....	15,550,000 00
	\$17,077,190 69

In accordance with your recent request, Mr. W. A. Streater, Vice-President of the National Citizens' Bank of Mankato, Minn., who has been a banker and farm loan man in this territory for twenty years, has been elected a director of the Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank. He is reviewing all loans for you and will keep you informed regarding the bank's affairs.

The bonds are offered for delivery about Jan. 15. A previous offering of \$5,000,000 bonds of the Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank was noted in our issue of Nov. 4, page 1994.

ORGANIZATION OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY JOINT STOCK LAND BANK OF NEWARK, N. J.

The issuance of a charter for the New York and New Jersey Joint Stock Land Bank of Newark, N. J., which will operate in New York and New Jersey, was announced in the Hudson "Observer" of Dec. 18. The officers of the new organization will be in the Essex Building, 31 Clinton St., Newark, according to the "Observer", which says:

The Joint Stock Land Bank has been organized under the provisions of the Federal Farm Loan Act for the purpose of extending much needed long term credit to farmers on first mortgages on farm land. It is the purpose of the New York and New Jersey Joint Stock Land Bank to provide this credit to the agricultural interests of New York and New Jersey.

At the organization meeting recently held, Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, United States Senator and President of the State Department of Agriculture, was elected President; Henry W. Jeffers, member of the New Jersey State Board of Agriculture and President Walker-Gordon Farms, Vice-President; Harrison P. Lindabury, counselor at law and director Federal Trust Co. and Commercial Casualty Co., Newark, temporary Secretary & Treasurer. Associated with the officers as directors are Professor Alva Agee, Secretary New Jersey State Board of Agriculture, Frank O. Ferguson, President Union Trust Co., Jersey City, and Collector of Internal Revenue for the Sixth District, and Dr. Frank App, Secretary & Treasurer New Jersey Federation of County Boards of Agriculture.

OFFERING OF BONDS OF FIRST JOINT STOCK LAND BANK OF CHEYENNE, WYO.

Barr Brother & Co. of this city, announced yesterday (Jan. 5) an offering of \$1,000,000 5% Farm Loan bonds of the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Cheyenne, Wyo., at 102½ and accrued interest, to yield about 4.68% to the

optional maturity and 5% thereafter. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1922, and are due Dec. 1 1952 and are callable at par on Dec. 1 1932, or any interest date thereafter. They are coupon bonds, in denomination of \$1,000, and are fully registerable and interchangeable. Principal and interest (June 1 and Dec. 1) are payable at the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Cheyenne, or at the Chase National Bank of New York City. In our issue of Saturday last (page 2850) we referred to an offering of \$500,000 5% Farm Loan bonds of the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Cheyenne by Harold G. Wise & Co. of Houston, Texas, and we understand that this is part of the same issue offered by Barr Brothers & Co.

SENATE COMMITTEE TENTATIVELY APPROVES CAPPER FARM CREDITS BILL—VIEWS OF SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY MELLON.

In submitting his views on the pending legislation to provide additional credits for agricultural and live stock industries, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon advocates a measure on the lines of the Capper bill, along with the extension of the life of the War Finance Corporation until Mar. 31 1924. This, according to Secretary Mellon, "would adapt our present banking system to the needs of agriculture, and include the best features of the various plans upon which there is virtual agreement." Secretary Mellon's views were presented in testimony at the closing of the hearings on Dec. 30 of the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency on farm credits legislation, and in a letter which he addressed to Senator McLean, Chairman of the Committee, under date of Dec. 29. As to the Lenroot-Anderson bill (which was referred to in our issue of Dec. 23, page 2742 in our item on the hearings of the committee on farmers' credit bills) Secretary Mellon admits it "contains many good features, not the least of which is the provision for aggregating agricultural and live stock paper in such shape as to give an acceptable basis for credit," but he indicates his objection to it because "it depends so much upon the large initial contribution from the Treasury and the grant of full tax exemption to the new securities." Another objectionable feature of the Anderson-Lenroot bill which Secretary Mellon cites is the fact that "it would place the Government to a large extent in the commercial banking business, for it contemplates what amounts to a system of Government banks, capitalized with public funds, and supervised by Government officials." At the same session of the committee at which Secretary Mellon presented his views (Dec. 30), support, it is stated, was given the Anderson-Lenroot bill by Secretaries Wallace and Hoover, also appearing before the committee behind closed doors. A press dispatch from Washington that day, published in the New York "Herald," said:

Mr. Wallace was understood to have urged the Anderson-Lenroot bill on the ground that it was more nearly adequate to the needs of the farmer than the Capper bill.

Hoover Stresses Need of Aid.

Mr. Hoover's testimony was said to have related more generally to the need of agricultural credit than to details of how it is to be extended.

The Anderson-Lenroot measure would set up farm credits departments in the existing Federal land banks with an authorized Government furnished capitalization of \$60,000,000 for the twelve banks.

With the views of the three Cabinet members before it the Committee prepared to draft legislation which will harmonize the widely conflicting opinions held by its members and by members of Congress generally as to the form of aid to be extended farmers and livestock growers. The Committee will meet Tuesday to begin its admittedly difficult task of drafting a compromise bill. Chairman McLean hopes to have a bill ready for Senate consideration by the end of next week.

The Capper bill drafted with the assistance of Director Meyer of the War Finance Corporation and presented with the indorsement of the American National Live Stock Association, provides for organization under supervision of the Comptroller of the Currency of private rural credit and rediscount corporations with a minimum capitalization of \$250,000. It would extend the period during which agricultural paper shall be eligible for rediscount from six months to nine months, and provide for acceptance by Federal Reserve banks of paper of co-operative associations of agriculturalists for rediscount as agricultural paper.

In stating that the Capper bill had been tentatively approved by the Senate Committee on the 3rd inst., a Washington dispatch to the New York "Commercial" had the following to say:

Tentative approval was given by the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency to-day to the major portion of the Capper rural credits bill. The Committee read the bill, section by section, making a few minor modifications, but in the main accepting the provisions as originally drafted by Eugene Meyer Jr., Managing Director of the War Finance Corporation. The Committee hopes to complete action on this bill to-morrow.

One modification which was given tentative approval related to the provision which increases from \$10,000 to \$25,000 maximum loans which can be made by the present Federal Land banks. It was proposed that a stipulation shall be added prohibiting the granting of loans in excess of \$10,000 when sufficient funds are not available to meet the demands for loans of less than that amount. Members of the Farm Loan Board have stated that originally they at first opposed any increase in the maximum

because of a lack of funds to take care of the smaller loans, but that at the present time there are ample funds available for all demands.

The sections of the bill authorizing the formation of privately financed agricultural credit corporations under the supervision of the Comptroller of the Currency met with the general approval.

The Committee also was in general accord with provisions of the bill amending the Federal Reserve Act by increasing from six to nine months the maximum maturities of agricultural paper eligible for rediscount at Federal Reserve banks and with other sections amending this Act.

The program of the Committee is to complete consideration of the Capper bill without any relation to other pending measures, inasmuch as this measure stands by itself and is not in conflict with the Lenroot bill or other bills before the Committee. After concluding consideration of the Capper bill the Committee will take up the Lenroot bill which, according to present prospects, also will be approved and the two measures reported as one bill or else submitted to the Senate simultaneously.

Members of the Committee stated that they hoped to submit a complete report to the Senate either on Saturday or at the latest by Monday.

Senator Ladd, Republican, of North Dakota, introduced to-day a bill creating the American Stabilizing Corporation, with a capital of \$100,000,000 subscribed by the Government. It would have authority to buy surplus grain, sugar, cotton, wool and other farm products at prices to be announced at the beginning of a marketing season. The corporation would sell these products whenever the market price was in excess of the price paid.

We also quote the following later (Jan. 4) Associated Press dispatches from Washington:

A partial program of farm credits legislation was agreed on to-day by the Senate Banking Committee, which decided to report the Capper bill substantially as drawn and then proceed with consideration of the Lenroot-Anderson bill in addition.

The Committee's action clarifies the farm credits program by insuring that it will include two bills instead of a Committee composite measure. Chairman McLean of the Banking Committee does not plan to call up either bill in the Senate until next week, when both are to be ready.

The Committee vote on the bill of Senator Capper, Republican, of Kansas, Chairman of the Senate farm bloc, was unanimous, but there was said to be some disagreement on features of the Lenroot-Anderson measure. The Capper bill provides for organization of farmers and livestock growers' co-operative credit organizations. It also amends the Federal Reserve Act by extending the maturity of negotiable livestock paper to nine months and reduces the capital of national banks in small communities, a provision designed to induce more banks to enter the Federal system. The bill increases from \$10,000 to \$25,000 the individual loan limit of Federal land banks.

Government aid in furnishing farm credits is contained in the Lenroot-Anderson bill, which has the endorsement of Secretary Wallace and other Government officials. It would provide for Federal financing of individual loan departments under the existing land bank system.

Below we give Secretary Mellon's letter to Chairman McLean, endorsing the Capper bill, with certain modifications:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29 1922.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I received your letter of Dec. 23, in which you ask my opinion as to S. 4103, the latest edition of the bill, introduced by Senator Lenroot in the Senate and by Congressman Anderson in the House of Representatives, to provide additional "credit facilities for the agricultural and live stock industries of the United States." This bill would set up "farm credits departments" in the existing Federal Farm Land banks, into each of which it is proposed that the U. S. Government should pay a capital of \$5,000,000, or \$60,000,000 for the twelve banks taken together. I understand from your letter that this amount might be increased to \$10,000,000 for each Federal Land bank, or \$120,000,000 in the aggregate. With this initial working capital the bill proposes that these farm credits departments would act as rediscount agencies for agricultural paper from banks, credit associations, livestock loan companies and similar institutions, and that the Federal Land banks would obtain such additional funds as may be needed for the purpose by issuing tax-exempt collateral trust bonds for sale in the investment markets, and indirectly by rediscounts with the Federal Reserve banks. The operations of the farm credits departments would be placed under the supervision of the Federal Farm Loan Board.

The bill contains many good features, not the least of which is the provision for aggregating agricultural and livestock paper in such shape as to give an acceptable basis for credit, but it depends so much upon the large initial contribution from the Treasury and the grant of full tax exemption to the new securities, both of which seem to me objectionable, that I have taken occasion to survey the whole field of the present discussion in order to see what might be done to harmonize the various plans which have been presented and combine their best features in one sound and workable measure. Needless to say, I am entirely in sympathy with the efforts which are being made to provide better credit facilities for the agricultural and livestock industries, and believe that one of the first conditions of sound recovery in the country as a whole is the restoration of the purchasing power of the farmer, the impairment of which had so much to do with the depression in business from which we are emerging. There has already been a considerable recovery, with substantial advances in most staple agricultural products, but prices are still somewhat out of gear and there must be further readjustments and better facilities for distribution and marketing before the farmer's position can be fully restored. The trouble lies partly in the derangement of markets and dislocation of prices, and recovery depends on many factors, of which credit is only one. At the same time, however, there is need for improved credit facilities, and particularly for a better organization of credits that will make available the necessary capital and credit for the use of the agricultural and livestock industries. I should say that this could best be accomplished through the adoption of some such measure as the Capper bill (S. 4063), with its provisions for increased rediscount facilities at the Federal Reserve banks and for the organization of rural credit corporations and rediscount corporations on a businesslike basis, coupled with provision for a further extension of the life of the War Finance Corporation for a limited period, say until March 31 1924, in order to take care of any emergency conditions which may remain, and also give opportunity for the establishment of the new agencies on a practical working basis. A measure of this character could be drafted without much difficulty along the lines of the Capper bill, and it would, I believe, provide a practicable and comprehensive plan of agricultural credits, embodying the best features of the Anderson-Lenroot bill and at the same time avoiding the objections that may properly be raised against that bill in its present form.

The objectionable features of the Anderson-Lenroot Bill as it now stands may be summarized, I should say, under three heads. In the first place, it

would place the Government to a large extent in the commercial banking business, for it contemplates what amounts to a system of government banks, capitalized with public funds and supervised by government officials. As at present organized the Federal Land banks are conducting solely a farm mortgage business. To enable these land banks to undertake the business of rediscounting agricultural paper for country banks, loan companies, and credit associations, new officers and new personnel would have to be supplied. Since the Government would contribute the capital, it would also have to supply the management. This involves serious difficulties. Government operation of necessity means centralization and standardization. It requires rigid rules and policies, ill adapted to a country as large and as varied in its economic structure as the United States. The Federal Land banks now can operate upon uniform rules, in so far as their present farm mortgage business is concerned, for the farm mortgage business lends itself to standardization. The handling of current farm credits, however, requires promptness, flexibility, and adaption to local needs, and these essentials Government banking could not, in my opinion, supply,—certainly not without grave administrative difficulties.

The second objection is that the Bill would make heavy drafts upon the Treasury for the capital of the Farm Credits Departments, and that would mean either more Government borrowing or higher taxes on all the people in order to supply the funds. Either would be unfortunate, for the Government's borrowing are already heavy enough, and existing taxes are too high for the good of agriculture, business and industry. The Government's contribution, however, would be insufficient to handle more than a fraction of the agricultural rediscounts of the country, and the Bill accordingly contemplates the sale of collateral trust bonds to secure any necessary additional funds. These securities would be entitled, under the terms of the Bill, to full exemption from all Federal, State and local taxation, and from these arises the third serious objection to the Bill. Tax-exempt securities afford perhaps the most outstanding avenue of escape from the income surtaxes imposed by Congress, and their continued issuance is repudiating the revenues and at the same time having a most unwholesome effect on the development of business and industry. An amendment to the Constitution of the United States restricting further issues of tax-exempt securities is already pending in Congress, and I repeat here the hope expressed in my Annual Report that this amendment will have early consideration and soon be submitted to the States for their approval. Public opinion is crystallizing more and more against tax-exemption, which are defeating our system of taxation and threatening the public revenues, and it would come with particularly bad grace, it seems to me, for the Federal Government to authorize the creation of a large volume of new tax-exempt securities at the very time of proposing to the States a Constitutional amendment directed against such issues in the future.

I may say in this connection that I have been following with much interest the reports of the hearings before your Committee, and am impressed with the wide diversity of opinion among the witnesses upon the Anderson-Lenroot bill in its present form. The representatives of the American National Live Stock Association testified that the livestock industry did not want Government funds or tax-exemption privileges, and that the bill would not meet the needs of the industry. The representative of a large number of the co-operative marketing associations in the United States, while recommending enactment of part of the bill, merely to provide a reserve agency in case of need, stated that the associations which he represented believed that their main financial resource should and would be the Federal Reserve System. The representative of the Farm Loan Board, while not opposing the bill, stated in effect that the Farm Loan Board was not equipped to administer it, and suggested that it be transferred to the Federal Reserve Board. The representative of the Federal Reserve Board recommended that it be placed under the Farm Loan Board. The representative of one of the national farm organizations asked that neither of these boards have charge of its administration, but that a new and independent board be created for the purpose.

In view of this diversity of opinion, and of the substantial objections to the bill pointed out, I believe that the most helpful course that can be pursued now is to adopt a substitute measure along the lines of the Capper bill, with the suggested extension of the life of the War Finance Corporation until March 31 1924. This would adapt our present banking system to the needs of agriculture, and include the best features of the various plans, upon which there is virtual agreement. It would admit to discount at the Federal Reserve banks agricultural paper with a maturity up to nine months, secured by commodities in process of orderly marketing or by livestock which is being fattened for market. To this there can be no substantial objection. It is safe, and the testimony before your Committee shows that it will be helpful. Nor is there any disagreement as to the wisdom of Federal incorporation and supervision of livestock and agricultural loan companies, which is also a feature of the Anderson-Lenroot bill. Representatives of the great cattle breeding industry have testified, moreover, that such a provision is essential to the proper conduct of their business. These proposals embodied in the bill introduced by Senator Capper, have met with general support and are in my opinion sound and constructive, and I hope that this bill with such changes of detail as may seem necessary, will commend itself to the favorable consideration of your Committee.

I am convinced that in the long run our present banking system, modified and liberalized on these lines, will serve the needs of agriculture far better than any rival system built upon Government capital and under Government control. A rural credits program like that embodied in substance in the Capper bill, would draw capital and credit from available sources for use where needed by the agricultural and livestock industries, and would accomplish this on a business basis, without depending on Government money or tax exemptions. At the same time it would enlarge the facilities of the Federal Reserve System, to provide further for agricultural discounts and I hope so as to encourage larger membership among eligible banks in the agricultural districts, and would extend up to \$25,000 the limit on loans by Federal Land banks. Altogether, it presents a comprehensive plan of permanent relief on practical lines. To meet any emergency situation that may remain and bridge the gap until the new facilities can be organized, it is by far the best course, in my judgment, to make use of the War Finance Corporation, which is a temporary organization and will expire with the emergency. This Corporation is already in existence, and it has sufficient funds at its command, with a trained personnel able to make those funds effective to the extent that they are needed. Its operations have been conducted, it is generally agreed, to the satisfaction of the agricultural interests, and its extension for a limited period, coupled with the enactment of the Capper bill, would give to the farmer full assurance that credit will be available for his needs on a sound basis during the period required for the practical working out of the enlarged facilities of the Federal Reserve System and for the organization of the more permanent credit agencies provided by the Capper bill.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) A. W. MELLON,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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

The War Finance Corporation announced on Jan. 3 that from Dec. 16 to Dec. 31 1922, inclusive, it approved 27 advances, aggregating \$1,472,000, to financial institutions for agricultural and live stock purposes.

REPAYMENTS RECEIVED BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION.

From Dec. 16 to Dec. 31, inclusive, the repayments received by the War Finance Corporation totaled \$5,109,547, as follows:

On export advances and on loans made under war powers-----	\$267,037
On agricultural and live stock advances:	
From banking and financing institutions-----	\$3,223,972
From live stock loan companies-----	1,535,120
From co-operative marketing associations-----	83,418
	4,842,510
Total-----	\$5,109,547

The repayments received by the Corporation from Jan. 1 1922 to Dec. 31 1922, inclusive, on account of all loans totaled \$181,430,894.

PRESIDENT HARDING SIGNS BILL LIMITING NATIONAL BANK REPORTS TO THREE A YEAR.

President Harding on Dec. 28 signed the bill (referred to in our issue of Dec. 16, page 2638) reducing the number of reports which are required per year from national banks from five to three. The measure gives the Comptroller of the Currency authority to call for "special reports from any particular association whenever in his judgment the same are necessary in order to afford a full and complete knowledge of its condition."

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TO REDEEM ALL VICTORY NOTES IN ADVANCE OF MATURITY MAY 20.

Retirement of all outstanding Victory notes in advance of their maturity date, May 20, was made possible on Jan. 3 by the Treasury, which announced that it would redeem the notes upon presentation whether or not they had been called for redemption. The press dispatches from Washington, that date, state:

The Treasury announcement will permit redemption of about \$850,000,000 of notes which have not been called. In addition the Treasury is waiting to pay \$225,000,000 to holders of notes which were called for retirement Dec. 15 and have not been turned in.

Although no official statement was made on the subject, to-night's Treasury announcement was regarded as indicating that its program of refinancing and taking care of the earliest maturing of the war-time loans was progressing satisfactorily. The Treasury, it is shown by the announcement, is able to handle such of the Victory notes as are offered for retirement in addition to meeting the call to pay for the 1918 issue of war savings stamps which matured Jan. 1. It was said to-night that about \$500,000,000 of the war savings stamps were outstanding on the maturity date. The first day's redemptions aggregated about \$100,000,000. Since most of the stamps are turned in through post offices, officials expected there would be some delay before all were passed on to the Treasury for final redemption and destruction.

PRESIDENT HARDING VETOES BURSUM PENSION BILL.

President Harding on Jan. 3 vetoed the Bursum bill, increasing the pensions of veterans of the Civil and Mexican War from \$50 to \$72 a month and their widows' pensions from \$30 to \$50, besides increasing the amounts to nurses who saw active service in the Civil War and providing for Indian War veterans and their widows. President Harding in voicing his disapproval of the measure pointed out that it was estimated that the bill would add about \$108,000,000 annually to the Treasury expenses, and that it would involve an ultimate pension outlay in the next half century exceeding 50 billions of dollars. The President also disapproved of the provision in the bill extending from 1905 to 1915 the marriage period within which widows might be eligible for a pension under the Act, stating that he did not "recognize any public obligation to pension women who now, nearly sixty years after the Civil War, became the wives of veterans of that war." He also referred to the compensation (\$24 a month) paid to the widows of World War veterans, and stated that "it would be indefensible to insist on that limitation upon actual war widows if we are to pay \$600 a year to widows who marry veterans sixty years after the Civil War." The following is the President's veto message:

To the Senate: I am returning herewith Senate bill 3275, "an act granting pensions to certain soldiers, sailors and marines of the Civil War," &c., without my approval.

If the act were limited to its provisions in behalf of the surviving participants in the Mexican and Civil Wars and widows of the War of 1812.

it would still be without ample justification. The Commissioner of Pensions estimates its additional cost to the Treasury to be about \$108,000,000 annually, and I venture the prediction that with such a precedent established that ultimate pension outlay in the half century before us will exceed fifty billions of dollars.

The act makes no pretense of new consideration for the needy or dependent, no new generosity for the veteran wards of the nation. It is an outright bestowal upon the Government's pension rolls, with a heedlessness for the Government's financial problems which is a discouragement to every effort to reduce expenditure and thereby relieve the Federal burdens of taxation.

The more particular objection to this act, however, lies in its loose provision for pensioning widows. The existing law makes the widow of a Civil War veteran eligible to a pension if she marries him prior to June 27 1905. In other words, marriage within forty years of the end of the Civil War gives a veteran's widow a good title to a pension. The act returned herewith extends the marriage period specifically to June 27 1915, and provides that after that date any marriage or cohabitation for two years prior to a veterans' death shall make the widow the beneficiary of a pension at \$50 per month for the remainder of her life.

In view of the fact that this same bill makes provision for pensions for widows of the veterans of the War of 1812, the possible burden of the sweeping provision seems worthy of serious consideration. Frankly, I do not recognize any public obligation to pension women who now, nearly sixty years after the Civil War, became the wives of veterans of that war.

The Government has so many defenders to whom generous treatment is due that Congress will find it necessary to consider all phases of our obligations when making provision for any one group.

The compensation paid to the widows of World War veterans, those who shared the shock and sorrow of the conflict, amounts to \$24 per month. It would be indefensible to insist on that limitation upon actual war widows, if we are to pay \$6.00 per year to widows who marry veterans sixty years after the Civil War.

WARREN G. HARDING.

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR FALL TO RETIRE MARCH 4.

The second member of the President's Cabinet to retire since the Harding Administration came into office is Albert Bacon Fall, Secretary of the Interior. Reports that had been current in Washington for several months to the effect that Secretary Fall was planning to resign culminated in the announcement from the White House on Jan. 2 that the Secretary would retire from the Cabinet on Mar. 4 to private life. With this announcement it was emphasized that Secretary Fall entered the Cabinet at a great financial sacrifice and that he leaves in order to devote his time to business affairs in the Southwest. So anxious was President Harding to retain his old friend in Government service, it was said, that he offered him one of the vacancies on the Supreme Court of the United States, but this offer was declined. With regard to the contemplated action of Secretary Fall, dispatches of Jan. 2 to the New York "Times" said:

Although Mr. Fall is leaving the Cabinet with no change in his friendship with the President, it is known that for several months he has been dissatisfied with many acts of the Harding Administration and Congress. Having been one of the irreconcilables in the Senate before his appointment to the Cabinet, he had little sympathy with the Washington Conference on Limitation of Armament. He made no public criticism, but to his friends he was outspoken in his condemnation of the conference, and during virtually all its sessions he remained away from Washington at his home in Three Rivers, New Mex.

JAMES SPEYER ON IMPORTANCE OF RAILROAD CREDIT.

James Speyer, in a statement issued on Jan. 2 with reference to the numerous bills which have been introduced in Congress affecting the railroad industry, observes that "the fact that so many are 'finkering' so soon with the Esch-Cummings Act, without sufficient knowledge or experience, may possibly result in disturbing confidence in railroad securities and hurting railroad credit generally." He notes that "one can easily prove the fallacy of the claims that greater interference by Government authorities with the transportation system would be a benefit to anyone," and he adds that a consistent educational campaign carried on in a spirit of fairness "would soon make it unprofitable for members of Congress or others to introduce bills such as those now pending." Mr. Speyer's reminder to "those who so loudly talk of our moral duty towards foreign nations that every American also has duties towards his own fellow citizens, regardless of class or party," is not only timely, but contains an ocean of common sense. Mr. Speyer's statement follows:

When the Esch-Cummings Bill became a law in 1920, it marked a considerable step in advance on the road towards strengthening Railroad Credit,—the goal which it is so necessary to attain for the farming and business interests and for the development and general prosperity of our country. It was, however, realized then that this being to a large extent a compromise measure, it would, after a fair trial, require modifications and improvements.

Conditions since its enactment have not been normal. The roads, the executives maintain, were returned by the Government after War-use, in a run-down condition, especially their rolling stock. Costs of labor and materials were extraordinary high and economic conditions, especially in Europe, made difficult the regular flow of trade and exports from our country. Experience, however, has already demonstrated that the provisions of the original Act, vesting the control of rates in the Inter-State Commerce Commission, while empowering another body, the Labor Board (in which the public has no deciding voice) to regulate wages, can, in the long run, not work satisfactorily to anybody. The President, in his last message, has

suggested certain amendments, but it is surprising that, although the law has scarcely had a fair trial, there are now before Congress not less than 134 important bills affecting one phase or another of the railroad industry. Even if some of the bills were introduced by men who understand the subject and are actuated by a sincere desire to serve their country as a whole, one is inclined to think that many of these measures were introduced by men who either have neglected to consider the matter in its effect on general conditions, or are trying to serve special interests or their special localities, or who are even trying to profit by existing dissatisfaction in their district and to capitalize and over-capitalize dissatisfaction and class prejudice into personal popularity and votes.

It is probably true that few, if any, of these numerous bills will become laws, but the fact that so many are "tinkering" so soon with the Esch-Cummins Act, without sufficient knowledge of experience, may possibly result in disturbing confidence in railroad securities and hurting railroad credit generally. It is regrettable that this should occur at a time when the carriers should raise large sums not only for postponed improvements and new rolling stock, but also for new branch lines, &c. All this work, which will give employment to thousands, cannot be done unless the American investor has full confidence in the securities of our transportation system. The time has gone by when European investors were able to provide a large part of the money for the development of our country and its railroads.

One can easily prove the fallacy of the claims that greater interference by Government authorities with the transportation system, would be a benefit to anyone. The farming and mining interests could easily be shown that the lower prices prevailing for their products are not due to high transportation costs but are largely caused by diminished consumption and purchasing power of Europe.

A special Railroad Bureau has lately endeavored to get some of the real facts before our public, but much more could be done to counteract the activities of well meaning reformers or professional agitators. The board of directors and officers of each railroad company should keep in closer touch with its own security holders and owners of its property and with the shippers, explaining what it is doing to meet the legitimate needs and aspirations of particular sections and classes, at the same time showing why particular measures will not solve the problems but would do more harm than good.

Every American man or woman who has a life insurance policy or who has a deposit in a savings bank, is likewise directly concerned in maintaining railroad credit and so are also those hundreds of thousands of workmen who are employed on the transportation system or in the factories that make railroad engines and cars or rails and other supplies. A consistent educational campaign reaching these millions and carried on in a spirit of fairness, would soon make it unprofitable for members of Congress or others to introduce bills such as many of those now pending. In due course it will also make it easier to enact further legislation for the protection of those that have already invested in railroad securities, and will induce others to invest likewise, thereby helping the prosperity of everyone in our country.

After all, the railroad problem is only one phase of the larger problem which now confronts every highly developed nation. How best to harmonize the relations between "Capital" and "Labor" and how far the State, as such, should interfere with the functions of either. "Capital" and "Labor" each has its rights, but each is also under obligation to the other and to the country as a whole. It is especially important at this time, when the eyes of the old as well as of the new nations of Europe are upon us, that we, the greatest democracy of all, should furnish an example how to solve this problem. It may be appropriate to remind some of those, who so loudly talk of our moral duty towards foreign nations, that every American also has duties towards his own fellow-citizens, regardless of class or party. My own faith in the common sense and love of fair play of the American people is so strong that I do not doubt that public opinion, when properly informed, will solve these questions in the true American spirit and in a way which will encourage in their task of self-Government the other free nations of the world.

NET EARNINGS OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK LESS THAN 2 MILLION IN 1922 AS COMPARED WITH 39 MILLION IN 1920

Net earnings of \$1,862,509 for the year just ended are reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, as compared with \$20,702,440 for 1921 and \$39,318,511 in 1920, while gross earnings for 1922 at \$11,341,000 compare with \$60,525,000 in 1920 and \$34,705,000 in 1921. The Bank indicates this in the following statement issued yesterday (Jan. 5).

At the close of business on Dec. 31 the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, paid to the United States Treasury in lieu of franchise tax for the year 1922, the sum of \$1,862,509 29, which represented its earnings during the year, less expenses and deductions provided for by law. The corresponding figures for 1921 was \$20,702,439 94 and for 1920 \$39,318,510 65. In addition to the payments in lieu of franchise tax for 1922, the sum of \$1,604,549 37 was paid to the Treasury out of surplus. This represented an increment to amounts paid in lieu of franchise taxes in 1920 and 1921, and was in accordance with a modified ruling governing the calculation of such payments. Thus the total payment made to the Treasury on Dec. 31 last, was \$3,467,058 66.

The gross income of the bank for the last three years declined from \$60,525,000 in 1920 to \$34,705,000 in 1921, and \$11,341,000 in 1922. The decline in the amount of earnings and the payment to the Government in 1922, as compared with those made in former years, was owing to the smaller volume of loans which the Reserve Bank was called upon to make and the lower discount rates prevailing during the year.

The cost of conducting the business of the bank, including the supply of currency, was reduced from \$8,168,000 in 1921 to \$6,777,000 in 1922. There was not, however, a corresponding reduction in the volume of work done. In a number of the largest departments of the bank, such for example, as those handling the collection of checks, notes and drafts, and the custody of securities, the volume of work increased. Also, as in the latter half of 1921, the bank assumed the major portion of the expense of handling Government certificates, bonds and notes, formerly reimbursed by the Treasury Department.

The volume of work in the departments handling the discounts and other earning assets of the bank was less, but the expense of operating these departments both now and in former years has been only a small percentage of the total operating costs of the bank. The main saving of the year in the expense of operating the bank was the result of modified administrative methods, based on experience not available during the period of the bank's rapid growth, which permitted the bank to operate with a reduced staff through most of the year. In many instances vacancies through resignations were not filled, and in other instances such vacancies were filled

led by the successive promotion of employees already in the service of the bank, thereby leaving vacancies to be filled by new employees of junior grade at a rate of compensation suitable for beginners.

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR APPOINTMENT OF SILVER COMMISSION WITH VIEW TO RESUMPTION OF SILVER MONETARY SYSTEMS.

A resolution introduced by Senator Nicholson of Colorado on Dec. 27 (and referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining, calls for the appointment by the President of a "silver commission" of nine members which would "use its influence toward the resumption of the use of silver in the various monetary systems of nations which have abandoned or lessened its use," and the commission being further called upon to "lend its influence toward the adoption of any step that may tend to stabilize the value of silver in the world's market." The following is the text of the resolution:

Whereas, The production of silver in the United States is a large and important industry, affecting the welfare of important communities and of a large number of citizens; and

Whereas, The United States has throughout its history favored silver as an important element of its monetary system and now views with anxiety the recent tendency of many influential nations of the world to lessen the use of silver as money, in some cases by ceasing its coinage for subsidiary and fractional denominations, in other cases by diminishing the silver contents of coins of the same nominal value; and

Whereas, Such tendencies, if unchecked, will have a serious and far-reaching effect upon the monetary customs of the world and will directly and indirectly injure one of the world's greatest industries—that of mining; and

Whereas, The subject is a complex one, requiring the investigation of many abstruse and difficult problems and their consideration by many nations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the President of the United States appoint a commission of nine, to be known as a "silver commission," of whom not more than three shall be members of the United States Senate and not more than three shall be members of the United States House of Representatives; that such commission be authorized to communicate with such nations as may be feasible, either individually or in a joint conference to be arranged for that purpose; that such commission shall use its influence toward the resumption of the use of silver in the various monetary systems of nations which have abandoned or lessened its use and shall also lend its influence toward the adoption of any step that may tend to stabilize the value of silver in the world's market; that the commission, after such investigation and conferences as it may deem advisable, shall report to the President its recommendations and findings; that no compensation shall be allowed to any member of such commission, as such, but the actual necessary expenses of the commission shall be borne by the United States.

AMERICAN AND CANADIAN BANKERS TO CONFER IN MONTREAL FEB. 5.

American and Canadian bankers will meet in conference in Montreal, Feb. 5, to discuss business, banking and other economic questions of common interest to the Dominion and the United States. This announcement was made on Jan. 4 by the American Bankers Association, which has appointed a Committee on Canadian Relations to confer with a similar Committee on American Relations appointed by the Canadian Bankers Association. The call for the conference is the outcome of action initiated at Montreal last July (and referred to in our issue of July 29, page 509) by the Administrative Committee of the American Bankers Association, which met there as guests of the Canadian Association. The contacts established at that time between Canadian and American bankers, it is stated, developed the feeling that there were a number of problems affecting the two countries in the solution of which bankers could take an effective part. It was felt also that there was opportunity to promote greater mutual understanding among the business public of both countries of each other's viewpoints. David R. Forgan, President of the National City Bank of Chicago, is Chairman of the American committee. The other members are Frank W. Blair, President, Union Trust Co., Detroit, Mich.; E. C. McDougal, President, Marine Trust Co., Buffalo, N. Y.; W. D. Vincent, President, Old National Bank, Spokane, Wash.; Daniel G. Wing, President, First National Bank, Boston, Mass.

The Canadian committee is headed by Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, President of the Canadian Bankers Association and General Manager, the Bank of Montreal, Montreal, Que. The members of the committee are as follows: C. E. Neill, General Manager, The Royal Bank of Canada, Montreal; E. C. Pratt, General Manager, The Molsens Bank, Montreal; H. A. Richardson, General Manager, The Bank of Nova Scotia, Toronto; Sir John Aird, General Manager, The Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto; C. A. Bogert, General Manager, The Dominion Bank, Toronto.

AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION TO MOVE HEAD-QUARTERS FROM HANOVER BANK BUILDING TO FORTY-SECOND STREET.

The American Bankers Association will remove its headquarters to the 18th floor of the new Bowery Savings Bank

CLEARINGS (Continued).

Table with columns for Clearings at—, December, Twelve Months, and Week ending December 30. It lists various cities and their clearing amounts in dollars and percentages across different time periods.

CLEARINGS (Concluded).

Main table showing clearing data for various US cities and states, categorized by Federal Reserve District (Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth) and month (December, Twelve Months, Week ending December 30).

CANADIAN CLEARINGS FOR DECEMBER, SINCE JAN. 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 29.

Table showing Canadian clearing data for 28 cities, categorized by month (December, Twelve Months, Week ending December 28).

a No longer report clearings or only give debits against individual accounts, with no comparative figures for previous years. b Report no clearings, but give comparative figures of debits; we apply to last year's clearings the same ratio of decrease (or increase), shown by the debits. c Do not respond to requests for figures. d Week ending Dec. 27. e Week ending Dec. 28. f Week ending Dec. 29. g Ten months. h Since Mar. 15. * Estim'd.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

A New York Stock Exchange membership was reported posted for transfer this week, the consideration being stated as \$95,000. The last previous sale was at \$93,000.

William E. Ford has been appointed credit manager of the New York Trust Co.

The U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co., of this city, announces the opening of its new and enlarged banking rooms and safe deposit and storage vaults at this branch, 125th Street at 8th Avenue. This office now constitutes a complete banking unit through which the company's service is made available to residents and business houses in the section adjacent. The safe deposit and storage plant has been completely remodeled and enlarged, affording much added space and a number of new conveniences. A fully equipped women's department, in charge of a woman representative, has been installed. This office was opened by the company in 1907, since which time it has handled a constantly increasing volume of business. Of late years the demands for additional space became so insistent that the company decided on plans calling for thorough-going changes. Eugene W. Dutton, Assistant Treasurer, will be in charge of this office.

The death on Dec. 28 of Windham Baring, Managing Director of Baring Bros. & Co., Ltd., and Director of the Buenos Aires Great Southern Railway Co., was reported in cablegrams from London. Mr. Baring was born in 1880.

The Bankers and Brokers Committee of the United Hospital Fund announced on Dec. 30 that the subscriptions received by it so far amount to over \$60,000. James Speyer is Chairman, and Walter E. Frew Treasurer of the committee, which is composed of 110 well-known bankers and brokers, who are members of one or more boards of trustees of hospitals of Greater New York.

The statement of condition of the Bank of the Manhattan Co. of this city as of Jan. 2 1923 shows total resources of \$278,788,167. Deposits are given as \$240,272,202. In addition to its capital of \$10,000,000 and surplus of like amount, the bank has undivided profits of \$2,712,895. Stephen Baker is President and Raymond E. Jones First Vice-President of the institution.

The Coal & Iron National Bank of New York has paid a bonus of 5% on all salaries during the past year. The bank also declared a regular quarterly dividend of 3%, this being its 66th.

Oliver W. Birkhead, for many years on the staff of the Comptroller of Currency at Washington, D. C., and for some

time National Bank Examiner assigned to the New York District, has been appointed a Vice-President of the Harriman National Bank of New York City, effective Jan. 1 1923.

The Harriman National Bank on Jan. 4 declared a semi-annual dividend of 5% and an extra dividend of 5% on its capital stock of \$1,000,000, payable Jan. 5 to stockholders of record Jan. 4. The initial dividend of the Harriman National Bank was 100%, declared in January 1917, since which time the institution has paid a regular dividend at the rate of 10% per annum, with extra dividends each half year, beginning with 3% in January 1921 and increasing to 5% extra thereafter.

The condensed statement of condition of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York as of Dec. 30, issued Jan. 3, shows deposits of \$491,868,772 96, as compared with \$466,217,734 39 at the time of the last published statement, issued Nov. 15. Surplus and undivided profits are \$17,920,065 89, as compared with \$17,654,620 14 on Nov. 15, and total resources are \$605,630,637 30, an increase of more than \$30,000,000 over Nov. 15. The Guaranty Trust Co. made a distribution to its employees on Jan. 4 under its regular profit-sharing plan, amounting to more than 4% of their yearly earnings.

The merger of the Industrial Bank of New York, located at Fourth Avenue and 27th Street, Manhattan, into the Manufacturers Trust Co., became effective on Dec. 19, when the proposal (referred to in our issue of Dec. 9, page 2544) was ratified by the respective stockholders. This consolidation gives the Manufacturers Trust Co. resources of more than \$70,000,000 and eight offices in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens. These offices are located as follows: In Manhattan, 139 Broadway, at Cedar St.; 481 Eighth Ave., corner 34th St.; 385 Fourth Ave., corner 27th St.; in Brooklyn, 774 Broadway, corner Sumner Ave.; 84 Broadway, corner Berry St.; 225 Havemeyer St., near Broadway; 710 Grand St., near Bushwick Ave., and in Queens, 1696 Myrtle Ave., corner Cypress Ave., Ridgewood.

The respective stockholders of the United States Bank, the Security Trust Co. and the Fidelity Trust Co., of Hartford, Conn., on Dec. 21 approved a proposed amalgamation of the three institutions under the title of the United States Security Trust Co. The new institution will have a capital of \$1,000,000 in shares of \$100 par value, and surplus and undivided profits of \$800,000. Atwood Collins, the present chief executive of the Security Trust Co., will be Chairman of the board of the new bank; Major Frank L. Wilcox, President of the Fidelity Trust Co., will be Vice-Chairman of the board, and John O. Enders, President of the United States Bank, President of the new institution. The consolidation will go into effect Feb. 10.

On Dec. 21 E. C. Johnson, for the past six years a Vice-President of the First National Bank, of Hartford, Conn.,

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PRICES IN 1922 AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The tables on the following pages show the lowest and highest prices at the New York Stock Exchange of Railroad, Industrial and Miscellaneous bonds and stocks, and also of Government and State securities, for each month of the past year. The tables are all compiled from actual sales. Under a resolution of the Governing Committee of the Stock Exchange, prices of all interest-paying bonds since Jan. 1 1909 have been on a new basis. The buyer now pays accrued interest in addition to the stated price or quotation. Previous to 1909 the quotations were "flat"—that is, the price included all accrued interest. Income bonds and bonds upon which interest is in default are still dealt in "flat."

COURSE OF PRICES OF RAILROAD AND MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.

1922

BONDS	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December			
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High		
Ann Arbor 1st g 4s July 1995	58 ¹ / ₄	63	60 ¹ / ₈	61	61	71 ³ / ₈	70 ¹ / ₂	80	68	73	66 ¹ / ₂	68	67 ¹ / ₂	70 ¹ / ₂	70 ¹ / ₄	70 ¹ / ₄	70 ¹ / ₄	72	67	71	63	67	62 ¹ / ₈	66		
Atch Top & S F—Gen g, 4s 1995	85	90	87 ¹ / ₄	88 ³ / ₈	87	88 ¹ / ₂	87 ¹ / ₂	89 ³ / ₈	88	89 ¹ / ₂	88 ¹ / ₄	91 ⁷ / ₈	88 ¹ / ₄	91 ⁷ / ₈	90 ³ / ₈	95 ¹ / ₄	92 ¹ / ₄	93 ³ / ₄	91	93 ¹ / ₂	87 ¹ / ₄	91 ¹ / ₄	87 ³ / ₈	89 ³ / ₄	88 ¹ / ₂	90 ¹ / ₂
Registered 1995			87 ¹ / ₄	87 ¹ / ₄					88	88 ¹ / ₄	88	88						90	92 ¹ / ₂			85 ³ / ₈	85 ³ / ₈	85	88	
Adjustment g, 4s July 1995	77 ¹ / ₂	80 ³ / ₄	79 ¹ / ₂	81	79 ¹ / ₂	81 ¹ / ₄	78	83 ⁷ / ₈	82 ³ / ₄	84	81	83	83	84 ¹ / ₂	83 ⁷ / ₈	86	83 ³ / ₄	85	81 ³ / ₈	88	80 ³ / ₈	82 ³ / ₈	80 ³ / ₈	81	80 ¹ / ₂	82 ³ / ₈
Registered July 1995													81 ¹ / ₂	87 ¹ / ₂												
Stamped July 1995	78 ¹ / ₂	81	79 ⁵ / ₈	81 ¹ / ₄	80 ¹ / ₄	81 ³ / ₄	81 ¹ / ₂	84	82	84	81	84	81 ¹ / ₂	84 ¹ / ₂	84	86 ¹ / ₄	84	85 ¹ / ₂	80 ³ / ₈	83 ⁷ / ₈	79 ³ / ₈	82 ³ / ₈	81 ¹ / ₄	83 ¹ / ₂	81 ¹ / ₄	83 ¹ / ₂
50-year convert, gold 4s 1955	76	80 ¹ / ₂	78 ¹ / ₄	79	78 ¹ / ₄	80 ³ / ₄	79 ³ / ₄	83	80 ⁷ / ₈	82 ³ / ₄	81	81 ¹ / ₂	81 ³ / ₈	84	82 ¹ / ₄	85	84	86 ¹ / ₈	81 ³ / ₈	88	81	81 ³ / ₈	81	81 ³ / ₈	81	82 ³ / ₈
Convertible g 4s 1960	91 ¹ / ₄	97 ¹ / ₂	97	98	96 ³ / ₄	98 ¹ / ₄	97 ¹ / ₂	101	99	101	97	101	99 ¹ / ₄	102 ¹ / ₄	102	104	102 ³ / ₈	107 ³ / ₄	104 ¹ / ₈	107 ¹ / ₂	101	104 ¹ / ₈	100	102		

1922-Continued.

Table with columns for Bonds, January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December. Rows include various bond types like Atch Top & Santa Fe, Ati Coast L 1st g. 4s., etc.

1922—Continued.

Table with columns for months (January to December) and rows for various bond types (e.g., Clev Cin Chic & St L, Gen 5s, Ref & Imp 6s, etc.). Each cell contains numerical values representing bond prices and yields.

1922-Continued.

Table with columns for Bond names and monthly price ranges from January to December. Rows include various bond types like New York Central, Pitts & L E, and many others.

1922—Continued.

Table with columns for months (January to December) and rows for various bonds (e.g., Seaboard Airline, Adjustment 5s, etc.). Each cell contains numerical values representing bond prices.

1922-Continued.

BONDS

Table with columns for months (January to December) and rows for various bond types such as Cuba Cane Sugar, Dery 7s, Cuban-Am Sugar, etc. Each cell contains numerical data representing bond values.

1922—Concluded.

Table of bond prices for 1922, categorized by month (January to December) and type (Bonds, Telegraph & Telephone). Includes columns for Low and High prices for each month.

COURSE OF PRICES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES FOR THE YEAR 1922.

[Compiled from sales made at the New York Stock Exchange.]

Table of government securities prices for 1922, including Coupon Bonds (Liberty Loan, Victory, Treasury, Panama Canal) and Registered Bonds (Consolidated, Panama Canal, Philp'tne Islands). Shows monthly price ranges.

* First Liberty Loan second converted (under the terms of the fourth loan.)

COURSE OF PRICES OF RAILROAD AND MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS FOR THE YEAR 1922.

1922.

Table of stock prices for 1922, categorized by month (January to December) and type (Railroads, Miscellaneous). Includes columns for Low and High prices for each month.

* No par value.

1922—Continued.

Table with columns for STOCKS, months (January to December), and Low/High values. Includes entries like Canada Southern, Canadian Pacific, Chesapeake & Ohio, etc.

* No par value.

1922-Continued.

Table with columns: STOCKS, January Low High, February Low High, March Low High, April Low High, May Low High, June Low High, July Low High, August Low High, September Low High, October Low High, November Low High, December Low High. Rows include various stock categories like West Maryland, EXPRESS, COAL & MINING, and VARIOUS.

* No par value.

1922 Continued

Table with columns for STOCKS, months (January to December), and Low/High price ranges. Includes entries for American Woolen, Associated Dry Goods, Am Writing Paper, etc.

* No par value. z Ex. dividend.

1922 - Continued.

Table with columns for STOCKS, January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December. Rows list various companies like General Baking, General Cigar, Inc., Debutent Stock, etc.

* No par value. † Ex-dividend

1922—Continued.

Table with columns for STOCKS, months from January to December, and Low/High price indicators. Rows include companies like Nat Enam & Stamping, National Lead, New York Air Brake, etc.

* No par value. † Ex. dividend.

1922—Concluded.

Table with columns for STOCKS, months (January to December), and price ranges (Low, High). Includes entries for Texas Land Trust, Tidewater Oil, Timken Roller Bearing, etc.

* No par value. x Fx. dividend.

was elected President of the institution to succeed the late James H. Knight. Mr. Johnson, who is a native of Connecticut, began his banking career in 1875, when he entered the National Exchange Bank of Hartford as a young man of 19 and rose steadily until he became President of the institution. In 1916, upon the merger of the National Exchange Bank with the First National Bank, Mr. Johnson became a Vice-President of the enlarged institution. Mr. Johnson is a director of the Dime Savings Bank of Hartford, the National Exchange Bank of Lockport, Conn., the Travelers Insurance Co., and the Hartford City Gas Light Co., and a Vice-President and a director of the Glastonbury Knitting Co., of Glastonbury, Conn.

James D. Harrison, for several years past Cashier of the American National Bank of Danville, Va., was on Dec. 26 elected a Vice-President of the Citizens' National Bank of Baltimore. Mr. Harrison, although but 32 years of age, is well known in banking circles in the South. He assumed his new duties on Jan. 1.

The Foreman Bros. Banking Co., one of Chicago's well-known financial institutions, announced this week that plans have been formulated for the organization of two new institutions, namely the Foreman National Bank and the Foreman Trust & Savings Bank, to succeed and carry on the business of the present institution. The new banks will commence operations on or about May 1 and will have combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of more than \$6,000,000. The management and ownership of both institutions, National and State, will be identical with the present Foreman Bros. Banking Co. Both will occupy the building at 30 North La Salle Street, on the second floor of which are the offices of the present company. These offices will be given over entirely to the Foreman National Bank, which will con-

duct a commercial, foreign and general banking business, while the Foreman Trust & Savings Bank will occupy the ground floor of the building and will do a trust, savings, bond and real estate loan business. The present banking house was founded in 1862 as a small private bank. Thirty-five years later (1897) it became a State institution and since that time has continued to grow until it is now one of the important banking organizations of Chicago, with a combined capital and surplus of \$4,000,000 and deposits in excess of \$50,000,000. Oscar G. Foreman is Chairman of the board of directors and Harold E. Foreman, President.

The Commercial National Bank of Peoria, Ill., announces the death of John Finley, its President, which occurred in Peoria, Dec. 14.

The Standard Bank of Canada, Toronto, has declared a dividend for the current quarter ending Jan. 31 1923 at 3 1/2%, being at the rate of 14% per annum upon the paid-up capital stock of the bank, and which is to be payable on and after the 1st of February 1923 to shareholders of record as of Jan. 17 1923. The annual general meeting of the shareholders will be held at the head office of the bank in Toronto on Wednesday, Feb. 28 next, at 12 o'clock noon.

THE CURB MARKET.

The Curb Market opened the new year with trading on an extensive scale and sharp advances in prices. Profit-taking sales, however, soon ended the buoyancy and trading became dull with price movements irregular. Oil shares continue to monopolize the attention. Standard Oil (Indiana) rose from 59 5/8 to 63 3/8 and closed to-day at 62 1/2. Eureka Pipe Line gained 10 points to 105 and Prairie Oil & Gas some 60 points to 685. Standard Oil (Ohio) advanced from 274 to 305.

DEALINGS IN FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES AT NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE IN 1922.

Table with columns for Bonds (Argentina, Belgium, etc.) and months (January to December). Each cell contains a range of prices (Low High).

COURSE OF PRICES OF STATE AND CITY SECURITIES DURING THE YEAR 1922

Table with columns for Bonds (New York State, New York City) and months (January to December). Each cell contains a range of prices (Low High).

Prices in other oil shares show little change. Mammoth Oil from 46 7/8 sold up to 50 and ends the week at 49 1/2. In the industrial list motor shares were prominent, Durant Motors advancing from 70 3/4 to 75 1/2.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 68.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

Table with columns for London, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and rows for Silver, Gold, Consols, etc.

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been:

Table with columns for Domestic and Foreign and rows for Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.).

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FOREIGN TRADE OF NEW YORK—MONTHLY STATEMENT.

Table with columns for Month, Merchandise Movement at New York (Imports, Exports), and Customs Receipts at New York (1922, 1921).

* Estimated.

Movement of gold and silver for the 12 months:

Table with columns for Month, Gold Movement at New York (Imports, Exports), and Silver—New York (Imports, Exports).

* Estimated.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.

Table listing applications to organize banks, including bank name, location, and capital.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Table listing charters issued for banks, including bank name, location, and capital.

CHANGE OF TITLE.

Table listing changes of title for banks, including bank name and location.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Table listing voluntary liquidations of banks, including bank name, location, and capital.

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ESTABLISH AN ADDITIONAL OFFICE.

Table listing applications for additional offices, including bank name and location.

CERTIFICATE ISSUED AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL OFFICE.

Table listing certificates issued for additional offices, including bank name and location.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not usually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were recently sold at auction in New York, Boston and Philadelphia:

By Messrs. Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York:

Table listing auction sales of securities, including stock names and prices.

By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table listing securities sold by R. L. Day & Co., including stock names and prices.

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table listing securities sold by Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, including stock names and prices.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing securities sold by Barnes & Lofland, including stock names and prices.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Large table listing dividends for various companies, including company name, percentage, when payable, and books closed.

Table with 5 columns: Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, b Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve. Rows include Members Federal Reserve banks, State banks, Trust companies, and various date totals.

* 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:

State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House.—The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House as follows:

SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK, NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

Table with 3 columns: Dec. 30, Differences from previous week, Inc. Rows include Loans and investments, Gold and bank notes, Currency and bank notes, Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Total deposits, Deposits, eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories and from other banks and trust companies, Reserve on deposits, Percentage of reserve, 21%.

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on Dec. 30 was \$72,487,900.

Banks and Trust Companies in New York City.—The averages of the New York City Clearing House banks and trust companies combined with those for the State banks and trust companies in Greater New York City outside of the Clearing House are as follows:

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.

Table with 4 columns: Loans and Investments, Demand Deposits, *Total Cash in Vaults, Reserve in Depositories. Rows show weekly data from Sept. 9 to Dec. 30.

* 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.)

Table with 8 columns: Net Capital, Net Profits, Loans Dis-counts, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositories, Net Demand Deposits, Net Time Deposits, Nat'l Bank Circulation. Rows include CLEARING NON-MEMBERS (Week ending Dec. 30 1922), Members of Fed'l Res. Bank, State Banks, Trust Companies, Grand aggregate, and Comparison with previous week.

a U. S. deposits deducted, \$332,000. Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$2,054,000. Excess reserve, \$28,240 decrease.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

Table with 4 columns: Jan. 3 1922, Changes from previous week, Dec. 27 1922, Dec. 20 1920. Rows include Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, disc'ts & Investments, Individual deposits, Due to banks, Time deposits, United States deposits, Exchanges for Clearing House, Due from other banks, Reserve in Fed. Res. Bank, Cash in bank and F. R. Bank, Reserve excess in bank and Federal Reserve Bank.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Dec. 30, 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.

Table with 4 columns: Week ending Dec. 30 1922, Dec. 23 1922, Dec. 16 1922. Rows include Two Ciphers (00) omitted, Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, disc'ts & Investm'ts, Exchanges for Clear House, Due from banks, Bank deposits, Individual deposits, Time deposits, Total deposits, U. S. deposits (not incl.), Reserve with legal depository, Reserve with F. R. Bank, Cash in vault, Total reserve and cash held, Reserve required, Excess res. & cash in vault.

* 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 Jan. 4 1923 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Table with 4 columns: Jan. 3 1923, Dec. 27 1922, Jan. 4 1922, Jan. 4 1921. Rows include Resources—Gold and gold certificates, Gold settlement fund—F. R. Board, Total gold held by bank, Gold with Federal Reserve Agent, Gold redemption fund, Total gold reserves, Legal tender notes, silver, &c, Total reserves, *Non-reserve cash, Bills discounted: Secured by U. S. Government obligations—for members, All other—for members, Bills bought in open market, Total bills on hand, U. S. bonds and notes, U. S. certificates of indebtedness, Total earning assets, Bank premises, 5% redemp. fund agst. F. R. bank notes, Uncollected items, All other resources, Total resources, Liabilities—Capital paid in, Surplus, Deposits: Government, Member banks—Reserve account, All other, Total deposits, F. R. notes in actual circulation, F. R. bank notes in circ'n—net liability, Deferred availability items, All other liabilities, Total liabilities, Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.

*Not shown separately prior to January 1923.

CURRENT NOTICES.

J. A. Sisto has retired from the firm of Hallgarten & Co. as of January 1st, and announcement is made that he and Norris B. Henroin, formerly manager of the bond department of Hallgarten & Co., are forming a new firm for the transaction of a general banking and investment business. —Parker, Robinson & Co. are offering a block of Louisiana & Northwest Railroad Co. first mortgage 5% gold bonds, which are due April 1 1935 and are non-callable, yielding approximately 7.90%. —Eldredge & Co. announce that Robert F. Hawkins has been admitted as a partner in their firm.

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Jan. 4, 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.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 3 1923.

Table with 10 columns representing dates from Jan. 3 1923 to Jan. 4 1922. Rows are categorized into RESOURCES and LIABILITIES, including sub-items like Gold, U.S. bonds, deposits, and federal reserve notes. Values are in dollars, with some rows showing percentages.

*Not shown separately prior to January 1923.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 3 1923

Table with 12 columns representing Federal Reserve Banks: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., and Total. Rows list various resources and liabilities for each bank.

RESOURCES (Concluded)—Two ciphers (00) omitted. Table with columns for Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows include Bank premises, 6% redemption fund against Federal Reserve bank notes, Uncollected items, All other resources, Total resources, LIABILITIES, Capital paid in, Surplus, Deposits: Government, Member bank—reserve acct., All other, Total deposits, F. R. notes in actual circulation, F. R. bank notes in circulation—net liability, Deferred liability items, All other liabilities, Total liabilities, Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, per cent, Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JANUARY 3 1923.

Table with columns for Federal Reserve Agent at—Boston, New York, Phila., Clevel., Richm'd, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Mtnn., K. City, Dallas, San Fr., Total. Rows include Resources—Federal Reserve notes on hand, Federal Reserve notes outstanding, Collateral security for Federal Reserve notes outstanding, Gold and gold certificates, Gold redemption fund, Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board, Eligible paper (Amount required), Excess amount held, Total, Liabilities—Net amount of Federal Reserve notes received from Comptroller of the Currency, Collateral received from Gold, Federal Reserve Bank (Eligible paper), Total, Federal Reserve notes outstanding, Federal Reserve notes held by banks, Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation.

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

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the 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 15.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business December 27 1922. Three ciphers (000) omitted.

Table with columns for Federal Reserve District, Boston, New York, Philadel., Cleveland, Richm'd, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows include Number of reporting banks, Loans and discounts including bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank, Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations, Secured by stocks and bonds, All other loans and discounts, Total loans and discounts, U. S. bonds, U. S. Victory Notes, U. S. Treasury notes, U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness, Other bonds, stocks and securities, Total loans & disc'ts & investm'ts, Incl. bills rediscounted with F. R. Bk., Reserve balance with F. R. Bank, Cash in vault, Net demand deposits, Time deposits, Government deposits, Bills payable with F. R. Bank, Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations, All other, Bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank, Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations, All other.

2. Data of reporting member banks in Federal Reserve Bank and branch cities and all other reporting banks

Table with columns for Three ciphers (000) omitted, New York City, City of Chicago, All F. R. Bank Cities, F. R. Branch Cities, All Other Report. Bks., Total. Rows include Number of reporting banks, Loans and discounts incl. bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank, Loans sec. by U. S. Govt. obligations, Loans secured by stocks & bonds, All other loans and discounts, Total loans and discounts, U. S. bonds, U. S. Victory notes, U. S. Treasury notes, U. S. certificates of indebtedness, Other bonds, stocks and securities, Total loans & disc'ts & investm'ts, Incl. bills rediscounted with F. R. Bk., Reserve balance with F. R. Bank, Cash in vault, Net demand deposits, Time deposits, Government deposits, Bills payable with F. R. Bank, Sec'd by U. S. Govt. obligations, All other, Bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank, Sec'd by U. S. Govt. obligations, All other, Ratio of bills payable & rediscounts with F. R. Bank to total loans and investments, per cent.

* Revised figures.

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Wall Street, Friday Night, Jan. 5 1923.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—In Wall Street as elsewhere a good deal of interest has centered during the last week or more in the Premiers' Conference at Paris. Hope was strong before and at the opening of the Conference that an agreement would be reached in favor of some modification of the reparation demands against Germany. Soon after the Conference opened, however, it became apparent that any agreement was doubtful and on Thursday announcement came over the cables that the Conference had broken up without accomplishing its object.

The stock market was generally strong during the early part of the week and on Thursday morning practically every active issue was on a higher level than at the close last week. But on the announcement mentioned above the tone of the market changed, causing a reaction which carried a long list of shares down from 1 to 3 1/2 points and the volume of business up to 1,338,400 shares, making it the most active market since the middle of November. This movement was not continued to-day, however. While there was hesitancy and irregularity during the early hours, prices became steady or strong around noon and in many cases a part or all of Thursday's decline has been recovered. The bond market, moreover, has been relatively steady throughout the week, and where prices have yielded at all, the decline is generally unimportant. The foreign exchanges have, of course, been sensitive to over-seas development but there has been no precipitous decline in the market therefor.

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 Jan. 5, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range for year 1922 (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Railroads, Industrial & Miscell, etc.

* No par value.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Table showing transactions at the New York Stock Exchange. Columns: Week ending Jan. 5 1923, Stocks (Shares, Par Value), Railroad, etc., State, Mun. and Foreign Bonds, U. S. Bonds.

Table showing sales at the New York Stock Exchange. Columns: Sales at New York Stock Exchange, Week ending Jan. 5, 1923, 1922, Jan. 1 to Jan. 5, 1923, 1922.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table showing daily transactions at the Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore exchanges. Columns: Week ending Jan. 5 1923, Boston (Shares, Bond Sales), Philadelphia (Shares, Bond Sales), Baltimore (Shares, Bond Sales).

* In addition there were sales of rights: Tuesday, 19,087, Wednesday, 16,884.

Table showing daily record of U. S. Bond Prices. Columns: Bond Name, Dec. 30, Jan. 1, Jan. 2, Jan. 3, Jan. 4, Jan. 5.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 64 1st 3 1/2s, 100.76 to 101.50; 13d 4 1/2s, 98.80 to 98.80; 17 1st 4 1/2s, 98.60 to 98.90; 28 7/8 4 1/2s, 98.66 to 98.90; 21 2d 4 1/2s, 98.28 to 98.70; 53 Victory 4 1/2s, 100.00 to 100.06.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange ruled quiet and easier, though with unimportant changes. The Continental exchanges were irregular and also tended lower, with French and German currencies conspicuous for weakness.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling were 4 61 1/2 @ 4 62 1/2 for sixty days, 4 64 @ 4 65 for checks and 4 64 1/2 @ 4 65 1/2 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4 63 1/2 @ 4 64 1/2; sixty days, 4 61 @ 4 62; ninety days, 4 60 1/2 @ 4 61 1/2, and documents for payment (sixty days) 4 61 1/2 @ 4 62 1/2. Cotton for payment, 4 63 1/2 @ 4 64 1/2, and grain for payment 4 63 1/2 @ 4 64 1/2.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 6.85 @ 7.05 for long and 6.88 @ 7.08 for short. German bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 39.15 @ 39.30 for long and 39.46 @ 39.61 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 66.90; week's range, 62.60 high and 66.90 low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows: Sterling, Actual—Sixty Days. High for the week—4 63 1/2, Checks—4 65 1/2, Cables—4 65 1/2; Low for the week—4 61 1/2, Checks—4 63 1/2, Cables—4 63 1/2.

Paris Bankers' Francs—High for the week—7.40, Checks—7.45, Cables—7.46; Low for the week—6.85, Checks—6.90, Cables—6.91.

Germany Bankers' Marks—High for the week—0.0142, Checks—0.0142, Cables—0.0142; Low for the week—0.0115, Checks—0.0115, Cables—0.0115.

Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders—High for the week—39.30, Checks—39.66, Cables—39.75; Low for the week—38.98, Checks—39.34, Cables—39.43.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$5 00 per \$1,000 discount. Cincinnati, par.

Table showing quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c. 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 48.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and 'Sales for the Week'. Rows list various stock prices and share counts.

Table titled 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for 'PER SHARE' (Lowest, Highest) and 'PER SHARE Range for Year 1921'. Rows list various stock names and their price ranges.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. d Ex-div. and rights. s Assessment; paid. z Ex-rights. z Ex-div. t Ex-90% stk. div. q Par value \$10 per share.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see third page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Year 1921 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Electric Storage Battery, Elk Horn Coal, Emerson-Brantingham, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-dividend and rights. § Ex-dividend. ** Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fourth page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range for year 1922. (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Year 1921. (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par, Pacific Mail SS, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights. § Ex-dividend and rights. ¶ Ex-dividend. * Reduced to basis of \$25 par. † Range since merger (July 15) with United Retail Stores Corp. ‡ Ex-div. of 25% in common stock.

Table of New York Stock Exchange bonds, week ending Jan 5. Columns include Bond description, Interest Period, Price Friday Jan 5, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Year 1922, and Bid/Ask/High/Low/No.

Table of New York Stock Exchange bonds, week ending Jan 5. Columns include Bond description, Interest Period, Price Friday Jan 5, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Year 1922, and Bid/Ask/High/Low/No.

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked this week. aDue Jan. bDue Feb. cDue June. dDue July. eDue Aug. fDue Oct. gDue Nov. hDue Dec. iOption sale

Table with columns for Bonds, N. Y. Stock Exchange, Week ending Jan 5, Interest, Price, Week's Range, Range Year, and various bond descriptions like Ulster & Del 1st cons, Havana Elec consol, etc.

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. dDue Jan. dDue April. cDue Mar. eDue May. fDue June. hDue July. kDue Aug. lDue Oct. mDue Dec. nOption sale.

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Quotations for Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f."

Table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ending Jan 5, Interest Period, Price Friday Jan 5, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Year 1922. Includes sections for Oils, Mining, Coal, Iron and Steel, and Telegraph and Telephone.

Table with columns: Standard Oil Stocks, RR. Equipments—Per Ct., Basis, Bid, Ask. Includes sections for Public Utilities, Short Term Securities, and Industrial & Miscellaneous.

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. †Due Jan. ‡Due April. §Due March. ¶Due May. ††Due June. ‡‡Due July. §§Due Aug. †††Due Oct. ‡‡‡Due Dec. §§Option sale.

*Per share. †Basis. ‡Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. §New stock. ¶Flat price. ††Last sale. ‡‡Ex-special dividend of \$15. †††Nominal. ‡‡‡Ex-div. §§Ex-rights. ††††Ex-stock div. †††††Ex cash and stock dividends. ††††††Ex-100% stock dividend.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and stock prices. Includes sub-sections for 'New Year's Holiday', 'Stock Exchange', and 'Closed'.

Table with columns for 'Sales for the Week' and 'Shares'.

Main table listing various stocks and bonds under the heading 'STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE'. Columns include stock names, prices, and dates. Includes sub-sections for 'Railroads', 'Miscellaneous', and 'Mining'.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-rights. ‡ Ex-dividend and rights. § Ex-dividend. ¶ Ex-stock dividend. a Assessment paid.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Dec. 30 to Jan. 5, 1923, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1922 (Low, High).

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Dec. 30 to Jan. 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1922 (Low, High).

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Dec. 30 to Jan. 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1922 (Low, High).

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange Dec. 30 to Jan. 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1922 (Low, High).

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange Dec. 30 to Jan. 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1922 (Low, High).

New York Curb Market.—Below is a record of the transactions in the New York Curb Market from Dec. 30 to Jan. 5, both inclusive, as compiled from the official lists.

Table with columns: Week ending Jan. 5, Last Sale Price, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Range for Year 1922 (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range for Year 1922 (Low, High). Includes categories like Industrial & Miscell., Bonds, and Stocks.

Table titled 'Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries' with columns: Stock Name, Friday Last Sale Price, Range for Year 1922 (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for Year 1922 (Low, High).

Table titled 'Other Oil Stocks' with columns: Stock Name, Friday Last Sale Price, Range for Year 1922 (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for Year 1922 (Low, High).

Table titled 'Mining Stocks' with columns: Stock Name, Friday Last Sale Price, Range for Year 1922 (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for Year 1922 (Low, High).

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.

Main table of Railroad Gross Earnings with columns for Road, Latest Gross Earnings (Week or Month, Current Year, Previous Year), and Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Includes sub-tables for Missouri Central, New York Central, and Pennsylvania RR & Co.

AGGREGATE OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly.

Summary table showing Weekly Summaries and Monthly Summaries with columns for Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, and percentage change.

* Grand Rapids & Indiana and Pitts. Chic. Chls. & St. Louis included in Pennsylvania RR. z Lake Erie & Western included in New York Central

		Gross Earnings.	Net after Taxes.	Fixed Charges.	Balance, Surplus.
Puget Sound Pow & Lt	Nov '22	927,472	421,965	142,224	279,741
12 mos ending Nov 30	'22	870,781	393,766	145,613	248,133
Savannah Elec & Power Co	Nov '22	10,407,905	4,485,767	1,744,818	2,741,449
12 mos ending Nov 30	'22	10,034,506	4,143,319	1,808,395	2,333,924
Sierra Pacific El Co	Nov '22	132,969	52,571	24,052	28,519
12 mos ending Nov 30	'22	139,081	48,606	23,239	25,367
Tampa El Co	Nov '22	80,925	40,364	4,257	36,107
12 mos ending Nov 30	'22	74,098	35,210	6,106	29,104
United Gas & Elec	Nov '22	901,557	417,387	66,919	350,468
12 mos ending Nov 30	'22	896,455	392,686	75,039	317,647
United Gas & Elec	Nov '22	158,742	72,439	4,371	62,354
12 mos ending Nov 30	'22	135,590	59,540	4,308	72,755
United Gas & Elec	Nov '22	1,142,081	413,690	140,159	273,590
12 mos ending Nov 30	'22	1,039,207	389,922	146,705	243,216
United Lt & Rys Co & subs	Nov '22	1,235,413	4,319,198	1,717,098	2,602,100
12 mos ending Nov 30	'22	1,412,993	3,665,405	1,693,498	1,971,906
United Railways & Electric	Nov '22	1,024,253	334,578	61,447	273,131
12 mos ending Nov 30	'22	961,473	296,244	70,563	225,680
Utah Power & Light	Nov '22	1,648,359	3,689,437	847,409	2,842,028
12 mos ending Nov 30	'22	1,407,983	3,263,034	866,876	2,396,157
West Penn Co & subs	Nov '22	1,370,680	362,608	270,439	92,169
12 mos ending Nov 30	'22	1,305,093	340,248	273,641	66,607
West Penn Co & subs	Nov '22	1,861,079	3,749,201	1,043,639	705,562
12 mos ending Nov 30	'22	1,503,479	3,581,228	3,039,176	542,052
West Penn Co & subs	Nov '22	666,741	356,301	155,178	201,123
12 mos ending Nov 30	'22	594,029	323,061	143,848	179,213
West Penn Co & subs	Nov '22	7,820,866	3,663,461	1,851,301	1,812,160
12 mos ending Nov 30	'22	6,822,973	3,410,061	1,719,850	1,690,211
West Penn Co & subs	Nov '22	1,822,579	685,115	439,678	245,437
12 mos ending Nov 30	'22	1,212,882	435,326	269,718	165,607
West Penn Co & subs	Nov '22	16,639,664	5,847,010	4,202,448	1,644,561
12 mos ending Nov 30	'22	14,244,524	4,351,058	2,889,095	1,461,963

a Including West Penn Co.

FINANCIAL REPORTS.

Swift & Co., Chicago.

(Annual Report for Fiscal Year ended Nov. 4 1922.)

President Louis F. Swift, at the 38th annual meeting at Chicago, Jan. 4 1923, said in substance:

Results.—The time has come when we can report that the cutting down of expenses during the past two years and the cleaning out of our inventories have put us on a sound basis and with a profit large enough to cover dividends.

Our earnings for the year were \$13,049,217, or about 2 cents on each dollar of sales.

Our sales this year were a little over \$650,000,000. The decline in our sales this year compared with 1921 is due, in part, to the deduction from this year's figures of the sales which our foreign companies made on commission for Compania Swift Internacional. Our tonnage was practically the same as in 1921.

Prices.—The actual average prices paid by the company for cattle, sheep, and hogs during the last three years are shown below, the figures for the calendar year 1922 including only 11 months' figures:

	1920.	1921.	1922.
Cattle	9.51	6.48	6.48
Hogs	13.92	8.52	9.64
Sheep and lambs	13.06	8.44	11.92

These figures show the same average price was paid for cattle as the year before, but the price in November and December was approximately 12% higher than 1921. Hogs show a 13% increase in value; sheep and lambs a 40% increase.

On the whole there have been no such spectacular price movements during 1922 as those that we have had to record during the past few years. Increased prices of hides and other by-products have also helped our earnings considerably.

We paid out for live animals during the fiscal year the sum of \$317,000,000. This was paid in cash from day to day as the animals were bought.

Stockholders.—There are over 45,000 in all and about 16,000 of them are employees. Our employees now own about \$21,000,000 stock, and are encouraged to buy shares on the installment plan. About 17,000 of our shareholders are women.

Relations with Employees.—Relations with our employees have been harmonious. Our employees are developing a greater interest in our Assembly Plan of representation, and we believe that the inauguration of this plan has been a really constructive step in improving relations between management and employees. There have been no changes in wages since November 1921.

Relations with Government.—As for our relations with the Government, the administration of Packers and Stock Yards Act has been constructive, and no difficulties have arisen. If prejudiced and impractical people should be in charge of the enforcement of this law they might have it in their power to injure both the industry and the public. We are in hopes the the present sound policy of administration will continue indefinitely.

OPERATIONS FOR FISCAL YEARS.

12 Months ending—	Nov. 4 1922.	Nov. 5 1921.	Oct. 30 1920.	Nov. 1 1919.
Business done	\$ 650,000,000	\$ 800,000,000	\$ 1,100,000,000	\$ 1,200,000,000
Trading profit	(?)	12,187,708	(?)	(?)
Loss on inventory	—	20,000,000	Not reported	—
Net earnings	13,049,217	loss 7,812,292	5,170,382	13,870,181
Cash divs. (8%)	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	10,063,460
Balance	sur1,049,217 df19,812,292	def. 6,829,618	sur 3,806,721	

BALANCE SHEET.

	Nov. 4 '22.	Nov. 5 '21.	Oct. 30 '20.	Nov. 1 '19.
Assets—				
Real estate, improvements, incl. branches	92,665,422	96,942,769	96,119,502	89,803,862
Stocks and bonds	42,998,171	37,696,253	35,831,002	35,133,578
Cash	22,651,890	12,067,488	14,146,101	22,915,431
Accounts receivable	110,903,672	121,365,893	153,503,863	149,796,213
Live cattle, sheep, hogs, dressed beef, &c.	86,424,828	93,771,464	151,305,084	191,890,849
Total assets	355,043,986	361,843,867	450,905,553	489,539,932
Liabilities—				
Capital stock	150,000,000	150,000,000	150,000,000	150,000,000
1st M. 5% bonds	28,256,000	28,923,500	29,591,000	30,258,500
6% gold notes due 1921	—	—	25,000,000	25,000,000
7% gold notes due 1931	25,000,000	25,000,000	—	—
7% gold notes, 1932	—	40,000,000	40,000,000	—
5% gold notes	50,000,000	—	—	—
Notes payable	16,140,000	33,853,100	94,604,477	145,224,206
Accounts payable	11,804,493	11,331,603	19,423,234	39,260,829
General reserves	11,054,285	10,995,672	10,734,558	11,414,447
Surplus	62,789,208	61,739,991	81,552,283	88,381,900
Total liabilities	355,043,986	361,843,867	450,905,553	489,539,932

—V. 115, p. 1332, 1108.

Manati Sugar Company.

(Report for Fiscal Year ended Oct. 31 1922.)

The remarks of President R. Truffin, together with the comparative balance sheet, will be published another week.

STATISTICS FOR YEARS ENDING OCTOBER 31.

	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.	1918-19.
Output of raw sugar (tons 2,240 lbs.)	64,188	58,008	53,196	70,422
Receipts per pound	2,714 cts.	4,500 cts.	9,403 cts.	5,645 cts.
Cost of product (per lb.)	2,270 cts.	4,001 cts.	6,232 cts.	4,035 cts.
Operating profits	\$629,546	\$648,432	\$3,778,060	\$2,537,662
INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEARS ENDED OCT. 31.				
	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.	1918-19.
Production (bags)	450,391	400,400	374,700	507,366
Sales—Centrifugal sugar, f. o. b. basis	\$3,604,915	\$5,493,860	\$10,871,611	\$9,214,727
Molasses	40,000	120,220	212,626	128,625
Miscellaneous income	242,331	314,010	—	201,914
Total income	\$3,847,246	\$5,847,870	\$11,204,457	\$9,545,266
Oper. exp., f. o. b. basis	\$3,217,700	\$5,199,439	\$7,426,397	\$6,364,992
Marine freights	—	—	—	642,613
Profit on operations	\$629,546	\$648,432	\$3,778,060	\$2,537,662
Int. on 1st M. bonds, &c.	\$770,089	\$358,202	—	\$ 157,553
Int. earned on curr. acc'ts	Cr. 271,836	Cr. 252,309	Cr. 42,871	—
U. S. capital stock tax	10,807	—	13,692	10,313
U. S. & Cuban inc. tax	—	—	553,108	550,000
Loss on Liberty bonds	—	—	—	26,700
Colonus accounts	50,000	300,284	—	50,000
Depreciation reserve	450,000	630,000	586,000	510,000
Discount on bonds	—	—	—	160,000
Acct. of previous years	21,828	6,623	8,173	3,296
Res. for mat'l & supp.	14,236	150,000	—	—
Res. for possible decline in sugar value	—	225,000	—	—
Preferred divs. (7%)	245,000	245,000	245,000	234,500
Common divs.	(7%) 750,000(10)	1,000,000	(7) 720,620	—
Com. stock (stock div.)	—	—	—	376,700
Balance, sur. of def.	\$660,577 df	\$1,764,369 sr	\$1,414,959	def \$262,018

—V. 115, p. 2693.

International Shoe Co., St. Louis, Mo.

(Summary of Business for Year ended Nov. 30.)

Chairman Jackson Johnson, Dec. 26 1922, wrote in subst:

Total Operations for Fiscal Year ended Nov. 30 1922.	
Net earnings	\$11,739,821
Provision for taxes	1,502,864
Dividends on Preferred and Common stock	3,240,733

Net balance retained as additional working capital \$6,996,224

During the year the company produced 38,376,117 pairs of shoes and its sales were \$101,430,697, showing a satisfactory gain over last year.

Results, &c.—We do not own, operate or control any retail stores and this large volume of sales, made under open and strong competition, is gratifying evidence of the increasing popularity of our product. We make good leather shoes and market them by intensive, persistent selling methods at a low margin of profit. In this way we have secured a large volume of desirable business which has kept our factories running steadily.

The uniform and continuous operation of our factories has reduced the overhead cost which is reflected in the prices of our shoes, thereby stimulating a greater demand for our product. At the same time all those engaged in making our shoes have been steadily employed on a remunerative basis.

The success of our company rests on its ability to sell its product in large volume. We must continue to practice economies, both in making and selling our product, in order that our factories may run continuously, thus making the company's great volume of sales a real asset, not only to stockholders, but to every man actively connected with the company.

The company does not intend to depart from these sound principles upon which it has been conducted. We will continue to improve the quality of our shoes, to be content with a small margin of profit and to eliminate or reduce any item of cost which does not result in service to the consumer. The company produces a large part of the leather it uses, and is making many items which are used in manufacturing its shoes. By this means, we not only effect a saving in cost, but are able to standardize the quality of our shoes.

Additions, &c.—During the year we have brought into operation factories at the following locations: Sweet Springs and St. Clair, Mo., producing 6,600 pairs of shoes per day. Additions have been built to the following factories, giving a total increased daily production of 13,400 pairs: Cape Girardeau, Hannibal, Herman and Marshall, Mo., Chester, Ill., and Paducah, Ky.

Extensive properties located at Broadway and Cherokee St., St. Louis, with floor space of 260,000 sq. ft., have been purchased and are now being converted for the occupancy of the following departments: (1) cartons, (2) containers, (3) sole cutting, (4) heel, (5) box toe, (6) printing, (7) trunk. We have contracted for, and will have in operation during 1923, a shoe factory at Higginville, Mo., with a daily capacity of 4,000 pairs, and an upper fitting room at Jackson, Mo., with a daily capacity of 4,000 pairs of fitted uppers.

At the sole leather plant, St. Louis, we have erected a warehouse and office building, and a warehouse at Jefferson City, Mo., thus affording additional needed facilities for these two plants.

Construction.—During the year we spent on new construction \$1,713,083, and charged to operations \$3,105,499, representing the amount expended for lasts, dies, patterns, the upkeep of buildings, machinery and equipment and depreciation, leaving the net book value of physical properties at \$10,506,751, an increase over the amount reported in 1921 of \$615,187.

Dividends.—Beginning April 1 1923, quarterly dividends on the Common stock shall be at the rate of 75 cents per share.

Production—Outlook.—In order to take care of the increased demand for its shoes, the company must continue to expand its factory production. Therefore, it is desirable that the company retain a large part of its earnings in order that it may, at all times, maintain a strong financial position.

Orders on Hand.—Company has on hand a volume of orders sufficient to insure the continuous operation of its factories during the first six months of the ensuing year.—V. 115, p. 2800, 2692.

British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd.

(Report for Fiscal Year ended Sept. 30 1922.)

The directors at London Dec. 20 report in substance:

The following interim dividends have been paid on the Ordinary shares, viz., 4% on Jan. 18 1922; 4% on March 31 1922; 4% on June 30 1922, and 4% on Sept. 30 1922, and there is now an available balance of £4,721,106, made up as follows:

Net profits for the year, after deducting all charges and expenses for management, &c., and providing for income tax and corporation profits tax are	£4,400,784
Deduct—Preference dividend for the year of 5%	225,000
Balance	£4,175,784

Amount brought forward per last balance sheet, £3,171,454; Less final dividend of 8% for the year ended Sept. 30 1921, paid Jan. 18 1922, £1,281,266, and less also £310 applied in payment in full for 310 Ordinary shares (distributed as div. with other Ordinary shares per resolution of May 10 1920); Add portion of the general reserve of £1,500,000 set up in 1914 to provide against possible losses arising from the war not now required. (The balance of £278,000 having been charged off), £1,222,000; balance brought forward

Total available	£7,287,661
Deduct—4 interim divs. on Ordinary shares	2,566,556

Leaving balance of £4,721,106 out of which the directors recommend the distribution on Jan. 18 next of a final dividend (free of British income tax) on the Ordinary shares of 9% amounting to £1,444,153, leaving £3,276,952 to be carried forward.

The net profits above mentioned do not include the company's proportion of the undivided profits of the Associated Companies which such companies have not thought fit to declare as dividends.

INCOME ACCOUNT YEARS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30.

	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.	1918-19.
Net profits after chgs. x	£4,400,784	£4,323,481	£4,879,177	£3,776,508
Preferred dividends (5%)	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000
Ordinary div. (25%)	y4,010,709	(24)3842,493	(30)3745,492	(30)2156,773
Balance, surplus	£165,075	£255,988	£908,685	£1,394,735
Previous surplus	1,890,188	1,636,463	4,400,312	3,005,578
Total	£2,055,263	£1,892,451	£5,308,997	£4,400,313
Stock dividend (text)	£230	£2,263	£3,197,096	-----
do in SS. stock	-----	-----	475,438	-----
War loss res. cred. back	1,222,000	-----	-----	-----
Profit & loss, surplus	£3,276,953	£1,890,188	£1,636,463	£4,400,313

x After deducting in 1921-22 "all charges and expenses for management, &c., and providing for income tax and corporation profits tax."
y The dividends on the Ordinary shares in 1921-22 include the 4 interim distributions, viz.: Jan. 18 1922, 4%, March 31, 4%; June 30, 4%; and Sept. 30, 4%, calling for £2,566,556, also the final 9% dividend (free of British income tax) recommended payable Jan. 18 1923 (£1,444,153), making 25%.

BALANCE SHEET SEPTEMBER 30.

1922.		1921.		1922.		1921.	
Assets—	£	£	Assets—	£	£	£	£
Real est. & bldg.	490,558	550,950	Preferred stock	4,500,000	4,500,000		
Plant, mach., &c.	529,247	475,932	Ordinary stock	16,046,070	16,015,645		
Good-will, trade-			Cred. & cred. bals.	5,161,822	6,239,843		
marks, &c.	200,000	200,000	Res. for bldgs., &c.	500,000	489,738		
Inv. in assoc. coms.	15,266,302	15,340,583	Prem. on ord. shs.	417,314	401,030		
Other investments		4,958	Redemp. of coup's	48,446	50,945		
British Govt. sec.	464,854		Special reserve	1,256,399	1,254,231		
Loans, associated			General reserve— (see text)		1,500,000		
companies, &c.	4,695,582	5,547,886	Profit and loss be-				
Materials & supp.	4,849,613	6,873,065	fore deducting				
Debtors and debit			final dividend	4,721,106	3,171,454		
bal., less reserve	1,659,489	*2,103,141					
Cash	4,495,611	2,520,980					
Total	32,651,156	33,622,495	Total	32,651,156	33,622,495		

* Includes assets in former enemy countries. a Real estate and buildings at cost, less provision for amortization of leaseholds. b Preferred stock authorized and outstanding, 4,500,000 5% Cumulative shares of £1 each. c Ordinary stock represents 16,046,070 shares of £1 each. The total authorized issue is £18,000,000. There are contingent liabilities, on shares not fully paid, £25,466, for premiums payable on redemption of shares in associated companies allocated to employees, also in respect of guarantees given on behalf of certain associated companies, and to issue 837 Ordinary shares of £1 each in accordance with the extraordinary resolution of May 10 1920, to shareholders who have not lodged acceptances.—V. 115, p. 2908, 2796.

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."

Boston & Maine Reopens Shops.—Will resume work in shops at Keene, N. H., closed since July 1. "Philadelphia News Bureau" Jan. 1, p. 3.

Bonus to Loyal Employees.—Louisville & Nashville will give extra months' salary to employees who did meritorious work during shop strike. "Boston News Bureau" Jan. 1, p. 3.

Rate Changes During 1922 Reduces Roads' Revenue \$500,000,000.—Bureau of Railway Economics based statement on data filed with I.-S. C. Commission and reviews reductions made since August 1920. "Times" Dec. 31, Sec. 9, p. 10.

Wages of Boston Elevated Employees.—The wages of the conductors and motormen on the Boston Elevated System were reduced 2 cents an hour on Jan. 1, in accordance with the agreement of last June between the Carman's Union and the Elevated trustees that arranged for a 4 cent cut from 65 cents an hour, the reduction to be in two cuts, the second of which will be on Monday. "Boston Financial News" Dec. 29, p. 3.

Car Repairs.—Freight cars awaiting repairs on Class I railroads on Dec. 15 were 213,837, for 9.4% of the cars on line, according to the American Railway Association. This is a reduction of 12,451 cars compared with the number in need of repair on Dec. 1, at which time there were 226,288, or 9.9%.

The number awaiting repairs on Dec. 15 was the smallest since Feb. 15 1921.

On Dec. 15 last year 318,556, or 13.5%, were in need of repairs.

Cars in need of light repairs on Dec. 15 this year totaled 44,567, a reduction of 5,715 since the first of the month, while those in need of heavy repairs totaled 169,270, or a reduction of 6,736 within approximately two weeks.

Orders for Locomotives.—New locomotives valued at \$6,600,000 were contracted for in last week of 1922 by American Locomotive Co.

The orders closed in the last week called for the delivery of 133 engines the largest total for any week in more than two years. The contracts call for the delivery of 12 to the Chicago & North Western, 18 for the Union Pacific, 8 for the Grand Trunk, 3 for the Lehigh & New England, 35 for the Canadian National Railways, 5 for the Central of New Jersey, 3 for the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Mining Co., 8 for the Narragansett Pier RR. Co., 1 for Cosden & Co., and 2 for the Japanese Government Railway. "Times" Jan. 4.

Car Loadings During Year 1922.—The following statement is authorized by the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association:

"More cars were loaded with agricultural products during the year 1922 than ever before in the history of the railroads.

"Loading of grain and grain products alone increased approximately 7% over 1921, when such shipments were the heaviest on record. There also was an increase in 1922 in the number of cars loaded with grain and grain products of approximately 33% over 1920.

"For the 50 weeks this year complete reports show 2,370,625 cars loaded with grain and grain products. This was an increase of 144,780 cars, compared with the same period last year, and an increase of 585,634 cars over the corresponding period in 1920.

"Cars loaded with live stock during 1922, according to incomplete reports, increased approximately 9% over 1921 and increased approximately 5% over 1920.

"A new record in the number of cars loaded with all commodities, except coal, was also made in 1922, when there was an increase of more than 15% over 1921, and nearly 3% over 1920. Loading of all commodities, other than coal, amounted to 35,074,090 cars from Jan. 1 this year to Dec. 16. This was an increase of 4,680,720 cars, compared with the corresponding period last year, and an increase of 938,188 cars compared with the corresponding period in 1920.

"Notwithstanding the five months' coal strike, coal production in 1922 nearly equals that of last year. By the first week in Jan. it is estimated that it will equal that for 1921. Up to Dec. 16 1922 7,093,638 cars had been loaded with coal, compared with 7,734,627 during the corresponding period in 1921 and 9,731,796 in 1920.

"The railroads in 1922 also moved more merchandise and miscellaneous freight, which includes manufactured products, than ever before in history, there having been an increase of approximately 14% in the number of cars loaded in 1922 over 1921, and approximately 6% over 1920, when freight traffic was the heaviest in the history of the railroads. Movement of merchandise and miscellaneous freight is one of the best indices to business conditions to be found.

"Loading of merchandise and miscellaneous freight up to Dec. 16 last totaled 26,252,434 cars. This was an increase of 3,145,601 cars over the same period in 1921, and an increase of 1,419,012 cars in 1920.

"Tentative reports show that loading of forest products in 1922 considerably surpassed the total for last year, but was slightly below that for

1920. Loading of that commodity for the first 50 weeks this year totaled 2,835,437 cars. This exceeded the same period last year by 425,424 cars, and was within 152,594 cars of the total for the same period in 1920."

Car Shortage.—Total shortage on Dec. 23 was 99,908 cars. This was a decrease since Dec. 15 of 5,110 cars, and the first time the shortage has fallen below the hundred thousand mark since Sept. 15.

The demand for box cars in excess of the current supply totaled 43,697 on Dec. 23, a reduction of 5,978 in approximately a week, while the demand for coal cars totaled 43,664, which was, however, an increase of 2,464 within the same period. The shortage in coke cars totaled 461, 18 cars under that on Dec. 15. A decrease of 1,200 was also reported in the shortage in stock cars, compared with that on Dec. 15, which brought the total to 2,215. The shortage in refrigerator cars likewise showed a decrease within a week of 242, which reduced the total to 4,677.

With the lessening of the car shortage, there has been a steady increase in the number of surplus freight cars of various classes and in good repair scattered throughout the country, the total for such cars on Dec. 23 being 9,563. This was an increase of 1,886 over that on Dec. 15. Surplus box cars numbered 1,751, an increase within a week of about 500, while 2,532 surplus coal cars in good repair were reported, an increase of 250 within the same period.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Dec. 30.—(a) What Canada thinks of the regulation of railroads in the United States, p. 2866. (b) Complete railway statistics for 1921 covering 250,649 operated miles of line, p. 2866. (c) I.-S. C. denies reduction on pig iron rates from Southern ports, p. 2867. (d) Radical element threatens stability of country, says B. W. Hooper, Chairman U. S. RR. Labor Board, p. 2867.

Alabama Traction Co.—Stock Application.—This company, formerly the North Alabama Traction Co., has applied to the Alabama P. S. Commission for authority to issue stock.

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—Improvements.—The 1923 budget for additions and betterments totals \$24,100,000, according to Pres. W. B. Storey. This figure represents an amount in addition to approximately \$12,000,000 carried over from 1922 and provides for additions and betterments, including such items as second track, new equipment, bridge, &c.—V. 115, p. 2904, 2168.

Baltimore Chesapeake & Atlantic RR.—May Be Sold.—See Maryland Delaware & Virginia RR. below.—V. 112, p. 1282.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Equipment Orders.—Orders have been placed for 5,000 hopper and gondola cars, distributed as follows: 1,500 with Pressed Steel Car Co.; 1,000 with American Car & Foundry Co.; 500 with Standard Steel Car Co.; 500 with Youngstown Steel Car Co.; 500 with Balston Steel Car Co., and 1,000 with Cambria Steel Co.—V. 115, p. 2681, 2277.

Off Legal List.—All bond issues of the Baltimore & Ohio and Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul RRs. are off the list of bonds for legal investment for savings banks in New York State.—V. 115, p. 2681, 2277.

Bangor Railway & Electric Co.—Dividend Increased.—A quarterly dividend of 1% has been declared on the outstanding Capital stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 10. Quarterly dividend of ¾% of 1% each were paid in May, August and November last.—V. 115, p. 1099, 72.

Baton Rouge Electric Co.—Notes Paid.—Any balance of the 7% notes outstanding Jan. 1 were paid off by the company.—V. 113, p. 2404.

Carolina Clinchfield & Ohio Ry.—Bonds Authorized.—The I.-S. C. Commission on Dec. 28 authorized the company to issue \$9,500,000 1st & Consol. Mtge. Gold bonds, Series A, to be sold at not less than 91½ and int. and the proceeds used in paying off loans aggregating \$8,000,000 from the U. S., and in reimbursement of the company's treasury for expenditures for capital purposes amounting to \$1,500,000. See offering of \$8,000,000 of these bonds in V. 115, p. 2793, 2984.

Central New York Southern RR.—Receiver Asked.—The Columbia Trust Co., New York, as trustee has instituted proceedings for the appointment of a receiver.

The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to abandon its entire line.—V. 115, p. 2793.

Central RR. of New Jersey.—To Build Bridge.—Secretary of War Weeks has approved the application of the company to construct a new bridge across the south end of Newark Bay, N. J., replacing the present bridge at that point. Construction of the bridge, estimated at \$9,000,000, has been opposed by the city of Newark, which contended it would impede navigation and urged the construction of a tunnel.—V. 115, p. 2579.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Guaranty Payment.—A payment of \$1,074,841 from the Government has been authorized by the I.-S. C. Commission, completing payment of all the amounts under the Government guaranty against losses in operation for the 6 months of 1920 after return of the roads to private ownership. With the payment certified the company will have received a total of \$4,378,841.—V. 115, p. 2904, 2683.

Chicago & Alton RR.—Receivers' Notes.—The I.-S. C. Commission on Dec. 27 authorized William W. Wheelock and William G. Bierd, Receivers, to issue, under date of Dec. 1 1922, receivers' notes aggregating \$2,000,000, maturing 18 months from the date thereof. The report of the Commission says in substance:

The proceeds from the sale of the notes will be used in making repairs to cars and locomotives and for renewals of rail and to the extent of \$1,000,000 in part reimbursement of the receivers for payments made by them for necessary current labor, services, supplies and material furnished the company during the 6 months' period immediately prior to the receivership:

It is proposed to sell the receivers' notes to net the receivers the par value thereof plus accrued interest, less discount of not more than 3%. If the notes bear interest at rate of 5% and a discount of not more than 2%, if such int. rate is 6%. The notes will be redeemable on any interest date, only at the option of the receivers, by the payment of the principal, accrued thereon, and a premium of 1% of the principal if redeemed June 1 1923, and a premium of ½% of 1% if redeemed Dec. 1 1923.

Jan. 1 Int. on 1st Lien 3½s Defaulted.—The protective committee representing the holders of the 3½% 1st Lien 50-Year gold bonds, due July 1 1950, F. H. Ecker, Chairman, has called attention to the default in payment of interest due Jan. 1 1923, and of the authorization of the issuance and sale of \$2,000,000 receivers' certificates. The committee requests that all holders who have not done so already should deposit their bonds with the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. as depositary. (See adv. pages.)—V. 115, p. 2793, 2683.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.—Bonds.—The I.-S. C. Commission on Dec. 22 authorized the company to pledge and repledge not exceeding \$989,000 of the prior-lien-mortgage 5½% bonds Series B, from time to time, until otherwise ordered, as collateral security for any certain note or notes that may be issued, and to sell said bonds at any time to and including June 30 1923 at a price to net not less than 95 and int. Report of the Commission says in substance:

The applicant represents that to meet its needs for additional equipment, it has arranged to procure 17 all-steel 70-foot baggage cars; 10 Mikado-type freight locomotives and 6 Pacific-type passenger locomotives at an approximate total cost of \$1,099,300. Delivery of equipment will be made between Nov. 1 1922, and Jan. 1 1923. Payment therefore will be made upon delivery from funds in the treasury. As of Nov. 1 1922, after meeting payments then due and providing for outstanding drafts and taxes, payable during the month of Nov. 8 1922. Company estimated it would have \$3,665,000 in its treasury available to pay for the equipment. It is proposed to rehabilitate, at an estimated cost of \$1,227,812, certain equipment acquired from a predecessor company, and to expend for other additions and betterments during 1922, \$1,516,675. To complete these programs, it is estimated that \$1,027,812 will be required for the rehabilitation of equipment and \$604,688 will be

needed for the additions and betterments, which amounts, together with the proposed expenditure of \$1,099,300 for new equipment, will make a total of \$2,731,800, to be financed from cash in the treasury. There would therefore, remain of the estimated balance on Nov. 1 1922, approximately \$934,000 for other current requirements. Applicant claims this would be an inadequate working fund inasmuch as operating expenses for Oct. 1922, amounted to \$1,976,060. Applicant therefore proposes to reimburse its treasury to the extent of approximately 90% of the expenditures for new equipment by the proposed issue of bonds. The question of whether the proposed expenditures for rehabilitation of equipment and for additions and betterments are properly capitalized is not now passed upon. It is stated that the bonds will be sold ultimately directly, or through Kuhn, Loeb & Co., at not less than 95 and int.—V. 115, p. 2904, 2158.

Chicago Great Western RR.—Authority to Issue Bonds.—To Acquire Bonds of Mason City & Fort Dodge RR.—The I.-S. C. Commission on Dec. 23 authorized the company to issue \$10,206,000 1st Mtge. 50-year 4% Gold bonds and \$3,580,000 4% Preferred stock in connection with the acquisition of the \$12,000,000 1st Mtge. 4% bonds of Mason City & Fort Dodge RR. The report of the Commission says in part:

The applicant operates, under lease, all the lines of railroad owned by the Mason City company. In Nov. 1920 the applicant notified the Mason City bondholders that, upon the basis of accounting specified in the lease, the interest on the Mason City bonds had not been earned, that it had advanced funds from time to time with which to make up the deficiency, but that these advances would no longer be continued. However, the coupons maturing Dec. 1 1920 were paid by the applicant (V. 111, p. 2228), although it claimed that the interest had not been earned, but the interest on the Mason City bonds since that date has not been paid.

A bondholders' committee (Mortimer N. Buckner, Chairman, V. 111, p. 2140) has been formed to protect the interests of the Mason City bondholders. It is the view of this committee that not only has the Mason City defaulted in the payment of int. on its bonds, but that the applicant is in default under the lease, the committee's contention being that, under proper accounting on the basis specified in the lease, net earnings of the Mason City sufficient to pay all the interest upon the \$12,000,000 of Mason City bonds are, or ought to be, in the applicant's hands. The committee insists, therefore, that it can, at any time, cause the Mason City mortgage to be foreclosed or terminate the lease, or in a suit against the applicant for an accounting, cause a substantial sum to be credited to the "trust fund" for the benefit of the Mason City bondholders.

The applicant denies that it is in default under the lease, and asserts that, under the accounting provisions of the lease properly construed, no earnings are available for the payment of interest upon the Mason City bonds.

This controversy between the bondholders' committee and the applicant has been the subject of extended negotiations between them, in the hope of effecting an adjustment. In the meantime, the applicant has continued to operate the Mason City lines under the lease.

Under date of Oct. 20 1922 the bondholders' committee and the applicant entered into an agreement embodying an adjustment plan under which, subject to our approval, the securities, for the issue of which authority is herein sought, will be delivered by the applicant to the bondholders' committee in exchange for all the outstanding Mason City bonds deposited under a certain deposit agreement, provided at least 80% of the outstanding bonds are deposited.

The applicant now owns all of the Capital stock of the Mason City, and, in the event it should acquire in addition all of the outstanding Mason City bonds, the practical effect would be to merge the Mason City with the applicant. Indeed, if the proposed adjustment is consummated, it is the intention of the applicant to ask our authorization of the acquisition by it of the railways and properties of the Mason City. For digest of adjustment plan see Mason City & Fort Dodge RR. below.—V. 115, p.2904, 2683.

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—Off Legal List, &c. See Baltimore & Ohio RR. above. It is stated that the company will spend \$18,000,000 during the coming year for equipment, and \$12,000,000 for other supplies and material.—V. 115, p. 2793, 2683.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific RR.—Nov. Earnings.—Chairman Charles Hayden, commenting on the November earnings, said: "Rock Island net operating revenue for November was \$2,351,358 and the balance of income after payment of all fixed charges was \$369,750, which are the largest net operating revenue and balance of income shown for the month of November since 1917.

"The balance of income for the year to Nov. 30 is \$2,389,237. These figures include all the extraordinary expenses growing out of the shopmen's strike and a reserve of \$1,350,000 for deferred maintenance of equipment resulting from the strike.

"The earnings reflect a very creditable performance on the part of the company, when it is considered that the freight rate reductions ordered by the I.-S. C. Commission during the current year amount, on the volume of traffic the road handled, to \$8,475,000. Had it not been for these rate reductions, the net for the 11 months ended Nov. 30 would have been correspondingly greater."

	1922.	1921.
Operating revenues	\$10,873,521	\$11,040,397
Operating expenses	8,522,163	9,204,005
Net operating revenue	\$2,351,338	\$1,856,392
Operating income	1,811,134	1,270,313
Non-operating income	45,000	11,488
Gross income	\$1,856,134	\$1,351,803
Deduction	1,236,384	1,303,858
Net income	\$619,750	\$47,963
Res. for maint. of equip. on account of shopmen's strike	250,000	-----
Balance of income	\$369,750	\$47,963

—V. 115, p. 2476.

Chicago Utilities Co.—Bonds Sold at Auction.—Adrian H. Muller & Sons, N. Y., auctioneers, last week sold \$2,000,000 of First Mtge. 5% gold bonds, due April 1 1942, for \$200 for the lot.—V. 113, p. 292.

Cumberland County Power & Light Co.—To Acquire. The company has applied to the Maine P. U. Commission for authority to acquire the properties of the York County Power Co. and the Westbrook Electric Co. The latter named companies are both controlled by the Cumberland Co. through stock ownership.—V. 115, p. 435, 313.

Community Traction Co.—To Increase Capital.—The City Council of Toledo, Ohio, has authorized the company to increase its capital by issuance of \$30,000 of Preferred stock to provide funds to purchase four motor buses and provide housing facilities.—V. 115, p. 2477.

Dayton Toledo & Chicago Ry.—Abandonment.—The I.-S. C. Commission Dec. 26 issued a certificate authorizing the receiver to abandon, as to inter-State and foreign commerce, the line of the company. The report of the Commission says in part:

The railroad is located entirely within the State of Ohio, and extends from Delphos to near Stillwater Jct., 90 miles. The company was placed in the hands of a receiver April 29 1921. The Common Pleas Court of Miami County, O., on Oct. 2 1922, entered an order in the receivership proceeding, authorizing and directing the receiver to file this application with the Commission to abandon the road.

The line was built as a narrow gauge from Dayton to Delphos, and was placed in service in 1881. In 1892 it was acquired by the Cincinnati Hamilton & Dayton RR. and changed to standard gauge. It was operated as the Delphos division of the latter road until 1917, when the Cincinnati & Dayton RR. and changed to standard gauge. It was operated as Hamilton & Dayton RR., then in receivership, was acquired by the Baltimore & Ohio RR. At that time the Delphos division was sold for junk,

but the sale was set aside by the court and that portion of the division extending from Stillwater Jct. to Delphos was acquired by the Dayton Company. The Dayton Company began operation on Jan. 1 1918, and continued such operation until the appointment of the receiver.

The consolidated general balance sheet, as of July 31 1922, showed: capital stock, \$300,000; funded debt unamortized, \$386,980; current liabilities, \$509,429; unadjusted credits, \$161,799; investment in road and equipment, \$706,478; current assets, \$83,096; unadjusted debits, \$76,764; profit and loss debit balance, \$493,222. For the period Jan. 1 1918 to July 31 1922 the result of operations were: Operating revenues, \$1,181,319; operating expenses, \$1,313,016; deficit in net railway operating income, \$467,692. The applicant states that neither the \$300,000 capital stock nor the \$386,980 bonds have any market value and that their worth will not be affected by the proposed abandonment.

The debts of the receiver are approximately \$200,000. Taxes to the amount of \$15,000 are due and unpaid.—V. 115, p. 1729, 1320.

Delaware & Hudson Co.—Tentative Value.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$98,728,801 on the company's property as of June 30 1916, according to information contained in the Commission's report to the Senate in response to the Capper resolution regarding the recapture of excess earnings.—V. 115, p. 2045, 1631.

Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR.—Elevation.—The new elevated section of the D. L. & W. RR. in New York on the Morris and Essex divisions, which eliminates grade crossings between Hoboken and Mount Tabor, was used Dec. 17 for the first time. The elevation, constructed since April 1921, is 17 miles long and cost approximately \$4,000,000. The improvement includes two new stations, Brick Church and East Orange, N. J.—Sixteen grade crossings have been eliminated.—V. 115, p. 2905, 2266.

Denver & Rio Grande Western RR.—Receiver's Certif. The I.-S. C. Commission on Dec. 28 authorized Joseph H. Young, Receiver, to issue \$5,000,000 receiver's certificates, Series No. 1, at not less than 98 and int. The report of the Commission says in part:

Acting under an order of the court, the receiver submitted to the special master a budget of improvements, additions or betterments which he believed should be made within three years from Aug. 1 1922, to put the railroads in his charge in safe and proper condition for adequately serving the public. Such budget showed estimated gross expenditures of \$23,792,518, which included \$6,226,283 for new equipment.

On Nov. 20 1922, the special master filed a report finding among other things, that the most important expenditures necessary were for equipment and additional shop facilities, and that \$7,000,000 should be available within the next 60 days, and \$3,000,000 during the year 1923, and recommending that an order be entered authorizing the issuance of \$5,000,000 of receiver's equipment trust certificates and \$5,000,000 of receiver's certifs.

On Dec. 2 1922, the court entered an order confirming and approving the report of the special master and authorizing the receiver to negotiate for the sale of \$5,000,000 of receiver's equipment-trust certificates, not included in this application, and to issue not exceeding \$5,000,000 of receiver's certificates, Series No. 1, to be in the denom. of \$1,000 each, or any multiple thereof, to be dated Dec. 1 1922, to be payable Dec. 1 1924, but red. at any time at par and int. Certificates are to rank equally and be equally secured upon the corpus of all the property and franchises legally or equitably covered by and or embraced in the 1st & Ref. Mtge. of the Denver & Rio Grande RR., dated Aug. 1 1908, and, or the Adjustment mortgage made by that company, dated May 1 1912, prior and superior to the lien of said mortgages, but subordinate to senior and underlying mortgages and except as to the proposed issue of receiver's equipment-trust certificates. No receiver's certificates will be issued having any priority over, or being on a parity with, this series, either in lien or date of maturity until all certificates of this series have been fully paid both as to principal and interest.

The receiver proposes to use not exceeding \$1,200,000 of the proceeds of the sale of the certificates as a cash payment upon equipment to cost approximately \$6,000,000 and to be procured under a proposed equipment trust, and to spend the remainder for additions and betterments to the property in his hands.

No arrangement have been made for the sale of the certificates other than certain assurances the receiver now has for the purchase of \$2,500,000 thereof at 98 and int. Authority is sought to issue and sell the entire \$5,000,000 of certificates at not less than this price, which is the minimum fixed in the court order. On that basis the annual cost to the receiver will be approximately 7%.

Reorganization Plan Reported Near Completion.—

According to reports in the financial district this week a reorganization plan resulting from co-operative effort of the Perkins committee and Kuhn, Loeb & Co., bankers for the Missouri Pacific RR., is nearing completion. James H. Perkins (Pres. Farmers' Loan & Trust Co.) is Chairman of one of the committees, representing holders of the 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5% bonds and the Adjust. Mtge. 7% bonds, and opposed the reorganization plan advanced by the Hammond committee about a year ago.

It is reported that under the new plan the Missouri Pacific proposes to provide for the 5% bondholders by an issue of new 5% bonds, guaranteed by the Missouri Pacific, which would be offered at 60. The reports also state that the road would be operated jointly by the Missouri Pacific and the Western Pacific.

Alvin W. Krech, Chairman of the Western Pacific, is reported to have stated that representatives of the Western Pacific and the Missouri Pacific had been carrying on conferences with a view to working out the Denver & Rio Grande tangle, but that no conclusions had as yet been reached.

Mr. Krech is quoted as follows: "Papers have been drawn up but the details are still to be worked out, and nothing final has been accomplished. No discussion surrounding the position of the 5% bonds has as yet developed."

Statement by Richard Sutro, Chairman of Bondholders' Committee.

Richard Sutro, Chairman of the committee for the Refunding and Adjustment bonds, in connection with the above rumors issued the following statement:

"The Denver & Rio Grande system is in all respects self-supporting, and, as is now well known, originates over 80% of its traffic.

"On the other hand, from the information obtainable, the Missouri Pacific and the Western Pacific fall to show sufficient earnings available to meet the proposed guaranty. It must therefore be apparent that any such guaranty will be met out of the earnings of the Denver system itself—and that for this reason the guaranty is either wholly unnecessary or of no substantial value. Further, if this plan involved another effort to reconstitute the control of the Denver system in either or both of these connecting lines—thus depriving the bondholders of the equity in the road which our committee is endeavoring to secure for them—we may reasonably expect a recurrence of old-time conditions, which would mean that the Denver system would again be operated primarily for the benefit of selfish outside interests and that the Preferred stock that it is proposed to give to the Denver bondholders would have a very doubtful value.

"There is one course to pursue and one alone in connection with any reorganization of the Denver & Rio Grande system—and that is to reorganize the road as a wholly independent system and solely in the interest of its own bondholders, so that its management may be enabled to work wholeheartedly in the interest of its own security holders, and without the necessity of also serving outside interests.

"Furthermore, it will be interesting to learn how this suggested plan proposes to deal with the Utah Fuel Co. stock, the title to the property of which the Denver & Rio Grande Western claims to be the owner, free of the lien of the Refunding and Adjustment Mortgages and numerous other important unadjusted matters."—V. 115, p. 2684, 2266.

Des Moines & Central Iowa Elec. Co.—Bonds Paid.—The \$201,000 Oskaloosa Traction & Light Co. 1st Mtge. 5% bonds due Jan. 1 have been paid.—V. 101, p. 287.

Detroit Toledo & Ironton Ry.—Profit Sharing Opposed. Counsel for the minority stockholders has opposed the company's proposal to issue employees' profit sharing certificates in papers filed with the I.-S. C. Commission, calling it a method of taking the minority stockholders' right to possible profits. Objection to plan says that Henry Ford and his associates can claim to be employees of the road and share in the profits, shutting out those only financially interested in the road.—V. 115, p. 2684, 2579.

Gary & Southern Traction Co.—Wages Cut.—The company and its employees have concluded negotiations whereby the latter have agreed to accept a wage scale of 60 cents an hour—a reduction of 6 cents from the former scale.—V. 115, p. 1631.

Groton & Stonington (Conn.) St. Ry.—Trolley Service.
The company recently established railway service between Groton and New London, Conn.—V. 103, p. 1032.

Illinois Central RR.—Valuation Too Low.—Addressing the Kentucky Manufacturers' Association, Pres. C. H. Markham said that the valuation placed by the I.-S. C. Commission on the system is too low. He said in part:

The Illinois Central system was recently served with a preliminary engineering survey of its valuation, as of June 30 1915. At that time the Commission's valuation engineers estimated the property was worth about \$371,500,000. Now that estimate that estimate as it stands and adding the Commission, but even taking that estimate as it stands and adding the \$108,000,000 put into the property between that time and the end of 1921 we would have had a valuation at the end of 1921 that totaled close to \$480,000,000, or more than \$90,000,000 in excess of the Illinois Central system's capital stock and funded debt in the hands of the public. A margin of \$90,000,000 on a valuation of \$480,000,000 is a pretty safe margin, certainly safe enough to prove that you won't find "water" in the securities of the Illinois Central system.

Illinois Central system operates about 6,200 miles of line, but when we count up second, third and fourth tracks, side tracks, passing tracks, yard tracks and the like we have more than 10,000 miles of track. Our capitalization is about \$387,000,000. That is, \$62,400 for each mile of line, or \$38,700 for each mile of track. But capitalization covers much more than just the right-of-way, the ballast, the ties, and the rails. On the Illinois Central system we have 75,000 freight cars, 1,800 locomotives, and 1,700 passenger cars. Take our freight cars at a value of \$1,000 each, which is half what a new car costs to-day; it is not an unjust value of our cars because our equipment was acquired largely in recent years and has been kept in first-class condition. Take our locomotives at \$30,000 each, which is nearly half what we are paying now. Take our passenger cars at \$15,000 each; we paid \$34,800 each for the last steel cars we purchased. Most of our passenger cars are modern steel cars and they have been kept in good condition.

These estimates would give us \$75,000,000 worth of freight cars, \$54,000,000 worth of locomotives, and about \$25,500,000 worth of passenger cars. This is a value of \$154,500,000 for rolling equipment alone, nearly half of the total capitalization of the system. When we subtract this from the previous capitalized value we had for a mile of track \$38,700 we have left a capitalized value of \$23,250 a mile. And this does not take into consideration the cost of bridges, signals, telephone and telegraph lines, which are so closely connected with the track, or of the buildings, land, round-houses, shops and stations.

Operation of Line, &c.

The I.-S. C. Commission on Dec. 23 issued (1) a certificate authorizing the Chicago St. Louis & New Orleans RR. to construct a new line of railroad in Muhlenberg and Hopkins counties, Ky., and as incidental thereto and constituting part of the proposed new line, to acquire, by purchase, a line of the Kentucky Midland RR.; (2) approved and authorized the proposed acquisition by the Illinois Central RR. of control, by lease, of the new line of railroad to be constructed by the Chicago St. Louis & New Orleans RR., including as a part thereof the line to be acquired from the Kentucky company. The report of the Commission says:

"The Chicago company owns a road extending from Louisville to Fulton, Ky., 271 miles. Entire capital stock owned by the Illinois Central and the latter company operates the road of the former company under a 99-year lease, expiring June 30 1996.

"As a part of the proposed new construction project the Chicago company plans to purchase and rehabilitate a line of road owned by the Kentucky company, extending from Central City in a westerly direction 9 miles, of which 6.89 miles have heretofore been operated by the Kentucky company. The Chicago company proposes to extend the line to be acquired from the Kentucky company from its western terminus, in a general westerly direction through Muhlenberg and Hopkins counties, to a point on the partially completed Dawson-Providence Branch of the Chicago company's road about 4 miles north of Dawson Springs, Ky., a distance of 25 miles. It also plans to complete the Dawson-Providence Branch between the point of connection with the new line and Dawson Springs, thus forming a second line from Dawson Springs to Central City. The Chicago company proposes to pay \$255,000 for the property to be purchased from the Kentucky company, and it estimates that it will be necessary to expend about \$150,000 to reduce grades and rehabilitate the line of railroad to be acquired.

"The estimated cost of the new line from Dawson Springs to Central City is \$1,870,000, divided as follows: Cost of line to be constructed, \$1,465,000; purchase price of the property to be bought from the Kentucky company and rehabilitation cost of the line to be acquired, \$405,000.

"The Illinois company will operate the new line under the lease effective July 1 1897."—V. 115, p. 2684, 2267.

Indiana Columbus & Eastern Traction Co.—Order.—Judge Killits in the Federal Court at Toledo, O., has set aside a former order entered Oct. 18 1921, under which the company was authorized to abandon its line between Lima and Defiance. Service was to have been discontinued on Dec. 31 1922.—V. 115, p. 2477, 1532.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—New Directors, &c.—Herman A. Metz, William White Niles and Abel E. Blackmar, designated by the Transit Commission to represent the public, have been elected directors for terms expiring Sept. 1923, Sept. 1924 and Sept. 1925, respectively.

Bonds Ready.
The Bankers Trust Co., 10 Wall St., N. Y. City, is now prepared to deliver 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds in exchange for certificates of deposit issued under the plan of readjustment (see V. 115, p. 2580).—V. 115, p. 2901, 2905.

International-Great Northern RR.—Bonds Sold.—Speyer & Co. and J. & W. Seligman & Co. have sold at 97 and int., to yield over 6.20%, about \$13,500,000 1st Mtge. 30-Year 6% gold bonds, Series A, due July 1 1952 (see advertising pages).

The bonds are a part of a total authorized issue limited to \$40,000,000, of which \$20,000,000 have been issued and are outstanding at the low rate of approximately \$18,000 per mile, and cover property which, with about \$6,000,000 of net current assets, has been valued by the Texas RR. Commission at approximately \$45,000,000, which is more than twice the amount of First Mortgage bonds issued. The bankers state:

Fixed Charges.—The total annual fixed interest charges of the new company are \$1,179,000, a reduction of more than 26% as compared with the charges of the old company. As a result of operating policies and economies now being instituted by the new management, it is estimated that for the years 1923 to 1925, inclusive, the net income available for interest should amount to at least \$3,000,000 per year.

During the receivership over \$5,000,000 was expended on the property for additions and betterments, and the new company on Dec. 1 1922 had available a working fund of more than \$4,000,000 in cash.

Issuance.—The issuance of these bonds has been approved by the I.-S. C. Commission and by the Texas RR. Commission.

Control.—The St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. has contracted to purchase the entire capital stock of the International-Great Northern RR., subject to the approval of its stockholders and of the I.-S. C. Commission.

Capitalization as of Dec. 1 1922.
1st Mtge. 30-Year 6% Gold Bonds, Series A, due July 1 1952 \$20,000,000
Adjust. Mtge. 30-Year 6% Gold Bonds, Series A, due July 1 1952 17,000,000
Common stock 7,500,000

x Including \$2,750,000 bonds pledged as collateral for U. S. Director-General of Railroads 6% loan of \$2,400,000, due March 1 1930.

Earnings.—Net income of the system for 1922 (one month estimated) available for interest, after operating expenses, taxes and rentals, amounts to approximately \$1,390,000.

The gross revenues of all the Southwestern railways having decreased materially during the present year, the International-Great Northern is no exception, and the shrinkage in 1922 amounts to about \$3,000,000 as compared with 1921. In spite of this large decrease in gross revenues, the results for 1922 show a substantial increase in net income available for interest. It is not to be expected that the unfavorable conditions which are not sectional but countrywide, will continue.

Speyer & Co. and J. & W. Seligman & Co. have notified members of the reorganization syndicate that they have sold all of the International-Great Northern RR. 1st Mtge. 30-Year 6% Bonds and all the Adjustment Mortgage 6% Bonds heretofore held by the syndicate.—V. 115, p. 2905.

Interurban Railway & Terminal Co., Cincinnati.—The interurban line which until last March was operated between Cincinnati and New Richmond, Ohio, will not be rehabilitated and restored to service. The announcement was made by William E. Harton, President of the Cincinnati & New Richmond Ry., originally organized to take over this operation. Failure of shippers along the route to support the project is given as the chief reason for the collapse of the plan.

The work of dismantling the old Interurban Ry. & Terminal Co. line already has been started. The tracks will be torn up and all equipment and stock sold or junked. Charles Leslie is receiver for the company. "Electric Railway Journal."—V. 115, p. 2159.

Kentucky Midland RR.—Sale, &c.—See Illinois Central RR. above.

Keokuk Electric Co.—Notes Offered.—Stone & Webster, Inc., are offering at 98½ and int., \$400,000 2½-Year 6% Mtge. notes. A circular shows:

Dated Jan. 2 1923. Due July 1 1925. Interest payable J. & J. at First Trust & Savings Bank, trustee, Chicago, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c's) Redeemable as a whole on 30 days' notice at 102 prior to Jan. 1 1924; 101 Jan. 1 1924 to Dec. 31 1924; 100 Jan. 1 1925 to maturity.

Security.—Secured, subject to the lien of \$137,000 divisional bonds by a closed mortgage on the entire property now or hereafter owned.

Company.—Does entire electric lighting and power and street railway business in Keokuk, Iowa, and in Hamilton and Warsaw, Ill., gas business in Hamilton and Warsaw. Population estimated, 20,000.

Purpose.—To pay \$388,000 1st & Ref. bonds maturing Jan. 15 1923.

Capitalization.
Mortgage notes, 6% (this issue) Authorized Outstanding \$400,000
Keokuk Elec. Ry. & Pr. Co. 5% serial bonds Closed 137,000
Preferred 6% Cumulative stock \$250,000 250,000
Common stock 650,000 650,000

Earnings—12 Months ended Nov. 30 1922.
Gross earnings \$384,978
Net, after operating expenses and taxes 101,867
Interest on bonds and mortgage notes requires 30,880
—V. 106, p. 396.

Lake Erie & Western RR.—Transfer Agent.—

The Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y. has been appointed transfer agent for 118,400 shares of Preferred stock and 118,400 shares of Common stock, par \$100 each.—V. 115, p. 2905.

Maryland Delaware & Virginia RR.—May Be Sold.—

It is reported that the Maryland Delaware & Virginia RR. and the Baltimore Chesapeake & Atlantic RR., two subsidiaries of the Pennsylvania RR., will shortly be sold under foreclosure. It is also reported that the Pennsylvania itself will probably purchase the roads if offered for sale.

The Maryland company has a funded debt of \$1,500,000 5% bonds, guaranteed by the Baltimore Chesapeake & Atlantic. Interest on these has been in default since the Feb. 1920 coupons fell due. The Pennsylvania bought \$46,900 of these coupons. When the following Aug. coupons fell due they also were defaulted and demand was made upon the Baltimore company for payment, as guarantor, but it failed to meet its guarantee and the Pennsylvania refused to buy more coupons. No interest has been paid since (V. 115, p. 1399).

The Baltimore Chesapeake & Atlantic has a funded debt of \$1,250,000 1st Mtge. 5% bonds, but when the Sept. 1921 coupons fell due it was unable to pay them and the Pennsylvania took them up. The March 1922 coupons has not been made good.

When the Maryland Delaware & Virginia defaulted on its interest a protective committee was formed consisting entirely of Maine bondholders, as most of the bonds were sold in that State. This committee, according to last reports, had secured deposits of \$1,047,000 of the bonds, and it is understood the Pennsylvania also holds a large block.—V. 112, p. 1399.

Mason City & Fort Dodge RR.—Adjustment Plan—Sale to Chicago Great Western.—The committee for the holders of the 1st Mtge. 4% 50-year gold bonds, Mortimer N. Buekner, Chairman, announces that it has entered into an agreement with Chicago Great Western RR. for the sale of all of the above bonds with the appurtenant coupons (see advertising pages).

All holders of undeposited bonds may become parties to the agreement by depositing their bonds (with June 1 1921 and subsequent coupons attached) with New York Trust Co., New York, or Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, on or before Jan. 20.

Digest of Plan of Adjustment Dated Oct. 20 1922.

The plan of adjustment between the bondholders' committee for the Mason City bonds and the Chicago Great Western RR. provides in subst.:

1. The bondholders' committee will endeavor to procure the deposit of all the \$12,000,000 Mason City bonds, with June 1 1921 and subsequent coupons attached, and, provided at least 80% of the bonds are deposited, will deliver to the Chicago Great Western all of the bonds and coupons deposited.

2. For all the Mason City bonds and coupons so delivered to it by the bondholders' committee, the Chicago Great Western, in full payment therefor, will deliver to the bondholders' committee:

(a) 75% of the par value of the Mason City bonds, and 75% of the interest thereon from Dec. 1 1920 to Dec. 1 1922, in 4% bonds of the Chicago Great Western at par (the coupons on the bonds of the Chicago Great Western to be detached up to and including the coupons due March 1 1924); plus

(b) 100% of the int., from Dec. 1 1922 to March 1 1924, on the bonds of the Chicago Great Western so to be delivered, in 4% bonds of the Chicago Great Western at par (the coupons on the bonds of the Chicago Great Western so delivered for int. to be detached up to and including the coupons due March 1 1924); plus

(c) 25% of the par value of the Mason City bonds, and 25% of the int. thereon from Dec. 1 1920 to Dec. 1 1922, in 4% Pref. stock of the Chicago Great Western at par, plus

(d) 3,400 shares of 4% Pref. stock of the Chicago Great Western.

3. Unless on or before Feb. 1 1923 the bondholders' committee shall give written notice to the Chicago Co. that it is prepared to deliver at least 80% of the outstanding Mason City bonds with coupons as aforesaid, the agreement shall come to an end.

If all of the \$12,000,000 of Mason City bonds are delivered, it will be necessary, under the foregoing plan, for the Chicago Co. to deliver to the committee \$10,206,000 4% bonds and \$3,580,000 4% Pref. stock.

Capitalization & Annual Interest Charges as of Aug. 31 1922.

Carrier Capital Stock Funded Debt Annual Int. Charges.
Chicago Great Western \$89,137,115 \$28,663,573 \$1,198,994
Mason City & Fort Dodge 12,000,000 480,000

Total \$89,137,115 \$40,663,573 \$1,678,994
Capitalization & Annual Interest Charges after Proposed Adjustment.

Carrier Capital Stock Funded Debt Annual Int. Charges.

Chicago Great Western \$92,717,115 \$38,869,573 \$1,607,234

In addition to the Capital stock shown above there are outstanding \$19,205,000 of Common stock and \$13,635,752 of Pref. stock of Mason City, all of which is owned by the Chicago Co. If the properties of the Mason City are acquired by the Chicago Co. it is proposed to cancel this stock.

While the proposed issues of securities will result in an increase of \$3,580,000 in Pref. stock they will effect a reduction of \$1,794,000 in the actually outstanding funded debt and a saving in annual interest charges of \$71,760.

The holders and representatives of holders of a very substantial amount of the deposited bonds in conference have already approved the proposed adjustment. The 3,400 shares of Pref. stock included in the offer of the Chicago Great Western will be applied on account of the compensation and expenses of the committee and the balance must be provided by the holders of certificates of deposit. In order to furnish the cash to meet the balance of such compensation and expenses, holders of certificates of deposit will be required to pay upon the delivery of the bonds of the Chicago Great Western to them, at the rate of \$4 for each deposited bond represented by their certificates of deposit. It is estimated that the compensation and expenses of the committee, including that of its counsel and accountants, will approximate \$87,500, of which the out-of-pocket expenses of the committee alone amount to approximately \$40,000. The aggregate principal amount of bonds deposited up to date under the deposit agreement is \$7,812,000. The minimum amount of bonds which the committee is required to deliver under its agreement is \$9,600,000.—V. 115, p. 2905, 2267.

Mexican Railway Co.—Report.—

	1922.		1921.	
	1st Half	2d Half	1st Half	2d Half
Operating receipts	\$7,274,584	\$8,567,289	\$6,769,256	\$6,769,256
Operating expenses	5,752,679	6,610,360	5,750,427	5,750,427
Net earnings	(\$1,521,906)	\$1,956,929	\$1,018,829	\$1,018,829
	\$166,457	\$219,372	\$118,718	\$118,718
Other income	5,296	10,312	12,126	12,126
Total income	\$171,753	\$229,684	\$130,844	\$130,844
Interest, &c.	98,364	116,243	101,121	101,121
Profit and loss deficit	508,156	581,546	694,986	694,986

—V. 115, p. 2478, 183.

Milwaukee Electric Ry. & Light Co.—Decision.—

Judge Schinz in the U. S. Circuit Court in Milwaukee, Wis., recently handed down a temporary restraining order enjoining the city from interference with the operation of one-man cars on three of the company's city lines. The city claimed that one-man car operation was in violation of the city ordinance of 1914, while the company contended it was operating under direction of the Wisconsin RR. Commission, and that the city had no power to interfere.—V. 115, p. 2581.

Minneapolis & St. Louis RR.—Application.—

The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for permission to issue \$10,000,000 7% Non-Cumulative Pref. stock and \$8,985,000 Supplemental Mortgage 6% bonds. The company proposes to use the new securities in refunding operations by which it will retire present outstanding debt. According to the application the company contemplates the exchange of not less than 25% of the present outstanding bonds for the new Preferred stock and of not more than 75% of the bonds for the new supplemental bonds.—V. 115, p. 2267, 1837.

Missouri Kansas & Texas RR.—Improvements.—

A statement issued from the general offices at Dallas, Texas, says the new company is expected to take over actual operation of the system about Feb. 1, possibly not until March 1. The statement further says: "The new company will be a far different road than the old company before the receiver was appointed. Chief among the improvements are the new freight terminal near Denison and the new locomotive shops at Waco, which involve expenditure of \$1,500,000. Construction is being pushed. The terminal at Denison, started last year, will cost about \$3,500,000 and is expected to be ready for use next summer. It will be one of the largest and most modern freight terminals in the country.

"New freight depots are being built at Fort Worth, Waco and Wichita Falls, and new freight houses have recently been completed at Dallas and Oklahoma City. Another important addition to facilities will be the new terminal grain elevator at Kansas City, which will have an initial capacity of 1,000,000 bushels. It is expected to be completed by March 1.

"These improvements are part of a program prepared by the management soon after Charles E. Schaff was elected President, for what was practically the rebuilding of the road. Work progressed steadily throughout the receivership under Mr. Schaff, except for interruption due to the war. The plan has involved an expenditure of approximately \$40,000,000 for capital purposes during the receivership.

"Large expenditures have been made generally for strengthening of the roadway to accommodate heavier power, for new and heavier locomotives, improvement and strengthening of cars, construction of new freight and passenger terminals at Parsons, Oklahoma City and Muskogee, and new division shops and roundhouse plants at Muskogee and Oklahoma City.

"During the concluding weeks of receivership and immediately following reorganization the Missouri-Kansas-Texas will complete what is probably the largest improvement program undertaken by any of the southwestern railroads in recent years, involving total expenditure on work now under way, exclusive of new locomotives and cars, of approximately \$8,000,000. Including the new equipment, the total is approximately \$15,000,000.—V. 115, p. 2794, 2685.

Montana Ry.—Incorporated.—

This company was incorporated in Montana on or about Dec. 19 last with an authorized capital of \$5,000,000 by interests connected with the Middle States Oil Corp. Incorporators include Scott Ferris, Lawton, Okla., William A. Allaun, P. D. Saklatvala and J. Sherry O'Brien, New York, and C. J. Haskell, Tulsa, Okla.

The new railway line would tap the new Wyoming oil field, it was explained, and would run through the Montana fields to the Kevin Dome district.

Muskogee (Okla.) Electric Traction Co.—Fares.—

The company applied to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission for an adjustment of street car fares in Muskogee, Okla. The 8-cent fare for single rides will be continued, but tickets in blocks of 5 for 35 cents will be sold instead of 2 tickets for 15 cents, as at present.—V. 113, p. 1156.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.—Protests Valuation.—

The company has filed a protest with the I.-S. C. Commission against the tentative valuation of \$382,797,066 set by the Commission for the New Haven and its leased lines as of June 30 1915. The document covers 217 pages and contains numerous tables covering the property of the New Haven and its lines covered by the Commission's valuation.

The road claims that the value of the property for rate-making purposes, as of the valuation date, was not less than \$570,031,108, or \$187,234,042 in excess of the figure found by the Commission.

The company protests against the tentative valuation and alleges that by reason of the form and manner of its preparation; the erroneous rules, methods and principles employed therein; the errors, mistakes and omissions in its report of the facts, and in the conclusions drawn therefrom, it should not be approved either as the final valuation or property or as the basis for a final valuation.

The tentative valuation fails to show the elements constituting the value ascertained and reported therein and to classify such elements. Although the statement is made that appreciation and rising concern value have received careful consideration, the road claims there is no statement of the amount of value assigned to such elements.

In particular the road protests against the method and rules employed by the Commission in calculating depreciation. Cost of reproduction new less depreciation was set at \$263,759,083. In other words, \$75,077,001, or 22.1%, was written off for depreciation.

The road contends that as a going concern there is practically no depreciation and that it is the function of maintenance to foresee, prevent when possible, and finally to overcome depreciation, no matter from what source it comes.

Among other things, the New Haven protests against the failure of the Commission to include any value for New Haven's rights in perpetuity over the New York & Harlem from Woodlawn into New York City, and in the Grand Central Terminal. It also alleges that nothing was allowed for interest on land during construction of the railroad.

The New Haven claims, as to value as of June 30 1915 are as follows:

Cost of reproduction of the inert property, including "present value" of land as reported, devoted to transportation purposes	\$328,961,622
Materials and supplies	5,617,996
Working capital	3,895,347
Cost of developing the inert property into a going concern	14,848,135
Value of rights—Woodlawn to Grand Central Terminal, incl.	40,213,000
Value of rights in the Boston Terminal Co. on basis of use	17,871,976
Total value of property and rights wholly owned and used for carrier purposes	\$411,408,076
Total value of leased property used for carrier purposes	158,623,032
Grand total	\$570,031,108

—V. 115, p. 2906, 2581

North Alabama Traction Co.—Application.—

See Alabama Traction Co. above.—V. 115, p. 2581.

Ohio River Electric Ry. & Power Co.—Bonds Sold.—

Ahrio H. Muller & Sons, N. Y., auctioneers, last week sold at public auction \$11,000 1st Mtg. 5% Gold bonds, due July 1 1924, for 10% of par.—V. 99, p. 1301.

Pere Marquette Ry.—Clears Up Back Dividend.—The directors on Jan. 3 declared the following dividends, payable Feb. 1, to holders of record Jan. 15, namely: (1) On 5% Prior Preference stock, a quarterly dividend of 1 3/4%; (2) on 5% Preferred stock, a quarterly dividend of 1 1/4%, and 2% on account of the arrears of the cumulative dividends on said Preferred stock. This pays off all arrears on the stock.

The company in May, Aug. and Nov. last paid dividends of 1% each on account of arrears on the 5% Pref. stock; while in Jan. 1922 a dividend of 10% was paid.—V. 115, p. 2906.

Pittsburgh Binghamton & Eastern RR.—Bonds.—

R. L. Day & Co., Boston, auctioneers, last week sold at public auction \$4,000 of 1st Mtg. 5s, due 1956, for \$1 for the lot.—V. 92, p. 596.

Puget Sound Power & Light Co.—Buys Washington Coast Utilities Co.—Capital Increase.—

The company has purchased the outstanding Capital stock of the Washington Coast Utilities Co. Puget Sound is purchasing the \$500,000 of Common stock for cash and securities, while it offers its 6% Preferred stock share for share in exchange for the Pref. stock of Washington Coast Utilities, of which approximately 5,000 shares are outstanding.

The stockholders on Jan. 3 voted to increase the authorized 6% Preferred stock by \$1,000,000 to \$16,000,000.—V. 115, p. 2581, 1838.

Rapid Transit in N. Y. City.—Legislation Proposed by Governor Smith.—In his inaugural address to the New York State Legislature Governor Smith in regard to the regulation of public utility companies said in part:

Regulation of Public Utilities and Transit Construction.

About 30 years ago the State, through a commission named by an Act of the Legislature, provided for the construction of subway railroads in New York City.

In 1907 that commission was abolished by the enactment of the Public Service Commission Law and its duties transferred to the Public Service Commission. The new Commission exercised supervision over construction and also regulatory powers as to character of service and certain supervision over the issuance of bonds or certificates of indebtedness of any kind.

In 1919 the Public Service Commission for what was known as the First District, which was New York City, was radically changed by separating regulatory powers from supervision of construction and provision was made for a single Commissioner with regulatory powers and a single Commissioner to supervise construction.

In 1921 the two single-headed Commissions for New York were abolished and there was created in their place a single Commission composed of three Commissioners. This Commission, known as the Transit Commission, was given power to propose routes and supervise new construction. In addition, it was given certain powers of regulation among which was the right to fix the fare, although the fixation of the fare had, prior to that time, been a matter of contract between the City of New York and the operating companies. Power was also lodged in the State to cancel contracts between municipalities and public utility corporations. This enabled the Transit Commission to nullify contracts under which the city by investment of its own funds had secured the agreement of the railroad company to a 5-cent fare. I need hardly tell you of the violent storm of opposition that came practically from a united press and from the great majority of the people when the State divested the municipality of power over her own contracts.

Rapid transit construction is purely a municipal enterprise and a municipality is not assisted by the State in its conduct of this activity in the slightest degree. In every other municipal activity the City of New York has always enjoyed a free hand to work out the will of her citizens through her own elected officials, as for example when the Legislature empowered the City of New York to bond itself for \$150,000,000 in order to provide an adequate water supply. The State granted an extraordinary power to the municipality in giving it the right to go outside of the city's corporate limits and condemn property for the purposes of a water supply. The construction of the Ashokan dam was probably the foremost piece of engineering work in this country. This great work was carried to a successful conclusion entirely under local authority.

The City of New York, without interference by the State, built all of its bridges, its great sewer systems and all of its public buildings. Naturally, the people are unable to understand upon what theory the State undertakes to supervise the construction of its subways. They are wholly within the limits of the city. They are paid for entirely by the city and they do or will in time belong to the city and cannot be considered as anything other than a purely municipal enterprise.

The Public Service Commission of the State exercises regulatory powers over all public service corporations, except railroads within the City of New York. In the 15 years that have passed since the organization of the two Public Service Commissions, we have had 54 Commissioners and the Public Service Commission has not yet succeeded in being much more than an object of political patronage. I think that I am within the truth when I say that the theory in itself ever commanded a great amount of public respect. It makes little difference upon what you predicate it. The people in cities are unable to understand why the State interfered with the things that they believe to be local to themselves.

City Control Over Public Utility Service.

In the last reorganization of the Public Service Commission in 1921, the people of the State found that the control that they exercise over their own public utilities through their franchise agreements was taken away from them and vital portions of the contracts were nullified and the powers formerly exercised by the cities were transferred to the Public Service Commission. No defense can be made of this as it constitutes an absolute denial of self-government and home rule in the matter of contracts in all the cities of the State. The Public Service Commission is merely the agency of the State for the exercise of police power. There is no reason why the State should not select a municipality as its agent. To my mind we would get a better result.

In a democracy the people want the kind of Government that suits the majority and not the kind that squares with some principle that has in all probability outgrown its usefulness.

The people are thinking more about their public affairs than they did some years ago and the State can make no mistake by selecting the elected officials of the cities to determine questions that have to do with the welfare of the municipality, such as proper regulation of its public utilities.

The people of the State, in the fundamental law, have granted to cities throughout the State exclusive power to pass upon any proposal to lay down railroad tracks. Where this power rests all other power should rest with it to the end that there may be no division of responsibility. It is obvious, therefore, that no State commission can take any action looking to the construction of additions to our subway system or railroads in other cities without the consent of the cities. No proposal by a State commission can result in actual construction unless that proposal receives the approval of the city. This divided power has resulted in complete deadlock, which can be broken only by placing the statutory powers in the municipality which already has

the constitutional powers necessary for authorizing construction. You cannot give the constitutional powers inherent in the city to a State commission and, therefore, in my judgment, it is necessary to give the city the statutory powers also. Not only do I believe that all jurisdiction over the construction of rapid transit railroads should be given to the local authorities, but I also believe that they should be delegated to them the State's police power control over all public service corporations operating within their corporate limits.

There are certain public utilities that are not within the confines of a single city, as their operations are either between cities or State-wide. As to these utilities the State must retain its powers of control and regulation.

It may also be that some of the cities of the State may be unwilling to assume the obligations of regulation. We must not force it upon them, as that would again constitute an interference with home rule. We might, in such cases, say that should a city by resolution of its Common Council and, in the case of the City of New York, by its Board of Estimate and Apportionment, or after referendum to its people, petition the State to perform its regulatory service for it, the State should do it through its Public Service Commission. If a city decides to carry out its own regulation, it should be left free to bring into existence by local ordinance the board, commission, bureau or agency to perform this service.

For Abolishing Service Commissions.

In order to carry out this policy the present Public Service Commission should be abolished and power given to the Governor to appoint not more than three commissioners to regulate such utilities as will not be regulated by the cities, either because they operate outside the corporate limits of a city or because the city may, by proper resolution, request the State to do it.

I recommend that in the preparation of the legislation to abolish the present Public Service Commission the power heretofore held by cities over the terms of their franchises be returned to them, where it belongs.

I further recommend that the Transit Commission in the City of New York be abolished and all its powers with regard to the laying out of routes and supervision of construction be transferred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be exercised by this body through any agency which it may select. Its regulatory powers should be restored to the Public Service Commission Act, which will contain the provision that a city may be the agent of the State for carrying out these powers unless it should, by proper resolution, request the State to relieve it of the duty.

Directly in line with this program is the municipal ownership of public utilities.

Public utilities have become so essential to the life of our great cities that the cities themselves should be permitted to purchase, build, own or operate them when a municipality determines this to be in its best interest.

As far as transit is concerned, the cities should be free to adopt any form of conveyance found suitable to their needs, whether it be railroads or omnibuses. This is not the introduction of any new and untried principle in government. New York City now owns railroads and owns and operates ferryboats. I am simply asking for an extension of the principle to all the utilities and for all other cities.—V. 115, p. 1943, 1732, 1632.

St. Joseph (Mo.) Ry., Lt., Heat & Pr. Co.—Purchase.

The Missouri P. S. Commission has authorized the company to purchase all of the property of the Savannah (Mo.) Electric Light & Power Co. The price was reported as \$40,000.—V. 112, p. 1867.

St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.—Vote on Acquisition.

The stockholders will vote Feb. 21 on acquiring the capital stock of the International-Great Northern RR. It is expected that the acquisition will be approved by the stockholders.—V. 115, p. 2906, 2687.

San Antonio Public Service Co.—Gas Rate.

The City Commission of San Antonio, Tex., has established a rate of 67 1/2 c. per 1,000 cu. ft. for natural gas for domestic purposes, effective Jan. 1 1923, instead of 94 1/2 c. asked by the company. Action will be appealed to the Texas RR. Commission.—V. 115, p. 2478, 2047.

San Joaquin Light & Power Corp.—Expenses.

The California RR. Commission has authorized the company to use the proceeds from the sale of \$267,780 of bonds and \$251 of stock, previously authorized, to pay in part construction expenditures during October 1922.—V. 114, p. 1892.

Second Avenue RR.—Bonds Sold at Auction.

R. L. Day & Co., Boston, auctioneers, last week sold at public auction \$16,000 of 1st Mtge. 5% Gold bonds, due 1948, for 1% of par.—V. 114, p. 1288.

South Carolina Gas & Electric Co.—Buses.

The company has applied to the City Council of Spartansburg, S. C., for authority to operate buses in connection with its local railway system.—V. 115, p. 2159, 1943.

Stebenville East Liverpool & Beaver Valley Trac. Co.

Street car operations in the East Liverpool (O.) district, between Beaver, Pa., and Stebenville, O., will be resumed Jan. 26, following a tie-up in effect since May 2. The street-car fare has been increased from 5 to 7 cents, with a 1-cent charge for transfers, effective about Jan. 26.—V. 115, p. 2478.

Toledo St. Louis & Western RR.—Initial Common Dividend—Resumes Preferred Div.—Receiver Discharged.

The company, it is reported, has declared an initial dividend of 4% on the Common stock and a dividend of 4% on the 4% Non-Cumul. Pref. stock, both payable Feb. 20 to holders of record Jan. 30.

The last payment on the Preferred stock was 1%, made Oct. 16 1911. Control of the road was obtained in March 1922 by the Van Sweringen interests.

According to a dispatch from Toledo, the receivership was lifted midnight Dec. 31 by an order of Federal Judge Killits entered Dec. 30. The dispatch further states:

"Walter L. Ross, who was appointed receiver Oct. 22 1914, reported to the court that the company is able to operate and discharge its public duties as a common carrier of passengers and freight and is willing and able to pay its lawful obligations. Judge Killits provides that the property shall be subject to all lawful liens and that the road shall hold the receiver harmless from all claims that may be filed against him as receiver. The Court also says that Ross shall proceed with the suit against the Toledo Terminal RR., now pending, and that the company shall pay all expenses incident thereto. The Court also reserves jurisdiction in any further difficulties that may arise.—V. 115, p. 2906.

Tri-City Railway & Light Co.—New Ordinances.

The City Council recently adopted a new set of ordinances which provides for the adoption of the identification card system of street railway fares, elimination of jitney bus competition and authorization for the company to shorten its down-town loop by abandoning trackage. The new ordinance will also result in wiping out numerous court injunctions under which the street cars operate at the present time. The general effect of the Council action is to give the company considerable relief and provide for municipal instead of court control. "Electric Railway Journal."—V. 114, p. 2826.

Union Pacific RR.—North Platte Branch.

An important extension built in 1921-1922 is the North Platte Branch, progress on which was interrupted by the World War. For details see "Engineering News-Record." Dec. 14.—V. 114, p. 2110.

Utah Power & Light Co.—Bonds Offered.—Harris, Forbes & Co. and Coffin & Burr, Inc., New York, are offering

at 91 1/2 and int. to yield about 5.70%, \$2,156,000 1st Mtge. 5% gold bonds of 1914. Due Feb. 1 1944. A circular shows: Listing.—Previous issues listed on New York Stock Exchange, and application will be made to list this issue.

Company.—Operates without competition and serves with electric light and power an extensive and steadily growing territory rich in agricultural and mineral resources in Utah and southeastern Idaho. Also serves through its subsidiary, Western Colorado Power Co., an important section in southwestern Colorado. Business field embraces 153 communities including many cities and towns, among them Salt Lake City and Ogden, Utah, and many rural districts. Population estimated at 336,500. Generating plants now operated have a total installed capacity of 155,624 k.w., of which 137,987 k.w. is hydro-electric.

Capitalization after This Financing—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Common stock-----	\$35,000,000	\$30,000,000
Preferred (7% Cum.) stock-----	25,000,000	11,957,400
2d Preferred (7% Cum.) stock-----		1,039,900
Debture bonds, series A, 6%, due 2022-----	y	5,000,000
1st Mtge. 5s, due 1944-----	100,000,000	25,847,000
1st Lien & Gen. Mtge. bonds 7s, 1941-----		500,000
do Series of 6s due 1944-----		2,000,000

x A total of \$7,837,000 2d Pref. stock has been issued, of which \$4,738,000 has ceased to be subordinated to, and has become, Pref. stock. y Limited only by the conservative restrictions of the indenture. z \$2,500,000 additional are pledged under the \$2,500,000 1st Lien & Gen. Mtge. bonds. Company guarantees principal and interest of \$13,872,000 Utah Light & Traction Co. bonds.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire the 1st Lien & Gen. Mtge. bonds, series of 7s due 1925, which are being called as of Jan. 27 1923, to reimburse the company for expenditures heretofore made for extensions and additions to its property and for other corporate purposes.

Earnings of Utah Power & Light Co., incl. Western Colorado Power Co.

Years ended Nov. 30—	1922.	1921.
Gross earnings-----	\$7,030,806	\$6,822,973
Net after oper. exp., incl. maint., rentals & taxes-----	3,456,686	3,277,181
Annual int. on mortgage bonds with public (including those now offered)-----	1,447,350	-----

Balance-----\$2,009,336 -----

Redemption of Bonds.

All of the outstanding 1st Lien & Gen. Mtge. 7% gold bonds, Series "7s due 1925," have been called for redemption Jan. 27 at 101 and int. at the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 B'way, N. Y. City.—V. 115, p. 1533, 1430.

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," Jan. 4, said in brief:

Prices.—"In respect to plates, structural shapes and bars, buyers are finding it more difficult to get concessions from 2c., and it is understood that the Steel Corporation is now holding for 2c., Pittsburgh, and 2.10c., Chicago, on all three products.

Orders.—"Substantially 200,000 tons of bars, sheets, strip steel and other products were taken in the recent buying of an automobile company. Another such company is negotiating for 150,000 tons for first quarter delivery.

"Several railroads are buying lots of several thousand tons of plates, shapes and bars for repair and other shop work. The Pennsylvania, Reading and Norfolk & Western are in this list. A western Pennsylvania boiler works is in the market for 3,500 tons of plates, and for the rebuilding of two blast furnaces at Cleveland 3,000 tons of plates are wanted.

"From 4,000 to 5,000 tons of plates will be needed for an order placed with the Youngstown Boiler & Tank Co. by an Arkansas oil plant, including 18 55,000-bbl. oil tanks and a 5,000-bbl. refinery.

"New car orders include 5,000 for the Baltimore & Ohio, with 2,000 more about settled, 4,854 for the Southern Pacific and 2,200 for the Chicago & North Western. The Santa Fe placed 18 locomotives with the Baldwin works.

"Fabricated steel business is still good, 19,500 tons being awarded for 20 different projects, with fresh inquiries for 8,500 tons, averaging over 700 tons each.

Production.—"Sheet and tin plate mills are running well. The year starts with the American Sheet & Tin Plate Co. sold for the first quarter on sheets and for five months on tin plate. December bookings of independent producers are believed to have made a high record, such companies now having unfilled orders for about 500,000 tons, or over two months production.

"Pig iron output in December showed another marked gain—3,086,898 tons for 31 days, or 99,577 tons a day, while November, with a total of 2,849,703 tons, had a daily rate of 94,990 tons. December was the first 3,000,000-ton month since October 1920.

"Fifteen furnaces blew in and four blew out in December. The 253 furnaces active on Jan. 1 had a capacity of 104,200 tons a day against 97,135 tons a day for 242 furnaces on Dec. 1. The number of furnaces in blast more than doubled in 1922, as only 125 were running one year ago.

"Pig iron production in 1922 was a little more than 27,000,000 tons, including charcoal iron, compared with 16,688,000 tons in 1921.

"In steel output 1922 nearly duplicates 1919—about 33,500,000 tons of ingots and not far from 24,600,000 tons of finished rolled products.

"Sales of pig iron in the Philadelphia market include 22,000 tons of basic, making a total of about 100,000 tons of all grades sold by eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey furnaces in the last two weeks. Buying in other districts has not been large, as nearly all important melters have covered for first quarter, but the market is firmer and asking prices generally are higher. The new prices are not fully established, but with coke steadily advancing the outlook is for higher pig iron.

"The leading export company has taken 10,000 tons of rails and 37,000 base boxes of tin plate for Japan. Exporters are looking for marked improvement in volume and prices in 1923. Prospects are reported bright in Great Britain also.

"New iron and steel capacity under construction at the beginning of 1923 is somewhat more than the meager showing of a year ago. Seventeen open-hearth furnaces are planned for the new year, with an annual capacity of 819,000 tons. Only two blast furnaces are now scheduled for building this year, with annual capacity of about 330,000 tons. Last year eight open-hearth furnaces were completed, adding about 227,500 tons a year to steel capacity. Two blast furnaces were built, with estimated capacity of 320,000 tons of pig iron."

Coal Production, Prices, &c.

The United States Geological Survey Dec. 30 1922 estimated average production as follows:

"The production of bituminous coal continued to decline in the week ended Dec. 23. The total estimated output, including coal coked at the mines, mine fuel and local sales, was 10,031,000 net tons. Increased traffic difficulties and interruptions caused by the occurrence of certain church holidays were largely responsible for the decrease.

"Preliminary reports of cars loaded during the first four days of the present week (Dec. 25-30) indicate that production virtually ceased on Christmas Day. It is expected that the probable output in that week will be between 10,500,000 and 10,700,000 net tons.

"The rapid recovery of production after the holiday and the trend of output for the last seven weeks is shown in the following statement of cars loaded daily.

	Nov. 13-18.	Nov. 20-25.	Nov. 27-2.	Dec. 4-9.	Dec. 11-16.	Dec. 18-23.	Dec. 25-30.
Monday-----	44,631	43,475	42,956	44,333	46,004	40,350	477
Tuesday-----	34,929	34,027	33,466	33,847	26,656	30,605	40,404
Wednesday-----	33,115	31,515	30,882	33,557	32,789	29,207	38,828
Thursday-----	30,589	30,818	7,322	30,682	29,970	28,365	34,506
Friday-----	30,061	31,946	38,529	31,014	29,694	28,939	-----
Saturday-----	28,172	27,320	32,681	30,617	27,525	24,644	-----

"The estimated cumulative production of bituminous coal during 1922 to Dec. 23 stood at 397,631,000 tons. Production during the first 301 working days of the past six years has been as follows:

1917-----	530,535,000	1919-----	446,650,000	1921-----	399,111,000
1918-----	571,530,000	1920-----	543,199,000	1922-----	397,631,000

"Thus it is seen that from the viewpoint of bituminous coal production 1922 is 0.4% behind 1921, 26.8% behind 1920, 11.0% behind 1919, 30.4% behind 1918 and 25.0% behind 1917.

"Anthracite production declined in the week ended Dec. 23, partly because of the custom of ceasing work on Christmas Eve and partly through the occurrence of certain church holidays. The nine principal anthracite carriers reported loading 37,782 cars, and it is estimated that the total output, including mine fuel, local sales and dredge and washery product, was 1,976,000 net tons. In comparison with the week preceding this was a decrease of 221,000 tons, or 10%.

"Early returns for the present week (Dec. 25 to 30) show that no anthracite was loaded on Christmas Day. Work was not resumed promptly on Tuesday and loadings on that day were but a fraction of normal. The best estimate possible at this time places the probable output at somewhat less than 1,500,000 tons.

"The cumulative output during 1922 to date totals 50,872,000 net tons, or 38,934,000 less than during the corresponding period of the year before. Of this quantity about 70%, or 27,254,000 net tons, would be domestic sizes suitable for household use."

Estimated United States Production in Net Tons.

Bituminous—	1922		1921	
	Week.	Cal. Yr. to Date	Week.	Cal. Yr. to Date
Dec. 9	11,495,000	376,933,000	7,312,000	384,598,000
Dec. 16	10,666,000	387,600,000	7,063,000	391,661,000
Dec. 23	10,031,000	397,631,000	7,450,000	399,111,000
Anthracite—				
Dec. 9	2,038,000	46,699,000	1,675,000	86,853,000
Dec. 16	2,197,000	48,896,000	1,637,000	88,490,000
Dec. 23	1,976,000	50,872,000	1,316,000	89,806,000
Beehive Coke—				
Dec. 9	289,000	7,189,000	112,000	5,161,000
Dec. 16	298,000	7,489,000	126,000	5,286,000
Dec. 23	280,000	7,769,000	117,000	5,403,000

The "Coal Age" this week reviews market conditions as follows: "Holiday business has been surprising in its volume and coupled with the usual idleness of the men and the meagre car supply have firmed up all prices. "Coal Age" index of spot bituminous coal prices stood at 369 on Jan. 2, as compared with 349 in the preceding week. This is the third consecutive week in which the index number has advanced and prices have rallied to the level of Oct. 18 1922. The average spot price, f. o. b. mines, corresponding to this week's index is \$4.47; last week it was \$4.23.

"The market ranges from comparative quiet in the Middle West to feverish activity in the North Atlantic section, although New England has not yet felt the urge to buy heavily at the high ruling quotations. Strangely enough, the steam coals were the only ones to increase in price last week in the Midwest, in spite of the fact that the domestic season is at its height and retail supplies far from topheavy.

"The Pittsburgh and Cincinnati markets are very firm. Smaller industries are actively seeking tonnage and iron and steel buying is improving. The eastern Ohio field is furnishing over 50% of its output to the railroads and has little free coal to offer. Ohio coal is substituting for anthracite and Pocahontas, the latter being almost unobtainable.

"Softer weather has eased the tension in the Northwest. Bituminous coal on the docks is largely under contract, but all-rail offerings are comfortably heavy. The market is basically weak and the weather determines the day-to-day demand.

"Light receipts, steady industrial demand and the growing need of screened soft coal to offset the anthracite shortage has done the trick in the East. The market is tight all around, quality coals are no longer quoted and mediocre grades are eagerly sought. Those who must have immediate tonnage are fast bringing a bidders' market for the coal that is rolling.

"The conditions are reflected in New England. Both coastwise and all-rail shippers have raised their prices, but purchases are kept down by the resume in hand. The shortage of anthracite really determines the market; gas-screened coals move at fancy figures, and this excellent demand has reduced the available supply for industrial consumption.

"Famine conditions in the anthracite market have put a heavy burden on the retailer. Practically every dealer has had some trouble in distributing receipts, but mainly because the coal is scattered in small lots. Substitute fuels are also scarce and high priced.

"Independent operators obtain large premiums for quick shipments of family sizes. Little of this costly tonnage finds its way to the large Eastern centres, however, as retailers hesitate to pass such figures along to the consumer. Steam coals are in good demand and there is no surplus tonnage. Prices have rallied to the level of company quotations."

Oil Production, Prices, &c.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Dec. 30 as follows:

(In Barrels.)	Dec. 30 '22	Dec. 23 '22	Dec. 16 '22	Dec. 31 '21
Oklahoma	410,000	406,500	414,350	320,250
Kansas	85,600	86,800	87,300	86,200
North Texas	59,000	59,100	59,200	58,700
Central Texas	123,750	124,400	125,250	215,800
North Louisiana	78,350	79,300	79,700	80,500
Arkansas	116,600	95,600	97,050	43,800
Gulf Coast	123,550	118,300	116,150	108,150
Eastern	114,000	115,000	115,000	115,500
Wyoming and Montana	120,350	106,750	108,600	63,850
California	510,000	500,000	480,000	315,000
Total	1,741,200	1,691,750	1,682,600	1,407,750

Crude Oil Production Reaches New High Record.—The American Petroleum Institute figures show that crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Dec. 30 1922 averaged 1,741,200 bbls. daily, a new high record in the history of the industry in this country. The daily average was 1,691,750 bbls. in the previous week and 1,407,750 bbl. in the last week of 1921. The increase of 49,450 bbls. reported in the closing week of 1922 was due mainly to increased production in the new Smackover field in Arkansas and to increased production in the Wyoming, Montana and California fields. The imports of petroleum (crude and refined oils) at the principal United States ports for the week ended Dec. 30 totaled 1,853,255 bbls., a daily average of 264,751 bbls.

Crude Oil Price.—Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana advanced Smackover crude to 40c. and 75c. per bbl., according to gravity. Previous price was 30c. per bbl., all grades. "Times" Jan. 5, p. 24.

Joseph Seep Purchasing Agency advances Pennsylvania crude 25c. a bbl. to \$3.25. Other grades were also advanced 25c. abbl. as follows: Cabell, to \$2.11; Somerset, to \$1.90. Corning and Ragland remained unchanged at \$1.75 and \$1 a bbl., respectively. "Boston Financial News" Dec. 30, p. 3.

Magnolia Petroleum Co. advanced Mexican crude 20c., to \$1.15 a bbl. "Boston Financial News" Dec. 29, p. 7.

Bunker Fuel Oil Price.—Mexican Petroleum Co. advances price 5c. per bbl. to \$1.56½ per bbl. (including lighterage charge of 6½c.). "Times" Jan. 5, p. 24.

Standard Oil Co. of N. J., and other companies have met the 5c. advance by Mexican Petroleum. "Financial America" Jan. 6.

Gasoline Price Reduced.—Standard Oil Co. of California announced reduction of 2c. per gal. effective Jan. 5 in California, Washington, Nevada, Alaska, Oregon and Hawaii. "Wall St. Jour." Jan. 5, p. 11.

Prices, Wages and Other Trade Matters.

Automobile Output in November.—Department of Commerce figures show slight decline in November 1922 production compared with preceding month. November production totaled 214,631 passenger cars and 21,223 trucks. Total production for last four months of 1922 in comparison with corresponding months of 1921 are shown below. With a few exceptions, the reports each month are from identical firms and include approximately 90 passenger car and 80 truck manufacturers:

	Passenger Cars		Trucks	
	1922	1921	1922	1921
August	248,484	167,705	24,384	13,080
September	187,964	144,669	19,130	13,648
October	216,467	134,734	21,434	12,813
November	214,631	106,042	21,223	10,010

The National Automobile Chamber of Commerce reports total production for year 1922 of 2,527,000 cars and trucks (2,287,000 cars and 240,000 trucks). Previous record motor production was in 1920, when output reached 2,205,000. Production of closed cars in 1922 averaged 35% of total output. Tire production for the year was placed at 36,340,000. There were approximately 11,500,000 motor vehicles registered in the United States at the end of 1922. This is a 7% increase over registration in 1921 and is 81% of the registration for the entire world.

Tire Prices Advanced.—Republic Rubber Corp. advanced price of pneumatic tires and tubes 12½%. "Times" Jan. 4, p. 22.

Report from Akron (O.) states that all leading tire manufacturers, with exception of Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. have announced increases in prices averaging 12½%. "Financial America" Jan. 1, p. 4.

Automobile Price Cut.—Willis-Overland Co. announce price reductions ranging from \$70 to \$370 a car on various models. See Willis-Overland Co. below. "Eve. Post" Jan. 5, p. 3.

Automobile Price Reduced.—Hupp Motor Car Corp. has reduced prices \$35 to \$110 per car. New prices are touring and roadster, \$1,115; sedan, \$1,675. "Wall Street Journal" Jan. 2, 1923, p. 16.

Price of Clothes Rises \$1 to \$2 50 per Garment.—House of Kuppenheimer, second largest manufacturer of men's clothes in country, re-price 33 lot numbers, due to increased price of woolsens. "Boston News Bureau" Jan. 1, p. 3.

Cement Price Reduced.—Universal Portland Cement Co. announces reduction of 15c. a bbl. at Chicago plant and 10c. per bbl. at Pittsburgh and Duluth plants.

Window Glass Price Advanced.—Libby-Owens Sheet Glass Co. announced advance in price of "O" single window glass. Increase aggregates 25c. a box. "Financial America" Jan. 1, p. 7.

Paper Mills Advance Wages.—About 35% of employees of International Paper Co. at Livermore Falls, Me., plant get increase of from 2 to 7 cents per hour. "Boston News Bureau" Dec. 30, p. 3.

Consolidated Paper Co., River Basin Paper Co. and Monroe Paper Products Co., all of Monroe, Mich., have adopted 10% wage increase and 5-day week, affecting 3,500 employees. "Wall St. Journal" Jan. 2, p. 6.

Glass Makers Wages Increased.—Agreement between National Window Glass Workers Association and National Association of Window Glass Manufacturers provides 13% increase over September increase, effective Jan. 29-June 11. It includes, however, a 10% raise which became effective Dec. 1 when price of glass was raised 10%. A clause in agreement provides that wages must be increased whenever price is advanced. "Times" Dec. 30, p. 22.

Gem Workers Wages Increased.—Diamond Cutters' Association awarded wage increase of 10% to cutters, polishers, sawyers and other workers. "Times" Jan. 5, p. 3.

Lock Out in Clothing Trade.—6,000 workers shut out when contractors close shops declaring they cannot operate under present high wages and low prices which employing manufacturers refuse to increase. "Times" Jan. 3, p. 36.

Shoe Industry.—The strike declared at Knipe Brothers' shoe factory (Haverhill, Mass.) was declared illegal by Judge Keating in Superior Court. "Times" Dec. 30, p. 15.

Lane Shoe Co., which began operations in Lynn, Mass., two years ago, is moving to Lowell as result of frequent labor troubles. "Boston Financial News" Dec. 30, p. 3.

Textile Industry.—New England mills extend branches in South, due to hours, wages and taxes in New England section. "Times" Jan. 4, p. 28.

A bonus of one week's pay for every year he has worked for the company has been given to employees of Maine Spinning Co. at Showegan, Me. "Boston Financial News" Jan. 3, p. 3.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Dec. 30.—(a) New capital flotations during November and the 11 months (editorial), p. 2839 to 2842 incl. (b) Offerings: (1) \$1,000,000 5% bonds of the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Cleveland, O., p. 2850; (2) \$1,000,000 5% bonds of the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Dayton, O., p. 2850; (3) \$500,000 5% bonds of the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Cheyenne, Wyo., p. 2850. (c) Deficit in Houston, Fife & Co. failure estimated at about \$500,000, p. 2851. (d) Public debt census to determine amount of tax-exempt securities, p. 2854. (e) Secretary of Treasury Mellon urges amendment to prohibit tax-exempt securities; amount now out estimated at \$10,829,000,000, p. 2854. (f) Review of business in 1922 by Dept. of Commerce, p. 2860. (g) Business stronger than a year ago, but not on firm basis, p. 2861. (h) Wage increase ends pottery strike, p. 2863. (i) Federal Fuel Distributor Spens resigns—makes report to President, p. 2864. (j) Federal Fuel Distributor Spens refuses to increase anthracite coal quota to Canada, p. 2864. (k) N. Y. State Fuel Administration's order calling for use of coal substitutes, p. 2865. (l) "Peddler Pool" for aid of small coal consumer starts in N. Y. City, p. 2865. (m) Governor Miller refuses use of emergency fund for coal purchase, p. 2865. (n) Chairman J. H. Hammond of Federal Fact Finding Commission sees possibility of another coal strike, p. 2865. (o) Excessive output of coal on Government owned lands feared, p. 2865. (p) Text of decision holding invalid N. Y. State tax on national bank shares, p. 2867.

Acme Cement Plaster Co., St. Louis.—Stock Div.

The company has declared a 100% stock dividend, increasing the outstanding \$1,000,000 Capital stock, par \$100, to \$2,000,000.

Aluminum Goods Mfg. Co.—Notes Called.

All of the outstanding \$2,766,500 10-Yr. 7½% Sinking Fund gold notes dated Jan. 1 1921 have been called for redemption Mar. 1 at 105 and int. at the Union Trust Co., trustee, Pittsburgh, Pa., or at the Bankers Trust Co. of N. Y., or Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. (For offering of these bonds see V. 112, p. 851.)—V. 115, p. 439.

American Druggist Syndicate.—Review of 1922—To Change Par.

President C. H. Goddard has issued a circular to stockholders giving a review of the year 1922. The circular states that while definite figures cannot be given until after inventories are taken on Dec. 31, it looks now as if the earnings will be at least three times and possibly four times as great for the last six months of 1922 as they were from Jan. to July, and equal to, if not greater than the net earnings of any former six months' period in the history of the company. The circular says in part:

"The prosperity of the last few months, if it continues as we believe it will, indicates that we are rapidly nearing the time when we can return to dividend basis. Before doing so, however, it might be advisable to make an important change in our constitution or articles of incorporation."

"Our sales have shown a steady increase in volume from the beginning of 1922. The last six months of the year will exceed \$3,000,000 and through the efficiency of our production department, this largely increased volume has been handled in about one-half the floor space heretofore occupied, while, has permitted us to rent responsible tenants on from three to five-year leases which is yielding us now in rentals approximately \$1,000 a year."

The stockholders will vote Feb. 26 on changing the par value of the capital stock from \$10 to \$50. If the change is authorized, one \$50 share will be exchanged for 5 shares of \$10 each.—V. 115, p. 1841.

American Lace Mfg. Co., Elyria, O.—To Increase Capital.

The stockholders will vote shortly on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000, par \$100. If the increase is authorized it is the intention to declare a 30% stock dividend, payable to holders of record Dec. 26.—V. 115, p. 2908, 76.

American Laundry Machine Co.—50% Stock Dividend.

The directors have declared a 50% stock dividend on the Common stock, payable to holders of record Dec. 29. The stockholders on Dec. 29 increased the authorized Common stock from \$6,000,000 to \$12,000,000 and voted to change the par value of the Common stock from \$100 to \$25 per share. Compare V. 115, p. 2583, 2480.

American Light & Traction Co.—Stock Dividend.

The directors have declared a cash dividend of 1½% on the Preferred stock, a cash dividend of 1% on the Common stock and a dividend at the rate of 1 share of Com. stock on every 100 shares of Com. stock outstanding, all payable to holders of record Jan. 12. Quarterly cash dividend of 1% and stock dividends of 1% each have been paid on the Com. stock since Feb. 1921.—V. 115, p. 2043, 1636.

American Rolling Mill Co.—Notes Sold.

Guaranty Co. of New York, Kidder, Peabody & Co., W. E. Hutton & Co. and Marshall Field, Gore, Ward & Co. have sold at 100 and int. \$7,000,000 15-Year Sinking Fund 6% gold notes. (See advertising pages.)

Dated Jan. 1 1923. Due Jan. 1 1938. Int. payable J. & J. without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Guaranty Trust Co., New York, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 (¢). Red. all or part at any time on 30 days' notice at 105 and int. up to and incl. Jan. 1 1926; thereafter at 105 and int. up to and incl. Jan. 1 1928, the premium decreasing thereafter ½ of 1% for each year or fraction thereof elapsed subsequent to Jan. 1 1928. Sinking fund, commencing April 1 1925, sufficient to retire each year 2½% of the total amount of notes issued.

Data from Letter of Pres. Geo. M. Verity, Middletown, O., Jan. 4. Company.—Consolidation in 1917 of a New Jersey corporation of same name and Columbus Iron & Steel Co. Company is engaged in the manufacture and sale of a highly diversified line of specialty sheets—electric, enameling, galvanized, alloy coated, annealed, pickled and black—used in the manufacture of a wide variety of products.

Plants, located at Middletown, Columbus and Zanesville, O., and Ashland, Ky., consist of 4 blast furnaces having a total pig iron capacity of

442,800 gross tons per annum; 18 open hearth furnaces with a combined capacity of 731,000 gross tons per annum; 2 blooming mills and 1 bar mill with a capacity for semi-finished material (billets, slabs and bars) of 334,000 gross tons per annum, 45 stands of hot mills with a finished sheet and light plate capacity of about 300,000 net tons per annum, and factory buildings.

Company also owns over 30,000 acres of coal and timber lands containing large reserves of coal of high quality and has substantial interests in companies owning limestone quarries, coke works, iron ore properties and steamships on the Great Lakes.

The plants and property at Ashland, which include ownership of the entire capital stock of the Ashland Coal & Iron Railway, were acquired in Dec. 1921 on very favorable terms and offer an excellent opportunity to provide an increased finishing capacity that should add materially to the company's prestige and earning power.

At present the Ashland plant is not equipped to finish the steel manufactured in its open hearth department beyond the billet and slab form, and the potential earning capacity of this property has, therefore, not yet been realized. Work has been begun on suitable finishing mills at this plant, to cost approximately \$6,000,000.

Purpose.—Proceeds of notes and of \$7,000,000 7% Preferred stock and \$2,000,000 Common stock presently to be issued will be used to retire or provide for the retirement of mortgage and other debt assumed in connection with the purchase of the Ashland properties and all bank loans, except \$977,000 in connection with an employees' stock purchase plan, and will provide funds for the construction of the finishing mills at Ashland and additional working capital.

Capitalization After Proposed Financing— Authorized, Outstanding, 15-Year 6% notes (this issue) \$7,000,000 \$7,000,000 Preferred stock 30,000,000 14,700,000 Common stock 20,000,000 19,852,550

Note.—The company has guaranteed the principal and interest of \$425,000 Portsmouth By-Product Coke Co. First Mtge. 6% bonds.

Earnings Years end. Dec. 31 [Not Incl. Earnings of Ashland Properties].

Table with columns: Year, Net After Fed. Taxes, Depreciation, Bal. Avail. for Int., &c. Rows for 1913-1922.

x After deducting \$1,444,023 in 1920 and \$2,253,844 in 1921 for adjustment of inventory and \$836,793 in 1921 for idle time expense. y December estimated.

A comment on the earnings says: "The company recovered quickly from the acute industrial depression of 1921 and by April 1922 all finishing mills were running at full capacity and on a profitable basis. Notwithstanding the very difficult traffic and fuel situation which resulted from the prolonged strikes of the railroad workers and miners last summer, the company was able, through the loyal efforts of its working organization and the substitution of high-priced natural gas and fuel oil for coal, to operate at 100% of capacity during the entire period when the steel industry as a whole was unable to exceed 50% to 60%." See also V. 115, p. 2688.

American Surety Co.—New Trustee.— Richard B. Mellon, of Pittsburgh, Pa., has been elected a member of the board of trustees.—V. 115, p. 1841.

American Vitriified Products Co.—Bal. Sheet Oct. 31.—

Table with columns: Assets (Fixed assets, less depreciation, Inv. in assoc. co., Current assets, Deferred charges), Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, Current liabilities, Surplus), Total. Rows for 1922 and 1921.

American Water Works & Electric Co.—Vice-Pres.— Warren R. Voorhis has been elected a Vice-President.—V. 115, p. 2796.

Anaconda Copper Mining Co.—Tenders.— The Guaranty Trust Co. will, until March 3, receive bids for the sale to it of \$750,000 Series "A" 6% bonds and Series "B" 7% bonds.—V. 115, p. 2908.

Anglo Amer. Corp. of South Africa, Ltd.—No Div.— An official statement says: "Owing to the non-completion of the formalities connected with the absorption of the Consolidated Mines Selection Co.'s South African assets, the directors are unable to declare until early in the new year a dividend for the year ending Dec. 31 1922. "It is, however, their intention to recommend a dividend of 1s. 6d. per share as soon as the accounts are completed."—V. 115, p. 2583.

Armour & Co. of Delaware.—Guaranteed Pref. Stock Sold.—The bankers named below have sold at 99 and dividends \$60,000,000 7% Guaranteed Pref. (a. & d.) stock. Guaranteed as to principal, dividends and sinking fund by Armour & Co. of Illinois (see advertising pages).

Dividends payable Q.-J. (cumulative from Jan. 1 1923). Redeemable all or part at any time at 110 and divs. on 60 days' notice. On or before Feb. 1 1925 and in each year thereafter, company shall, out of its net earnings, after payment of full dividends on the Preferred stock, retire at not exceeding 110 and divs. not less than 1% of the maximum amount of Preferred stock theretofore issued.

Bankers Making Offering.—Blair & Co., Inc.; Kidder, Peabody & Co.; Equitable Trust Co. of New York; E. H. Rollins & Sons; Spencer Trask & Co.; Cassatt & Co.; Old Colony Trust Co.; Clark, Dodge & Co.; Raymond & Co.; Dominick & Dominick; Graham Parsons & Co.; Continental & Commercial Securities Co. (Chicago); William R. Compton Co.; W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc.; A. G. Becker & Co.; Mercantile Securities Co. (San Francisco); Federal Securities Corp. (Chicago); Blyth, Witter & Co.; Cyrus Peirce & Co.; Cleveland Trust Co.; Anglo London Paris Co.; (San Francisco), and Manufacturers Trust Co. (New York).

Data from Letter of J. Ogden Armour, Pres. of Armour & Co. of Illinois, Dec. 29.

Company.—Armour & Co. of Delaware was incorporated in Delaware Dec. 27 1922 to acquire from Armour & Co. of Illinois certain of its properties and assets for the purpose of facilitating the administration and financing of its business. The properties and assets to be acquired consist generally of certain packing houses and cold storage plants, the Armour Fertilizer Works and various other American subsidiaries, all the South American and Cuban subsidiaries, plants devoted to the manufacture and distribution of by-products, including the Armour Soap Works, and approximately \$23,000,000 of investments.

Properties.—The properties to be acquired by the new company, either directly or through stock ownership, include: (1) the fully equipped packing houses of the Fowler Packing Co. at Kansas City, (2) Hammond Packing Co., St. Joseph, Mo., (3) New York Butchers Dressed Meat Co., N. Y. City; (4) Anglo-American Provision Co., Chicago, and (5) also the Armour Packing Houses at Denver, Colo., Fort Worth, Texas; Jacksonville, Fla.; Indianapolis, Ind., and at Jersey City; (6) storage plant of the North American Provision Co., Chicago; (7) East St. Louis Cotton Oil Refinery, East St. Louis, Ill., and various auxiliary plants, including the soap works, glue works, sandpaper works, curled hair works and ammonia works; also (8) properties of the Armour Fertilizer Works and its subsidiaries, including 21 manufacturing plants and 2 large warehouses; (9) Compania Armour de Cuba, with its large distribution plant in Havana; (10) entire South American investments, including the modern packing houses at Sao Paulo and Santa Anna, Brazil, at La Plata and Santa Cruz in Argentina; and a half interest in La Blanca Co. at Buenos Aires, with various other properties throughout the United States.

The investments of the new company consist of extensive interests in properties and business situated in various parts of the country, including numerous enterprises closely affiliated with the packing and livestock industries.

Control.—All of the Common stock of the new company will be owned by Armour & Co. of Illinois, which will receive the proceeds of the \$60,000,000 of Guaranteed Preferred stock and of the \$50,000,000 of 1st Mtge. 5 1/2% bonds to be presently issued by the new company.

Table: Capitalization of New Company— Authorized. To Be Issued. First Mortgage bonds, 7% Guaranteed Preferred stock, Common stock.

x Additional bonds may be issued under certain restrictions. y 20-Year 5 1/2% gold bonds, series "A," guaranteed by Armour & Co. of Illinois. Purpose.—Proceeds of the \$60,000,000 of Pref. stock and of \$50,000,000 1st Mtge. 5 1/2% bonds of new company, to be presently issued, will be received by Armour & Co. of Ill., and used by it for the retirement of its \$59,968,000 of outstanding 7% 10-Year Conv. gold notes and its \$3,697,200 outstanding 6% Serial Conv. gold debentures, for the reduction of its floating debt, and for other corporate purposes.

Earnings.—Based upon the earnings of the properties to be acquired by the new company, the net earnings available for dividends on its \$60,000,000 of Preferred stock for the 6-year period ending Oct. 29 1921, after appropriate adjustments and after depreciation. Federal taxes at present rates and interest on the \$50,000,000 1st Mtge. 5 1/2% bonds and other debt of the new company, as certified by Price, Waterhouse & Co., average approximately \$10,880,000 or more than 2 1/2 times the dividend requirements on the \$60,000,000 of Preferred stock. On this basis the net earnings year by year for the 6-year period ending Oct. 29 1921 are as follows:

Table with columns: Year, Amount. Rows for 1916-1918 and 1921 (loss).

For the first 11 months of calendar year 1922, notwithstanding the adverse conditions prevailing during the first half of the year, net earnings of these properties applicable to dividends on the Preferred stock, on the same basis, exceed the annual dividend requirements of \$4,200,000 on this issue.

During the recent period of depression in the industry, Armour & Co. of Ill. suffered severe losses, but operations during the past few months have resulted in substantial profits, thus indicating a return toward normal conditions.

Further Preferred Stock Provisions.—(a) Preferred stock will have no voting power except four quarterly dividends are in default, or in the event of default for one year in the purchase or redemption of 1% of the largest aggregate amount of Preferred stock theretofore issued. (b) No dividends shall be paid on the Common stock which will reduce net tangible assets below an amount equal to twice the par value of the Preferred stock at the time outstanding. (c) Without the consent of at least two-thirds of the outstanding Preferred stock prior to or on a parity with this \$60,000,000 Preferred stock, provided that without such consent any of the authorized but unissued Preferred stock may be issued at any time if net tangible assets are twice the par value of such Preferred stock then outstanding and that proposed; (2) create any mortgage on the lands, buildings, machinery, fixed equipment and properties appurtenant thereto of the new company and its subsidiaries other than purchase money mortgages and liens, and the indenture securing the bonds of the new company presently to be issued, under which bonds may be issued (a) up to 65% of the appraised value of such properties, or (b) up to 65% of the cost or fair value of additional properties of like character thereafter acquired and upon the pledge under said indenture of 1st Mtge. bonds of Armour & Co. of Ill., or to refund bonds of any subsidiary company, provided that the lien of the mortgage securing the bonds of any subsidiary company so received in exchange shall not exceed 65% of the appraised value of the property covered by the mortgage securing the same and that all such 1st Mtge. bonds of subsidiary companies so acquired shall be pledged under the indenture of the new company.

Listing.—The \$60,000,000 Preferred stock has been listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange. Application will be made to list this stock on the New York Stock Exchange.

Consolidated Balance Sheet as of Aug. 26 1922. [Armour & Co. of Del. and Subsidiaries, incl. half interest in Societe Anonima La Blanca.]

Table with columns: Assets (Cash, Notes & accts. rec., Inventories, Marketable securities, Secured loans, Investments, x Properties, Deferred charges, incl. unamort. discount), Liabilities (Notes payable, Accounts payable, 1st Mtge 20-Year 5 1/2%, 7% Guar. Pref. stock, Common stock, Initial surplus). Rows for 1922 and 1921.

x Lands, buildings, machinery & fixed equipment as appraised by American Appraisal Co., at sound values, \$89,026,831; half interest in La Blanca property, \$1,763,094; delivery equipment, tools, fixtures, &c., \$4,244,268; franchises and leaseholds, \$1,536,008.

[For new officers, see Armour & Co., Illinois, below.]

Present Financing Does Not Provide for Merger of Morris & Co.—A statement issued Dec. 30, by Chase Securities Corp. says in part:

Due to the fact that for many months there has been talk of various mergers in the packing industry, the public has apparently jumped to the conclusion that this financing is a part of a coming merger. The fact is that Armour & Co. are taking measures looking toward the adjustment of their own financial structure, steps which would be desirable regardless of any merger that may take place. The plan is sufficiently broad and constructive to provide for any future financial requirements of Armour & Co. It is not the intention immediately to offer the bonds provided for in the present plans, although they will be available for sale at a later date when necessary corporate and legal steps have been taken to bring Armour & Co. and its securities into being.

Armour & Co. have agreed with the bankers to retire their debentures and debenture notes, totaling about \$63,700,000. The funds for this and other purposes will be derived from the forthcoming stock and bond issues of the Delaware corporation, all the proceeds of which go to Armour & Co. of Illinois.

The stockholders of the latter company are not deprived of any rights by the present financing. On the contrary, they not only receive all of the cash derived from the sale of the Delaware company's securities, but the debentures and notes of their company, which go ahead of the notes, are to be paid off, and the future financial needs of the company are well provided for, while due to the present financial structure of Armour & Co. of Illinois additional financing was rendered extremely difficult. All the Common stock of the Delaware corporation will be owned by Armour & Co. of Illinois, which thus retains the equities in the properties turned over to the Delaware company. Compare also V. 115, p. 2908.

Armour & Co., Illinois.—Inquiry—Guaranty, &c.—

Senator Norris of Nebraska, has introduced a resolution directing the Federal Trade Commission to conduct an investigation into the details of the proposed Armour-Morris merger.

For guaranty of Armour & Co. of Del. Pref. stock see that co. above. F. Edson White has been elected President of Armour & Co. of Illinois and Delaware, succeeding J. Ogden Armour, who has been elected Chairman of the boards of both companies. Philip D. Armour has been designated as 1st Vice-President. Samuel McRoberts has been elected Chairman of the finance committees of both companies, succeeding J. Ogden Armour.—V. 115, p. 2908.

Auburn Automobile Co.—Retires Pref. Stock.—

A. P. Kemp, President, says: "During the year 1922 there was redeemed by purchase in the open market 1,000 shares of 7% Preferred stock, par \$100, and subsequently cancelled bringing the total cancelled to \$500,000 and meeting Preferred stock redemption requirements up to Jan. 1 1926."

The directors last week declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 75 a share on the Preferred stock and \$1 a share on the Common stock, both payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 21.—V. 114, p. 310.

Baldwin Locomotive Works.—Equipment Order.—

The company has received an order valued at approximately \$1,000,000 from the Union Pacific RR. for 18 Santa Fe type locomotives.—V. 115, p. 2908, 2684.

Barber Steamship Lines, Inc., New York.—Merger.—

The Marcona Steamship Corp., N. Y., has been merged with the above company.—V. 115, p. 2908.

Beatrice Creamery Co.—75% Stock Dividend, &c.—
The stockholders have (a) increased the authorized Common stock from \$4,000,000 (\$3,500,000 outstanding) to \$6,500,000; (b) authorized the payment of a 75% stock dividend to Common stockholders of record Dec. 29, and (c) changed the par value of the Common stock from \$100 to \$25 per share.—V. 112, p. 747.

Berkshire Cotton Mfg. Co.—Stock Increase.—
The stockholders on Dec. 28 increased the authorized Capital stock from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000, par \$100. The new stock will be distributed as a 100% stock dividend.—V. 115, p. 2382.

Black & Decker Mfg. Co.—Further Price Reductions.—
Following a reduction from \$39 to \$28 in the price of the 1/4-inch portable electric drill on Nov. 10, 1922, the company now announces further cuts on certain popular items: 1/2-inch special, from \$85 to \$68, a cut of \$17; 6-inch electric bench grinder, from \$56 to \$38, a cut of \$18.—V. 115, p. 2162.

Borden Co.—Dividends—No Bank Loans.—
The directors have declared the usual semi-annual dividend of 4% on the Common stock, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 1, and two regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/2% on the Preferred stock, payable March 15 and June 15 to holders of record March 1 and June 1, respectively. The company in 1922, it is reported, paid off all its bank loans, which stood at \$4,434,719 on Dec. 31, 1921.—V. 115, p. 186.

Brown Durrell Co., Boston.—Stock Dividend, &c.—
The company has increased its authorized Capital stock from \$1,000,000 (all outstanding) to \$4,000,000, par \$100. The new stock will be distributed as a 300% stock dividend to holders of record Dec. 27.

Buda Co., Harvey, Ill.—Capital Increased.—
The company has increased its authorized capital stock from \$3,000,000 to \$3,500,000, par \$100.—V. 110, p. 2659.

(Edward G.) Budd Manufacturing Co.—Acquisition.—
The company is reported to have taken title to a 5-story concrete factory at the northeast corner of 25th and Stokely streets, Phila., heretofore held by the Simmons Co., for \$425,000.—V. 115, p. 2797.

Bullard Machine Tool Co.—Further Data.—Mention
was made in V. 115, p. 2908, of the offering at par and int. by S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., of \$1,500,000 1st Mtge. 6 1/2% serial coupon bonds (see also advertising pages in "Chronicle," Dec. 30).

Dated Dec. 15, 1922; due serially Dec. 15, 1924 to 1937. Interest payable J. & D. at offices of S. W. Straus & Co., Inc. Callable at the option of the company in inverse numerical order on 60 days' notice, in 1923 at 107 and int.; in 1924, 106 1/2 and int.; the price decreasing 1/2 of 1% each year, but in no event less than 102 and int. Federal income tax paid by company up to 2% and Pennsylvania 4 mill tax refunded. Free from present Connecticut 4 mills tax.

Capitalization—

	Authorized	Outstanding
1st Mtge. 6 1/2% serial gold bonds (this issue).....	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Pref. stock, 7% Cumul. (par \$100).....	1,000,000	885,000
Common stock (par \$100).....	1,000,000	666,000

Company.—Incorporated in 1894 as successor to a business established in 1880. From a small beginning company has grown steadily until to-day it is one of the leading machine tool manufacturers in the country and its product is known as the best in the line. Company manufactures a complete line of vertical turret lathes, boring mills and multi-au-matic machines. In 1915 and 1916, in order to meet the incessant demand for high-speed machines, the company developed and brought out an improved lathe and boring mill and an entirely new machine in the Multi-au-Matic. Company's machines are used by all of the more prominent industrial and railroad companies in the country. Property situated in Bridgeport, Conn., on the main line of the New York New Haven & Hartford RR., with which it is connected by a private siding.

Earnings.—Net earnings for the years 1916 to 1921 and the first 10 months of 1922, before interest, taxes and depreciation, have averaged \$537,370, equivalent to 5 1/2 times the greatest annual interest charge, and more than 3.6 times the combined annual amortization and interest payments.

Purpose.—To provide funds for acquisition of property now used but not owned and to provide additional working capital.

Management.—E. P. Bullard, Pres.; S. H. Bullard, V.-Pres., and A. H. Bullard, Sec. & Treas.

Balance Sheet Oct. 31 1922 (After New Financing).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Current assets.....	\$1,546,783	Current liabilities.....	\$263,039
Securities owned.....	31,398	Deferred payments.....	60,364
Land, bldgs., mach'y, &c.	3,518,642	1st Mtge. 6 1/2%.....	1,500,000
Patents (less deprec.).....	18,570	Capital stock.....	1,551,000
Deferred charges.....	242,409	Surplus.....	1,983,398
Total.....	\$5,357,801	Total.....	\$5,357,801

Calumet & Arizona Mining Co.—1922 Production (Lbs.)

December.....	3,582,000	August.....	4,038,000	May.....	3,566,000
November.....	3,298,000	July.....	3,310,000	April.....	3,756,000
October.....	3,916,000	June.....	3,362,000	March.....	3,056,000
September.....	3,598,000				

Note.—Operations were suspended in May 1921 and resumed early in Feb. 1922, in which month 2,462,000 lbs. of copper were produced.—V. 115, p. 2584, 2162.

Cardinal Oil Co. (of Dela.).—Listed on Curb.—
The company's 400,000 shares of stock, par \$10 (total authorized), have been listed on the New York Curb market. Trading began on Jan. 3.

The company owns over 4,000 acres in fee and holds about 16,000 acres on lease, surrounding and controlling a salt dome on Francis Mound in Jackson County, Tex. The Empire Trust Co. is transfer agent.

Carpenter Steel Co.—Capital Increase.—
This company has increased its authorized Capital stock from \$1,200,000 to \$8,000,000, par \$100, and now has issued \$6,000,000.—V. 115, p. 2689, 1537.

Central New York Gas & Electric Co.—Tenders.—
The Philadelphia Trust Co., trustee, Broad and Chestnut streets, Phila., Pa., will until Jan. 27 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 5% Sinking Fund Gold bonds, dated March 15, 1911, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$10,322 at a price not exceeding 105 and int.—V. 103, p. 940.

Cheboygan Light & Power Co.—New Control.—
The Commonwealth Light & Power Co. has purchased the entire capital stock of the Cheboygan Light & Power Co. The purchase price is understood to have been \$500,000.—V. 103, p. 1120.

Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc.—Resumes Common Div.—
A quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% has been declared on the outstanding \$18,000,000 Common stock, par \$100, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20. A quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% was paid on the Common stock in Feb. 1921; none since.—V. 115, p. 1630.

Commonwealth Light & Power Co.—Acquisition.—
See Cheboygan Light & Power Co. above.—V. 115, p. 2271.

Congoleum Co., Inc.—Dividend Increased.—
A quarterly dividend of \$2 per share has been declared on the outstanding Common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 12. This compares with dividends at the rate of \$4 per annum paid quarterly on the Common stock from April 1921 to Oct. 1922, inclusive.—V. 115, p. 2585.

Continental Can Co.—New Stock on Board—Chairman.—
The new no par value Common stock has been introduced to trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on a "when issued" basis. Waddill Catchings has been elected Chairman of the Executive Committee, succeeding F. A. Assman. Mr. Assman will continue as a member of the executive committee and also as a director.—V. 115, p. 2909.

Continental Oil Co.—New Vice-President.—
E. S. Karstedt, formerly General Manager, has been elected Vice-President, succeeding H. J. Cleaver.—V. 115, p. 2797, 432.

Copper Export Association, Inc.—Redemption of Notes.
The company, it is understood, will call for payment in February all of its outstanding issues of notes of which \$6,000,000 are due Feb. 1924 and \$12,000,000 due Feb. 1925.—V. 115, p. 992, 187.

(Thos. J.) Corcoran Lamp Co. of Ohio.—20% Cash Div.
The company has declared a 20% cash dividend, payable at once.—V. 110, p. 1092.

Crooks Terminal Warehouses, Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—
The National Bank of the Republic, of Chicago, is offering at 100 and int. \$500,000 1st (Closed) Mtge. 6 1/2% bonds. A circular shows:

Dated Dec. 15, 1922. Due serially, 1924-32. Denom. \$1,000, \$503 and \$100 (c*). Callable on any interest date on 30 days' notice at 10c and interest. Interest payable J. & D. at National Bank of the Republic of Chicago, trustee.

Security.—Secured by a closed first mortgage on all the land and extensive modern warehouses with 260,842 sq. ft. of floor space, located at 5801-5967 W. 65th St., Chicago, and on the 7-story and basement brokers' office and warehouse building (and leasehold) also owned and operated by H. D. Crooks, at 1104 Union Ave., Kansas City, Mo., with 100,000 sq. ft. of floor space.

Earnings.—For the year ended Dec. 31, 1921, the combined net profits (before interest and Federal taxes) of the Chicago and Kansas City properties subject to this mortgage amounted to \$148,693, or more than 4 1/2 times the maximum annual interest requirements of \$32,500 on these bonds. For the 4 years and 9 months ended Sept. 30, 1922, combined annual average net profits before interest and Federal taxes amounted to \$100,418, or more than 3 times such maximum interest requirements.

Business.—Business of Crooks Terminal Warehouses is that of warehousing general merchandise, rental of space for offices, lofts or other purposes, forwarding of freight, and local deliveries in their own motor trucks. Established in 1913, as the Chicago Storage & Transfer Co., the business has shown a steady growth until its Chicago properties to-day make up one of the largest warehouses in Chicago, and its combined storage facilities in Chicago and Kansas City, Mo., are among the largest in the United States.

Cunard Terminal Corporation.—Files Mortgage.—

A mortgage for \$3,000,000, given by the Corporation to the New Avenue Co., Ltd., London, Eng., was recorded Dec. 27 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Hudson County at Jersey City. The mortgage, which is payable on Feb. 1 at 5% interest, was dated Oct. 20, 1922, and was signed by De Los W. Cooke, Pres. of the Cunard Terminal Corp., and William A. Pon, Secretary. The mortgage covers all property purchased by the Corporation in Weehawken in 1921. See V. 111, p. 497.

Delaval Separator Co.—Tenders.—

The New York Trust Co., trustee, will until Jan. 22 receive bids for the sale to it of 10-yr. 8% sinking fund gold notes due Mar. 1, 1931 to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$150,000 at a price not exceeding 104 1/2 and int.

Depew & Lancaster Light Power & Conduit Co.—

The company has increased its authorized capital stock from \$1,250,000 to \$3,500,000, par \$100.—V. 110, p. 1293.

Detroit Copper & Brass Rolling Mills.—Increase.—

The company has increased its authorized Capital stock from \$5,000,000 (all outstanding) to \$6,000,000, par \$10.—V. 112, p. 1028.

Elder Manufacturing Co.—Unfilled Orders, &c.—

On Dec. 9 last unfilled orders, it is stated, amounted to \$1,632,000, and inventory amounted to but \$1,357,000. Last May unfilled orders, it is said, totaled only \$124,000 and merchandise on hand \$1,200,000.—V. 115, p. 2385, 651.

Elder Steel SS. Co., Inc.—Notes Sold at Auction.—

Adrian H. Muller & Sons, N. Y., auctioneers, last week sold at public auction \$167,000 of 8% notes, due 1929, for \$100 for the lot and \$6,000 of the same issue for \$10.—V. 115, p. 2051.

Electric Bond & Share Co.—Stock Dividend.—

The directors have declared a stock dividend of \$3,000,000, payable in Common stock to Common stockholders. The General Electric Co. owns all of the Common stock of the Electric Bond & Share Co. Compare V. 115, p. 2910, 2799.

Elizabethtown Water Co. Consolidation.—Consolidation, &c.—

The stockholders of the Elizabethtown Water Co., Piscataway Water Co., Raritan Township Water Co. and the Watchung Water Co., the latter three controlled by the Elizabethtown Water Co., voted Dec. 20 to consolidate under the above name. The authorized capital stock of the consolidated company is \$4,000,000 (par \$100). The New Jersey P. U. Commission has also approved the consolidation. Under the agreement of consolidation the stock of the new consolidated company will be issued in exchange for the stocks of the other companies as follows: (1) Elizabethtown Water Co., 98,152 shares (par \$10) outstanding, for each share will receive 34,924-98,152 share of consolidated stock; (2) Piscataway Water Co., 114 shares (par \$100) outstanding (when surrendered with all the stock of the Watchung Water Co.) for each share will receive 40 12-14 shares of consolidated stock; (3) Raritan Township Water Co., 124 shares (par \$100) outstanding, for each share will receive 4-2-31 shares of consolidated stock; Watchung Water Co. stock outstanding shall be surrendered by the Piscataway company. Scrip without voting power or rights to participate in dividends shall be issued for fractional shares. The new consolidated company will also assume all the indebtedness of the companies consolidated.

The \$500,000 1st Refunding bonds of the Elizabethtown Water Co. which were extended at 6% to Jan. 1, 1923 have been further extended at same rate of interest to Dec. 1, 1923. Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., N. Y., trustee.

Directors are Julian H. Kean, Pres.; Hamilton F. Kean, V.-Pres.; John Kean, Union Township, N. J.; John W. Whelan, Sec.-Treas.; George T. Parrot, Frederic H. Levey, Edward O. Woodruff, Elizabeth, N. J.; W. Emlen Roosevelt and George Emlen Roosevelt, New York.

English Electric Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Defers Div.—

The company, it is reported, has deferred its quarterly dividend, due Dec. 31, 1922, on the 8% Cum. Pref. stock.—V. 114, p. 1539.

Eureka Co., North East, Pa.—Bonds Offered.—

F. E. Warner & Co., Phila., are offering at 100 and int. \$275,000 1st Mtge. Conv. 8% 15-Year Sinking Fund gold bonds (see advertising pages).

Dated Nov. 1, 1922, due Nov. 1, 1937. Int. payable M. & N. at Chemical National Bank, New York, trustee, without deduction for any Federal income tax up to 2%. Free of Penna. State tax. Red., all or part, on 60 days' notice at 107 1/2 and int. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c*).

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage provides for an annual sinking fund of \$15,000, first payment Nov. 1, 1925, to be by tender or by lot, not exceeding call price.

Conversion.—Convertible into 11 shares (par \$100) 8% Cumul. 1st Pref. stock and 5 shares (par \$100) of Common stock for each \$1,000 of bonds, on or before Nov. 1, 1927.

Data from Letter of Pres. C. R. Crouch, North East, Pa., Nov. 15.

Company.—Incorp. in Pennsylvania in 1896 and has been in successful operation since that time. Original investment amounted to about \$34,000, from which the present assets have been built up to \$977,842. The character of the business is unusually stable, the company manufacturing electric traction supplies, including trolley wheels, controller parts, brass and copper drop forgings, &c., for which there is a constant demand from public utility companies, steel mills, street, mine and industrial railways, manufacturers of electrical apparatus, &c.

Outlook.—Through the British-American Metals Co., Inc., New York, with whom a contract has been entered into, the company is assured of a large and increasing volume of business.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to liquidate bank loans and provide additional working capital.

Capitalization—Authorized, Issued.
1st Mgt. Convertible Sinking Fund 8s. \$275,000 \$275,000
1st Pref. (a. & d.) Cumul. 8% stock (par \$100) 302,000 None
Common stock 500,000 362,500

Eureka Pipe Line Co.—Dividend Increased.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 3% on the outstanding \$5,000,000 capital stock, par \$100, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15.

Eureka Smelting & Mining Co.—New Officer.—George T. Wilson, formerly Vice-President of the Harriman National Bank, has been elected President.—V. 115, p. 1638.

Federal Sugar Refining Co.—1 1/4% Common Dividend.—A quarterly cash dividend of 1 1/4% has been declared on the outstanding Common stock, par \$100, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 19.

Federal Telegraph Co. of Calif.—Capital Increased.—The stockholders are reported to have increased the authorized capital stock from \$2,500,000 to \$3,500,000, par \$10. It is stated that 50,000 shares of the new stock will be offered to stockholders at \$7.50 per share.—V. 115, p. 1435.

(Marshall) Field & Co., Chicago.—New Officers.—James Simpson has been elected President succeeding John G. Shedd, who has been elected Chairman of the Board, a new office recently created.

Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corp.—Initial Dividend.—The directors on Jan. 3 declared a dividend of 16 cents a share, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 1, conditioned upon the receipt by the company of the dividend of 50 cents a share recently declared upon the stock of New York Transportation Co.

Fleischmann Co.—Stock Sold.—A block of 275,000 shares of no par value Common stock has been sold at \$30 per share by W. E. Hutton & Co., W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., and E. F. Hutton & Co.

Capitalization Authorized and Outstanding (No Funded Debt). Common stock (no par value) 1,500,000 shs.
6% Cumulative Preferred stock \$3,000,000
x Company has purchased a portion of the Pref. stock in the open market and expects to retire \$1,000,000 in 1923.

Data from Letter of Pres. Julius Fleischmann, New York, Jan. 2 1923. Company.—Has been in successful operation for more than 50 years, the business having been founded as a co-partnership in 1869.

Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31. Sales, Net Inc.
1917 \$27,520,606 \$2,765,989
1918 32,191,378 3,393,331
1919 31,951,786 2,421,356

Consolidated Balance Sheet Oct. 31 1922. [After giving effect to the change of Common stock into shares without par value and to the redemption of the \$4,000,000 10-Year 8% Notes on Dec. 1 1922.]

Table with Assets and Liabilities columns. Assets include Cash, U. S. Govt. obligations, Notes & acc'ts receivable, Inventories, Land, bldgs., mach., &c., Patents, Investment securities, Insur. fund—Cash, notes & acc'ts rec., & c., Prepaid taxes, ins., &c., Contingent assets (see contra). Total (each side) \$43,562,967.

Ford Motor Co., Detroit.—Purchases Site, &c.—The company has taken title to a 69.26-acre tract in Chicago, extending from the Calumet River at 125th St. to 130th St., and from the New York Chicago & St. Louis RR. east on Torrence Ave.

Foundation Company.—New Director.—General R. Bauer has been elected a director.—V. 115, p. 2910, 2691.
General American Tank Car Corp.—Orders, &c.—The corporation announces that it has already booked for the year 1923 orders in the amount of \$25,000,000 for both freight and tank cars.

Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co., Boston.—Stock Div., &c.—The company has increased the authorized capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000, par \$100, by the distribution of 30,000 additional shares as a 150% stock dividend to holders of record Dec. 15.

Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.—Federal Judge Anderson at Boston has issued an order allowing the request of the receivers that they be allowed to distribute \$140,623 as a 10% payment on the principal of the company's debts.

Greeley-Hudson Securities Corp.—Notes Called.—All of the outstanding 6% Secured Sinking Fund gold notes due May 1 1931 have been called for redemption Feb. 1 1923 at 105 and int. at the Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, N. Y. City.—V. 109, p. 1991.

Greylock Mills, North Adams, Mass.—Increase.—The stockholders have increased the authorized Capital stock from \$700,000 (all outstanding) to \$1,400,000, par \$100. The increase will be distributed as a 100% stock div. to holders of record Dec. 27.—V. 115, p. 2911.

Harroun Motors Corp., Detroit.—Receiver.—The Guaranty Trust Co., Detroit, has been appointed receiver.—V. 115, p. 79.

Honolulu Consolidated Oil Co.—200% Stock Dividend.—The directors, contingent upon the approval of the California RR. Commission, have declared a 200% stock dividend, payable Dec. 30 1922 to holders of record Dec. 23.

Inland Steel Co.—Acquisition, &c.—The company, it is stated, has acquired the property of the Red Top Steel Post Co., adjoining its own plant at Chicago.

Illinois Glass Co., Alton, Ill.—Bonds Offered.—Illinois Trust & Savings Bank and Lee, Higginson & Co., Chicago, are offering, at 99 and interest, \$2,500,000 6% 10-Year Sinking Fund Gold Debentures.

Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee, without deduction for Federal income taxes not in excess of 4%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c*). Redeemable as a whole, or in part for the sinking fund, on 30 days' notice, on any interest date before maturity, on payment of a premium of 2 1/4% if redeemed at the end of the first year, such premium decreasing 1/4 of 1% each succeeding year thereafter.

Data from Letter of V.-Pres. R. H. Levis, Alton, Ill., Dec. 22 1922. Company.—Founded in 1873 at Alton, Ill. Has been conducted continuously by the original management.

Assets—Liabilities—
Plant property \$12,001,415 Preferred stock \$5,045,000
Patent licenses & contr's 2,000,000 Common stock 4,200,000
Stocks of other cos. owned 481,500 10-Year debentures 2,500,000

International Cement Corp.—Acquisition.—The corporation has concluded negotiations for the purchase of the property of the Bonner Portland Cement Co., Bonner Springs, Kan. The plant has been in operation nearly 10 years, operating 2 kilns, and has a present capacity of 450,000 to 500,000 bbls. per annum.

Iroquois Natural Gas Co.—Merger.—A certificate filed at Albany, N. Y., shows that the Niagara Gas Corp. and the Williamsville Natural Gas Co., have been merged with the above company.—V. 115, p. 2912.

Jordan Marsh Co., Boston.—Par Value Changed.—The company has changed its authorized capital stock from 20,000 shares of \$100 par value to 100,000 shares of no par value.

Kirby Lumber Co.—Outlook.—President John H. Kirby says: "Operations are on a very satisfactory basis as regards both volume and cost of manufacture, and if there is no serious falling off in demand or price in 1923 we should have a substantial sum for distribution among our stockholders, which, of course, will be applied on the accumulated dividend upon the preferred."

Laclede Steel Co.—New Officers.—W. W. Scott, Jr., has been elected Vice-President, succeeding W. L. Allen, and S. R. Tyler has been elected Secretary, succeeding H. F. Kay.—V. 113, p. 1581.

Landis Machine Co. (Shoe Machine Mfrs.), St. Louis. A 2,000% stock dividend has been declared on the outstanding capital stock.

Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co.—Hearing Postponed.—The hearing on the Isaac Starr protest against the sale of company's stock to the Reynolds Syndicate being confirmed has been postponed from Jan. 3 to Jan. 24.

Liberty Motor Car Corp., Detroit.—Receiver.—The Security Trust Co., Detroit, has been appointed receiver by Federal Judge Tuttle in a friendly suit brought by Parish Manufacturing Co., in order to preserve the assets of the company.

Lit Brothers Corp., Phila.—Stockholders' Rights.—The stockholders of record Dec. 26 are given the right to subscribe at par (\$10) to \$1,000,000 common stock.

Long Island Lighting Co.—Bonds Sold.—Bonbright & Co., Inc., and W. C. Langley & Co., New York, have sold at 97½ and int., to yield about 6.20%, \$3,000,000 1st Ref. Mgt. Gold Bonds Series "A" 6% (see advertising pages).

Due Jan. 1 1923, due Jan. 1 1948. Int. payable J. & J. at American Exchange National Bank, New York, trustee. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 110 during the first 15 years and at 1% less during each year of the following 10 years.

Data from Letter of Pres. Ellis L. Phillips, New York, Jan. 4. Company.—Incorp. Dec. 31 1910, in New York, consolidation of a number of established companies which had been operating on Long Island.

Nassau Light & Power Co. (V. 115, p. 2802, 654), the properties of which are about to be acquired, does the entire electric light and power business in the central and northern part of the County of Nassau.

Main gas producing plant, located at Bay Shore, has a daily capacity of 1,125,000 cu. ft. An additional gas plant, located at Huntington, daily capacity of 150,000 cu. ft. Company owns 36 miles of gas transmission mains and over 126 miles of gas distributing lines.

Capitalization Outstanding in Hands of Public (After This Financing). 1st Ref. Mgt. Gold Bonds Series "A" 6% (this issue)----- \$3,000,000

Purpose.—To reimburse company, in part, for the acquisition of the properties of the Nassau Light & Power Co. Consolidated Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1920, 1921, and Sept. 30 '22. Rows include Gross income, Oper. exp., maint. & taxes, Net income, and Annual interest charges on all bonds outstanding.

(David) Lupton's Sons Co.—Tenders.—The Philadelphia Trust Co., trustee, Phila., Pa., up to Jan. 4 received bids for the sale to it of about \$31,250 Preferred stock at prices not exceeding 110 and interest.—V. 106, p. 2348.

Manville Co., Providence, R. I.—Capital Increased.—The company has increased its authorized capital stock from \$8,300,000 (\$6,000,000 Common and \$2,300,000 Preferred) to \$11,300,000, par \$100.—V. 111, p. 1088.

Maracaibo Oil Exploration Corp.—New Bond Issue, &c. Stockholders will vote Jan. 15 on authorizing \$800,000 2-year 7% debentures, convertible into stock at the rate of \$1,000 bonds for every 100 shares of stock after July 1 1923.

Michigan State Telephone Co.—Pref. Stock Called.—All of the outstanding \$4,000,000 Preferred stock, par \$100, has been called for redemption Feb. 1 at par and divs. at the Union Trust Co., Detroit, Mich.—V. 115, p. 2912, 2693.

Montana Power Co.—Tenders.—The Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Jan. 15 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & Ref. Mgt. 5% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Series "A," due July 1 1943, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$259,840 at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 115, p. 2693.

Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago.—December Sales.—1922—Dec.—1921. Increase. 1922—12 Mos.—1921. Increase. \$11,629,292 \$7,425,126 \$4,204,166 \$92,474,182 \$75,956,649 \$16,517,533

Nashua (N. H.) Manufacturing Co.—Annual Report.—The report for the year ended Oct. 31 1922 shows sales of goods of \$8,205,289, compared with \$12,670,706 in the previous year, and \$25-853,410 in 1920.

Nassau Light & Power Co.—Merger.—See Long Island Lighting Co. above.—V. 115, p. 2802, 654.

National Cloak & Suit Co., N. Y.—Orders—Sales.—Calendar Years—1922. 1921. 1920. 1919. No. of orders received—7,636,136 5,512,405 6,038,269 5,667,132

National Oil Co.—Reorganization Plan.—The reorganization committee named below has notified the holders of the First Lien 7% gold bonds (or certificates of deposit thereof) that they have adopted a plan of reorganization dated Dec. 15 1922.

The preferred stockholders' committee has also approved the plan. The committee in a statement say in substance: The committee desires to impress upon all bondholders, creditors and stockholders the absolute necessity of an immediate completion of the reorganization plan in order that they may save and protect their interests in the property.

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The financial difficulties are the result of the company's having invested the proceeds of the bonds and a substantial amount of earnings in the construction of wooden tankers and wooden cargo vessels, and the failure to invest the money in the development of the oil properties.

The most important asset held by the company consists of its oil leases and terminal properties in Mexico. These properties are owned by a Mexican subsidiary company, which is indebted to the Republic of Mexico for past due taxes in the amount of \$171,658.

Estimated Minimum Financial Requirements of New Company, \$750,000. Payment in cash of approximately 25% of the debt of the National Oil Co., S. A. (Mexican company) and of National Oil Co. of Me. \$125,000

For the drilling of 3 wells on the Chijoles lease and wells on other selected leases and for working capital----- 550,000 Receivers' compensation, expenses of reorganization, court exp., &c. 75,000

Digest of Reorganization Plan, Dated Dec. 15 1922. New Company.—It is proposed to organize a new company, to which will be transferred such of the assets acquired at the foreclosure sale or otherwise as the committee deems of value.

Table with columns: Capitalization of New Company, Authorized, Issued under Plan. Rows include First Lien 7% bonds, 7% Pref. Stock, and Common stock.

Participation in Plan, Bondholders, General Creditors and Stockholders. In order to participate in the plan, all bondholders, creditors and stockholders must subscribe to the First Lien 7% bonds of the new company as follows:

- (a) Bondholders must subscribe and pay an amount equal to 15% of the principal of their bonds. (b) General creditors must subscribe and pay an amount equal to 15% of the principal amount of their claims.

Table of Exchange of Old for New Securities. Existing Securities—Outstanding. (About) zls Lien 7s. Pref. Stock. Com. Stock. First Lien 7s.-----\$5,000,000 \$833,300 \$5,000,000 \$500,000

x Ratable payments must be made by general creditors for any claims of less than \$1,000 for which a proportionate amount of securities of the new company will be issued.

y All stockholders having certificates for lots of stock of less than 100 shares must pay at the rate of 2 1/2% of the par value of their certificates and will receive new securities in proportion to their payment and their stock.

Non-Participating Security Holders.—The committee has decided that no securities of the new company shall be distributed to bondholders, creditors and stockholders of the old company who do not subscribe to the bonds of the new company as above provided.

Requirements for Participation in the Plan.

- (1) Depositing Bondholders who desire to participate in the plan must with respect to each bond, send to New York Trust Co. their certificate of deposit together with \$150 per each \$1,000 of bonds to be deposited under the plan.

Description of New Securities.

First Lien 7% Bonds, dated Jan. 1 1923, due Jan. 1 1933. Interest payable J. & J. (except that interest for first year will be payable in one installment on Jan. 1 1924). Beginning Jan. 1 1924, will be entitled to the benefit of a sinking fund of 5c. per bbl. of oil produced from leases owned or controlled, which fund shall be applied to purchase of bonds at redemption price of 110 or less.

Preferred Stock.—Holders will be entitled to dividends of 7% per annum and no more. Dividends shall be non-cumulative until 1926 and, commencing with Jan. 1 1926, shall be cumulative. Share for share. After redemption of bonds, company will set aside 20% of its annual net profits remaining after the deduction of an amount equal to 6% dividends on the common stock, to be used as a sinking fund for the redemption (at par) of outstanding preferred stock.

Voting Trust.—All the stock of the new company, both preferred and common, shall be deposited under a voting trust for a period of five years terminating Jan. 1 1928. Reorganization Committee.—Ludwig Nissen, Chairman, Edward Sandford, Reuben Myron Cohen, Albert Freeman, C. S. Burton, D. E. Townsend, W. C. Mundt, J. W. Bell, and A. H. Pogson, with Robert T. Crouch,

Secretary, Woolworth Building, New York, and Frueauf, Robinson & Sloan, counsel, 67 Wall St., New York.
Preferred Stockholders' Committee.—A. H. Pogson, Chairman; P. J. Reilly, F. Straith-Miller, E. A. Perkins, Samuel H. Wilson, Oscar Hecker, Benjamin Allen.—V. 115, p. 1541.

New Cornelia Copper Co.—1922 Production (in Lbs.)—
December—3,256,547 September—3,065,390 June—1,565,442
November—3,178,556 August—2,854,183 May—1,544,770
October—3,226,618 July—1,783,950 April—1,496,242
Operations were suspended in May 1921 and resumed early in Feb. 1922, in which month 1,459,063 lbs. of copper were produced, as compared with 1,682,579 lbs. of copper in March 1922.—V. 115, p. 2590, 2055.

Niagara Gas Corporation.—Merger.—
See Iroquois Natural Gas Co. above.—V. 115, p. 1437.

North American Co.—Statement of Earnings.—
Earnings for Twelve Months Ended Nov. 30.

	1921-22.	1920-21.
Gross earnings	\$53,248,855	\$39,069,654
Operating expenses and taxes	34,610,374	27,622,451
Net income	\$18,638,481	\$11,447,203
Other income	387,783	281,205
Total income	\$19,026,264	\$11,728,408
Int., charges and pref. divs. of subsidiaries	8,164,362	5,378,938
Preferred dividends	1,137,678	893,799
Surplus for common	\$9,724,224	\$5,455,671

Balance Sheet as of Sept. 30.

	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Prop. & plant.	184,954,680	127,249,459	Preferred stock.	18,920,550
Cash with trust.	966,981	21,089	Common stock.	18,947,900
Investments.	8,396,562	4,994,757	Pref. stk. of subs.	20,888,086
Cash.	6,972,542	3,310,757	Min. stockh'd'rs'	
Notes & bills rec.	240,595	147,413	Int. in subs.	5,117,396
Acc'ts receivable	6,583,745	4,322,459	Fund. debt subs.	109,392,200
Materials & supp	6,332,808	4,953,351	Notes & bills rec.	1,105,100
Sundry current			Acc'ts payable.	3,877,921
assets.	3,275,125	2,150	Sund. curr. liab.	1,008,425
Prepaid acc'ts.	197,798	139,054	Accrued liabli.	5,296,432
Open accounts.		1,609,459	Inters. o. A. co's.	2,401
Bond & note disc	6,855,478	3,172,824	Open accounts.	529,034
Premium on investment secs.	3,627,546	4,880,730	Reserves.	29,394,472
			Surplus.	14,455,378
Total	228,403,860	154,803,502	Total	228,403,860

The Nov. 30 1922 earnings statement includes earnings of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. since April, earnings of the Milwaukee Northern Ry. since July, and earnings of the East St. Louis & Suburban Co. for the month of November.—V. 115, p. 2389, 2055.

Northern States Power Co.—Announces \$80,000,000 Development Plans.—

A new electric water and steam power construction and development program for the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, involving an estimated expenditure of \$80,000,000, has been announced by the Bylesby Engineering & Management Corp. The new construction will extend over a period of about ten years and will increase by 306,000 h. p. the electric generating capacity of the above company, which serves 350 cities and towns in Minnesota, the Dakotas, Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa, and which is one of the operated properties of Standard Gas & Electric Co. Work will start at once on the construction of a large steam turbine generating station in St. Paul, for which approximately 40 acres have been acquired on the Mississippi River near the High Bridge. The first generating unit to be installed will be 40,000 h. p. capacity. It is planned to install 60,000 h. p. additional capacity immediately after the first unit is completed, making total initial capacity 100,000 h. p.

The Federal Water Power Commission has authorized the company to proceed with development of the power resources of the St. Croix and upper Mississippi rivers, and 106,000 h. p. of additional hydro-electric generating capacity will be added by the construction of the water powers now contemplated.—V. 115, p. 1541, 444.

Old Dominion Co. (Maine).—Copper Production.—
Smelter output in December amounted to 2,861,000 lbs. of copper, of which 2,180,000 lbs. was Old Dominion and 681,000 lbs. Arizona Commercial.—V. 115, p. 2591.

Onomea Sugar Co., Honolulu.—Stock Dividend, &c.—
The directors last week declared a 25% stock dividend, payable Dec. 30 1922 to holders of record Dec. 27 1922. The stockholders recently increased the authorized Capital stock from \$2,000,000 (all outstanding) to \$2,500,000, par \$20. See also V. 115, p. 2913, 2166.

Pacific Coast Steel Co.—Capital Increase.—
The company has increased its authorized Capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000.—V. 115, p. 1640.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Valuation—To Issue Bonds.
The California RR. Commission has fixed a valuation of \$109,723,695 (against the company's claim of \$170,711,271) on the electric properties for rate-making purposes.
The company has applied to the California RR. Commission for authority to issue \$5,490,000 Gen. & Ref. Mtge. bonds.—V. 115, p. 2803.

Pacific Mills.—Listing, &c.—
The Boston Stock Exchange has authorized for the list 200,000 additional shares capital stock, par \$100. These shares were issued as a 100% stock dividend to holders of record Dec. 27.

xBalance Sheet as of June 30 1922.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$7,836,535	Notes payable	\$8,780,000
Accounts receivable	5,022,015	Sundry accounts payable	27,199
Inventories	19,531,799	Unclaimed wages	34,437
Sundry securities	61,650	Accrued taxes & insur.	217,079
U. S. Govt. certificates	1,005,625	Capital stock	20,000,000
Patent rights	15,000	Deferred credits	624
Fixed assets—plant	38,389,657	Plant deprec'n reserve	11,588,068
Deferred charges	12,029	Inventory reserve	2,500,000
		Tax reserve	343,139
		Res've for doubtful acc'ts	333,295
Total (each side)	\$71,874,311	Surplus	28,050,472

x This balance sheet is of June 30 1922, with the following adjustments, which have been made on the books in accordance with vote of the directors passed Dec. 14 1922, viz.: (1) an item of \$2,500,000 entitled "Premium on capital stock," which appeared in the June 30 balance sheet, has been transferred to "surplus" of \$4,000,000 of the inventory reserve shown in that sheet has likewise been transferred to surplus, leaving inventory reserve of \$2,500,000 instead of \$6,500,000, and plant account has been increased by a total of \$7,564,232.—V. 115, p. 2803.

Packard Motor Car Co.—2% Common Dividend.—
A quarterly dividend of 2% has been declared on the outstanding Common stock, par \$100, payable Jan. 31 to holders of record Jan. 15. On Dec. 16 last the company paid a 100% stock dividend on the Common stock. On Oct. 31 last an extra cash dividend of 2½% was paid on the Common stock, in addition to a quarterly of the same amount.—V. 115, p. 2913.

Pan-American Petroleum & Transport Co.—To Increase Capital—Acreage.—

The stockholders will vote Jan. 20 on increasing the total authorized Common stock from \$125,000,000 (consisting of \$55,000,000 Common and \$70,000,000 Class "B" Common) to \$205,000,000, all of the newly authorized Common stock to be classified as Class "B" Common stock. After the above increase the authorized Capital will consist of \$55,000,000 Common stock, \$180,000,000 Class "B" Common stock and \$25,000,000 Preferred stock.

Negotiations which the company has been carrying on for several weeks for additional acreage in the new Smackover oil field in Arkansas were closed Jan. 3.

Pres. E. L. Doherty says: "Acquisition of the additional acreage will give the company a total of approximately 750 acres in the Smackover oil fields. This acreage was taken over from individuals and partnerships, and consists of about 5 separate parcels. One contains what is known as the Clark-Mallat well, which is capable of producing 20,000 bbls. of light oil daily. All of the acreage is in what is known as the light oil section of the Smackover field."

Secretary Denby recently announced that under extended contracts between the Government and the Pan-American Co., the drilling of off set gas wells to prevent the draining of naval oil reserves on naval reserve No. 1, in California "is to be proceeded with immediately."

Pres. E. L. Doherty states: "The company by signing this supplementary contract has engaged in a serious and substantial obligation. It amounts to an advance of possible royalties to the Government of between \$12,000,000 and \$15,000,000. To develop the oil field under the terms of the agreement, will require on our part an investment of more than twice as much money in addition to the royalties."

"By undertaking the obligations of the contract, therefore, we put the Pan-American Company in the position of expending at least between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000. This we expect to recover from the naval reserve in pursuance of the terms of the contract."—V. 115, p. 2803.

Parish & Bingham Corp.—New Officers.—
E. J. Kulas has been elected President and General-Manager, succeeding Mrs. Agnes D. Morse, who will continue as a director. F. H. Ginn has been elected a director.

Penn Central Light & Power Co.—Bond Issue.—
The company, it is stated, has arranged for a bond issue of \$244,000, a portion of the proceeds to be used for extensions and improvements.—V. 115, p. 2695.

Penn Mary Steel Co.—Tenders.—
The Girard Trust Co., trustee, Phila., Pa., will until Feb. 1 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 5% 20-year Sinking Fund Gold bonds, due 1937, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$148,851 at a price not exceeding 105 and int.—V. 114, p. 86.

Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Corp.—Acquisition, &c.—
The company has acquired all the property and assets of the Watkins Coal Co. after negotiations extending over a period of several months.

T. H. Watkins has retired as President and director of the former company. J. W. Searles, Vice-President, succeeds him and C. Law Watkins becomes Vice-President. E. B. Houser succeeds A. G. Edwards as Secretary & Treasurer.

The Pennsylvania company owns in fee and has under lease 40,000 acres in Cambria, Blair, Indiana and Clearfield counties, Pennsylvania, exclusive of the properties of the Watkins Coal Co.—V. 115, p. 2803, 2277.

Pennsylvania & Michigan Realty Co.—Prof. Stock.—

Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Fletcher American Co. and Meyer-Kiser Bank, Indianapolis, are offering at par and int. \$475,000 1st Pref. tax exempt 6% cumulative stock. Dated Dec. 15 1922, to be secured by a new 9-story fireproof doctors' and dentists' buildings. Divs. payable Q-M. Callable at 102 and div. on 30 days' notice, prior to any div. date.

Company has been incorporated to build and own, at Indianapolis, a 9-story, fireproof building, containing approximately 150 office and laboratory suites, to be occupied exclusively by physicians, surgeons and dentists.

Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., Chicago.—Revaluation.
The company has petitioned the Illinois Supreme Court for a revaluation of its property and asks for the right to make up the losses caused by insufficient rates from 1918 to 1920. The company claims that the former P. S. Commission valued its property in 1920 at cost and not reproduction value. The real value of the property is the cost to reproduce it at present, less depreciation, the company maintains. The other method of valuation gives the company's worth at about half of what it should be and is confiscatory, it is claimed. The company is not petitioning for higher rates.—V. 115, p. 2395.

Philadelphia & Camden Ferry Co.—Rate Cut.—
The company has filed with the I.-S. C. Commission a new tariff of fares, which, effective Jan. 29 1923, will reduce the charge for 10-trip tickets from 30c. to 25c.—V. 115, p. 2913, 2695.

Phillips Petroleum Co.—General Review of 1922.—

President Frank Phillips in a report to stockholders dated Jan. 1 1923 says in substance:

Production & Acreage.—On Jan. 1 1922 we had 914 producing oil and gas wells on 20,753 acres with an average daily production of 8,395 bbls. We now have 1,160 producing wells on 25,887 acres with an average daily production of 21,014 bbls. high grade oil net. Company discovered 33 and purchased 3 new oil properties during the year, making a total of 181 oil and gas producing properties in operation at this time. In addition we have in producing districts, or in places where conditions are favorable for the production of oil—in Kansas, Okla., Texas and other districts of the Mid-Continent field, over 225,000 acres.

Offsetting or immediately affecting 29,900 acres of this, there are 203 wells drilling by other companies. Total producing and non-producing acreage owned a year ago was about 120,000 acres. We doubled our acreage in the past year. Partners' interests represent an average of 11% in the total acreage.

Gasoline & Storage.—On Jan. 1 1922 we owned 3 gasoline plants, which were producing a daily average of 17,000 gallons. We now have 7 gasoline plants, producing an average of 75,000 gallons per day. With additions now being made, production will be increased to over 100,000 gallons per day early in 1923. We contemplate building 2 additional plants in the near future. Permanent insulated gasoline tankage has been increased at plants from 600,000 to 7,200,000 gallons.

We have only about 500,000 gallons in storage, which amount will be increased during the winter. Three hundred new insulated tank cars were purchased during the year. Crude oil in storage on Jan. 1 1922 was 260,534 bbls., against 1,425,000 bbls. Jan. 1 1923. We have purchased 1,260,000 bbls. additional crude oil tankage, a part of which is under construction.

Earnings.—Net earnings for 1922 will approximate \$9,000,000 after all expense and interest deductions. This is equivalent to \$12.91 per share on the 697,000 shares now issued and outstanding, as compared with \$5.98 per share for 1921 on 660,000 shares. Figures for both years are before deducting reserves for depletion and depreciation. No estimate or deduction has been made from earnings for reserve for 1922. The opinion is expressed that we have increased the value of our properties this year over expenditures and earnings through extensions and discoveries in excess of \$20,000,000, which might be considered as equivalent to earnings, inasmuch as we could realize this increased sum or more from a reasonable sale of same. Increases in values have been created each year since the company was organized.

Depletion & Depreciation.—These items set up as a reserve at the end of each business year, could properly be charged against added reserves created during that period. However, this is not customary. We deplete and depreciate in accordance with Government regulations regardless of how it affects the appearance of our yearly statement. The amount deducted from earnings as a reserve depends largely on the amount of new work completed during the year.

General.—During Dec. an appraisal of our properties showed that on a sale value of physical properties and current assets your stock would yield in excess of \$100 per share after deducting outstanding bonds, current liabilities and making other liberal allowances and deductions.

Company was never in a stronger earning position, nor owned as large producing areas and drillable reserves. The position which we now occupy warrants us in anticipating larger earnings in the new year than we have ever enjoyed.—V. 115, p. 2278, 1951.

Pierce Oil Corp.—Committee Seeks Proxies.—

A Preferred stockholders' proxy committee, of which Herbert H. Lehman is chairman, is asking for proxies to be used at a meeting of Preferred stockholders if the Virginia Supreme Court denies the application of the stockholders as represented by Henry Clay Pierce, Henry L. Doherty and Alton B. Parker. The latter have appealed from the decision of Judge Moncreu in a lower court setting aside an election of directors by Common stockholders on Oct. 2 last. This move to get proxies is a continuation of the effort of the Preferred stockholders to secure control, which they claim

they are entitled to inasmuch as the company is in arrears four quarterly payments on its Preferred dividend.—V. 115, p. 2591, 2486.

Pond Creek Coal Co.—To Act on Ford Offer.

The stockholders will vote Jan. 22 on approving the sale of the property to the Ford Motor Co. The sale will include all the lands, appurtenances and properties, real and personal, mineral rights, mines, &c., and any and all property used locally on the premises of the company in connection with its coal mining business in Pike County, Ky., excepting, however, all accounts, claims and rights of action of any nature belonging to the company; also excepting cash, securities, bills and accounts receivable.—V. 115, p. 2913, 2803.

Pressed Steel Car Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.—Bonds Sold.

A. G. Becker & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and Ames, Emerich & Co., New York, have sold at 94½ and interest, yielding about 5¼%, \$6,000,000 10-Year 5% Conv. gold bonds. (See advertising pages.)

Dated Dec. 30 1922. Due Jan. 1 1933. Interest payable J. & J. in Chicago or New York without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c*). Redeemable all or part on or after Jan. 1 1924, on any interest date upon 90 days' notice at 100 and interest. New York Trust Co., New York, trustee. Free of Pennsylvania 4 mill tax.

Convertible.—Convertible at any time after Jan. 1 1924, up to or at maturity, into the Common stock in the ratio of 10 shares of stock for each \$1,000 bond.

Listing.—Application will be made to list bonds on N. Y. Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of Pres. F. N. Hoffstot, Pittsburgh, Dec. 29.

Company.—Organized in New Jersey in 1899. Is one of the leading manufacturers in the steel car business, the capacity of plants being from 15% to 20% of the estimated total production of cars in this country. Customers are railroads and industries of the United States and foreign countries. Business consists of the manufacture of steel freight and passenger cars, trucks, truck frames, bolsters and other pressed steel specialties for cars. Plants, located in the Pittsburgh district, include 185 acres of land, on which are about 57 acres of buildings equipped with modern machinery. Annual production capacity, 40,000 freight cars, 500 steam and street railway passenger cars and a large tonnage of steel underframes and miscellaneous parts for cars. In addition to substantial holdings in allied companies, company owns the Western Steel Car & Foundry Co. at Hegewisch, Ill., one of the largest car manufacturing and repair plants in the West with a total ground area of 143 acres, on which are about 23 acres of buildings with an annual capacity of 18,000 new freight cars and 5,000 repair freight cars.

	Authorized	Outstanding
10-Year 5% gold bonds (this issue).....	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
7% Non-cumulative Preferred stock.....	12,500,000	12,500,000
Common stock.....	50,000,000	12,500,000
Surplus.....		13,560,676

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for the payment of debt and to furnish additional working capital.

Earnings.—Total net earnings alone since organization in 1899 to Sept. 30 1922, before depreciation, interest and Federal taxes, have been over \$51,000,000, or an average of approximately \$2,151,600 per annum. Net profits from 1916 to 1921 inclusive, after all deductions, including interest and Federal taxes, were as follows:

1916.....	\$2,751,152	1919.....	\$3,634,776	1921.....	\$681,906
1917.....	2,130,307	1920.....	2,531,805	Average.....	2,613,455
1918.....	3,950,785				

Balance Sheet Nov. 30 1922 (After New Financing).

Assets	Liabilities
Prop. & fran. less deprec. \$25,987,490	Common stock.....
Impts. Pa. Mall. Co. leasehold.....	7% Preferred stock.....
Investments.....	5% Conv. bonds.....
Cash.....	Accounts payable.....
Notes & accts. rec. do	Accr. salaries & wages.....
Materials.....	Res. for Pref. divs.....
Deferred charges.....	Contingent reserves.....
	Surplus and undivided profits.....
Total.....	Total.....

Contingent Liabilities.—Bills receivable, discounted, \$499,316; guarantee of Steel Car Equipment Co., notes secured by equipment, \$1,760,000.—V. 115, p. 1846, 877.

Reading Iron Co.—Takes Over Thomas Iron Co.

The company has formally taken over the properties of the Thomas Iron Co. Some months ago this purchase was forecast, when stockholders of the Thomas Iron Co. were invited to deposit their stock with Drexel & Co., Phila., subject to such disposal of the controlling interest as might be decided upon. Within the past two weeks the formal transfer of the stock to the Reading Iron Co. was agreed upon. See Thomas Iron Co. in V. 115, p. 191; V. 114, p. 2726.

Rickenbacker Motor Co.—Shipments—Earnings, &c.

Since Jan. 2 1922 the company shipped and built 5,000 motor cars. Orders now in for prompt shipment in the next 90 days—the 3 dull months of the year—greatly exceed the production schedule. The company showed a profit for the year ended Jan. 2 1923 (its first year's business). The directors recently declared an initial dividend of 5%, payable Feb. 1. The company has no bank loans.—V. 115, p. 2487.

Sagamore Manufacturing Co., Fall River.—Bal. Sheet.

Assets	Liabilities
Real estate.....	Capital stock.....
Inventories.....	Accts. and notes payable.....
Cash & debts rec.....	Deprec. reserve.....
U. S. Govt. sec.....	Surplus.....
Prepaid insur.....	
Total.....	Total.....

—V. 115, p. 2914, 2592.

Santa Barbara Telephone Co.—Bond Application.

The company has applied to the California Railroad Commission for authority to sell \$60,000 First Mtge. 5% 30-year sinking fund gold bonds at a price to yield not less than 87½, the proceeds to be used to reimburse the treasury for cost of additions, betterments, &c.—V. 114, p. 2833.

Sargent & Co., New Haven, Conn.—Capital Increased.

The company recently increased its authorized capital stock from \$325,000 to \$650,000, to consist of 208,000 shares of Common stock, par \$25 (not \$100), and 13,000 shares of 7% Cumul. Preferred stock, par \$100. The increase was intended to put definitely into capitalization the major part of the surplus accumulated prior to Mar. 1 1913.—V. 115, p. 2804.

(S.) Slater & Sons (Inc.), Webster, Mass.—Retirement.

The authorized Capital stock has been reduced by the retirement of the entire issue of \$1,500,000 Preferred stock, par \$100. The company now has authorized and outstanding \$3,000,000 Common stock, par \$100.—V. 85, p. 342.

Smith Rubber & Tire Co., Planterville, N. J.—Trustee's Sale.

The company's plant at Planterville, N. J., will be sold at trustee's sale on Jan. 9 next.

A petition in bankruptcy was filed Dec. 16 against the Smith Rubber Products Sales Corp., New York City, by Frederic S. Bennett, Inc., on a claim of \$24,568 arising out of a guaranty of the account of the Smith Rubber & Tire Co. The petition avers the alleged bankrupt corporation, which owns the Smith Rubber & Tire Co., executed a mortgage of \$50,000 on the property of the subsidiary company to one Solomon Schwartz, recently, while insolvent.—V. 115, p. 1641.

Smith-Springfield (Mass.) Body Corp.—Sale.

See Springfield Body Corp. of New Jersey below.—V. 112, p. 1984.

Southern Spring Bed Co., Atlanta, Ga.—Bonds Offered

Citizens & Southern Co., Atlanta, Ga., is offering at 100 and int. \$175,000

1st Mtge. 6½% Serial gold bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1922, due serially \$10,000 Dec. 1 1924 to Dec. 1 1933. Interest payable J. & D. at Citizens & Southern Bank, Atlanta, Ga., trustee. Red. all or part on any int. date at 105 and int. Normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2% assumed by company. Authorized, \$250,000.

Company was formed in 1883. Manufactures the famous Red Cross mattress and Blue Ribbon springs, and, in addition, the entire line of Greenpoint metallic beds.

Proceeds will be used to retire current debt and to increase working capital. Average net profits, after taxes and liberal depreciation, for the past 10 years were over \$52,000 annually, or over 4¼ times maximum interest charges on this issue. Earnings for the last 5 years average over \$70,000 annually, or over 6 times interest charges and, at present time, are running considerably in excess of this figure.

Southern States Oil Corp.—Contract.

The company reports that it has closed a contract with the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana to take the oil from its producing leases at Smackover, thus insuring an immediate market for it.—V. 115, p. 2914, 2592.

Springfield Body Corp. of N. J.—New Financing Shortly.

This corporation with a capitalization of 50,000 shares of Class A stock and 50,000 shares of Common stock, both of no par value, has been incorp. in New Jersey and has purchased the business and assets of the Smith Springfield Body Corp. of Springfield, Mass. (V. 112, p. 1984).

A purchase contract has been made with the General Motors Corp. according to which the large plants in New Jersey. Negotiations are also under way for the taking over of a large plant near Detroit, Mich. Contracts have been made for the capacity output of these plants. This organization has been building bodies for Rolls-Royce, Minerva, Lafayette, Mercedes, Renault, Hudson, Studebaker, Fox, Oldsmobile, Marmon, &c.

The syndicate is being headed by Chester B. Cook & Co., of 42 Broadway, New York City.

Spring Valley Water Co.—Bonds Offered.

Mercantile Securities Co., San Francisco; Security Trust & Savings Bank, First Securities Co., Los Angeles; Equitable Trust Co., New York; First National Corp., Boston, and Union Trust Co., Chicago, are offering at 98½ and int., to yield 5.12%, \$22,000,000 1st Mtge. 5% Gold bonds. A preliminary circular (subject to correction) shows in substance:—

Dated May 1 1923. Due May 1 1943. Int. payable M. & N. at company's offices, Union Trust Co. of San Francisco, trustee, and Equitable Trust Co., New York, without deduction of normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Callable, all or part, on any interest date at 102½ during first ten years and thereafter at ½% less each year, but at not less than par. In the event of the purchase of the company's operative properties by the City of San Francisco, the bonds may be called at par provided the municipality does not desire to assume as a municipal obligation the then outstanding bonds. Denom. \$1,000 (c*).

Issuance.—Subject to approval by California Railroad Commission.

Company.—Company, or its predecessor in interest, has supplied the City of San Francisco with water for municipal and domestic purposes since 1858. It is the largest privately owned water company in the United States. Operative properties consist of 62,199 acres of land owned in fee and riparian rights to 33,343 acres, together with water sources, lakes, reservoirs, pipe lines and distribution mains, forming a complete water system which supplies the entire city and county of San Francisco. Population, about 650,000.

Valuation.—The operative properties of the company were appraised on March 1 1920 by the California RR. Commission at \$37,000,000, to which have been added approximately \$2,950,000 in improvements, extensions and additions since that date.

Security.—These bonds will be upon retirement of the present outstanding bonds on Dec. 1 1923, secured by a First Mortgage on the company's operative properties. Sufficient portion of proceeds of this issue to be held by trustee for retirement of former outstanding funded debt.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to extinguish approximately \$21,000,000 of funded debt (consisting of \$2,600,000 6% notes due March 1 1923, and \$17,850,000 4% bonds due Dec. 1 1923, and to provide for additions and extensions.

Earnings.—For the past six years, after providing for all operating expenses, depreciation and all taxes, the available earnings have been 2.1 times the annual interest requirements of \$1,100,000 on the bonds to be issued. For 1922, with December estimated, the available earnings have been 2.47 times the interest requirements.

Relations with the City of San Francisco.—An agreement has been entered into with the city and county of San Francisco whereunder the company will operate on completion the Bay Division of the Hetch Hetchy project and the city for 12 years holds an option to purchase the company's operative properties at the Railroad Commission's valuation plus additions since that date.

Listing.—Application will be made to list bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.—V. 115, p. 2804.

Standard Oil Co. of Indiana.—Dividend Policy.

Chairman Robert W. Stewart states that the dividend on the increased capitalization has not been fixed but will be governed by earnings.—V. 115, p. 2914, 2487.

Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana.—Capital Increase.

The company has increased its authorized capital stock from \$30,000,000 to \$75,000,000, par \$100, the increase coming from accumulated surplus. The stock of this company is owned by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.—V. 112, p. 1625.

Standard Parts Co., Cleveland.—To Liquidate.

Steps toward the liquidation of the company were recently taken at a meeting held by Frank A. Scott, receiver, and the creditors' committee. The company has been operating under a receivership since Sept. 1 1920. At request of creditors' committee, receiver applied to Federal Court and has been authorized to sell the plants for sale about Feb. 28 next. At present the company is operating four plants, the Standard Welding division, the Perfection Spring division and the Eaton Axle division, Cleveland, and a spring plant in Pontiac, Mich.

According to the petition total claims allowed aggregate \$9,754,003, upon which liquidating dividends of 30% have been paid, thus reducing the debt to \$6,816,917, with interest from Sept. 1 1920. The receiver reports that the company will have manufactured and sold approximately \$7,500,000 of goods this year. It is stated that it is unlikely that there will be anything left for either class of stock after the creditors have been paid.—V. 115, p. 1543, 554.

Sulphur Export Corp., N. Y. City.—Organized.

The Federal Trade Commission on Dec. 29 announced that the corporation had been organized under the Export Trade Act and had filed a statement to that effect with the Federal Trade Commission. The purpose of the new export association is to engage in the export of crude sulphur from the United States to foreign countries. The announcement further says:— "Associations organized under the Export Trade Act, for the sole purpose of engaging in export trade are exempt from the operations of the Anti-Trust Laws, provided such associations do not restrain export trade or enhance or depress prices within the United States."

In 1920 a total of 1,517,625 long tons of sulphur valued at \$30,000,000 was produced and shipped in the United States, principally by four mines, one each in Louisiana and Nevada and two in Texas. During the same year 477,450 long tons valued at \$8,994,350 were exported from this country. Next to the United States the leading sulphur producing countries are Italy, Japan and Chile. In 1913 the total world production of sulphur amounted to approximately 800,000 long tons.

The officers of the association are: Clarence A. Snider, Pres.; S. Magnus Swenson, V.-Pres.; James T. Kilbreth, Sec.; Charles W. Kemmler, Treas., all of New York.

The following are stockholders and members: Henry Whiton, Clarence A. Snider, Eric P. Swenson, S. Magnus Swenson, Walter H. Aldridge, Wilber Judson, all of New York; the Union Sulphur Co., Freeport Texas Co. and Texas Gulf Sulphur Co.

Susquehanna Silk Mills (N. Y.).—Par Value Changed.

The company has changed the authorized Common stock from 5,000 shares of \$100 par to 100,000 shares of no par value.—V. 114, p. 1296.

Terminal & Town Taxi Corp., N. Y. City.—Receiver.—

Federal Judge Knox on Jan. 2 appointed Kenneth M. Spence receiver in an equity proceeding filed by the Ohmer Fare Register Co., with a claim of \$24,156. The failure is attributed to the recent strike of taxi chauffeurs, which resulted in the Black & White Cab Co., a subsidiary operating company, discontinuing business about Nov. 17. The latter company leased about 400 taxicabs from the debtor corporation and is indebted to it for rentals amounting to about \$300,000.

The Terminal Corporation (incorp. in Delaware) had a contract with the New York Central RR. and the New York New Haven & Hartford RR. for the carrying of passengers. It was authorized to issue 1,500,000 shares of 7% Pref. stock, par \$100, and 23,500 shares of Common stock, no par value, but only 7,000 shares of Pref. and only 13,837 of Common have been issued. The corporation has a lease on a garage at 310-328 West 64th St. at an annual rental of \$19,000, which does not expire until 1937, and has received an offer to sublet for \$56,100 per annum.

Liabilities are not enumerated, but debts amounting to \$60,000 are mentioned; assets are stated to exceed \$300,000, including indemnity deposits of \$10,000 with the State Industrial Commission and the U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co. Creditors are to file claims by March 31. Earl Barnes is special master.

Texas Co.—Acquires Smackover Leases.—

The company recently acquired the Marr holdings in the light oil district of the new Smackover, Ark., field, giving it full interest in 700 acres and one-half interest in 112 acres. The purchase price was said to be \$1,500,000, of which \$1,000,000 is in cash and \$500,000 in deferred payments.—V. 115, p. 2805.

Thomas Iron Co.—New Officer—Acquired.—

L. E. Thomas, President of the Reading Iron Co., has been elected a Vice-President and director. See Reading Iron Co. above.—V. 115, p. 191; V. 114, p. 2726.

(John R.) Thompson Co., Chicago.—Report.—

Net profits in 1922 are reported at about \$1,800,000, compared with \$1,291,000 earned after Federal taxes in the previous year.—V. 115, p. 2696, 1332.

Tide Water Oil Co.—New President.—

Col. George T. Slade has been elected President, succeeding Tobert D. Benson, who has been elected Chairman of the Board.—V. 115, p. 2154.

Tobacco Products Corp.—1922 Prosperous Year.—

Pres. James M. Dixon says the business for the year just closed has been extremely satisfactory. Sales of the prominent brands of high grade cigarettes having shown a steady increase throughout the year. He states that the stockholders may be assured that the condition of the company is the best in its history. The report for 1922, he says, will show a large increase in surplus, the total of which is estimated at approximately \$6,000,000.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the outstanding Class "A" stock, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 31. An initial dividend of like amount was paid in Nov. last.—V. 115, p. 2696, 1952.

Tonopah Belmont Development Co.—Earnings.—

Quarters Ending—	Sept. 30 '22	June 30 '22	Mar. 31 '22	Total 9 Mos.
Received & rec'd for ore-mining, milling and administration expenses....	\$363,782	\$504,083	\$487,429	\$1,355,294
Net earnings.....	\$57,559	\$157,272	\$118,851	\$333,682
Miscellaneous income.....	11,243	5,755	5,079	22,077
Total net income.....	\$68,802	\$163,026	\$123,930	\$355,758
The net earnings for the quarter ended Sept. 30 1922 of the Belmont Surf net Mines, Ltd., of which this company owns 80%, were \$45,850.				
Available Resources—	Nov. 30 '22	Aug. 31 '22	May 1 '22	
Due from smelter.....	\$191,419	\$234,468	\$285,186	
Due from others.....	79,780	54,902	50,068	
Cash in banks.....	265,409	245,742	226,030	
U. S. Govt. cfts. of indebtedness.....	100,000	100,000	100,000	
Liberty bonds.....	50,220	50,220	50,220	
Total.....	\$686,827	\$685,332	\$711,505	

—V. 115, p. 1642, 191.

Two Rector Street Corp.—Tenders.—

The Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Jan. 18 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 15-year 6% Sinking Fund Gold loan certificates, due April 1 1935, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$25,387 at a price not exceeding 103 and int.—V. 110, p. 1421.

Union Cotton Mfg. Co.—Stock Dividend, &c.—

The stockholders on Dec. 28 increased the authorized capital stock from \$1,200,000 to \$1,800,000, par \$100. The additional stock will be distributed as a 50% stock dividend.—V. 115, p. 2805.

United Bakeries Corp., Chicago.—Increase.—

A certificate of increase of capital stock from \$20,000,000 to \$50,000,000 has been filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware. This company in Oct. last was reported to have acquired control of the Shulz Bread Co. of New York.—V. 115, p. 1740.

United Shoe Machinery Co.—May Merge Sub. Cos.—

It is stated that the company has under consideration a plan for the merger of its subsidiary companies. The question is one largely of administrative detail and policy.—V. 115, p. 1740.

United States Finishing Co.—Capital Increase, &c.—

The company has increased its authorized Common stock from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000, par \$100. The new stock will be distributed as a stock dividend about Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 21.—V. 114, p. 531.

United States Glass Co.—Change in Capital.—

The stockholders on Dec. 28 voted (a) to reduce the Capital stock from \$3,200,000 to \$1,600,000, and (b) to reduce the par value of the shares from \$100 to \$25. The stockholders will receive two shares of new stock, par \$25, for each old \$100 share held. Compare V. 115, p. 2280, 2058.

United States Lumber Co.—To Increase Capital.—

The stockholders will vote shortly on increasing the authorized Capital stock from \$7,000,000 (\$6,000,000 outstanding) to \$12,000,000, par \$100. If the increase is authorized it is the intention to declare a 100% stock dividend.—V. 100, p. 1809.

United States Rubber Co.—Chairman Discusses Outlook.

—Charles B. Seger, Chairman, has issued the following statement:

While it is generally conceded that industry underwent a rather complete readjustment in 1921, following the slump in the fall of 1920, I believe that the year 1922 has also been a period of readjustment and that this readjustment has not yet been completed.

I believe that much of the business activity in 1922 was the result of taking up the slack that was left after industry got over its first efforts to readjust itself to changed conditions. Stocks of all kinds of goods are low and until they are replaced to a normal size, there will still be slack to be taken up.

Sales of mechanical rubber goods—belting, packings and such—by the U. S. Rubber Co. have shown steady increases throughout the past year. Factories, mines and mills had done without mechanical rubber goods as long as possible, and this year has been one of replacements. One thing is certain, however: sales of mechanical rubber goods do not show large increases unless manufacturing industries of the country are busy.

I am optimistic about the tire business because of my belief in the automobile industry. The automobile is a business necessity. The pleasure vehicle is relatively a small factor. There will never be fewer automobiles in service. I believe the number will continue to increase.

[The Central Union Trust Co. of N. Y., trustee, will until Jan. 29 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & Ref. Mtge. gold bonds, due 1947, Series "A," at not exceeding 105 and int., the total offer not to consumer more than \$690,456, and the "B" bonds at not exceeding 110 and int., the total offer not to consume more than \$252,000].—V. 115, p. 2391, 2375.

United States Steel Corp.—Stock for Employees.—

The company has announced that it will give employees the privilege of subscribing to 60,000 shares of Common stock at \$107 per share. The terms of the offering are the same as in preceding years, the employees to be allowed to pay for the stock in monthly installments. This year's subscription price compares with \$84 for 1922, \$81 for 1921, \$106 for 1920, \$92 for 1919 and 1918, \$107 for 1917 and \$85 for 1916. No Common stock was offered for subscription in 1915, in which year the corporation discontinued its policy of offering to employees its Preferred stock. The number of shares taken in 1921 was the largest on record, totaling 255,325.

The official statement says: "In accordance with the stock subscription plan heretofore adopted, the finance committee has decided to offer to employees of the United States Steel Corp. and its subsidiaries the privilege of subscribing during the month of January 1923 for 60,000 shares of Common stock at the price of \$107 a share."

[The number of holders of Common stock on Nov. 28 1922 was 93,789, as compared with 107,439 a year ago.]—V. 115, p. 2805, 2696.

United Verde Extension Mining Co.—Production.—

Month of—	Dec. 1922	Nov. 1922	Oct. 1922	Sept. 1922
Copper output (lbs.)....	3,026,334	3,670,206	3,760,234	3,556,014

—V. 115, p. 2697.

Utah Oil & Refining Co.—Capital Increase.—

The stockholders of this company (which is controlled by the Midwest Refining Co.) have increased the authorized Capital stock from \$1,000,000, par \$1, to \$7,500,000, par \$5. The 50,000 shares of 8% Preferred stock, par \$10, to be retired Dec. 31 1922 at \$11 50 per share.

Valentine & Co., N. Y.—Capital Increase.—

The company recently filed a certificate increasing its authorized capital stock from \$3,000,000 to \$4,500,000.—V. 114, p. 418.

Wagner Electric Mfg. Co.—Suit Dismissed.—

The suit filed Nov. 18 by a small minority interest for a receiver, was dismissed Jan. 2 by Circuit Judge Hall, who also dissolved a temporary restraining order prohibiting ratification of re-organization of the business under the laws of Delaware.—V. 115, p. 2488, 2392.

Watchung Water Co.—Consolidation.—

See Elizabethtown Water Co. Consolidation above.—V. 68, p. 1228.

(J. R.) Watkins Co., Winona, Minn.—Notes Offered.—

Harris Trust & Savings Bank and Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minneapolis, are offering, at prices to yield from 6% to 6 1/4%, according to maturity, \$2,500,000 6% Serial Notes.

Dated Dec. 1 1922. Due \$250,000 annually Dec. 1 1923 to 1932. Int. payable J. & D. at Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee, or Harris, Forbes & Co., New York, without deduction for the normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c*). Red. on any int. date at par plus a premium of 1/2 of 1% for each year or part of year the notes have to run before maturity.

Data from Letter of Pres. Paul Watkins, Winona, Minn., Dec. 27.

Company.—Business established in 1868 and incorporated in 1894. Present management has been actively identified with company more than 20 years. Is engaged in the manufacture and distribution of more than 1500 articles, many of daily household use, the greater part of which are manufactured in company's own plants. Principal lines handled are soaps, toilet articles, simple household remedies, flavoring extracts, spices, automobile tires and accessories. Company is one of the largest buyers of vanilla beans and spices in the U. S. Principal manufacturing plants located in Winona, New York, Memphis and Winnipeg.

Earnings Calendar Years—	Net Profits.	U. S. & Can't Taxes.	After All Deductions.
1917.....	\$1,458,165	\$343,097	\$1,115,068
1918.....	1,455,242	485,000	970,242
1919.....	1,573,423	360,000	1,213,423
1920.....	958,607	161,791	796,816
1921.....	426,258	29,728	396,530
1922 (2 months estimated).....	685,000	85,000	600,000

Balance Sheet as of Oct. 31 1922 (After This Financing)

Assets—	Liabilities—
Cash and cash resources... \$549,711	Bank loans..... \$550,000
Receivables (net)..... 3,706,016	Other liab., incl. tax res... 505,796
Inventories, less \$250,000 reserves..... 2,935,134	6% serial notes..... 2,500,000
Preferred stock..... 170,312	Common stock (150,000 shares, no par value)..... 2,620,467
Fixed assets, less deprec'n. 1,315,091	
Total..... \$8,676,263	Total..... \$8,676,263

Wayagamack Pulp & Paper Co.—Report.—

The company reports for the year ended Nov. 30 1922, operating profits of \$372,030, against a loss of \$156,712 in 1921, and a deficit after depreciation, interest, &c., of \$108,892 for 1922, against a deficit of \$657,640 in 1921.—V. 115, p. 1109.

Western States Gas & Electric Co.—To Issue Bonds.—

The California RR. Commission has authorized the company to issue and sell on or before Mar. 1, at not less than 89% and int., \$127,000 of 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5% gold bonds due June 1 1941, and to use the proceeds to finance in part construction expenditures.—V. 115, p. 2701, 2392.

West Point (Ga.) Mfg. Co.—Balance Sheet Oct. 31.—

1922.		1921.		1922.		1921.	
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Plant, equip., &c.....	9,653,723	9,560,138	Capital stock.....	5,000,000	5,000,000		
Cash.....	619,885	400,324	Accounts payable.....	173,806	124,354		
Acc'ts receivable.....	864,408	1,147,481	Notes payable.....	3,295,000	3,360,000		
Inventories.....	4,154,223	3,895,115	Res. for Fed. taxes.....	833,942	833,941		
Securities owned.....	706,977	733,729	Depr., &c., res'v'es.....	1,813,996	1,513,437		
Deferred charges.....	125,898		Surplus.....	4,882,472	5,030,953		
Total.....	15,999,216	15,862,685	Total.....	15,999,216	15,862,685		

—V. 114, p. 88.

Wheeling Steel Corp.—Offers Stock to Employees.—

The company recently offered to its employees and those of its subsidiary companies the opportunity to subscribe to 4,000 shares each of its Common and Preferred A stock. The employees are able to buy both classes of stock at somewhat below the prevailing market price on the installment plan. No interest is charged against purchases of the Common stock until such time as that issue is on a dividend basis, and even then, the interest rate cannot exceed 5%. The employee is to receive accumulated dividends on the Pref. A stock, now amounting to \$5 per share annually, and will pay only 5% int. on deferred payments.—V. 114, p. 2727.

Whitaker Paper Co. (Cincinnati).—Back Dividend.—

The April 1 1922 dividend on the Preferred stock was payable Jan. 1 1923 to holders of record Dec. 20 1922.—V. 115, p. 2489, 2392.

Willys Overland Co.—Prices Reduced—Contract.—

The company Jan. 5 announced the following reductions in prices for various models: Willys-Knight sedan from \$1,950 to \$1,795; coupe 5-passenger from \$1,795 to \$1,695; coupe 7-passenger from \$2,195 to \$1,995; Overland from \$875 to \$860. The price of the new model coupe sedan is \$1,595. No change was made in the price for touring or open cars. Allan A. Ryan's contract to purchase the Federal Motor Co. of Indianapolis for \$110,000, on which \$10,000 had been paid before he went into bankruptcy, was sold Dec. 25 to the company for \$2,000, on petition of V. L. James for the attorneys representing the trustee of the estate, before Referee Peter B. Olney, Jr. The contract was offered for sale as a result of notification from the Federal Motor Co. calling on him to execute the remainder of the contract by payment of the \$100,000 still due.—V. 115, p. 2806, 2169.

Winslow Bros. & Smith Co., Boston.—Increase, &c.—

The company has increased the authorized capital stock from \$1,500,000 to \$2,500,000, par \$100, by the issuance of 10,000 additional shares as a 66 2/3% stock dividend. The company in 1917 paid a 200% stock dividend.

Wolf Manufacturing Corp., Chicago.—Bonds Offered.

—Mention was made in V. 115, p. 2806, of the offering at

par and int. by S. W. Straus & Co. of \$2,000,000 First Mtge. 6½% Serial Coupon Bonds (safeguarded under the Straus Plan). A circular shows:

Dated Dec. 15 1922: due serially Dec. 15 1923 to 1938. Int. payable J. & D. 15 at offices of S. W. Straus & Co. Callable at 103 and int. Federal income tax of 2% paid by company. Demom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000.

Company.—Incorp. in June 1922 in Illinois to acquire the Wolff Manufacturing Co.'s plant, property, good will and going business. Business established in 1855, and has successfully continued in the manufacture of Wolff quality plumbing goods for 67 years. Plant located at Chicago, is conservatively valued at \$3,779,984.

Purpose.—To retire encumbrances against company's plant, for the purchase of new equipment, retirement of bank debt and providing additional working capital.

Earnings.—During the last two years the corporation has been operating under the present management, and new capital to the extent of \$2,000,000 in cash has been paid in to the company for the purpose of providing for important additions to the manufacturing facilities of the company, thereby enabling them to take care of the increasing volume of business available. From present indications next year's sales should be approximately \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000, and based on operations for the past ten months, should show a net profit of from \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 during the coming year.

Balance Sheet as at Oct. 31 1922 (After New Financing).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash.....	\$131,913	Accounts payable.....	\$292,947
Acc'ts & notes rec., less res	949,849	Accrued expenses.....	94,466
Due from affiliated cos.....	155,355	Notes payable.....	672,000
Inventories.....	1,862,112	First Mortgage 6½%.....	2,000,000
Other accounts receivable.....	121,799	Reserve for contingencies.....	227,846
Deferred charges, &c.....	319,176	Capital stock—100,000 sh.	
Other real estate.....	52,248	of no par value repre-	
Inv. in stocks & bonds.....	21,094	ented by.....	4,000,000
Benef. int. in Lake St. prop.	411,111	Surplus.....	106,241
Prop. & plant, less deprec.	3,047,874		
New plant construction.....	321,000	Total (each side).....	\$7,393,532
—V. 115, p. 2806, 1742.			

(F. W.) Woolworth Co., N. Y.—December Sales.—

	1922.	1921.	Increase.
Month of December.....	\$27,454,873	\$24,191,407	\$3,263,466
12 months ending Dec. 31.....	167,308,217	147,650,105	19,658,112

Supreme Court Justice Gavegan signed an order Dec. 28 permitting the committee of the property of Mrs. Jennie Woolworth, widow of Frank W. Woolworth, to exchange 50,500 shares of the Common stock of the F. W. Woolworth Co. with the Broadway Park Place Co., for \$5,050,000 of 5% gold bonds of the Broadway Park Place Co., owner of the Woolworth Building. The stock is part of 65,000 shares held by Mrs. Woolworth's committee and the bonds are part of an issue of \$7,500,000 on the Woolworth Building property. They constitute the only lien on the property with the exception of an unpaid balance of \$1,300,000 on a mortgage held by the Prudential Insurance Co. As security for the payment of this balance the Broadway Park Place Co. has deposited \$1,319,500.—V. 115, p. 2915, 2701.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Robert D. MacMillen, who has been connected with the Albert Frank & Company advertising agency for the past five months, has been appointed director of sales and service, and will have complete charge of the servicing of accounts as well as the development of new business. Lloyd B. Myers, Vice-President of Albert Frank & Company and director of production and service, who for several years has been in charge of the service department, will in the future devote his entire time to the supervision of the art and production departments of the agency. Mr. MacMillen, the new director of sales and service, was for twelve years in the advertising end of the newspaper business; for four years he was an executive of various subsidiaries of the Union Carbide & Carbon Corporation. During part of this time he was sales and advertising manager of the Oxweld Acetylene Co.; part of the time he was Secretary of the Prest-O-Lite Company, Inc. He then became Vice-President and General Manager of Murray Howe & Co., advertising agency, and when that agency was consolidated with the William H. Rankin Company he became sales manager and a member of the Rankin plan board.

—George F. Hamilton and Phillips T. Barbour have formed a co-partnership under the name of Hamilton, Barbour & Co., with offices at 52 Broadway, N. Y. C., to transact a general brokerage business, specializing in municipal and government bonds. Robert A. Dahn and Edward L. Bouton, Jr., have formed the firm of Dahn & Bouton to conduct a strictly brokerage business in general and special market municipal bonds. Their office is at 5 Nassau St., N. Y. C.

The members of the above firms were formerly of Hamilton, Barbour & Co., which expired by limitation on Dec. 30 1922.

—Announcement has been made that the New York Chapter, Inc., American Institute of Banking, has scheduled a course of eight consecutive weekly lectures on Income Tax Procedure beginning Friday evening, January 5. The course is planned for bank employees and officials who will be called upon to handle income tax matters during the early months of the coming year. A similar course was given by the New York Chapter last year. Registration for the course may be made on any evening between 6:30 and 9:00 p. m. at the Chapter Rooms, 15 West 37th Street.

—Gillespie, Blagden & Rhineland is the name of the new firm formed as successors to Gillespie, Meeds & Co., which was dissolved by mutual consent on Dec. 31 1922. The new firm is composed of Lawrence L. Gillespie, Linzee Blagden, Philip K. Rhineland, George F. Cozzens and Sidney S. Wormser. Henry C. Drayton is a special partner of the new firm. The offices of the new firm will be those previously occupied by Gillespie, Meeds & Co. at 120 Broadway, New York City.

—Brown Brothers & Co. announce that Louis Curtis, Jr., of the firm, will hereafter reside in Boston, that Ellery Sedgwick James and Lauren Carroll have been authorized to sign "per procuracy" in New York, Philadelphia and Boston; the former residing in Boston and the latter in New York and that John Collins Dawson, who held the firm's power of attorney in Philadelphia, has resigned on account of ill health.

—W. Winder Laird, George P. Bissell, Hollyday S. Meeds Jr., W. Poyntell Johnston, Charles P. Warwick, S. D. Townsend, Philip D. Laird and Cecll F. Backus announce the formation of a co-partnership under the firm name of Laird, Bissell & Meeds to conduct an investment banking business with offices in the Du Pont Building, Wilmington, Del., and 120 Broadway, New York.

—Charles D. Robbins & Co. have opened offices at 120 Broadway, New York, to deal in conservative investment securities. The new firm is composed of Charles D. Robbins, Elmer E. Lancaster and Arthur J. Curley, with H. Stacy Smith as a special partner. Mr. Robbins was formerly a partner of Sutro & Kimbley.

—McClure, Smith & Co., Inc., announce the opening of their main office at 1524 Walnut St., Philadelphia, under the management of Mr. W. L. McClure. Outside of Philadelphia the company's business will be conducted by district offices or representatives located in thirteen cities throughout Pennsylvania, Maryland and New York.

—The Garfield National Bank of N. Y. City, announces that Benjamin S. Dowd has become affiliated with its bond department. Mr. Dowd,

who has been associated with Zimmerman & Forshay for the past two years, has had considerable experience in the bond field. He served as a captain during the recent war.

—Gerald E. McHale, formerly with Kissel, Kinnicut & Co. and McDonnell & Co., and Eli Urdang, formerly with A. B. Leach & Co., have formed a co-partnership to deal in investment securities under the firm name of McHale, Urdang & Co., with offices at 40 Exchange Place, New York.

—A. S. Fedde & Co., accountants and auditors, announce the formation of a partnership composed of A. S. Fedde, formerly of Fedde & Pasley, Walter E. Williams and E. J. Schmiel. The offices and telephone connections formerly held by Fedde & Pasley will be continued by the new firm at 55 Liberty St., New York City.

—Faulks & Murfitt, bond dealers, have prepared a comprehensive list of bonds classified to meet the demands of the investor seeking safety of principal, the business man seeking safe and marketable listed bonds and the investor seeking a large yield and appreciation.

—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.

—Benson Mann, Jr., F. Kimball Hagan and Russell Bement have formed a co-partnership under the name of Mann, Hagar & Bement, to conduct a general business in investment securities with offices located at 421 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

—Announcement is made of the dissolution of the firm of Jolesch, Albertsen & Co. and the formation of a co-partnership under the name of Jolesch, Miller & Co., 111 Broadway, New York, consisting of Samuel Jolesch, Carl N. Miller, Robert B. Hollander and William B. Neergaard.

—Robert S. Pasley and Thomas F. Conroy, formerly partners in the dissolved firm of Fedde & Pasley, announce that they will continue their accounting practice under the firm name of Pasley & Conroy with offices at 67 Wall St., New York City.

—James C. Marshall has retired from the firm of Larkin, Marshall & Jennys, whose business will be continued without change by Sylvester P. Larkin and Harold W. Jennys under the firm name of Larkin & Jennys at 30 Broad St., New York, the same address as before.

—The firm of Stephens & Co., 141 Broadway, New York, has been formed to conduct a general investment business, specializing in municipal bonds. The partners are Louis S. Leberthal, and Winfield F. Stephens, formerly with Eastman, Dillon & Co. and J. S. Bache & Co.

—Austin Agnew, Archibald F. Mac Nichol and Allen H. Seed have been admitted as general partners to the firm of Shippee & Rawson, members, N. Y. Stock Exchange, 111 Broadway, N. Y. C.

—Otto Billo and Herbert C. Hinrichs announce the formation of a partnership under the firm name of Billo & Hinrichs to continue the business heretofore conducted by Mr. Billo under his own name.

—Milan H. Goodwin, who has heretofore been associated with Cameron Blaikie & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, as a special partner, has become a general partner in the firm.

—Baar & Co., investment securities dealers, announce that Harold Brown, Frank C. Masterson and Percival J. Steindler have become partners in their firm.

—Howard Ellery Mitchell and James H. McGeane, who have been associated with Robinson & Co. in the past, have been admitted to membership in that firm.

—Miller & Company, members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce that Sydney Bernheim and Samuel Wechsler have been admitted to partnership in the firm.

—W. J. Wollman & Co., members, New York Stock Exchange, 120 Broadway, N. Y., have opened an office in Philadelphia, at 1425 Walnut St., under the management of Mr. Irvin L. Stone.

—Carman G. Campbell formerly with H. F. Bachman & Co., has become associated with the bond department of Fitch, Crossman & Co., Widener Bldg., Philadelphia.

—Lothrop Lee has recently become associated with Reid, McClure & Co., members, Philadelphia Stock Exchange, 1418 Walnut St., Philadelphia, as sales manager.

—Paisly Bros. & Co., 1421 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, announce that David McKnight and Conyers Button, Jr., have been admitted to an interest in their business.

—Wolff & Stanley, 72 Trinity Place, announce that Mr. A. J. Anderson, who has been associated with them for over 16 years, has been admitted to partnership beginning Jan. 1 1923.

—Chas. D. Barney & Co. of New York and Philadelphia, announce that Edwin A. Fish, John W. Hanes, Jr., and Jay Cooke, 2nd., have been admitted as general partners in their firm.

—George F. Taylor, formerly with Harris, Forbes & Co., has become associated with Porter, Robjent & Co., as salesmanager of their New York office.

—The firm name of Holt & Company has been changed to Holt, Rose & Troster. No change has been made in the personnel. The address, 71 Broadway, New York City, also remains the same.

—Under date of Jan. 2nd, Dean, Onativia & Co., members, New York Stock Exchange, 11 Wall St., New York, state that John D. Cady has been admitted as a member of the firm.

—H. T. Carey & Co., members, New York Stock Exchange, 66 Broadway, New York, announce that Norman Peck has been admitted to general partnership in this firm.

—Untermeyer, Richardson & Moss, Inc., announce that Joseph J. Foster, formerly of the Guaranty Company of New York, has joined their sales organization.

—Keane, Higbie & Co., Inc., with offices in New York, Detroit and Chicago, announce that Douglas Bruce has become associated with the firm as manager of the corporation bond department.

—The United States Mortgage & Trust Co. of New York, has been appointed transfer agent of the capital stock of San Martin Mining Co. of Canada, Limited.

—Evans, Stillman & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce that Neville Jay Booker, formerly an officer and director of the B. B. & R. Knight Co., has become associated with them.

—The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, has been appointed transfer agent for the Common stock of the Coca-Cola International Corp., consisting of 251,000 shares of stock without nominal or par value.

—Elmer E. Tompkins, formerly with Jackson & Curtus, and Herbert A. Huff are now connected with Parsons, Todd & Co., Inc., 44 Exchange Place., N. Y. City.

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Jan. 5 1923.

A significant sign of the times is that the holiday suspension of work at the mills and factories of the country was for a shorter period than even in the best of times. The most stir is in the iron and steel trade, something which may be considered a good sign. It is true that scarcity of labor increases, that the grip of the unwise immigration law tightens upon the industries of the country, that the exodus of negroes from the South to the North and West continues, that the population suffers especially in the East from a scarcity of coal, that another coal strike, amazing as it sounds, is threatened this spring, and that from New England come threats of another strike among the cotton mills of leading centres. It is also true that the financial and commodity markets have latterly been overshadowed at times by the German reparations question and the break-up of the conference at Paris in a deadlock as to measures to be adopted for collecting the agreed upon sum of 50,000,000,000 gold marks. The date for the French to act in the premises, having failed to agree with England on the matter of measures, is set for Jan. 15.

But all this has failed to give trade or prices a set-back. A decline in francs and lire has had little or no effect, and sterling to-day was higher with stocks, cotton and grain, active and rising. Germany has been buying rye rather heavily here this week. The total exports of wheat from the United States and Canada this week have been some 10,300,000 bushels, an increase of 2,000,000 bushels over the previous week and the total since last July of 267,300,000 bushels, is nearly 25,000,000 bushels larger than for the like period last season. This is eloquent testimony to the need of Europe for American grain. The exports of corn are also large. Meanwhile retail trade is good. In 1922 it was nearly 10% larger than in 1921. And jobbing trade is on a very fair scale for spring delivery. There is also not a little re-order business in winter goods. In general the industries of the United States are moving at an increasing stride.

The iron and steel trade feels the impetus given by buying by railroads and automobile and agricultural implement makers. Food prices in general are lower. Cotton has advanced in spite of momentary hesitation on the news from Paris of the breaking up of the Premiers' conference. For there is growing alarm among manufacturers over the dwindling supplies and fears that the next crop may not be adequate. Moreover, the outlook for Manchester's trade is believed to be better. It looks as though Lancashire's trade with the Far East will noticeably increase during 1923. And in this country bank clearings are rising. The failures thus far in January have been smaller than those of a year ago, i. e. 445 against 509 in the same week of 1922. The crops have been benefited by rains and snows. The boot, shoe and rubber goods trades have been stimulated by stormy weather. East of the Alleghenies manufacturing plants have been helped by the rising stage of streams accompanying the rains and snow storms. Soft coal prices have advanced at the East. On the Pacific Coast the lumber trade has been active owing to big orders for railroad cars. Some of the Eastern shoe factories are resuming work. Wool has been firm, with a fair demand. It is said that the unsold stock of domestic wool at Boston is not over 20,000,000 lbs., or about half what it was a year ago. The cotton goods mills are doing an excellent business. The automobile trade is active, with some of the companies cutting prices, as for instance, the Overland Co. As a rule building materials have been in sharp demand, though at this time of the year this branch of business is usually quiet. It is stimulated now by the widespread need of dwellings. The electrical trades are looking up. Meanwhile, it is true, collections might have been better than they are. And the great grain belt, notwithstanding some recent advance, is not in the best shape imaginable, by any means. Besides, wheat has declined during the past week. And despite recent advances in grain, the farmer is still at a disadvantage, for the prices of his products are much lower than the prices ruling for the things which he has to buy. Nevertheless, the country enters upon a new year in a generally hopeful mood.

Wilbur W. Stewart, of Philadelphia, President of the National Association of Merchant Tailors, told the House of Representatives Immigration Committee at Washington on Wednesday that there is a shortage in this country of 30,000 shop workers in the tailoring industry because of restricted immigration. The National Association of Merchant Tailors—they are only one of many associations that want the same thing—urge greater flexibility in the country's immigration laws in order that aliens may be allowed to enter the United States to relieve the labor shortage. The whole country is suffering directly or indirectly, mostly directly, because of these laws, which were dictated by labor. Tyranny of labor is as bad as any other kind of tyranny. There should be none tolerated by anybody. Naturally, there is growing discon-

tent and complaint over the immigration law restricting the entrance of any one nationality to 3% yearly of the total number of persons of that nationality in the United States in 1910. The New York "Herald" of Jan. 3 said: "The United States is making a false count of the immigrants. The immigration from Italy is an example of this particular error in our statute. In the last fiscal year 42,000 Italians were admitted to this country under the 3% quota provision of the law. In the same period 53,000 Italian laborers went back from this country to their own. Instead of having added 42,000 laborers to its forces, the United States actually lost 11,000. We need labor—men who will do the work that our own people refuse to do. In a country where the building program for this year is estimated at six to seven billion dollars there must be labor to dig cellars and carry hods."

Limitation of looms will be the first subject taken up by Paterson's labor conciliation conference on Jan. 18. The conference will be made up of an equal number of citizens, manufacturers and silk workers, and is restricted to open discussion of subjects and cannot take a vote on any question at issue. The dominating idea of the conference is frank and friendly understanding of the problems that affect the community, labor and capital.

Fall River wire to-day: "A new strike which threatens the New England textile industry seems likely to become not only a fight with mills for higher pay, but a struggle between the two unions for supremacy in Fall River and New Bedford." The United Textile Workers of America employed in woolen mills of the United States want a minimum wage of \$40 a week, so the labor leaders announce. The Amoskeag Manufacturing Co. of Manchester, N. H., now has a total working force of close to 12,000. Hundreds of workers have latterly returned to its mills. Cotton workers are moving to get a 48-hour week in New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont. That is said to be one reason why many New England mills are planning to build branch plants at the South, where they have the 54-hour week or longer. Utica, N. Y., underwear mills, which closed between Christmas and New Year's, have resumed work and higher wages are being discussed. Some 6,000 workers have been locked out here by the clothing trade. The contractors closed 3,000 shops, saying they were running at a loss. They declare workers must accept wage cuts or the price for the product must be increased.

The coal output fell off during the holidays. Hard coal miners dropped work at Christmas and did not return until after New Year's. Bituminous production, however, is recovering rapidly. Another coal strike is threatened this spring. How long is society to be a prey to a small fraction of its total, having no regard for the rights or the well-being of the great mass of the population? There is something wrong about this. Civil liberty does not mean unrestricted liberty, degenerating into license. "The greatest good to the greatest number" is and must remain a cardinal principle of civilized society.

A farm bloc is in absolute control of the Kansas Legislature. If it is able to hang together throughout the session the bloc can put through any legislation it may desire or it can block any legislation to which it objects.

Wheat is 5 to 15c. per bushel higher than a year ago, corn 15 to 20c. higher, oats 3 to 15c., rye 3 to 8c., lard 2c. per pound, flour 35c. a bbl., coffee 2c. per lb., sugar 2¼c., pig iron \$7 40 a ton, steel billets \$7 50, copper, 1c., rubber 8½c. cotton 8c., and print cloths 2c. higher.

There was a 6 to 9-inch fall of snow in different parts of New York City on Wednesday, the heaviest of the winter, but a force of 10,000 men cleared it off in record time, partly with the aid of plow tanks and sweepers. To-day was cloudy here, with temperatures 28 to 35, moderating as the day advanced. The past week, however, has been one of the stormiest for years past. Where there has not been rain there has been snow.

LARD firm; prime western, 11.85@11.95c.; refined to Continent, 12.75c.; South America, 13c.; Brazil in kegs, 14c. Futures advanced early in the week and then declined for a time with hogs and grain. Also there has been a fear of large hog receipts. Packers sold January and May lard. European bids were generally too low. January deliveries on contracts were 100,000 lbs. Shipments from the seaboard were good, however. And there was certainly some foreign inquiry. Stocks are small. Now and then a rise in grain has helped lard. To-day prices advanced, ending generally higher for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
January delivery	10.85	Hol-	11.10	11.27	11.10	11.15
March delivery	10.97	day.	11.25	11.42	11.25	11.25
May delivery	11.10		11.37	11.55	11.40	11.40

PORK dull; mess, \$27@28 50; family, \$30@32; short clear, \$22 50@27 50. Beef steady; mess, \$12@12 50; packet, \$13 50@14; family, \$16@18; extra India mess, \$30@32; 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., 16¼@17¾c.; pickled bellies, 10 to 12 lbs., 15c. Butter, creamery, seconds to high scoring, 44½@53c. Cheese, flats, 21@28¾c. Eggs, fresh-gathered first to extra, 46@53c.

COFFEE on the spot firmer; No. 7 Rio, 11½c.; No. 4 Santos, 15½@15¾c.; fair to good Cucuta, 16@16¼c. Futures opened the week irregular but rallied later in a small market. Well-known interests here have recently

been buying July and Sept. Futures are relatively cheap as compared with actual coffee here and in Brazil. And some regard the present statistical position as bullish, regardless of the size of the next crop and regardless, too, whether valorization coffee is sold or not in the first half of 1923. Rio advanced 100 to 300 reis early in the week, and Santos 175 to 300 reis. Firm offers were firm or higher. The spot market here was firm with No. 7 Rio 10.50c., a rise of 20 points since the close of last week. On the 3d inst. trading was light and prices fell slightly in sympathy with easier markets in Brazil. Offerings were fully one cent per lb. above the parity of futures. Yet not a few incline to the buying side here when they trade at all. To-day prices declined but final quotations are a shade higher than a week ago. Closing prices were as follows:

Spot (unofficial) 11 1/4 | May 9.60 @ 9.62 | September 8.72 @ 8.74
 March 9.95 @ 9.97 | July 9.22 @ 9.24 | December 8.46 @ 8.48

SUGAR.—Spot Cuban raws were firm early in the week at 3 3/4c., with all January 3 13-16c. Foreign markets were firmer. Peru afloat was 17s. 9d. c.i.f. Antwerp. English refiners bought 4,000 tons of Brazil and Peru afloat at 17s. c.i.f. United Kingdom. Fifty-nine centrals were grinding in Cuba. Refined here, 7c. On Wednesday Wall St. and trade firms sold futures. About 5,000 bags of Cuban for first half of January clearance sold at 3 13-16 to 3 3/4c. c.&f. As to sugar futures, some contend that the heavy increase in centrals grinding in Cuba, although entirely seasonal, discourages to some extent buying for a rise. Most people look for lower prices when the weight of the new crop begins to be felt. United States Atlantic ports receipt for the week were 14,999 tons, against 26,939 tons last week, 22,598 in 1922 and 20,420 in 1921; meltings, 31,431, against 33,000 last week, 26,000 in 1922 and 23,000 in 1921; total stock 12,404 tons, against 28,836 a week ago, 31,529 last year, and 59,196 in 1921. Latterly spot raw has been more active at easier prices. It seems that 125,000 bags of Cuban have been sold at 3 11-16c. for prompt and early January shipment, and 3,600 tons for February and March at 3 1/2c. To-day prices advanced, ending, however, 10 points lower than a week ago.

Sugar prices closed as follows:

Spot (unoffl) 5.53 | May 3.51 @ 3.53 | September 3.68 @ 3.69
 March 3.41 @ 3.42 | July 3.61 @ 3.62 | December @

OILS.—Linseed quiet and lower. And it is reported that while stocks are not burdensome they are ample to take care of spot requirements. Spot, carloads, 87c.; tanks, 86c.; less than carloads, 93c. less than 5 bbls., 96c. Coconut oil, Ceylon, bbls., 9 1/4 @ 9 3/4c.; Cochin, 10 1/4 @ 10 3/4c. Corn, crude, refined, 100 bbls., 11 3/4c. Olive, \$1 15 @ \$1 17. Lard, strained, winter, 14c.; extra, 13. Cod, domestic, 58c., nominal; Newfoundland, 61c. Spirits of turpentine, \$1 53 @ \$1 54. Rosin, \$6 15 @ \$8 00. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, 21,400 bbls., including swiches. Crude, S. E., 9.75. Prices closed as follows:

Spot c. 10.75 @ | March c. 11.06 @ 11.07 | June c. 11.25 @ 11.30
 January 10.82 @ 10.86 | April 11.12 @ 11.18 | July 11.34 @ 11.36
 February 10.85 @ 10.97 | May 11.23 @ 11.25 | August 11.41 @ 11.45

PETROLEUM.—Bunker oil was advanced 5c. per gallon at port of New York on the 4th inst.; new price \$1 50 f. o. b. ships plus 6 1/2c. lighterage charges. On the same day the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana announced an advance in the price of Smackover crude oil; new prices are 75c. for 26 gravity or higher and 70c. for crude less than 26 gravity. The old price was 30c. per bbl. for all grades. Gasoline remains weak. There is a good deal of shading going on and it is reported that with the exception of new Navy gasoline in bulk, business can be done at 1c. to 1 1/2c. under present quotations. Kerosene quiet. Stocks are very large and the outlook is not promising. New York prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, 26.75c.; U. S. Navy specifications, bulk, 15.50c.; export naphtha, cargo lots, 18c.; 63-66 deg., 21c.; 66-68 deg., 22c. Kerosene, cases, cargo lots, 16 1/2c.; motor gasoline, garages (steel bbls.), 22c. On Dec. 30 Pennsylvania crude advanced 25c. Cabell and Somerset also were up 25c.

Pennsylvania	\$3 25	Lima	\$1 86	Mid Continent	
Corning	1 75	Indiana	1 78	Below 28	90
Cabell	2 11	Princeton	1 77	28 @ 29.9	1 00
Somerset	1 96	Illinois	1 77	30 @ 32.9	1 10
Somerset, light	2 20	Crichton	1 25	Headton	0 75
Ragland	1 90	Currie	1 80	Mexia	1 55
Wooster	1 90				

RUBBER in fair demand and higher on strong London and Singapore cables. Factories are inquiring more freely. Smoked ribbed sheets and first latex crepe spot, 29c.; January, 29c.; February, 29 1/4c.; March, 29 1/2c.; April-June, 30 3/4c.; July-December, 31 3/4c. In London on the 4th inst. market opened quiet with plantation standard at 14 7/8d. but turned active and advanced to 15d. Singapore reports rubbers exports for the two weeks ended Dec. 30 at 1,200 tons to Great Britain, 500 tons to European Continental ports, and 7,750 to the United States.

HIDES were quiet here but frigorifico hides were firm, and it was reported that 2,000 Swift La Plata and 3,000 Swift Montevideo cows sold at \$37, the equivalent of 15 5/8c. c. & f. In New York business was slow and prices seemed weaker. Bogota, 19 1/2c., possibly less. Later Chicago reported more activity in packer hides. Fully 100,000 branded cows and extreme light Texas steers were sold, bringing 13c. a pound. About 35,000 light native cows sold at 15c. To be sure these prices show declines of a full cent per pound. Here country hides were in rather better demand and

quoted 9 1/2c. to 14c. Bogota, 19 1/2 to 20 1/2c. Central American, 17c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have been in only moderate demand. Grain berth rates have been weak. They are 1s lower than a year ago to the United Kingdom and 3 to 5 cents per 100 lbs. lower to the Continent. It is said that the British steamer Clan Macbridge was closed last Saturday the first vessel to be engaged for the 30,000 ton contract held here for the Greek Government. She is to load spot at Baltimore at a rate supposed to be 22 1/2c. Here berth grain business has been done at 12c. to Hamburg and at 13c. from Baltimore and Philadelphia with 11c. to Bremen quoted. In New Orleans berth grain traffic has been good.

Charters included grain from Baltimore to five ports in Denmark at 19c. Jan. 15 canceling; lumber from two ports Gulf to Buenos Aires or Rosario 16s. February; grain from Atlantic range to west coast of Italy 4s. 3d. January; to United Kingdom 3s. 3d. prompt; to west coast of Italy 21c. January; oil cake from Galveston to Denmark \$6 50 prompt; grain from Atlantic range to Adriatic 23 1/2c. prompt; 6 mos. time charter in general trades \$1 February-March delivery on Atlantic-United States coast; one round trip in intercoastal trade, 2,753-ton steamer, \$1 50 January delivery; 5 mos. time charter, 1,350-ton steamer, \$1 25 prompt delivery; 22,000 quarters 10% grain from Atlantic range to Greece 23c. prompt; grain from Atlantic range to Antwerp-Hamburg range 13c. prompt; 4 mos. time charter, 1,351-ton steamer, in West Indies trade \$1 20 January delivery in Cuba; grain from Atlantic range to Greece 22c. prompt; to Antwerp-Hamburg range 12c. January; to Rotterdam 12c. January.

TOBACCO has remained in a practically unchanged position. Trade has been quiet. From Havana reports are rather more cheerful. There is a disposition to look for better times in this country also. For wrappers there has occasionally been a fair inquiry and also, for that matter, for fillers and prices have been to all appearances steady. But the trade has not yet shaken off the 1922 lethargy. For that is what it was much of the time. But employment is now general in this country. The situation in this respect is far better than it was a year ago. Wages are high. The buying power of the country is good. In short, the prospects for the tobacco trade as for other branches of American business, are considered promising.

COPPER in good demand and firm; electrolytic, 14 3/4c. The 14 1/2c. price has disappeared except in rare instances, where the producer is willing to quote for second quarter delivery. Speculative and investment buying has fallen off, but on the other hand there is a good deal of buying against old orders and this has helped to stabilize the price. The strength of the London market has also helped.

TIN weaker in sympathy with a lower London market and the failure of the German reparations' conference to bring about a settlement. And statistics were unfavorable to believers in higher prices. While it is true the visible supply decreased slightly, stocks all over the world increased as did metal afloat to England. Spot, 38 1/4c. Deliveries in Dec. were 4,600 tons from Atlantic ports and 270 tons from Pacific ports, making a total of 4,870 tons. Stocks on Dec. 31 totaled 1,954 tons and that landing 1,750 tons. Tin imports for the year totaled 59,468 tons, against 24,758 tons last year. Imports from the Straits were 48,267 tons. Lead firmer; spot, New York, 7.35 @ 7.40c.; spot, east St. Louis, 7.15 @ 7.20c. Spot tin is scarce. Zinc in good demand and higher; spot, New York, 7.35 @ 7.40c.; east St. Louis, 7.05 @ 7.10c. Local smelters are said to be using more Mexican ore.

PIG IRON advanced with a better inquiry. The output in 1922 was 27,000,000 tons. December production showed the important increase of 240,000 tons over November. It reached 3,086,968 tons, the highest since October 1920. German pig iron is being imported freely. Philadelphia received 1,000 tons last week and Boston 600. Later Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey quoted American iron at \$28 at furnace; large tonnage, \$27. Chicago, in car lots, \$29; larger tonnage, \$28. Basic has been quoted at \$25 to \$26. Yet it was rumored that \$27 to \$27 50 had been paid latterly. Recent sales of pig iron in Philadelphia comprised 22,000 tons of basic. That makes nearly 100,000 tons of all grades sold by Pennsylvania and New Jersey furnaces within a fortnight. The fact that coke is steadily rising makes not a few people think that, apart from other considerations, there is nothing for it but an advance in prices for pig iron. As to the output, the December total of 3,086,298 tons makes a very different showing, of course, from that of any month in 1922. During 1922 there was an almost uninterrupted progress upward in the matter of production.

STEEL trade prospects look better. With the new year the trade in a sense is turning over a new leaf. Prices in the main are steadier. Buyers do not have things so much their own way, whether all the advances announced are really maintained in every case or not. Plates, shapes and bars stand up better around the 2c. level than they did recently. The U. S. Steel Corp. is quoting 2c. Pittsburgh and 2.10c. Chicago on all three of the above products. Recent sales of bars, sheets, stripped steel and other buying by an automobile company is said to have approximated 200,000 tons. And another automobile concern is said to be figuring on 150,000 tons for delivery in the first three months of 1923. Some of the railroads are buying quite freely of plates, shapes and bars for repairs and other shopwork. And Pennsylvania boiler concerns are buying plates. Cleveland is buying plates to rebuild blast furnaces, &c. New car orders are reported. A good business is being done in fabricated steel. Sales and projected sales recently reaching nearly 30,000 tons. Sheet and tin plate mills are quite busy. Some of them are sold ahead for the first three months on

sheets and up to June on tin plates. The steel output in 1922 was nearly double that of 1919, i. e. 33,500,000 tons of ingots and approximately 25,000,000 tons of finished rolled products. And in addition to the home trade it may be added that exporters have been buying rails and tin plates for Japan. It looks as though both American and British concerns would have a good year.

WOOL has been in much the same position as heretofore. That is to say business has been on a moderate scale and prices have been in the main steady. The year ended with Boston prices firm on a steady demand from manufacturers and mill consumption large. Foreign markets were reported firm. On Jan. 8 Australian sales will begin at Sydney. At Melbourne they will begin a week later. It is expected that the selling in the Colonial markets will not be of long duration. In other words, some think the season will be a short one. In South American markets a rising tendency is reported. Good 46s from Argentina are said to be quoted at around 32c. c. & f. and 44s at 23½ with 40s at 19c. in the grease in bond. Montevideo half-blood combing is quoted at 48@50c. c. & f. in bond in the grease, Boston; 56s at 44@46c. and 50s at 39@42c. The wool manufacturing industry increased its output 20 to 25% in 1922 over that of 1921. Receipts at Boston for the first 11 months of the year were 21% greater, owing to the increase of 42% in domestic receipts. Consumption of wool in mills in 10 months exceeded 25% above the same time in 1921. The price of unwashed wool at Boston advanced very sharply during the year, yarns about 50% and finished goods about 20%.

At Bradford the woolen market was fairly active. In tops and yarns there was a fair business and prices were well sustained. Piece goods situation showed no marked change, but manufacturers were cheerful. Some sales of Australian fine wools, including some 64-70s combing wools were made at \$1 10@15 for good to choice wools; in some cases as high as \$1 20 was quoted for really good 70s combing descriptions, while 60-64s were held at 95c. to \$1 clean basis, top-making 64-70s at about \$1 05 for good to choice wools; good 64s combing wools, \$1 05@1 08 or possibly \$1 10 clean basis. These prices are for wool in bond. Some business was done in ¼ blood combing wool at about 92@93c. for fairly good western wool and ⅜s combing at \$1 05; pulled wools, \$1 for best B supers and As \$1 15@1 20. The Boston "Commercial Bulletin" Saturday, Jan. 6 will say:

There has been no sudden spurt in the business in wool during the past week, but there has been some demand for wool, and that, too, on the part of manufacturers who are willing to pay fully recent prices for wool in order to get what they want. The goods market is reported reasonably slow, but very strong.

COTTON.

Friday Night, Jan. 5 1923.

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 94,390 bales, against 113,035 bales last week and 136,866 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1922 4,057,259 bales, against 3,516,438 bales for the same period of 1921-22, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1922 of 540,821 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	7,023	4,860	---	18,616	7,759	3,569	41,827
Texas City	---	---	---	---	---	1,846	1,846
Houston	4,344	---	---	450	---	---	4,794
New Orleans	8,516	946	58	3,743	8,821	3,952	26,036
Mobile	858	---	60	75	309	409	1,711
Pensacola	---	---	---	---	2,211	---	2,211
Savannah	816	---	1,380	1,609	885	147	4,837
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	---	300	300
Charleston	152	---	169	589	1,176	469	2,555
Wilmington	227	102	77	262	69	42	779
Norfolk	---	---	1,726	1,254	352	605	3,937
New York	---	---	---	---	42	---	42
Boston	1,511	---	---	---	1,272	157	2,940
Philadelphia	50	---	---	---	---	100	575
Totals this week	23,497	5,908	3,470	27,065	22,854	11,596	94,390

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 Jan. 5.	1922-23.		1921-22.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1922.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1921.	1923.	1922.
Galveston	41,827	1,872,687	37,674	1,632,219	371,291	336,046
Texas City	1,846	66,120	726	16,734	22,367	13,185
Houston	4,794	531,611	---	232,212	---	---
Port Arthur, &c.	---	2,000	---	10,305	---	---
New Orleans	26,036	840,482	18,446	663,057	235,609	331,237
Gulfport	---	---	---	4,289	---	---
Mobile	1,711	66,679	911	80,420	9,093	17,315
Pensacola	2,211	7,644	---	200	---	---
Jacksonville	---	8,923	---	1,835	7,579	1,847
Savannah	4,837	266,051	7,550	432,997	70,455	160,069
Brunswick	300	25,373	500	14,516	286	2,032
Charleston	2,555	61,631	1,293	47,969	65,111	108,069
Wilmington	779	71,567	762	67,411	37,201	40,612
Norfolk	3,937	199,877	5,889	225,360	108,392	143,026
N'port News, &c.	---	---	---	583	---	---
New York	42	4,257	430	7,761	74,339	86,317
Boston	2,940	17,839	1,400	16,280	7,349	6,083
Baltimore	---	11,283	593	38,655	2,588	2,064
Philadelphia	575	3,235	407	23,635	5,912	8,024
Totals	94,390	4,057,259	76,581	3,516,438	1,017,572	1,253,926

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Galveston	41,827	37,674	61,792	77,176	50,619	60,789
Houston, &c.	4,794	726	10,863	28,210	2,367	8,512
New Orleans	26,036	18,446	33,525	46,755	27,944	40,231
Mobile	1,711	911	2,913	9,636	3,858	2,263
Savannah	4,837	7,550	9,586	32,276	23,469	19,958
Brunswick	300	500	50	4,000	2,000	4,500
Charleston	2,555	1,293	858	4,138	4,207	4,490
Wilmington	779	762	431	4,714	2,122	648
Norfolk	3,937	5,889	5,058	9,512	12,270	4,843
N'port N., &c.	---	---	41	527	46	199
All others	7,614	2,830	2,035	7,602	2,582	7,084
Total this wk.	94,390	76,581	127,152	224,546	131,534	153,526
Since Aug. 1	4,057,259	3,516,438	3,559,368	4,026,687	2,919,201	3,719,870

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 112,522 bales, of which 33,443 were to Great Britain, 11,863 to France and 67,216 to other destinations. Below are the exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1922.

Exports from—	Week ending Jan. 5 1923. Exported to—				*from Aug. 1 1922 to Jan. 5 1923. Exported to—			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	9,378	8,082	21,959	39,419	333,538	243,803	680,477	1,257,818
Houston	---	3,781	1,013	4,794	197,463	116,335	215,501	529,299
New Orleans	9,973	---	29,877	39,850	102,086	42,974	263,531	408,591
Mobile	---	---	---	---	18,944	4,465	20,107	43,696
Jacksonville	---	---	---	---	75	---	---	650
Pensacola	2,211	---	---	2,211	6,934	---	575	7,644
Savannah	2,569	---	3,046	5,615	107,771	3,324	50,760	161,855
Brunswick	25	---	---	25	18,968	---	6,650	25,618
Charleston	905	---	335	1,240	11,570	1,094	10,227	22,891
Wilmington	---	---	---	---	5,600	---	37,300	42,900
Norfolk	5,675	---	2,300	7,975	55,919	---	16,892	72,811
New York	100	---	1,267	1,367	34,878	30,851	115,707	181,436
Boston	---	---	---	---	1,758	---	1,260	3,018
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	479	---	167	646
Philadelphia	---	---	---	---	---	---	291	291
Los Angeles	2,607	---	---	2,607	5,647	700	1,725	8,072
San Fran.	---	---	7,419	7,419	---	---	60,160	60,610
Seattle	---	---	---	---	---	---	3,157	3,157
Total	33,443	11,863	67,216	112,522	901,630	443,726	1,485,647	2,831,003
Tot. 1921-22	31,084	16,624	117,530	165,238	771,025	392,872	1,853,006	3,017,803
Tot. 1920-21	22,678	15,461	99,291	137,430	966,949	359,495	2,088,541	2,534,985

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.

Jan. 5 at—	On Shipboard. Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Cont'nt.	Coast-wise.	
Galveston	17,838	2,000	6,000	20,026	9,000	54,864
New Orleans	5,397	4,173	2,883	17,325	212	29,990
Savannah	---	---	---	300	500	800
Charleston*	---	---	---	---	---	65,111
Mobile	1,287	---	---	2,773	---	4,060
Norfolk	1,900	---	---	---	---	1,900
Other ports*	4,300	100	3,100	4,200	---	11,700
Total 1923.	30,722	6,273	11,983	44,624	9,712	103,311
Total 1922.	27,438	1,038	6,100	12,600	12,771	59,947
Total 1921.	57,043	15,839	18,005	78,265	4,650	173,800
						2,467,755

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been fairly active at irregular prices, with the trend, however, in the main downward, although at times there were rallies. The downward drift was traceable partly to what was supposed to be "income tax selling" early the week; that is, to have profits entered up for 1923 instead of 1922. Another disturbing factor was the reported deadlock in the conference at Paris over the German reparations question. That caused a decline on Thursday afternoon. Last Tuesday prices broke quite noticeably, although there was something of a recovery before the close. And spot business of late has at times been rather less active. Mills have apparently been disinclined to buy freely at rising prices. Exports, moreover, have been light. Liverpool reported considerable liquidation, partly by Manchester and London. Much of the time, too, its spot sales have been small, i. e. about 4,000 bales a day. And Manchester, while it sends out cheerful reports from time to time, is to all appearance at least having nothing like an active trade. It also complains of the lowness of the bids for cloths. Meanwhile Wall Street, uptown interests, the West and local traders have been inclined to sell, partly because of the tradition that the month of January usually sees quite a marked setback in prices. Statistics have been circulated far and wide showing that over a certain period of years there has been a January decline of 50 to 350 points. That had a noticeable effect of itself last Tuesday and was not without some influence on other days of the week. For the exceptions have been rare in which a noteworthy decline in January has not occurred. And the technical position here had become vulnerable late in 1922. It is true there was considerable liquidation in the latter part of December, but the fact, none the less, was that large lines of long cotton were hanging over the market with every indication that with the turn of the year profits in which many cases were large would be taken. And for a time outside speculation dwindled. Stocks and grain markets fell and also some Continental currencies, including francs and lire. All this had more or less effect; whether sentimental or otherwise mattered little. The point was that a good many felt after a sharp recent rise that a reaction was due in cotton. Also, some lay stress on the fact that sooner or later, if there is a further rise, it is bound to be checked by a decrease in consumption. The consumer will go only just so far. He can organize a buyers' strike if the

price rises too high to suit him. The buyers' strikes of 1920 and 1921 make that clear enough. And there has been some talk to the effect that foreign growths would be used rather than American, if the price of American cotton should go too high. It is a fact, moreover, that of late not much more than half the daily spot sales in Liverpool have been of American cotton. Indeed, this has been the proportion for some time past. It has certainly not escaped observation. And as to the boll weevil, its depredations can be modified by a vigorous campaign against it and also by favorable weather. That the weather may be a potent factor in the matter of the pest is amply demonstrated by cotton history. Southern dispatches make it plain that the South will wage a more vigorous war against the weevil this year than ever before, especially east of the Mississippi River. The eastern belt seems to have much to learn in fighting the pest. But with the existence of cotton culture in this country seriously endangered it is reasonable to suppose that every effort will be made to ward off so great an evil for the South as the diversion of cotton growing to other parts of the world and a loss of supremacy in cotton raising by the Southern States. Such a loss is by many considered unthinkable. If the South is determined to fight the weevil intelligently and effectively it will still hold its paramount position in the raising of the world's crop. There is, of course, every incentive to do so. The great mass of the cotton planters of the South no doubt will act accordingly. The acreage and fertilizing, it is already stated in Alabama advices, will be much increased. Sales of live stock to farmers are, it seems, already rather large.

But meantime supplies are dwindling, consumption is rising, and the prospects point to a carry-over at the end of the season too near the vanishing point altogether to be viewed with equanimity by anybody who has the interests of the cotton business of the United States at heart. From present appearance it will be down to the lowest total seen for years past, if indeed it does not reach a figure entirely unprecedented within recent memory. It is pointed out that the consumption of American cotton in the world at the present time is at the rate of 13,000,000 bales as against 12,800,000 bales last year and 10,500,000 two years ago. Moreover, some Southern advices insist that the crop is over-estimated by the Government when it put it at 9,964,000 bales. These Southern statisticians declare it looks more like 9,740,000 bales. But it matters little in the last resort which figure is right. The vital point is that the crop has failed for two years in succession and that nobody knows how it will turn out in 1923-24. The labor supply at the South is decreasing. Calcium arsenate to fight the weevil is said to be scarce and high. And it must be persistently and intelligently applied, something which seems to be foreign to the habits of a considerable section of the smaller farmers or share croppers. Many of them have lost their crops for two years in succession and, if white, are going into the factories, and if colored, have in not a few cases migrated to the North and West, where high wages are promised them. It is recalled that of the 710,000 square miles in the cotton raising country of the South some 600,000 square miles are infested with weevil. And it is said that the age of big cotton farms at the South is past. That of small farmers has succeeded, something which may not promise much for the most effective measures against the weevil. Meanwhile the tendency of world trade is upward. Germany and Japan are the only laggards in the cotton business. And Germany is not so much so as commonly supposed. It is said that buyers from Moscow have recently visited Bremen and have been examining the stock of American cotton there with a view of making purchases. And if the German reparations question can be settled in the near future there is believed to be no reason why Germany's textile industry should not go ahead rapidly. And Japan has had such hard times in cotton that a turn for the better is believed to be not far off. In this country cotton goods have been in good demand at firm or rising prices. Moreover, some reports from Manchester have been more cheerful. Get the reparations question settled in Europe and it is believed that European trade in general will brighten up and that American cotton markets will feel the benefit. To-day prices advanced 20 to 40 points on a better trade demand, higher Liverpool prices and buying by Liverpool, Wall Street and the West. Also spot markets were higher. Fall River reports were good and no attention was paid to talk of a possible strike at Fall River and New Bedford. Manchester was more cheerful. Stocks, sterling and grain advanced, and this helped cotton. Finally, weak-end statistics were bullish and it is believed that before Jan. 15, the date on which France is supposed to act in the matter of the German reparations the whole affair will either be settled or will take on a less threatening look. Prices end 7 to 25 points higher for the week. Spot cotton closed at 26.75, or 15 points up from last Friday.

The New York Cotton Exchange membership of E. A. Pierce was sold on the 2nd inst. to S. B. Chapan for \$28,500, an increase of \$1,500 over the previous sale; another has just sold at a little over \$28,000 in Liberty 3 1/2% bonds to William Mitchell of Gwathmey & Co.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the Jan. 4 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. 11.

Middling fair.....	1.05 on	*Middling "yellow" tinged.....	1.23 off
Strict good middling.....	80 on	*Strict low mid. "yellow" tinged.....	1.75 off
Good middling.....	55 on	*Low middling "yellow" tinged.....	2.30 off
Strict middling.....	31 on	Good middling "yellow" stained.....	.79 off
Strict low middling.....	.37 off	*Strict mid. "yellow" stained.....	1.53 off
Low middling.....	.79 off	*Middling "yellow" stained.....	2.10 off
*Strict good ordinary.....	1.33 off	*Good middling "blue" stained.....	1.05 off
*Good ordinary.....	1.93 off	*Strict middling "blue" stained.....	1.53 off
Strict good mid. "yellow" tinged.....	.49 on	*Middling "blue" stained.....	2.03 off
Good middling "yellow" tinged.....	.03 off	* These ten grades are not deliverable upon future contracts.	
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. 30 to Jan. 5—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling uplands.....	Hol.	Hol.	26.45	26.80	26.45	26.75

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Dec. 30.	Monday, Jan. 1.	Tuesday, Jan. 2.	Wed. day, Jan. 3.	Thurs. day, Jan. 4.	Friday, Jan. 5.	Week.
January—							
Range.....	26.15-60		26.45-60	26.23-78	26.30-59	26.15-78	
Closing.....	26.25		26.58-60	26.33-35	26.54-55		
February—							
Range.....			26.34	26.65	26.41	26.63	
Closing.....							
March—							
Range.....			26.32-92	26.30-74	26.42-700	26.52-83	26.30-700
Closing.....			26.55-60	26.72-74	26.48-55	26.72-75	
April—							
Range.....			26.57	26.78	26.52	26.75	
Closing.....							
May—							
Range.....			26.37-700	26.31-84	26.55-710	26.62-99	26.31-710
Closing.....			26.61-65	26.83-84	26.60-64	26.88-89	
June—							
Range.....			26.50	26.67	26.46	26.76	
Closing.....							
July—	HOLI- DAY.	HOLI- DAY.					
Range.....			26.15-65	26.10-54	26.30-75	26.34-72	26.10-75
Closing.....			26.35-40	26.52-54	26.31-35	26.63-65	
August—							
Range.....			26.25	—	—	25.83	25.83-25
Closing.....			25.90	—	25.83	26.90	
September—							
Range.....			25.12-37	—	—	—	25.12-37
Closing.....			25.22	25.43	25.19	25.35	
October—							
Range.....			24.38-86	24.42-83	24.51-97	24.54-86	24.38-97
Closing.....			24.62	24.81	24.52-53	24.75	
November—							
Range.....			24.58	24.75	24.44	24.65	24.76
Closing.....							
December—							
Range.....			24.50	24.49	—	24.56	24.49-56
Closing.....			24.55	24.71	24.35	24.55	

/ 27c. 126c.

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.

Jan. 5—	1922.	1922.	1921.	1920.
Stock at Liverpool..... bales	878,000	1,005,000	1,034,000	835,000
Stock at London.....	4,000	1,000	6,000	11,000
Stock at Manchester.....	67,000	77,000	97,000	128,000
Total Great Britain.....	949,000	1,083,000	1,137,000	974,000
Stock at Hamburg.....	2,000	330,000	128,000	—
Stock at Bremen.....	120,000	206,000	199,000	218,000
Stock at Havre.....	183,000	12,000	5,000	4,000
Stock at Rotterdam.....	10,000	141,000	105,000	59,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	108,000	35,000	48,000	109,000
Stock at Genoa.....	28,000	—	—	—
Stock at Ghent.....	3,000	31,000	30,000	—
Stock at Antwerp.....	2,000	—	—	—
Stock at Trieste.....	—	16,000	—	—
Total Continental stocks.....	459,000	771,000	515,000	390,000
Total European stocks.....	1,408,000	1,854,000	1,652,000	1,364,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	119,000	44,000	68,000	53,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....	349,000	359,000	480,532	707,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Europe.....	110,000	85,000	54,000	87,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	344,000	337,000	196,000	263,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	507,000	746,000	920,000	534,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....	1,017,512	1,253,926	1,420,577	1,590,304
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	1,355,894	1,614,007	1,743,741	1,348,496
U. S. exports to-day.....	800	13,579	24,434	52,126
Total visible supply.....	5,211,266	6,306,512	6,559,264	5,909,163
Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:				
American—				
Liverpool stock..... bales	512,000	585,000	643,000	618,000
Manchester stock.....	42,000	54,000	81,000	84,000
Continental stock.....	413,000	664,000	450,000	325,000
American afloat for Europe.....	349,000	359,000	480,532	707,237
U. S. port stocks.....	1,017,512	1,253,926	1,420,577	1,590,304
U. S. interior stocks.....	1,355,894	1,614,007	1,743,741	1,348,496
U. S. exports to-day.....	800	13,579	24,434	52,126
Total American.....	3,690,266	4,543,512	4,843,264	4,635,163
East India, Brazil, &c.—				
Liverpool stock.....	386,000	420,000	391,000	217,000
London stock.....	4,000	1,000	6,000	11,000
Manchester stock.....	25,000	23,000	16,000	44,000
Continental stock.....	46,000	107,000	65,000	65,000
India afloat for Europe.....	119,000	44,000	68,000	53,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat.....	110,000	85,000	54,000	87,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	344,000	337,000	196,000	263,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	507,000	746,000	920,000	534,000
Total East India, &c.....	1,521,000	1,763,000	1,716,000	1,274,000
Total American.....	3,690,266	4,543,512	4,843,264	4,635,163
Total visible supply.....	5,211,266	6,306,512	6,559,264	5,909,163
Middling uplands, Liverpool.....	18.06d.	11.04d.	10.17d.	28.79d.
Middling uplands, New York.....	26.75c.	18.65c.	16.75c.	39.25c.
Egypt, good sakes, Liverpool.....	19.00d.	24.50d.	22.60d.	60.00d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool.....	17.25d.	13.75d.	16.00d.	43.50d.
Broach fine, Liverpool.....	12.75d.	10.45d.	9.25d.	25.35d.
Timnevely, good, Liverpool.....	14.15d.	11.45d.	9.75d.	25.60d.

Continental imports for past week have been 119,000 bales. The above figures for 1922 show a decrease from last week of 104,384 bales, a loss of 1,095,246 bales from 1921, a decline of 1,347,998 bales from 1920 and a decrease of 697,897 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:

Table with columns for Towns, Movement to Jan. 5 1923, and Movement to Jan. 6 1922. Includes sub-columns for Receipts, Shipments, and Stocks.

The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 35,978 bales and are to-night 258,113 bales less than at the same time last year.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

Table showing New York quotations for 32 years from 1923 back to 1916, with columns for Year, Price, and Change.

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.

Table showing Market and Sales at New York, including columns for Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed, and Sales (Spot, Contr't, Total).

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night.

Table showing Overland Movement for the week and since Aug. 1, with columns for Shipments, Sales, and Deduct Shipments.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 34,257 bales, against 32,218 bales for the week last year.

Table showing In Sight and Spinners' Takings, with columns for Week, Since, and Total.

North. spinn's takings to Jan. 5. 59,331 1,298,656 47,417 1,335,609

Movement into sight in previous years:

Table showing Movement into sight in previous years with columns for Week, Bales, and Since Aug. 1.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.

Table showing Quotations for Middling Cotton at other markets, including Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Norfolk, Baltimore, Augusta, Memphis, Houston, Little Rock, Dallas, and Fort Worth.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.

Table showing New Orleans Contract Market with columns for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph from the South this evening indicate that generally the weather has been mild with considerable rainfall in most sections of the cotton belt.

Table showing Weather Reports by Telegraph, including Rain, Rainfall, and Thermometer readings for various locations.

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:

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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.

Table showing Receipts from the Plantations with columns for Week ending, Receipts at Ports, Stocks at Interior Towns, and Receipts from Plantations.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1922 are 4,962,373 bales; in 1921 were 4,013,207 bales, and in 1920 were 4,443,168 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Table showing Alexandria Receipts and Shipments with columns for Receipts (cantars) and Exports (bales).

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Jan. 3 were 210,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 11,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market for both yarns and cloths is steady. Demand for home trade and foreign markets is improving. We give prices to-day below:

Table with columns: Cotton Takings, Week and Season, 1922-23, 1921-22. Rows include Visible supply Dec. 29, American in sight to Jan. 5, Bombay receipts to Jan. 4, etc.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills—1,851,000 bales in 1922-23 and 1,609,000 bales in 1921-22—takings not being available; and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 6,036,602 bales in 1922-23 and 6,979,483 bales in 1921-22, of which 3,829,092 bales and 4,329,713 bales American. b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

Table with columns: Jan. 4 Receipts at, 1922-23, 1921-22, 1920-21. Rows include Bombay, Exports (Great Britain, Continent, Japan & China, Total), and Total all—.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 13,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 8,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 237,450 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market is strongly held and sales are moderate. Cloths are quiet. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table with columns: 1922-23, 1921-22. Rows include Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Jan. 5. Columns show prices for 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/4 lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest, and Col'n Mid. Upl's.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 112,522 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

Table with columns: Destination, Date, Bales. Rows include NEW YORK (To Bremen, Genoa, Cape Town, Liverpool), NEW ORLEANS (To Liverpool), GALVESTON (To Bremen, Liverpool, Manchester, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Vera Cruz), BRUNSWICK (To Liverpool), CHARLESTON (To Liverpool), Ghent (To Antwerp, Rotterdam).

Table with columns: Destination, Date, Bales. Rows include SAVANNAH (To Bremen, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Liverpool), GULFPORT (To Manchester), HOUSTON (To Havre, Ghent, Antwerp, Bremen), NORFOLK (To Liverpool), SAN DIEGO (To London), SAN FRANCISCO (To Japan), SAN PEDRO (To Liverpool).

Total 112,522 LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

Table with columns: Dec. 15, Dec. 22, Dec. 29, Jan. 5. Rows include Sales of the week, Of which American, Actual export, Forwarded, Total stock, Of which American, Total imports, Of which American, Amount afloat, Of which American.

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:

Table with columns: Spot, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Rows include Market, Mid. Upl's, Sales, Futures Market opened, Market, P. M.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Table with columns: Dec. 30 to Jan. 1, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Rows include January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December.

BREADSTUFFS.

Friday Night, Jan. 5 1923.

Flour has sold rather more freely at lower prices. In some cases they dropped 25c. below recent quotations. Consumers' supplies are decreasing, as buyers have taken hold very gingerly in recent weeks. So that although it is true the receipts have been large, the steady consumption has made noticeable inroads on stocks. There has been some export inquiry both for wheat and rye flour. The trouble was, however, that prices as a rule were above buyers' limits. The American Relief Administration has been buying low grades. In fact, it has recently taken, it is understood, some 60,000 barrels. It has bought, it is said, most of the low grade flour here. Stocks here are still large; there is no disguising that fact, and many of the trade say they are well supplied for the time being. And apart from the American Relief Administration buying there is little foreign business. Kansas City trade was hurt by the break in wheat both for home and export account. Hard wheat short patent, \$6 25@ \$6 50 there; long patent, \$6 @ \$6 25; straight, \$5 60 @ \$5 85; first clear, \$4 40 @ \$4 80; second clear, \$3 10 @ \$3 30; low grade, \$3 @ \$3 15. Soft wheat fancy patent, \$6 70 @ \$7; standard patent, \$6 20 @ \$6 50; straight, \$5 80 @ \$6 10; clear, \$5 @ \$5 40; low grade, \$3 70 @ \$3 90. Flour from small country mills is quoted as follows per bbl., no jute sacks: Patent, \$5 50 @ \$5 85; 95%, \$5 25 @ \$5 65; 100%, \$5 10 @ \$5 55; meal, per 100 sacked cream, \$1 70 @ \$1 75; pearl, \$1 67 1/2 @ \$1 70; standard, \$1 65 @ \$1 67 1/2. At Toledo trade has been slow, the output exceeding the demand. Prices fell. In Toledo prices ranged from \$4 75 to \$8 per bbl. in carload lots. This is 20c. to 30c. lower than a week ago. Extra guards have been placed at flour mills at Toledo owing to the work of incendiaries who have started a dozen fires in the last week, causing \$1,000,000 damage.

Wheat dropped 3 1/4 to 3 3/4 c. on Jan. 2, with Winnipeg off 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 c. and the receipts large. The crop was moving freely. The decline in corn, etc., also reacted on wheat. Minneapolis advanced 1 1/2 c. and then dropped 3c. Export trade was small. Cash demand was light. The quantity on passage increased 2,000,000 bushels. It reached 43,616,000

bushels. It meant larger world's shipments than expected. That would cut both ways, to be sure. Europe evidently wants the wheat. Yet liberal supplies told. It looked like a rather large increase in the American visible supply. Many were disappointed that the outlook for rural credits to be granted at once was not more positive. And finally the markets acted "long." The technical position for a time was an outstanding factor. Otherwise other things might not have counted for so much. Later a rather better export demand was reported at the sharp decline and seaboard exports on Jan. 2 were 1,762,000 bushels. The stock of bonded wheat in the United States decreased last week 4,527,000 bushels. But the interior receipts over the holidays proved to be close to 4,000,000 bushels against only 910,000 last year. Cash wheat on the 2nd inst. fell 5 to 9c. The American visible supply increasing about 2,300,000 bushels last week, the total was raised to 37,673,000 against 49,468,000 bushels a year ago. The increase of 2,300,000 bushels contrasts strikingly with an increase in the same week last year of only 37,000 bushels. Small wonder that it made a bad impression. The visible supply, it turned out, increased last week in the United States 2,298,000, the result of big primary receipts. Evidently the higher prices are bringing out the wheat. Liverpool on Tuesday fell 1/2 to 5/8d. The increased movement and the very cool cables noticeably contributed to the decline. Autumn seeding has been delayed in Germany, Yugoslavia and Hungary by heavy rains. In France winter wheat acreage will be materially larger, according to official reports, but private reports do not say so; quite the reverse. In the United Kingdom seeding conditions were much better than in 1921. In Argentina rains delayed harvesting of wheat, oats and linseed. Some damage was done by hail in November. An average crop of wheat is expected in Africa. The potato crop in England and Wales is 35% larger than in 1921. On Thursday 250,000 bushels were reported sold for export, including Manitoba. Minneapolis reported some large mills buying spring wheat and storing it in their own elevators. That suggested a favorable opinion of the market. Germany is said to have bought considerable hard winter wheat and a little Manitoba. Later reports showed that the farmer credit bills are being pushed at Washington. Liverpool was firm. In Chicago there was considerable covering. At the Southwest 250,000 bushels were taken for export. Winnipeg advanced 1/2 to 2c. early. Minneapolis reported a good milling demand, and much of its receipts is durum. Talk of a pressure to sell Argentine wheat was ignored. It was suspected of being bearish propaganda. Chicago was irregular, with European politics unsettled after the break-up of the Paris conference, leaving the method of paying German reparations unsolved. To-day prices advanced and then reacted. The closing was 1 1/2 to 4c. lower than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.
No. 2 red.....cts. 138 1/4 Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Hol. 88 3/4 90 1/2 89 1/2 134 1/2 135

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.
May delivery in elevator.....cts. 122 3/4 Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Hol. 118 3/4 120 3/4 118 3/4 118 3/4
July delivery in elevator.....113 3/4 day. 110 1/4 111 3/4 110 3/4 111 3/4
September delivery in elevator.....106 1/2 107 3/4 107 3/4 107 3/4

Indian corn fell on Jan. 2 to 2 1/4c. with general liquidation and not a little short selling. The receipts were very large. A good increase in the visible supply was generally expected. The cash demand was small. A moderate export business was reported. Cash corn naturally sympathized with the decline in futures. Cash corn on the 2nd inst. dropped 2 1/4 to 4 1/2c. The visible supply of American corn increased last week 1,972,600 bushels. This and the large primary receipts told. The visible supply in this country is now up to 16,760,000 bushels following last week's increase of close to 2,000,000 bushels. To be sure, the total supply a year ago was 23,279,000 bushels. But the interesting thing is that the total is gaining now. But on the 2nd inst. exporters took 400,000 bushels and on the 3rd inst. there was evidence of a greater export inquiry, and this had a good effect; in fact, prices advanced 1 1/2 to 2 3/4c. despite signs of a free crop movement. On the 4th inst. about 200,000 bushels were taken for export. To-day there was some export business. A small decline early was followed by a good upturn with wheat. Receipts were large, but country offerings light. Argentine exports were 3,108,000 bushels. To-day prices advanced, but reacted later, ending unchanged to 3/8c. lower than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.
No. 2 yellow.....cts. 90 3/4 Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Hol. 88 3/4 90 1/2 89 1/2 89 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.
May delivery in elevator.....cts. 72 1/2 Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Hol. 69 3/4 71 3/4 70 1/4 71 3/4
July delivery in elevator.....72 day. 69 3/4 71 3/4 70 1/4 71 3/4
September delivery in elevator.....71 3/4 70 1/4 71 3/4

Oats fell 1 to 1 1/4c. on Jan. 2 under general selling following the drop in other grain. Shorts were about the only buyers, and they bought but little. Receipts were large and the cash demand small. Commission houses bought futures sparingly even on the break. On the 3rd inst., with a better cash demand and some export inquiry, prices advanced 1 to 1 1/4c. The American visible supply's decrease last week of 157,000 bushels contrasted with an increase in the same week last year of 457,000 bushels. The total is now only 32,389,000 bushels, against 67,728 a year ago. To-day prices advanced, closing 1/8c. higher for the week on July and 1/8c. lower on May.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.
No. 2 white.....cts. 56 Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Hol. 55 55 54 1/2 54 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.
May delivery in elevator.....cts. 44 3/4 Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Hol. 43 44 43 3/4 44 3/4
July delivery in elevator.....42 1/4 day. 40 3/4 41 1/4 41 3/4 42
September delivery in elevator.....40 3/4 40 3/4

Rye broke 1 1/2c. on Tuesday on local and Northwestern selling, with wheat down and export demand small. Eastern commission houses bought only moderately. Cash rye fell 2 to 3c. On the 4th inst. it was reported that there were export orders here for 70 to 80 loads at within half a cent of the market. Germany bought 120,000 bushels. Rye to-day advanced 1 3/8@1 1/2c., with an active demand. There was good buying against export business and a good deal of short covering with wheat up. Prices closed, however, 2c. lower than last Friday.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.
May delivery in elevator.....cts. 90 3/4 Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Hol. 87 1/2 89 87 1/2 88 3/4
July delivery in elevator.....83 day. 83 83 1/2 85

The following are closing quotations:
GRAIN
Wheat—
No. 2 red.....\$1 35
No. 2 hard winter.....1 35
Corn—
No. 2 yellow.....89 1/2
Rye—No. 2.....1 01
Oats—
No. 2 white.....54 1/2
No. 3 white.....53 1/2
Barley—
Feeding.....Nominal
Malting.....81@83
FLOUR
Spring patents.....\$6 50@6 75
Winter straights, soft.....5 90@6 20
Hard winter straights.....6 10@6 40
First spring clears.....5 50@6 00
Rye flour.....5 00@5 50
Corn goods, 100 lbs.:
Yellow meal.....2 05@2 15
Corn flour.....2 00@2 10
Barley goods—
No. 1.....\$5 75
Nos. 2, 3 and 4 pearl.....6 50
Nos. 2-0 and 3-0.....5 75@5 90
Nos. 4-0 and 5-0.....6 00
Oats goods—Carload
spot delivery.....3 02 1/2

The statements of the movements of breadstuffs to market indicated below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbls. 196 lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. ASDs.	bush. 56 lbs.
Chicago	262,000	946,000	6,173,000	1,858,000	174,000	169,000
Minneapolis	5,128,000	245,000	840,000	419,000	650,000	650,000
Duluth	708,000	1,000	2,000	7,000	603,000	603,000
Milwaukee	10,000	71,000	548,000	550,000	206,000	168,000
Toledo	85,000	110,000	46,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Detroit	38,000	48,000	88,000	84,000	—	—
Indianapolis	38,000	502,000	84,000	—	—	—
St. Louis	102,000	784,000	732,000	634,000	22,000	6,000
Peoria	32,000	63,000	632,000	337,000	7,000	11,000
Kansas City	2,732,000	608,000	339,000	—	—	—
Omaha	626,000	617,000	348,000	—	—	—
St. Joseph	249,000	271,000	38,000	—	—	—
Total wk. '22	406,000	11,268,000	10,487,000	5,164,000	835,000	1,608,000
Same wk. '21	294,000	2,886,000	6,115,000	2,559,000	240,000	227,000
Same wk. '20	236,000	4,046,000	4,677,000	2,464,000	484,000	663,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1922	11,899,000	257,080,000	147,353,000	112,554,000	21,280,000	26,034,000
1921	9,991,000	220,140,000	157,158,000	101,349,000	14,323,000	10,569,000
1920	5,945,000	190,701,000	73,783,000	102,841,000	23,339,000	23,199,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday Dec. 30 1922 follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	265,000	1,736,000	27,000	452,000	476,000	52,000
Portland, Me.	39,000	745,000	431,000	85,000	25,000	—
Philadelphia	88,000	977,000	176,000	30,000	—	32,000
Baltimore	18,000	252,000	80,000	98,000	6,000	9,000
New Orleans*	69,000	216,000	504,000	30,000	—	—
Galveston	—	274,000	—	—	—	—
Montreal	45,000	224,000	17,000	42,000	13,000	—
St. John, N.B.	11,000	171,000	26,000	103,000	17,000	86,000
Boston	26,000	611,000	4,000	41,000	16,000	71,000
Total wk. '22	561,000	5,203,000	1,265,000	881,000	553,000	250,000
Since Jan. 1 '22	27,036,000	300,022,000	145,247,000	69,223,000	17,874,000	47,325,000
Same wk. '21	530,000	5,776,000	2,687,000	735,000	122,000	349,000
Since Jan. 1 '21	26,126,000	290,993,000	101,679,000	46,127,000	17,396,000	25,097,000

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Dec. 30 1922, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Peas.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	2,227,809	219,394	199,235	79,979	128,492	222,778	—
Portland, Me.	745,000	431,000	39,000	85,000	—	25,000	—
Boston	1,069,000	—	8,000	—	86,000	17,000	—
Philadelphia	1,318,000	60,000	5,000	—	—	—	—
Baltimore	522,000	238,000	5,000	—	214,000	—	—
New Orleans	299,000	460,000	43,000	6,000	45,000	—	—
Galveston	196,000	—	—	—	34,000	—	—
St. John, N. B.	171,000	26,000	11,000	103,000	86,000	17,000	—
Total week 1922.	6,547,809	1,434,394	310,265	273,979	893,492	281,773	—
Week 1921	3,668,171	1,507,927	273,417	268,122	84,000	67,379	—

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. 30 1922.	Since July 1 1922.	Week Dec. 30 1922.	Since July 1 1922.	Week Dec. 30 1922.	Since July 1 1922.
United Kingdom	96,655	2,906,764	2,149,534	57,284,605	407,297	18,834,823
Continent	163,045	3,371,895	4,365,275	137,262,295	989,097	34,236,008
So. & Cent. Amer.	3,000	292,332	15,000	119,000	—	84,000
West Indies	11,000	663,800	—	21,000	33,000	83,700
Brit. No. Am. Cols	—	2,000	—	—	—	3,700
Other countries	36,505	417,130	18,000	1,049,973	—	13,500
Total, 1922	310,235	7,653,920	6,547,809	195,727,873	1,434,394	53,975,736
Total 1921	273,417	7,464,475	3,668,171	178,522,171	1,507,924	58,158,871

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange for the week ending Friday, Dec. 29, and since July 1 1922 and 1921, are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.			Corn.		
	1922.		1921.	1922.		1921.
	Week Dec. 29.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.	Week Dec. 29.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.
North Amer.	11,022,000	260,498,000	246,174,000	1,838,000	56,694,000	62,361,000
Russ. & Dan.	3,223,000	3,223,000	2,776,000	-----	-----	10,225,000
Argentina	728,000	45,796,000	16,242,000	2,992,000	3,576,000	76,948,000
Australia	-----	10,716,000	40,840,000	-----	-----	-----
India	120,000	3,492,000	712,000	-----	-----	-----
Oth. countr's	-----	-----	-----	-----	3,365,000	7,440,000
Total	11,870,000	323,725,000	306,744,000	4,830,000	138,851,000	156,974,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Dec. 30, was as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.
United States—					
New York	1,258,000	1,061,000	2,429,000	230,000	344,000
Boston	3,000	1,000	42,000	1,000	-----
Philadelphia	900,000	396,000	516,000	68,000	1,000
Baltimore	730,000	1,122,000	415,000	1,685,000	59,000
New Orleans	2,031,000	1,307,000	183,000	18,000	4,000
Galveston	1,464,000	-----	-----	101,000	-----
Buffalo	4,688,000	427,000	1,276,000	1,510,000	916,000
Afloat	4,238,000	-----	-----	797,000	399,000
Toledo	1,340,000	96,000	312,000	5,000	-----
Detroit	30,000	42,000	69,000	27,000	-----
Chicago	2,310,000	8,780,000	9,196,000	645,000	241,000
St. Louis	294,000	301,000	495,000	40,000	10,000
Milwaukee	142,000	248,000	781,000	246,000	167,000
Duluth	2,573,000	52,000	640,000	2,507,000	220,000
St. Joseph, Mo.	888,000	206,000	146,000	21,000	6,000
Minneapolis	6,497,000	113,000	11,821,000	1,952,000	708,000
St. Louis	1,224,000	725,000	275,000	8,000	5,000
Kansas City	4,348,000	513,000	1,030,000	199,000	-----
Peoria	1,000	341,000	341,000	-----	-----
Indianapolis	455,000	145,000	304,000	-----	-----
Omaha	1,898,000	904,000	2,118,000	123,000	14,000
On Canal and River	381,000	-----	-----	10,000	32,000
Total Dec. 30 1922	37,673,000	16,760,000	32,389,000	10,193,000	3,126,000
Total Dec. 23 1922	35,375,000	14,788,000	32,546,000	9,319,000	2,820,000
Total Dec. 31 1921	49,468,000	23,279,000	67,728,000	6,770,000	2,945,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 217,000 bushels; Boston, 3,000; Baltimore, 39,000; Buffalo, 827,000; Buffalo, afloat, 1,701,000 bushels; Toledo, afloat, 587,000; total, 3,400,000 bushels, against 1,032,000 bushels in 1921. Barley, New York, 382,000 bushels; Buffalo, 428,000; Buffalo, afloat, 1,001,000; Duluth, 63,000; total, 1,864,000 bushels, against 650,000 bushels in 1921. Wheat, New York, 1,619,000 bushels; Boston, 126,000; Philadelphia, 866,000; Baltimore, 993,000; Buffalo, 7,528,000; Buffalo, afloat, 20,413,000; Duluth, 94,000; Toledo, 133,000; Toledo, afloat, 1,989,000; Chicago, 335,000; total, 34,096,000 bushels, against 25,378,000 bushels in 1921.

Canadian—					
Montreal	2,030,000	460,000	595,000	329,000	138,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur	18,790,000	-----	2,329,000	-----	1,866,000
Afloat	163,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Other Canadian	10,012,000	-----	823,000	-----	1,255,000
Total Dec. 30 1922	30,995,000	460,000	3,747,000	329,000	3,259,000
Total Dec. 23 1922	27,182,000	509,000	2,921,000	350,000	2,893,000
Total Dec. 31 1921	30,183,000	1,439,000	8,126,000	2,000	2,798,000

Summary—					
American	37,673,000	16,760,000	32,389,000	10,193,000	3,126,000
Canadian	30,995,000	460,000	3,747,000	329,000	3,259,000
Total Dec. 30 1922	68,668,000	17,220,000	36,136,000	10,522,000	6,385,000
Total Dec. 23 1922	62,557,000	15,297,000	35,467,000	9,669,000	5,713,000
Total Dec. 31 1921	79,657,000	24,718,000	75,854,000	6,772,000	5,743,000

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING JAN. 3.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ending Jan. 3, is as follows:

Mild weather for the season continued throughout practically the whole country during the week ended Jan. 2, the temperature was much above normal in the Central and Northern Trans-Mississippi States and in the Far Northwest. General precipitation occurred in practically all sections east of the Mississippi River, with some heavy snowfall in the more north-eastern States. The moisture was beneficial in that area, particularly in the South and some Middle Atlantic coast sections; the unprecedented long drouth was thoroughly broken in Pennsylvania and the water supply replenished in New York.

Rainfall was light throughout the Plains States, and moisture was needed in most parts of that region. The snow cover in the Far Northwest States was greatly reduced or had entirely disappeared at the lower levels and the soil readily absorbed the resulting moisture which will be very beneficial.

Winter truck was benefitted in the South under the influence of the mild weather and ample moisture, while conditions were generally favorable for winter grain. Moisture continued deficient for ranges in much of the Far Southwest, including Southern California with the water supply becoming scarce in parts of Arizona and Nevada; the lower range was mostly free from snow in the Rocky Mountain and Pacific States.

The weather was generally favorable for outdoor operations west of the Mississippi River and good progress was made in plowing in the Lower Great Plains, but rain was needed for this work in portions of Western Texas. Frequent rainfall interrupted farm work considerably from the Ohio Valley southward. Roads were mostly in fair to good condition, from the Great Plains States westward, except that general snow on the 30th stopped auto travel and interfered with railway traffic in the extreme Northern Great Plains. Unimproved roads were generally bad and in some places impassable in most Southeastern States as a result of the frequent rains in that area.

The week was very mild for the season throughout the winter wheat belt and generous rains fell in the eastern half, but it continued dry in the West. The rainfall in the Ohio Valley and Middle Atlantic Coast States, together with the mild temperatures was beneficial for winter wheat, especially in the Atlantic Coast area. Moisture continued sufficient in the lower Missouri Valley where grains were reported in satisfactory condition. There was some light snow in Nebraska, but not sufficient to be of much benefit and very little precipitation occurred in Kansas. Heavy rains or snow would greatly benefit wheat in Kansas, but the crop there has withstood well the several weeks of dry weather in the eastern two-thirds of the State, where its color is still good. More moisture would be helpful in Oklahoma and Texas, especially in the western portion of Oklahoma.

The snow cover disappeared rapidly in the more Northwestern States during the week under the influence of mild weather, but the soil was mostly in good condition to absorb the moisture which will be a substantial benefit to that area. Much wheat sown late in dry soil in Eastern Washington germinated satisfactorily.

Light snow cover had overspread the upper Mississippi valley at the close of the week, but the snow had mostly disappeared in that time in the eastern Lake region. Rains were beneficial to grains in the South Atlantic and Gulf States, although more moisture was needed in some West Gulf districts.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

New York, Friday Night, Jan. 5 1923.

Following the holidays there has been further evidence of a keen desire on the part of dry goods merchants to get down to regular business again, and new spring and fall lines are now appearing on the wholesale counters, and goods that have been sampled for months past are appearing as regular merchandise for prompt delivery. Markets in general display a very firm undertone due to the strength of raw material markets, notably cotton, wool and silk, together with high labor costs. It is believed inevitable that much higher prices than those prevailing a year ago will have to be named by woolen and worsted mills for goods offered for later delivery, while the rising tendency of cotton seems to point to higher prices for cotton goods. Jobbers are confident that their business is going to be very steady during the next three or four months, as the advance business was placed so conservatively that retailers will be obliged to make purchases on a liberal scale in order to keep their stocks assorted. The outlook for higher price levels has stimulated interest in cotton goods. Handlers of wash fabrics are now becoming busy pressing out new lines, and it is believed that orders for printed wash fabrics will soon begin to broaden, as supplies of this line of goods have not been generally provided in retail stores. There have been many goods offered of late by second hands, and full prices have been paid. Bag manufacturers have been quite good buyers of sheetings, which rule firm. Sentiment in regard to business during the new year is optimistic, and merchants in general are looking forward to a satisfactory trade.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS: Trade in domestic cottons has been quite active during the past week, and the undertone of the market has been very firm. The strength of raw material has checked offerings except at full prices, and there has been more interest displayed on the part of buyers. Higher price levels are predicted, and merchants, in many instances, are anxious to provide for their requirements before these materialize. There has been a steady filling in business on gray cotton goods for finishing and converting, while increasing inquiries are noted for ginghams and percales, and commission houses report a better demand for some of the branded lines of staples in brown and colored cottons. In the new line of wash fabrics crepes occupy a prominent place and buyers appear to be very much interested in them. Considerable significance has been attached to the fact that even at the higher prices, mills are unwilling to sell freely for deferred delivery. Many lines of cotton goods have not been brought fully up to the level of replacement costs, therefore further upward revisions in a number of directions are likely within the near future. Sheetings are firm and in good demand, with some bag manufacturers buying for delivery as far ahead as May, when mills will sell that far ahead. While export trade, owing to the high prices, is generally quiet, sales of different goods show that buyers abroad are not well supplied and are obliged to enter the market moderately at the best prices obtainable. Sheetings have sold for Red Sea ports, while a miscellaneous business has been transacted for the West Indies and South America. 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 1/2 c. and the 39-inch, 80 x 80's, at 14 1/2 c.

WOOLEN GOODS: Markets for woolen goods rule firm, and indications are that they will continue so, temporarily at least. In another week the first auctions of the new year in wool will take place in Australia, and will give some line as to the probable course of values in raw material. Present reports indicate strong markets. Furthermore, there is very little likelihood of any decrease in woolen mill wages for the coming fall season, and this, together with the strength of raw material, forecasts higher prices for the manufactured product. If it is necessary to advance prices for fabrics to be used this spring, it is not to be doubted that those to be shown for fall use in men's wear lines and women's lines will also carry higher quotations.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS: Linen markets are firm, and retailers after having done a banner holiday business, are now preparing for January and February sales. The handkerchief trade is reported as having taken a distinct turn for the better with stocks now held in hands able to maintain prices. Primary markets are very firm, and higher prices have been named on heavy linens. In some quarters the fear is expressed that prices may advance more abruptly than will be good for the trade in general. While many constructions are in liberal supply in first hands, they are said to be of a character not exportable to the American market. At present importers are busily occupied in taking inventories and will not likely have this work completed until Jan. 15, after which date higher price lists are predicted. The upward tendency of primary markets convince linen factors that their price lists are too low. Burlaps have been fairly active and firm in sympathy with the strength of the Calcutta markets. Light weights are quoted at 7.25 to 7.35c., and heavies at 8.95 to 9.10c.

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN DECEMBER.

The issuance of securities by States and municipalities was a little more active in December than the preceding month. This is evidenced by an increase of \$14,063,817 in the total of the month's disposals of long term bonds over that for November. The sales for December amounted to \$55,927,980, as compared with \$41,864,163 for November. A year ago, December 1921, when New York City issued \$55,000,000 4½s and the State of Ohio borrowed \$20,000,000 at 4¾% for a soldiers' bonus, and several other States and cities made immense issues, varying from \$7,725,000 by the city of Chicago down to \$3,500,000 by Jersey City, N. J.; the grand aggregate of new bonds placed was no less than \$220,466,661.

Disposals by three States accounted for \$10,000,000 of the past month's issues. The largest was made by the State of Missouri, which on Dec. 5 awarded \$5,000,000 4½% road bonds to Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Hallgarten & Co. of New York, and the First National Co. of St. Louis, at 99.56, a basis of about 4.73%. The other two States to enter the market were South Dakota, which on Dec. 1 awarded to the Guaranty Co. of New York, the Bankers Trust Co., Stacy & Braun, Ames, Emerich & Co., Wm. R. Compton & Co. and Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, all of New York; the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, and the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis, \$3,000,000 4¾% rural credit bonds at 100.91, a basis of about 4.70%, and New Jersey, which on the 9th inst. awarded \$2,000,000 4¼% 15-30-year (opt.) road bonds to Dillon, Read & Co., Robert Winthrop & Co., Roosevelt & Son and Barr Bros. & Co. of New York, at 102.097, a basis of about 4.06% if called in 15 years and 4.13% if allowed to run 30 years.

Prominent issues by other civil divisions included the following: Six issues by Memphis, Tenn., consisting of \$1,452,000 4¾s and \$1,509,000 5s, awarded to W. A. Harriman & Co., Barr Bros. & Co., Graham, Parsons & Co., of New York; the Old Colony Trust Co. and Edmunds Bros., of Boston, and G. H. Walker & Co. of St. Louis, at 100.19, a basis of about 4.86%; \$2,250,000 4¼% bridge bonds of Allegheny County, Pa., which went to the Union Trust Co. Pittsburgh, at 101.87, a basis of about 4.10%; Cleveland, Ohio, School District bonds in the amount of \$2,000,000, bearing 4½%, awarded to a syndicate composed of the First National Bank, Eldredge & Co., Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. and Richards, Parish & Lamson, of New York, at 100.66, a basis of about 4.43%; \$2,000,000 4½s of Richmond, Va., awarded to the Guaranty Co. of N. Y., the Equitable Trust Co., Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. and Eldredge & Co., all of New York, at 102.242, a basis of about 4.37%; \$1,500,000 Hartford, Conn., 4% school bonds, awarded to R. L. Day & Co., Merrill, Oldham & Co., Corning & Co., H. C. Warner & Co., R. S. Briggs & Co. and Remick, Hodges & Co. at 100.669, a basis of about 3.94%; St. Louis County, Mo., 4½% road bonds amounting to \$1,000,000, which went to Kauffman-Smith-Emert & Co., the First National Co., of St. Louis, and the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, at 98.81, a basis of about 4.63%.

The Philippine Islands and other Possessions of the United States during December issued new bonds in the amount of \$13,286,000. The largest portion (\$13,000,000) was issued by the Government of the Philippines to Hallgarten & Co., White Weld & Co., Blair & Co., Hornblower & Weeks and W. A. Harriman & Co., of New York, at 95.07 as 4½s, which is on a basis of about 4.79%.

In addition to these long term loans the various municipalities in the United States negotiated loans of a temporary nature in the amount of \$35,126,155. Included in this figure are \$29,050,000 short term securities issued by New York City. \$3,500,000 general fund bonds, not included in our tabulation, were also issued by New York City during the month.

There was a total of \$21,020,784 of long term securities put out by the Provinces and various municipalities of Canada during December. The Province of Ontario contributed \$15,000,000 toward this total and the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission \$3,000,000.

Below we furnish a comparison of all various forms of obligations sold in December during the last five years:

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Perm. mun. l'ns (U.S.)	55,927,980	220,466,661	55,476,631	62,082,932	22,953,088
*Tem. mun. l'ns (U.S.)	35,126,155	50,574,400	46,385,000	49,834,448	32,760,100
Canad'n l'ns (perm.)	21,020,784	6,985,634	26,163,988	12,312,193	5,559,533
Canad'n l'ns (temp.)	119,000	None	500,000	None	None
Gen. f. d. bds. (N. Y. C.)	3,500,000	2,000,000	7,500,000	3,500,000	None
N. Y. C. pension & sink. fund takings	None	51,115,500	None	None	None
Bonds of U.S. Poss's	13,286,000	2,123,000	262,000	None	None
Total	128,979,919	333,265,195	136,287,619	127,729,564	61,272,721

* Includes \$29,050,000 temporary securities issued by New York City in December 1922, \$43,400,000 in December 1921, \$41,967,000 in December 1920, \$41,991,000 in December 1919 and \$25,771,100 in December 1918.

The number of municipalities emitting bonds and the number of separate issues made during December 1922 were 290 and 353, respectively. This contrasts with 370 and 494 for November 1922 and with 751 and 552 for December 1921.

The following table shows the aggregate of permanent issues for December, as well as the twelve months, for a series of years. The 1922 figures are subject to revision by later advices:

	For the		Month of		
	Month of	Twelve Mos.	Month of	Twelve Mos.	
	December.		December.		
1922	\$55,927,980	\$1,041,186,612	1907	\$13,718,505	\$227,643,208
1921	220,466,661	1,208,768,274	1906	21,260,174	201,743,346
1920	55,476,631	683,188,255	1905	8,254,593	183,080,023
1919	62,082,932	691,518,914	1904	9,935,785	250,754,946
1918	22,953,088	296,520,458	1903	13,491,797	152,846,335
1917	32,559,197	451,278,762	1902	11,567,812	149,498,639
1916	35,779,384	457,140,955	1901	15,456,958	131,549,300
1915	34,913,362	498,557,993	1900	22,160,751	145,733,062
1914	29,211,479	474,074,395	1899	4,981,225	118,113,005
1913	44,635,028	403,246,518	1898	7,306,343	103,084,793
1912	27,657,909	386,551,828	1897	17,855,473	137,984,004
1911	36,028,842	396,859,646	1896	10,664,287	106,496,060
1910	36,621,581	320,036,181	1895	8,545,804	114,021,633
1909	31,750,718	339,424,560	1894	13,486,374	117,176,225
1908	28,050,299	313,797,549	1893	17,306,564	77,421,273
			1892	3,297,249	83,823,515

The monthly output in each of the years 1922 and 1921 is shown in the following table:

	1922.		1921.		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
January	\$18,636,605	\$87,050,550	July	\$93,152,429	\$104,584,124
February	6,466,700	65,835,569	August	6,123,066	94,638,755
March	116,960,722	51,570,797	September	9,466,575	88,656,257
April	10,851,641	88,104,218	October	67,971,479	114,098,373
May	13,608,232	63,442,294	November	41,641,613	119,688,617
June	116,427,650	110,632,059	December	55,927,900	220,466,661
Total	\$1,041,186,612	\$1,208,768,274			
Average per month	\$86,682,217	\$100,730,689			

The total of all municipal loans put out during the calendar year 1922 was \$1,844,653,293, including \$1,040,186,612 of new issues of long term bonds by the States, counties and minor civil divisions of the United States, \$436,163,938 temporary municipal loans negotiated, \$283,779,743 obligations of Canada, its provinces and municipalities, \$35,750,000 of the Government of the Philippine Islands, \$9,173,000 of the Government of Porto Rico, \$2,100,000 of the Territory of Hawaii and \$37,500,000 "general fund" bonds of New York City. In the following table we furnish a comparison of all these forms of securities put out in each of the last five years:

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Permanent l'ns (U.S.)	1,040,186,612	1,208,768,274	683,188,255	691,518,914	296,520,458
Temporary l'ns (U.S.)	436,163,938	730,596,914	577,512,948	475,833,359	438,420,581
*Canadian l'ns (perm)	283,779,743	209,669,857	164,319,775	809,175,828	721,087,066
Bonds U.S. Possessions	47,023,000	27,145,000	16,277,000	11,700,000	8,000,000
N. Y. C. pens'n & sink. fund t'ks	None	51,115,500	None	None	None
Gen. f. d. bds. (N. Y. C.)	37,500,000	34,000,000	32,500,000	28,500,000	27,000,000
Gen. f. d. bds. (alt., Md)	None	None	300,000	300,000	300,000
Total	1,844,653,293	2,210,180,045	1,474,097,978	2,017,028,101	1,484,128,105

* Includes \$321,497,281 temporary securities issued by New York City in 1922, \$25,908,209 in 1921, \$497,417,344 in 1920, \$375,050,900 in 1919 and \$361,050,464 in 1918.

* Includes an estimated allotment of \$650,000,000 "Victory Loan" issued during 1919 and \$950,000,000 "Victory Loan" in 1918.

* Includes temporary loan of \$300,000 put out by the city of San Juan, Porto Rico, during the month of November.

Owing to the crowded condition of our columns, we are obliged to omit this week the customary table showing the month's bond sales in detail. It will be given later.

NEWS ITEMS.

Iowa.—Suit Filed to Test Legality of Soldier Bonus Act.—

A suit has been filed in the Polk County District Court to restrain the Executive Council from levying the bonus tax and the State Treasurer from issuing \$22,000,000 soldier bonus bonds as provided in the Act approved by the voters at the November election (V. 115, p. 2179). Senator Grout, who brought the action, in his petition charges that the Act is in conflict with the State and Federal constitutions. The sale of the bonds, which was to take place on Jan. 9 (V. 115, p. 2713), is apparently halted by the litigation. The Des Moines "Register" in its issue of Dec. 27 had the following to say:

Suit to restrain State Treasurer W. J. Burbank from the sale of the soldier bonus bonds and the Executive Council from levying the bonus tax was brought in the Polk County District Court yesterday by Senator Henry W. Grout of Waterloo. The suit was filed by the attorneys of Senator Grout, the firm of Parrish, Cohen, Guthrie & Watters of Des Moines. Attorney Parrish said he would not ask for advancement of the case and would not start arguments of the case before the latter part of next week. With this delay, the case may not be appealed to the Supreme Court in time to be heard at the January term unless a special date is set by the high court for the hearing of the appeal.

In view of the importance of the case, it is probable that the attorneys will ask for a full bench hearing, which would require a special date for this case, as the regular full bench for the January term does not meet until April.

The filing of the suit will naturally stop all bidding for the bonds and it is probable that the Treasurer will cancel the sale date fixed by him. It will be impossible for him to fix a new date for selling until he learns something about the time a decision may be expected in the case.

It is probable that the case will be heard by Judge Lester L. Thompson in the District Court, as he is expected to assume the equity division on Jan. 2. Judge Thompson has declared that he will require that the case be fully argued before he makes a decision.

The petition of Senator Grout asks that the State Treasurer and the Executive Council be restrained from carrying out the provisions of the bonus law on the ground that it is void and unconstitutional. Seven grounds are set forth by the plaintiff why the law should be declared invalid, most of these dealing with alleged violations of the State or Federal constitutions.

While the test suit is being tried the Bonus Board will continue its work of passing on applications of former soldiers. The applications were mailed out to Legion posts yesterday and it is believed that many applications will be filled out and returned to the Board before the end of the week.

Gen. Harry E. Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the Board, stated yesterday that none of the applications would probably be passed upon this week. A little of the work of copying records still remains to be done and when this is completed General Wilkins expects to file and number the first batch of applications before passing upon any of them. He expressed the opinion that 50,000 of the applications may be passed upon and the warrants be written before any of them are sent out, as it is improbable that the warrants will be sent to the soldiers until the bonds are sold and the money is in the treasury.

New York State.—Legislature Convenes.—Governor's Address.—On Jan. 3 the Legislature convened in regular annual session. Shortly after the session began, Governor Smith addressed the body. In reading the annual message in person, the new State Executive broke a precedent of long standing.

The Governor in his address called attention to the necessity of exercising care in the expenditure of money and quoted figures furnished to him by the State Comptroller. He pointed out that on July 1 1922 the bonded debt of the State was \$267,008,000, that the sinking fund to take care of this debt on that date amounted to \$81,171,115 21, and that the surplus, based on budget estimates July 1 1923 would be about \$35,647,080 36, as against \$41,261,294 18 July 1 1922. Urging that expenses be kept within the income, he mentioned that last year the Legislature appropriated \$149,363,752 67, and that for the year beginning July 1 1923 requests for \$159,529,119 52 have been made to the Board of Estimate and Control, against which there would be an estimated revenue and surplus of only \$162,002,756 79. The Governor mentioned that included in the proposed budget are requests for \$6,149,039 44 to cover deficiencies of last year, and he seized the opportunity to condemn the practice of overdrawing appropriations, and also expressed the opinion that the Legislature erred in not appropriating sufficient funds in cases where it could be easily seen they would be necessary.

The Governor emphasized his desire to have the Constitution amended so as to allow to cities a form of government more independent of the State. He also urged a constitutional amendment for soldier bonus, and asked that legislation be enacted exempting from taxation incomes of less than \$5,000 a year.

The New York "Times" on Jan. 4 published the following list of outstanding features of the message:

- Recommendation that the Legislature provide for popular initiative as well as referendum in relation to amendments to the State Constitution.
- Ratification of amendments to the Federal Constitution by popular vote instead of by vote of the Legislature.
- Repeal of Miller transit legislation, abolition of the Transit Commission and transfer to municipalities willing to undertake it of full control and regulation of all local public utilities, including the right to acquire, own and operate transit lines and other public utility plants.
- Abolition of the Public Service Commission and substitution of a new commission composed of only three members.
- State development, ownership and control of water power projects.
- Adoption of a constitutional amendment awarding the fullest measure of home rule to municipalities, including the right to initiate, formulate and adopt their own charters without reference to the Legislature.
- Constitutional amendment to permit the State to award a bonus to veterans of the World War.
- Reconstruction, statutory and constitutional, of the State Government in the interest of economy and efficiency.
- Constitutional amendments providing for a short ballot, with Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Comptroller the only elective officers, with terms extended from two to four years.
- Restoration of the direct primary method of making all nominations.
- Exemption from State income tax of incomes less than \$5,000.
- Repeal of motion picture censorship laws.
- Repeal of Lusk law establishing loyalty test of teachers.
- Repeal of Lusk law for licensing and supervision of private schools by the Regents.
- Adoption of a resolution calling on Congress to legalize traffic in light wines and beer by amendments to the Volstead Act.
- Continuation of the housing emergency laws.
- Organization of a Minimum Wage Commission to establish a minimum wage for women and minors in industries.
- Abolition of direct settlements in compensation cases.
- Enactment of a law limiting the working hours of women and children to eight hours.
- Legislation declaring that human labor is not a commodity and prohibiting the issuance of injunctions in labor cases without prior hearing and determination of facts.

Baltimore & Ohio and Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul RR.—Bonds Stricken from List of Investments for Savings Banks.—Attention is drawn to the fact that the State Banking Department, in preparing the list of legal investments for savings banks as of Jan. 1 1923, has dropped from the compilation the bonds of the Baltimore & Ohio and Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul RR. companies. Neither of these companies complies with the requirements of the original statute of the payment of dividends at the rate of 4% annually on the stock, but the bonds have remained on the list under an amendment to the Act passed at the time the Government took over the roads which allowed all bonds legal investments at that time to continue on the legal list until two years after the termination of Government control. This period expired on Feb. 28 last, but under a ruling of the State Attorney-General the bonds were retained on the list of legal investments for the remainder of the year 1922. See V. 115, p. 207.

Ohio.—Legislature Convenes.—The General Assembly convened in regular session on Jan. 2. Action was immediately taken on the recommendation of retiring Governor Davis that several direct State tax levies be abolished. Before evening both branches had passed a bill removing a .15-mill levy for weak school districts and a .5 mill levy for road work, which have netted in the aggregate over \$6,500,000 annually.

Rhode Island.—Legislature Convenes.—The General Assembly met in regular session on Jan. 2.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS
this week have been as follows:

ACADIA PARISH ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. Crowley), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 10 a. m. Jan. 23 by J. G. Medlenka, President of the Police Jury, for the following 6% road bonds: \$250,000 First Ward Subroad District No. 3 bonds. Date Jan. 1 1923.

Due serially from 1924 to 1962, incl. A certified check for \$8,250 required.
225,000 Road District No. 3 bonds. Date Jan. 1 1923. A certified check for \$5,625 required. Due serially from 1924 to 1952, inclusive.
65,000 Road District No. 6 bonds. Date Jan. 1 1921. A certified check for \$1,625 required.
Interest J. & J.

ADKIN CREEK ROAD DISTRICT, McDowell County, W. Va.—BOND OFFERING.—According to the "Manufacturers Record" of Dec. 23 the County Commissioners (P. O. Welch) will receive bids until to-day (Jan. 6) for \$290,000 6% road bonds.

AKRON, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—F. A. Parmelee, Director of Finance, will receive bids until 12 m. Jan. 22 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of the following coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds, issued under authority of Section 3939 Gen. Code.

- \$1,200,000 4 3/4% trunk sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$50,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1947, inclusive.
- 25,000 4 3/4% municipal building bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,500 1924 and 1925, and \$1,000 1926 to 1947, inclusive.
- 315,000 5% street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$35,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1931, inclusive.
- 700,000 4 3/4% sewage bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$30,000 1924, \$29,000 1925 to 1930, inclusive; \$30,000 1931, \$29,000 1932 to 1938, incl.; \$30,000 1939; \$29,000 1940 to 1946, incl., and \$30,000 1947.
- 250,000 4 3/4% viaduct bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$10,000 1924 to 1937, inclusive, and \$11,000 1938 to 1947, inclusive.

Date Feb. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the National Park Bank, New York, in lawful money of the U. S. Certified check for 2% of amount bid for, payable to the Director of Finance required. Bonds to be delivered to purchaser in Akron. Purchaser to pay for legal opinion.

ALBANY, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Thomas Fitzgerald, City Comptroller, until 11 a. m. Jan. 10 for all or any part of the following two issues of coupon bonds:

- \$1,560,000 school bonds. These bonds comprise five separate issues of bonds, issued for the construction of school buildings and the acquisition of lands therefor. Due \$39,000 yearly on Jan. 1 in each of the years 1924 to 1963, inclusive.
- 300,000 municipal building bonds issued for construction of a police court and police station. Due \$7,500 yearly, on Jan. 1 from 1924 to 1933, inclusive.

These bonds will bear interest at the rate of 4 1/4% or at any lesser rate which is a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, the rate to be named by bidder. Date Jan. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) are payable in gold coin of the United States at the present standard of weight and fineness at the Bank of America in New York. Certified check for 2% of bid required. No bid for less than par and accrued interest considered. The purchaser will be furnished with the legal opinion of Gilbert V. Schenck, Corporation Counsel of Albany, and with that of Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt, attorneys of New York.

BOND SALE.—An issue of \$10,000 4 1/4% 1-5-year serial bonds was recently awarded to the Sinking Fund Commission at par. Int. J. & D.

ALBION, Calhoun County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—The issue of \$50,000 city hospital bonds submitted to a vote on Dec. 28—V. 115, p. 2710—carried by a vote of 1,082 "for" to 285 "against," a three-fifths vote being required for approval. It is further reported that it is expected that all of the bonds, which will bear 4 1/2%, will be purchased by local people, \$40,000 having been already applied for.

ALFRED, Allegheny County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—W. H. Thomas, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Jan. 10 for an issue of \$10,000 5% street impt. bonds, according to reports. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1932, incl. Int. J. & J. Cert. check for 5% of bid, payable to the Village Clerk, required.

BAY CITY, Bay County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—A block of \$30,000 water bonds was recently sold to the Sinking Fund.

BEDFORD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 21 the following 3 issues of 5 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$31,681 66, which were offered on that date V. 115, p. 2818—were awarded to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati, for \$32,074 66 (101.24) and int., a basis of about 5.26%: \$10,958 29 Logan Ave. special assessment impt. bonds. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924 and 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 and 1928; \$1,500, 1929, and \$2,000, 1930, 1931 and 1932.

4,140 88 Blaine Ave. water bonds. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$468 88, 1924, and \$460, 1925 to 1932, inclusive. Date Dec. 1 1922. Int. J. & D.

BELLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Belle Valley), Noble County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 5 1/2% school building bonds which were offered for sale on Aug. 25—V. 115, p. 783—were awarded to L. R. Bollinger & Co. of Cincinnati, for \$78,757 50 (105.01) and interest, a basis of about 4.93%. Date Aug. 1 1922. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,000 1924, 1926, 1928 and 1930, and \$3,500 1923, 1925, 1927, 1929 and 1931 to 1944, inclusive.

BOWDLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Bowdle), Edmunds County, So. Dak.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Dec. 19—V. 115, p. 2498—the \$15,000 school bonds were voted by a count of 53 to 8.

BROCKTON, Plymouth County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Bids will be received by Calvin R. Barrett, City Treasurer, until noon Jan. 8 for the purchase at discount of a temporary loan of \$200,000, dated Jan. 9, and maturing Oct. 25 1923.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. Jan. 10 by Ross Graves, Commissioner of Finance and Accounts, for \$200,000 4% registered harbor impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 2 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the Commissioner of Finance and Accounts or at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. Due \$10,000 yearly on Jan. 2 from 1924 to 1943 incl. Cert. check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the above official, required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—During the month of December \$13,654 61 local work bonds were awarded to the sinking fund. Date Dec. 15 1922. Due Dec. 15 1923.

CAPE MAY COUNTY (P. O. Cape May), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Irving Fitch, Clerk, Board of Chosen Freeholders, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Jan. 17 for the following 2 issues of 5% bonds: \$180,000 Grassy Sound Channel Bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$6,000 on Dec. 15 from 1923 to 1952, inclusive.
23,000 Beach Avenue Pavement bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$1,000 on Dec. 15 from 1923 to 1936, inclusive.

A cert. check for 2% of bid, required. Legal opinion of Caldwell and Raymond, Attorneys, of New York, furnished the successful bidder.

CARRICK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals for the purchase of the \$425,000 4 1/4% coupon (registerable as to principal) high and grade school bonds voted on Nov. 7 (V. 115, p. 2180) will be received by J. H. Koch, Secretary (P. O. 1703 Hays Ave., Carrick), until 4 p. m. Jan. 22. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 15 1922. Int. J. & D. 15. Due on Dec. 15 as follows: \$70,000 in each of the years 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942 and 1947, and \$75,000, 1952. Cert. check for \$5,000, payable to Carrick School District, required. It is said that these bonds are free from all taxes levied pursuant to the laws of Pennsylvania. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Legal opinion of Burg-

win, Scully & Burgwin as to the legality of the bonds will be furnished to the purchaser.

CHICAGO SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Chicago), Cook County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,000,000 4% bonds, offered on Jan. 4 (V. 115, p. 2819) were awarded to a syndicate composed of the First Trust & Savings Bank, Merchants Loan & Trust Co., Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Illinois Trust & Savings Bank and the National City Co., all of Chicago, on its bid of \$2,942,376, equal to 98.0792—a basis of about 4.22%. Date Jan. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the District Treasurer's office in lawful money of the United States. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$158,000, 1925 to 1942, inclusive, and \$158,000, 1943 (average life about 11 years). The bonds are offered to investors at prices ranging from 99 1/2% to 99%, to yield from 4.25% to 4.07%, according to maturity.

CHICAGO SOUTH PARK DISTRICT (P. O. Chicago), Cook County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by J. F. Neil, Secretary of the South Park Commissioners, until 12 m. Jan. 17, for the purchase of \$2,500,000 4% serial Lake Front Extension bonds, "Fourth Issue." Date Feb. 1 1923. Due \$125,000 yearly on Feb. 1 for 20 years. Cert. check or currency for \$50,000, required.

CHICO, Butte County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Jan. 16 to vote on the question of issuing \$475,000 water plant purchase bonds.

CHICOPEE, Hampden County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Louis M. Dufault, City Treasurer, will receive bids until 12 m. Jan. 8 for the purchase at discount of a temporary loan of \$300,000. These notes mature Nov. 12 1923. They will be engraved under the supervision of the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston. The Old Colony Trust Co. will guarantee the signatures and will certify that the notes are issued by virtue and in pursuance of an order of the Board of Aldermen, the validity of which order has been approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston. The legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with the Old Colony Trust Co., where they may be inspected.

CLIFFSIDE PARK, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—John C. Cadden, Mayor, will receive proposals until 8 p. m. Jan. 22 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of the following two issues of coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal and interest, or principal only) bonds, to bear 4 3/4%, 4 3/4% or 5%, no more bonds of either issue to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount offered:

\$119,000 public improvement bonds. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1925, 1926 and 1927; \$9,000, 1928 and 1929; and \$10,000, 1930 to 1937, inclusive.

88,000 assessment bonds. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1925 to 1929, inclusive, and \$12,000, 1930 to 1934, inclusive.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the Cliffside Park National Bank, in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company, for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Borough Collector, required. Bonds will be prepared under supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., New York; legality approved by Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt, New York.

COEYMANS, Albany County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Coeymans, was awarded an issue of \$20,000 5% bridge bonds at par. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 annually on Feb. 1. Int. annually on Feb. 1.

COLFAX COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25 (P. O. Raton), New Mex.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the \$5,000 6% 10-year school bldg. bonds offered on Dec. 29—V. 115, p. 2603—were rejected. The bonds may be sold to the contractor.

COLORADO COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Columbus), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election to vote on the question of issuing \$100,000 road district bonds will be held on Jan. 27.

COLUMBIANA, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Alfred Barrow, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. Jan. 19 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of the following two issues of 5% street improvement bonds, issued under Section 3914 Gen. Code: \$21,330 96 Elm Street bonds. Denoms. \$370 11 and \$500. Due \$2,370 11 yearly on Nov. 15 from 1923 to 1931, inclusive.

11,559 39 Union Street bonds. Denoms. \$283 93 and \$500. Due \$1,283 93 yearly on Nov. 15 from 1923 to 1931, inclusive.

Date Nov. 15 1922. Int. semi-ann. Certified check for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award.

COTTON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. Minden), Webster Parish, La.—CORRECTION.—The following letter from the Marine Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans is self-explanatory:

"Referring to the following, which appeared in your weekly 'Chronicle,' issue of December 23rd, under the caption, 'Bond Proposals and Negotiations,' page 2819:

"'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."

"We wish to correct your records on this matter in justice to the local firm, Sutherland, Barry & Co., Inc., as this firm was never awarded the above-mentioned bonds. These bonds were originally awarded to us, and we have since taken them up and paid the Parish at a price of par and a premium of \$1,655 00 for the same.

"We trust that you will correct your records accordingly."

In reply to the foregoing, we desire to say that the mistake referred to was not of our own making, but was due to an erroneous report furnished to us last July by one of the officials of the district.

CRAIG, Burt County, Nebr.—BOND SALE.—We are advised by R. F. Whiting, Village Clerk, that an issue of \$22,500 funding bonds recently authorized, has been sold.

DAVISS COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis, has been awarded the issue of \$20,800 5% O. M. Vance et al., Washington Township road bonds, offered on Dec. 28 (V. 115, p. 2711), for a premium of \$243.36, equal to 101.17, a basis of about 4.77%. Date Dec. 15 1922. Due \$1,040 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, incl. Other bidders were:

Thos. D. Sheerin & Co., Indianapolis.....\$21,042 50
Bank of Investment Co., Indianapolis..... 21,010 00
First National Bank of Fort Wayne, Ind..... 20,953 00

DENTON, Denton County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.—The election which was scheduled to take place on Jan. 13—V. 115, p. 2711—to vote on the question of issuing \$65,000 school bldg. bonds has been indefinitely postponed.

DETROIT, Mich.—BIDS.—A syndicate composed of the National City Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Bankers Trust Co. of New York, First National Co., Keane, Higbie & Co. and the Detroit Trust Co., of Detroit, was the highest bidder at 100.307 for the following coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$20,163.000:

\$2,000,000 4 1/4% water supply bonds. Date June 1 1922. Due \$200,000 yearly on June 1 from 1931 to 1940, inclusive.

2,665,000 4 1/4% sewer bonds. Date June 1 1922. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$266,000, 1928 to 1932, inclusive, and \$267,000, 1933 to 1937, inclusive.

1,330,000 3/4% street railway bonds. Date June 1 1922. Due \$133,000 yearly on June 1 from 1932 to 1941, inclusive.

1,950,000 4 1/4% street railway bonds. Date June 1 1922. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$500,000, 1933 to 1935, inclusive, and \$450,000, 1936.

5,520,000 4 1/2% public improvement bonds. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due \$184,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1924 to 1953, inclusive.

3,230,000 4 1/4% water supply bonds. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$107,000, 1924 to 1933, inclusive, and \$108,000, 1934 to 1953, inclusive.

1,368,000 4 1/4% lighting bonds. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$68,000, 1940; and \$100,000, 1941 to 1953, inclusive.

2,100,000 4 1/2% Belle Isle Bridge bonds. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due \$160,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1953, inclusive.
Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest payable in lawful money of the United States at the current official bank of the City of

Detroit, in New York, or at the City Treasurer's office. Other bidders: Guaranty Co. of New York, the First National Bank of New York, and Estabrook & Co., 100.08.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Blair & Co. and Halgarten & Co. who offered a premium of \$218,000 for \$16,000,000 bonds.

Award has not yet been made because of a technicality in the highest bid. TEMPORARY LOAN NEGOTIATED.—Reports state that a temporary loan of \$15,000,000 to retire general city bonds was negotiated by Henry J. Steffens, Jr., City Comptroller. The report also states that "such a favorable rate was obtained that a saving of \$10,000 in interest will be effected in comparison with the rates of the bonds to be retired during the sixty days the loan runs."

DIXON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70 (P. O. Allen), Nebr.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Jan. 9 to vote on the question of issuing \$23,600 5 1/2% school bonds. J. R. Graham, Director, Board of Education.

DOLGEVILLE, Herkimer County, N. Y.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At an election held on Dec. 20 the proposition of issuing \$14,000 street impt. bonds was defeated, the vote being 96 "for" to 105 "against."

DOUGLAS, Converse County, Wyo.—BOND SALE.—The State of Wyoming has purchased an issue of \$39,500 5% water-works refunding bonds.

DUBUQUE, Dubuque County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Jan. 5 by John Stuber, City Clerk, for \$100,000 4 1/4% sewer bonds. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due \$25,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1939 to 1942, inclusive. The city will furnish the approving opinion of Chapman, Cutler & Parker of Chicago. A certified check for \$3,000 required.

ELGIN, Chautaugua County, Kans.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 5% paving bonds registered by the State Auditor of Kansas, on Nov. 22—V. 115, p. 2604—were purchased by the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita, at par. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Date June 1 1922. Int. J.-J. Due July 1 1924.

ENDICOTT, Broome County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 4 1/2% bonds, offered on Jan. 2 (V. 115, p. 2929), were awarded to Farson, Son & Co., of New York, as follows:

\$35,000 sewer bonds for 101.169, a basis of about 4.36%. Denom. \$1,750.

Due \$1,750 yearly on Dec. 31 from 1923 to 1942, inclusive.

30,000 paving bonds for 100.736, a basis of about 4.38%. Denom. \$2,000.

Due \$2,000 yearly on Dec. 31 from 1923 to 1937, inclusive.

Date Jan. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the Farmers National Bank, Union, in New York exchange.

EVERETT, Snohomish County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until Jan. 18 for \$350,000 reservoir bonds by the City of Everett.

FAIRFAX COUNTY (P. O. Fairfax), Va.—BONDS OFFERED.—Bids were received for 3 issues of bonds of Fallschurch, Providence and Dranesville Road District, aggregating \$510,000 until 12 m. Jan. 5 by F. W. Richardson, Clerk, Board of Supervisors. A like amount of bonds was offered on Dec. 6—V. 115, p. 2500.

FISHER COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33, Texas.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 5% school bonds registered by the State Comptroller of Texas, on Dec. 8—V. 115, p. 2712—were disposed of at 92.

FLORENCE COUNTY (P. O. Florence), So. Caro.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—Keane, Higbie & Co. of New York, are offering to investors at prices to yield 4.75%, an issue of \$317,000 5 1/4% coupon (with privilege of registration) funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int (J.-J.), payable in N. Y. City. Due Dec. 1 1962.

FOREST CITY, Rutherford County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Jan. 9 by A. C. Keeter, Town Clerk, for \$50,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. City. Due on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1925 to 1930, incl.; \$2,000, 1931 to 1952, incl. A cert. check upon an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount bid for, required. The successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge Boston, and Quinn, Hamuck & Harris of Rutherfordton, that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of the Town of Forest City. The town will furnish free of cost the bonds forms.

GENEVA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Geneva), Ontario County, N. Y.—BONDS VOTED.—C. W. Rice, President of the Board of Education, informs us that at an election held on Dec. 82, an issue of \$500,000 high school building bonds was voted. The official vote, according to Mr. Rice, was 1,035 "for" to 60 "against."

GOLDEN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Golden City), Barton County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 20 to 1 an issue of \$31,000 school bldg bonds was voted.

GONZALES, Gonzales County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—The proposition to issue \$25,000 funding street impt. bonds, submitted to a vote of the people on Dec. 5—V. 115, p. 2403—carried by a vote of 97 to 53.

GRATIOT COUNTY (P. O. Ithaca), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Jan. 11 by Ezra R. Laycock, County Drain Commissioner, for the purchase at not less than par and interest, of \$52,000 5 1/4% Drain No. 18 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 22 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$10,000 April 1 1925; \$14,000, April 1 1926, 1927 and 1928. Certified check for \$2,600, payable to the County Drain Commissioner, required.

GREECE, Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Myron W. Greene of Rochester, was awarded an issue of \$24,000 6% bonds. Due \$2,000 on April 1 from 1926 to 1937, inclusive.

GULFPORT, Harrison County, Miss.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held to vote on the question of issuing \$175,000 school bonds on Jan. 11.

HACKENSACK, Bergen County, N. J. BOND SALE. On Jan. 2 Eldredge & Co. of New York were awarded the issue of 4 1/4% coupon or registered sewer bonds on their bid of \$500,880 for \$490,000 bonds, equal to 102.22, a basis of about 4.33%. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$13,000, 1924 to 1959, incl.; \$12,000, 1960, and \$10,000, 1961 (average maturity about 19 1-3 years). The date originally proposed for the offering of the above bonds was Jan. 8 (see V. 115, p. 2820). This date, however, was later changed by the city to Jan. 2.

HADDON HEIGHTS, Camden County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The Haddon Heights National Bank was awarded, at par, the following 2 issues of 5% bonds that were offered on Jan. 2 (V. 115, p. 2712): \$8,000 street and drainage bonds. Due yearly on Feb. 1 from 1925 to 1940, inclusive.

23,000 sewer impt. bonds. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$500, 1925 to 1954, incl., and \$1,000, 1955 to 1962, inclusive.

Date Feb. 1 1923.

HADDON HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Haddon Heights), Camden County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of 5% (registered or coupon or both) school bonds, offered on Dec. 29—V. 115, p. 2820—was awarded to the Haddon Heights National Bank, which submitted a bid of \$300,605 80 for \$287,000, equal to 104.763, a basis of about 4.64%. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$7,000 from 1924 to 1935; \$8,000 from 1936 to 1960, and \$3,000 in 1961. Other bidders were:

Name—	Price Bid.	Amt. of Bonds Bid For.
Outwater & Wells, Jersey City.....	\$300,100 00	\$296,000
Freeman & Co., Philadelphia.....	300,127 60	292,000
B. J. Van Ingen & Co., New York.....	300,850 00	297,000
R. M. Grant & Co., New York.....	300,235 00	294,000
Metzler & Co., New York.....	300,177 77	294,000
H. L. Allen & Co., New York.....	300,356 10	297,000
Union National Corp., New York.....	300,325 00	298,000
Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., New York.....	300,839 00	294,000

HALL COUNTY (P. O. Memphis), Tex.—WARRANT SALE.—We are advised by J. L. Arlitt of Austin, that he recently purchased \$30,000 6% paving warrants. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 11 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F.-A. 15), payable at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City. Due on Feb. 15 as follows: \$2,000, 1923; \$2,500, 1924 to 1927, incl.; \$3,000, 1928 and 1929; \$3,500, 1930 and 1931, and \$2,500, 1932 and 1933.

\$15,000,000 highway serial bonds. Date Jan. 1 1923.
 1,700,000 public school building bonds. Date Jan. 1 1923.
 3,373,000 educational and charitable institution building bonds. Date Jan. 1 1922.

Interest rate not to exceed 5%. A certified check for 2% required.

OELWEIN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Oelwein), Fayette County, Iowa.—*BOND ELECTION*.—An election will be held on Jan. 8 to vote on the question of issuing \$200,000 school building bonds.

ORCHARD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Orchard), Antelope County, Neb.—*BOND ELECTION*.—On Jan. 13 an election will be held to vote on the question of issuing \$60,000 5½% 30-year school building bonds.

OREGON (State of).—*BOND OFFERING*.—We are advised by A. C. Hopkins, Secretary of the World War Veterans' State Aid Commission, that bids will be received by that Commission until 11 a. m. Jan. 31 at Room 312, U. S. National Bank Bldg., Salem, for \$5,000,000 gold coupon Oregon Veterans' State Aid bonds, Series No. 3, at not to exceed 6% interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1923. Int. A. & O. Bids for less than par will not be considered. Certified check for 2½% of par value of bonds required. Approving opinion of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, Boston.

OYSTER BAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21 (P. O. Central Park), Nassau County, N. Y.—*BOND SALE*.—Sherwood & Merrifield of New York were awarded, at par, an issue of \$75,000 4¾% school bonds offered on Jan. 2. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due \$2,500 on Dec. 1 from 1927 to 1956 incl.

PASADENA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—*BOND OFFERING*.—L. E. Lampton, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk Board of County Supervisors (P. O. Los Angeles) will receive sealed proposals until 11 a. m. Feb. 13 for \$690,000 4¼% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasury. Due each six months as follows: \$12,000, Oct. 1 1924 and April 1 1925, and \$13,000 Oct. 1 1925 to Oct. 1 1950, and \$3,000 April 1 1951. A certified check or cashier's check for 3% of amount of bonds, payable to the Chairman Board of Supervisors, required. The assessed valuation of the taxable property in said school district for the year 1922 was \$72,685,210, and the amount of bonds previously issued and now outstanding is \$1,715,000. Pasadena City School District includes an area of approximately 68.1 square miles and the estimated population of said school district is 70,000.

PECOS COUNTY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (P. O. Fort Stockton), Tex.—*BONDS VOTED*.—On Dec. 19 a proposition to issue \$60,000 improvement bonds carried by a vote of 43 to 8.

PEMISCOT COUNTY (P. O. Caruthersville), Mo.—*BOND OFFERING*.—Sealed bids will be received by A. A. Correll, County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. Jan. 24 for \$150,000 5% court house bonds. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Date March 2 1921. Due as follows: \$5,000, 1923 and 1924; \$6,000, 1925 to 1927 incl.; \$7,000, 1928 to 1931 incl.; \$8,000, 1932 to 1935 incl.; \$9,000, 1936 and 1937; \$10,000, 1938; \$11,000, 1939 and 1940, and \$12,000, 1941. A certified check for \$10,000, payable to the above official, required.

PENNINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Thief River Falls), Minn.—*BOND SALE*.—The \$75,000 5% bonds offered on Dec. 22—V. 115, p. 2714—were purchased by the Drake-Ballard Co. of Minneapolis, at par plus a premium of 2%, equal to 102, a basis of about 4.79%. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due \$5,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1928 to 1942, inclusive.

PITTSBURGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pittsburgh), Pa.—*BONDS AUTHORIZED*.—An issue of \$3,000,000 bonds for school structures was authorized, it is stated, by the Board of Public Education at a meeting on Jan. 2. It is also stated that these bonds will be in coupon form, drawing 4½%, and will mature \$100,000 yearly for 30 years. They will not be sold until needed.

PLUMMER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Plummer), Benewah County, Neb.—*BOND SALE*.—The State Bank of Plummer, has purchased \$8,200 6% 10-20-year (opt.) funding bonds at par.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY (P. O. Plymouth), Mass.—*BIDS*.—The following is a complete list of the bids received for the \$36,000 4½% bonds recently disposed of:
 F. S. Moseley & Co., Boston, \$100.59 | Merrill, Oldham Co., Boston, 100.42
 Edmunds Bros., Boston, 100.54 | R. L. Day & Co., Boston, 100.39
 Estabrook & Co., Boston, 100.44 | B. J. Van Ingen Co., N. Y., 100.33
 * Successful bid. For previous reference to same see V. 115, p. 2930.

POINT TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mt. Eaton), Wayne County, Ohio.—*BOND SALE*.—The issue of \$55,000 5½% coupon school bldg. bonds which was offered on Dec. 30—V. 115, p. 2930—was awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, for \$57,231, equal to 104.563, a basis of about 4.94%. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due \$2,000 on Oct. 1 in each of the years 1923, 1927, 1931, 1935 and 1939, and \$3,000 on Oct. 1 in each of the other years from 1924 to 1942, inclusive.

PORT HURON, St. Clair County, Mich.—*BOND SALE*.—During December the following 4 issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$155,791, were awarded to Nicol, Ford & Co. of Detroit, at 101.90:
 \$114,000 paving bonds. Due serially Feb. 1 1923 to 1933.
 25,995 sewer bonds. Due serially March 1 1923 to 1933.
 14,100 sidewalk bonds. Due \$4,700 March 1 1923, 1924 and 1925.
 1,696 curb bonds. Due \$696 March 1 1923 and \$500 March 1 1924 and 1925.

PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.—*BONDS NOT SOLD*.—The \$200,000 4% crematorium bonds of 1913 offered on Jan. 2 (V. 115, p. 2715) were not sold as all bids received were rejected.

PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Portland), Multnomah County, Ore.—*ACTION ON \$3,000,000 ISSUE UPHELD BY SUPREME COURT DEFERRED*.—Regarding the \$3,000,000 school building construction bonds upheld by the State Supreme Court on Dec. 19—V. 115, p. 2927—W. J. Casselary, Assistant Clerk of Public Schools, says: "Wish to advise that the directors of School District No. 1, at a meeting held Dec. 20th, decided to defer any action in regard to the sale of these bonds until a meeting of the board of directors to be held June 3 1923."

PRESCOTT JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Prescott), Pierce County, Wis.—*BONDS VOTED*.—At a recent election an issue of \$45,000 school bonds was voted. The bonds are described as follows: Coupon bonds in denomination of \$1,000 each. Date March 1 1923. Interest rate 5%, payable M. & S. at the Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis. Due as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1928, inclusive; \$3,000, 1929 to 1933, inclusive, and \$4,000, 1934 to 1938, inclusive.

PRINCETON, Mercer County, N. J.—*BOND SALE*.—The issue of \$50,000 4¾% coupon (with privilege of registration) sewer bonds offered on Dec. 29 (V. 115, p. 2822) was awarded to the Princeton Bank & Trust Co. at 100.95, a basis of about 4.30%. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due \$5,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1924 to 1933, inclusive.

QUANAH, Hardeman County, Tex.—*BOND OFFERING*.—According to the "Manufacturers Record" of Dec. 23 bids will be received by Ralph McMillan, City Secretary, for \$98,000 6% water bonds until to-day (Jan. 6).

RAPID CITY, Pennington County, So. Dak.—*BOND SALE*.—The \$140,000 funding bonds offered on Jan. 2 (V. 115, p. 2823) were awarded to McNear, Heeter & Co., of Minneapolis, at a premium of \$400, equal to 100.28. Date Dec. 15 1922. Due Dec. 15 1942. (Rate of interest not stated.)

REDWOOD COUNTY (P. O. Redwood Falls), Minn.—*BOND SALE*.—The Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. of Minnesota, has purchased an issue of \$3,825 58 4¾% road refunding bonds. Date Nov. 1 1922. Due 19 8 to 1942, inclusive.

RICHMOND, Contra Costa County, Calif.—*BONDS VOTED*.—At the election held on Nov. 28—V. 115, p. 2296—the \$150,000 park and playground bonds were voted.

RICHMOND HEIGHTS (P. O. South Euclid R. F. D.), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—*BOND OFFERING*.—Henry Schroeder, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. Feb. 5 for the purchase of not less than par and interest of \$12,000 5½% coupon electric supply bonds, issued under authority of Sections 3957 to 3947, inclusive. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the Village Treasurer's office. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1935, incl. Certified check on some bank other than the one making the bid for 10%

of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award.

ROBERTSON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Franklin), Texas.—*BONDS VOTED*.—At the election held on Dec. 28—V. 115, p. 2823—the \$200,000 5% bonds were voted by a count of 389 to 61.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—*NOTE SALE*.—On Jan. 2 the Traders National Bank of Rochester was awarded on a 4.20% discount basis the \$150,000 Brown Street subway and \$250,000 local impt. notes offered on that date—V. 115, p. 2930. Notes are payable 2 months from Jan. 4.

ROCKPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rockport), Atchison County, Mo.—*BOND SALE*.—Stern Bros. & Co. of Kansas City, have purchased \$75,000 5% school bonds.

ROCKVILLE, Tolland County, Conn.—*BONDS VOTED*.—An issue of \$118,000 4¾% new school building bonds were recently passed by a unanimous vote. Due in 30 years.

ROSENBERG, Fort Bend County, Tex.—*BOND SALE*.—Dunn & Carr of Houston, have purchased \$50,000 sewer and \$20,000 city hall 6% 40-year bonds subject to being voted at an election to be held on Jan. 10. Notice of the election was given in V. 115, p. 2823.

SABINE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Bronson), Tex.—*BONDS VOTED*.—An issue of \$90,000 road bonds has been voted.

SALEM, Richardson County, Neb.—*BOND ELECTION*.—An election will be held on Jan. 9 to vote on the question of issuing community hall 5% 5-20-year (opt.) bonds. (Amount not stated.)

SAN BRUNO, San Mateo County, Calif.—*BOND OFFERING*.—Nettie A. Willits, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Jan. 10 for \$49,179 90 7% impt. bonds. Date Dec. 14 1922. Due on July 2 from 1924 to 1933, incl. A certified check for 5% of bid, payable to the city, required.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY (P. O. San Diego), Calif.—*BOND ELECTION*.—An election will be held on Jan. 26 to vote on the question of issuing \$1,000,000 paving bonds.

SCOTT AND LESUER COUNTIES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 (P. O. New Prague), Minn.—*BOND SALE*.—The \$100,000 4¾% coupon school-building bonds offered on Dec. 29 (V. 115, p. 2823) were awarded to the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. of Minneapolis at 100.90—a basis of about 4.65%. Date Jan. 1 1922. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1924 to 1927, inclusive; \$4,000, 1928 to 1931, inclusive; \$5,000, 1932 to 1935, inclusive; \$6,000, 1936 and 1937, and \$40,000, 1938.

SHELBYVILLE, Shelby County, Ind.—*BOND OFFERING*.—Proposals will be received until 7:30 p. m. Feb. 2 by P. E. Greenlee, City Clerk, for the purchase at not less than par of \$120,000 5% coupon hospital bonds. Denom. \$1,200. Date Dec. 29 1922. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$3,600 on May 15 and \$2,400 on Nov. 15 in each of the years from 1924 to 1943, incl. Certified check for 3% of amount of bid required. Legality approved by Smith, Remster, Hornbrook & Smith.

SOUTH PASADENA, Los Angeles County, Calif.—*NO BIDS RECEIVED*.—No bids were received for the \$40,000 4¾% coupon sewer bonds offered on Dec. 26—V. 115, p. 2823.

SPRINGDALE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allegheny County, Pa.—*BOND OFFERING*.—H. H. Kelly, Secretary Board of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Feb. 1 for an issue of \$20,000 4½% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1923. Due on March 1 as follows: \$5,000 in 1943 and \$15,000 in 1948. Purchaser to pay cost of printing bonds. Certified check for \$500 required.

SPRINGFIELD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Springfield), Otsego County, N. Y.—*BOND SALE*.—Henry L. Wardwell of New York, was awarded the \$35,000 4¾% school bonds offered on Jan. 3 (V. 115, p. 2716) for a premium of \$100 65 (100.287) and accrued int., a basis of about 4.48%. Date Aug. 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1924 to 1938, inclusive.

STARR COUNTY (P. O. Rio Grande), Tex.—*PURCHASE-DESCRIPTION*.—The purchaser of the \$150,000 road bonds—V. 115, p. 1359—was J. L. Arlitt of Austin. The bonds are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Int. rate 5½%. Date Aug. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. A. I.), payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Due \$6,000 yearly from 1928 to 1938, inclusive.

STOCKTON, San Joaquin County, Calif.—*BONDS DEFEATED*.—It is reported that at a recent election a proposition to issue \$1,300,000 flood control bonds failed to carry.

STONE COUNTY (P. O. Mountain View), Ark.—*WARRANT SALE*.—We are advised by J. L. Arlitt of Austin, that he recently purchased \$32,000 refunding warrants, Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 26 1922. Due Oct. 26 1923, payable at the Battery Park National Bank, N. Y. City.

SUMMIT COUNTY (P. O. Akron), Ohio.—*BOND SALE*.—On Jan. 4 the issue of \$392,000 5% road impt. bonds offered on that date—V. 115, p. 2824—was awarded to the Ohio State Bank & Trust Co. of Akron for \$396,194.40, equal to 101.07, a basis of about 4.79%. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due \$44,000 on Oct. 1 in each of the years 1924, 1926, 1928, 1930 and 1932, and \$43,000 in 1925, 1927, 1929 and 1931. The following is a list of the bids received:

Name	Premium	Name	Premium
The Ohio State Bank & Trust Co., Akron	\$4,194.40	Pruden & Co., Toledo	\$3,278.00
Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleveland	3,626.00	Stacy & Braun Co., Toledo	3,175.30
W. R. Compton Co., Chic.	3,371.00	A. B. Leach & Co., Chicago	2,967.00
		Richards, Parish & Lampson, Cleveland	2,238.00

SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Montpelier), Williams County, Ohio.—*BOND SALE*.—The \$10,000 6% refunding bonds offered on Nov. 18 (V. 115, p. 2296) have been sold to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1933, inclusive.

SAVANNAH CLEAR CREEK RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Savannah), Ashland County, Ohio.—*BOND OFFERING*.—John Gibson, Clerk Board of Education, will receive bids until 12 m. (Central Standard Time) Jan. 27 for the purchase of \$65,000 5¼% bonds, issued for the purpose of acquiring a site, construction of a fireproof school building and equipping same. Int. Sections 7629 and 7630. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Int. M. & S. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the above official. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1924 to 1927, incl., and \$3,000 1928 to 1946, incl. All bids to be accompanied by a certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, but not to exceed \$1,000 on any one bid. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Transcript will be furnished successful bidder and ten days' time for examination given. Bids may be made subject to approval of same.

TALPA ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Coleman), Coleman County, Texas.—*BONDS VOTED*.—At the election held on Dec. 20—V. 115, p. 2503—the proposition to issue \$30,000 road district bonds carried by a vote of 159 "for" to 21 "against" the issue. L. G. Matthews, County Judge.

THORP INDEPENDENT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 Clark County, So. Dak.—*BOND OFFERING*.—Bids will be received by Howard E. Graves, Clerk, Board of Education until 1 p. m. Jan. 6 for \$10,000 school bonds not to exceed 6% int. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Int. J. & J. Cert. check for 10% of bid, required. The Board will furnish the blank bonds and legal opinion of Elmer L. Williams of Minneapolis.

TRENTON, Grundy County, Mo.—*BOND SALE*.—A syndicate composed of Stern Bros. & Co., Guaranty Trust Co., and Prescott & Snider, all of Kansas City, and Kauffman-Smith-Ermer & Co. Inc., of St. Louis, have purchased \$175,000 5% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 15 1923. Due on Jan. 15 as follows: \$7,000, 1928; \$8,000, 1929 to 1931, incl.; \$9,000, 1932; \$10,000, 1933 to 1936, incl.; \$11,000, 1937; \$12,000, 1938; \$13,000, 1939; \$14,000, 1940 and 1941; \$15,000, 1942, and \$16,000, 1943.

TULARE, Tulare County, Calif.—*BOND ELECTION*.—An election be held on Jan. 9 to vote on the question of issuing \$50,000 fire department and city hall impt. bonds.

UMATILLA, Lake County, Fla.—*BOND SALE*.—The \$40,000 street and \$15,000 water and sewer 6% coupon bonds offered on Dec. 27 (V. 115, p. 2716) were purchased by the Hanchett Bond Co., of Chicago, at a premium of \$330, equal to 100.60. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due \$10,000, 1933 and 1943; \$15,000, 1948, and \$20,000, 1953.

URBANA AND CHAMPAIGN SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Urbana), Champaign County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago has purchased and is now offering to investors at prices to yield 4.30% and 4.35%...

Financial Statement. Real value of taxable property, estimated—\$23,189,640. Assessed valuation for taxation, 1921—11,594,820.

UTICA, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Police Pension Fund of Utica, according to reports, was the successful bidder at par for the \$8,035 \$3 4/4% 2-2-3 year (aver.) delinquent tax registered bonds...

VALLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. North Loup), Neb.—BOND SALE.—The Peters Trust Co. of Omaha has purchased \$70,000 5% school bonds...

VANDERBURGH COUNTY (P. O. Evansville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,700 4 1/2% Philip Fuchs et al German Township Upper Red Bank Road bonds...

VAN METER CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Van Meter), Dallas and Madison Counties, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. Jan. 19 by A. M. Compton...

VIGO COUNTY (P. O. Terre Haute), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 5% Wabash River bridge refunding bonds offered on Dec. 30—V. 115, p. 2824—were awarded to the Terre Haute Trust Co. of Terre Haute...

WAKONDA DRAINAGE AND LEVEE DISTRICT, Fulton County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—Baker, Walsh & Co. of Chicago, have purchased and are now offering to investors at a price to yield 5.60%...

WALLOWA VALLEY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Enterprise), Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 6% improvement bonds offered on Dec. 20—V. 115, p. 2716—were awarded to Ben Johnson at par...

WALTON, Delaware County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., of New York, were awarded an issue of \$16,000 4.70% highway bonds on Dec. 4, at 100.35, a basis of about 4.65%...

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY DISTRICT, Md.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. Jan. 12 by T. Howard Duckett, Chairman of the Sanitary Commission, at the Evans Bldg., in Washington, D. C., for Series "F" and "G" of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District bonds...

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Wooster), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 3 Prudden & Co., of Toledo, bidding 102,066 and interest plus cost of printing bonds, were awarded the \$100,000 5 1/4% I. C. H. Nos. 96 and 147 improvement bonds offered on that date (V. 115, p. 2824). Date Sept. 15 1922. Due yearly on Sept. 15 as follows: \$11,000, 1923 to 1930, inclusive, and \$12,000, 1931. Other bidders were:

Names of Other Bidders—Price \$Bids. Stacy & Braun, Toledo—\$102,090 00. W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo—101,650 00. Richard, Parish & Lamson, Cleveland—101,591 00.

WHITE COUNTY (P. O. Monticello), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—E. B. Steely, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Jan. 15 for \$7,000 5% John Van Kirk et al., county line highway bonds. Denom. \$350. Date Nov. 15 1922. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$350 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

WHITEFISH, Flathead County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—The Union Trust Co. of Spokane, has purchased \$20,000 funding bonds.

WILLIAMSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Williamson), Lucas County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—On Dec. 20 an issue of \$15,500 school-building bonds was voted by a count of 95 to 38 at an election held on that day.

WINONA, Logan County, Kans.—BOND SALE.—The \$34,000 5 1/4% water bonds registered by the State Auditor of Kansas, on Nov. 9—V. 115, p. 2609—were purchased by the Guarantee Title & Trust Co. of Wichita, at a premium of \$965 60, equal to 102.86.

YORK TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Nelsonville R. D. No. 3), Athens County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,000 6% school building bonds offered on Dec. 21—V. 115, p. 2717—were awarded to Ryan, Bowman & Co. of Toledo, for \$4,004 40 (100.11) and interest, a basis of about 5.98%. Date Dec. 21 1922. Due \$400 yearly on Aug. 21 from 1924 to 1933, incl. There were no other bidders.

YOUNGSTOWN, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following 3 blocks of 5% bonds, which were offered on Dec. 4—V. 115, p. 2298—were sold to the Sinking Fund Trustees:

- \$100,000 (city's portion) grade crossing elimination bonds. Date Nov. 15 1922. Due \$4,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1948, incl. The purchase of \$63,000 of these bonds by the Sinking Fund Trustees was reported in V. 115, p. 2407.
- 24,700 Springdale District sewer outlet bonds. Date Nov. 1 1922. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1924 to 1927, inclusive, and \$4,700 in 1928.
- 22,131 Belle Vista et al., sidewalk bonds. Date Nov. 1 1922. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1924 to 1927, inclusive, and \$6,131 in 1928.

BOND SALE.—We are unofficially informed that Eldredge & Co. of New York purchased on Jan. 2 the following two issues of bonds (of the four issues of coupon—with privilege of registration—bonds offered on that date—V. 115, p. 2609): \$25,000 5% parks and playgrounds bonds. Date Dec. 15 1922. Due \$5,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1928, incl. 9,545 Stambaugh Ave., sewer bonds. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1927, incl., and \$1,545, 1928.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

ALBERTA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Alberta.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The following issues of school debentures were sold recently, it is reported: \$10,000 8% 10-year Brule School District No. 3537, to Blue Diamond Coal Co. of Toronto, at par.

- 1,200 8% 12-year Middle Creek School District No. 3950, to Northern Investment Co. of Edmonton, at 102.50.
- 800 8% 15-year Quebec School District No. 3989, to E. F. Baker of Compost, at 102.55.
- 3,200 7% 10-year Stoney Plain Centre School District, to Northern Investment Co. of Edmonton, at 98.

BRANTFORD, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—The \$124,000 Lorne Bridge debentures (V. 115, p. 2932) were voted at the election held on Jan. 1. No report has reached us concerning the other two issues.

BRANTFORD, Ont.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that an issue of \$65,000 5 1/2% 10 installment bonds were sold locally at par.

DRYDEN, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—It is reported that the \$5,000 6% 20 equal installment debentures, offered on Dec. 5 (V. 115, p. 2504) were awarded to C. H. Burgess & Co., of Toronto, for 95.20, a basis of about 6.62%. Date Dec. 1 1922.

LACHINE, Que.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—S. G. Grimston, Secretary-Treasurer Protestant School Board, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. Jan. 15 for \$225,000 5 1/2% 10-year school debentures. Date Dec. 1 1922. Payable in Montreal or Lachine.

LONDON, Ont.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The City Clerk informs us that at an election held on Nov. 29 1922 an issue of \$300,000 bonds for a nurses home was defeated. The vote was 3,496 "for" to 4,431 "against."

MIDDLESEX COUNTY (P. O. London), Ont.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—John Stuart, County Clerk advises us that the county has negotiated with a local bank for a temporary loan of \$119,000. The borrowing of this money was authorized by the Council on Dec. 5 (V. 115, p. 2932).

PELEE TOWNSHIP, Essex County, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The Canadian Bond Corp. of Toronto, was awarded on Dec. 26 an issue of \$7,500 6% 10 annual installment debentures, offered on Dec. 14 for 99.35. Due in 10 annual installments of principal and int. (\$1,019 01 each).

POINT GREY, B. C.—BOND SALE.—It is reported in the "Financial Post" of Toronto, that an issue of \$30,000 6% 3-year bonds was sold to the British-American Bond Corp. of Vancouver, and Gairdner, Clark & Co. of Toronto, at 99.

BIDS REJECTED.—We learn from the same source that all bids for \$50,000 5 1/2% 21-year bonds and \$70,000 5 1/2% 31-year bonds were rejected.

PORT CREDIT, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—C. W. Gordon, Clerk and Treasurer, informs us that \$35,000 to \$40,000 5 1/2% coupon water works debentures have been authorized. Denom. \$1,000.

TORONTO, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—George H. Ross, Commissioner of Finance, will receive sealed bids until Jan. 9 for \$10,053,000 5% city bonds. It is reported.

WALLACEBURG, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—R. C. Matthews & Co., Ltd., of Toronto, were awarded an issue of \$71,883 91 15-installment 6% local improvement paving debentures for 101.06, it is reported.

WINNIPEG, Man.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On Jan. 3 \$1,300,000 5% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal) debentures were awarded to A. E. Ames & Co., of Toronto, and the Old Colony Trust Co. and Parkinson & Burr, both of Boston, at 96.959 (Canadian funds). Denomination \$1,000. Date Jan. 2 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J. 2) payable at the fiscal agency of the city in New York at the Bank of Montreal in United States gold coin, or at the Bank of Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg or Montreal, in Canadian currency, at option of holder. Due Jan. 2 1943. The money, according to the Toronto "Globe," will be used as follows: \$600,000 for schools, \$300,000 for extensions to the hydro-electric system, \$300,000 for local improvements, and \$100,000 for water-works.

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