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CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

Returns of Bank Clearings heretofore given on this page now appear in a subsequent part of the paper. They will be found to-day on pages 146 and 147.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

A recent incident in the course of determining the still unfinished question of what are individual rights and whose shall predominate is worth a passing comment. The owners of a forging plant in Springfield, Mass., being among the few who think they have had enough of labor troubles and therefore accept as theirs the open-shop idea which Mr. Gompers insists means closure to unionism, decided in 1921 that men who wanted employment with them must absolve unionism in writing. So the local unions took up the gage and began persuading in the well-known drastic fashion; the firm obtained an injunction against this interference, and now the full bench of the State Supreme Court has sustained them. The Court finds that "the plaintiff was entitled by law to make it a condition that those entering its employment should not remain members of a labor union, and is entitled to be protected by the law and to receive whatever benefits may accrue from such a contract," and adds that the right to take the benefits of a contract can be lawfully interfered with only when such contract conflicts with a superior or equal right of some other person."

Whoever can make himself consider this without reference to some individual application must admit that it is good sense, and therefore (would we could always use "therefore" in such a connection!) is good law. The benefits of the stipulation of hiring in this

instance the Court did not assume to measure, and they may well be deemed very questionable; yet when one has been filled full of a particular plague he is excusable for rising in wrath and vowing he will not let it come near him again. It is a long lane that has no turning. Why should not a man who would hire labor, in the open market, make his own conditions? The employee has long obstreperously and violently insisted upon his right to name the conditions on which he will work; he has also gone much farther, by attempting to name the conditions on which other men shall work and the employer may hire; witness the long-fought Danbury Hatters case, in which the Loewe shop was to be unionized anyhow, though fortunately the final tribunal upheld its freedom. If the right to be hired, on a basis of liberty, must be preserved, why is not the right to hire equally fundamental?

We are gradually learning that "equal rights" do not sustain one-sided contracts. Another instance in point is furnished by a man who vehemently writes to the "Herald" that at least one part of the housing laws of this State should be made permanent: the part which forbids a landlord to displace a tenant "without just cause, purely as a matter of caprice." He knows of a man, he says, living in a flat, whom the owner wished to displace, although he has been a model tenant for years, because (the owner says) he wants the premises for one of his own employees. So the housing laws are the only protection. It may be that this tenant would be inconvenienced by being obliged to find a place elsewhere; but there may also be some unusual considerations in the case and the owner may have good reasons for wishing to aid his employee or even for locating him in that particular place. If the owner wanted to occupy the premises himself, or if he proposed to tear down and rebuild, the inconvenience to the present occupant would not be less because of the particular reason; yet this indignant correspondent thinks that in this city "a landlord should be practically a common carrier in respect to all tenants who pay their rent and otherwise behave as good tenants should," and he would have "this sort of thing" (the right to displace a tenant) declared against public policy. But if a landlord ought to be in law a common carrier, who could claim exemption from being so held, and where is the landlord's "franchise" as a carrier? It used to be deemed self-evident that private ownership included the right to decide its inoffensive use; further, our "emergency" assailants of landlords forget that to pile restrictions upon use and net yield tends to diminish supply, in a market which calls for more and more. And, frankly, are we not becoming just a

little too much regulated and ligatured and tethered as to our movements, and can there be progress and national welfare without freedom of action?

There have been only a few outstanding definite developments in the foreign situation, in comparison with the great flood of rumors. Secretary Hughes announced on Wednesday after a conference with President Harding that it had been decided to withdraw the American troops from the Rhine at once. The French forces entered Essen early Thursday morning. According to cable dispatches from that centre and Berlin, workers in the coal mines and industries in the Ruhr District decided to go on strike in order to prevent the French from continuing the operation of them. Announcement was made that the British would not withdraw their military forces from the west bank of the Rhine. There was a great amount of speculation from day to day as to the next important development in Europe. Premier Poincare, on Thursday, received a strong vote of confidence. As the week closes no one is in a position to make a definite forecast of the ultimate outcome. President Harding was generally commended for withdrawing the American troops. The most important development at the Lausanne Conference was an apparent yielding on the part of the Allies to the Turks with respect to the minority peoples.

Following the breaking up of the conference of Allied Premiers in Paris on Jan. 4, there were many and conflicting reports from that and other European centres as to what the French Government intended to do in the way of enforcing reparations penalties. During the early part of the week practically nothing that was apparently authoritative or definite came to hand. It did become known here a week ago this morning, however, through an Associated Press dispatch, that the day before in Berlin the German Government had "admitted its inability to meet the payment of 500,000,000 gold marks which will be due Jan. 15 in accordance with the London reparations schedule, as it naturally assumed that the whole question of reparations would be subjected to overhauling after the German payment of Treasury bonds to Belgium." In a Paris cablegram to the New York "Herald" the same morning it was asserted that "the French program for action in the Ruhr and the Rhineland, consequent upon yesterday's rupture of the conference with Great Britain, is virtually completed. It will be put into execution in the early days of next week. The French have decided, apparently, that they may as well act quickly, and will not wait till Jan. 15, when Germany's next payment falls due, but will act upon information from Berlin that Germany will announce she is unable to pay the 500,000,000 marks gold due then and upon Germany's three defaults in furnishing wood, coal and fertilizer." The New York "Times" representative at the French capital said that "there is reason to believe that the French Government will not confine its action in the Rhineland and the Ruhr to the limits indicated in the plan which was laid before the Premier's conference this week." That the French Government was making actual preparations for invading Germany with military forces was indicated in a Paris dispatch to the New York "Tribune" as early as last Saturday, in which it was asserted that "the French War Office has telegraphed headquarters of the French army of occupation in

the Rhineland to hold all troops ready for immediate action and cancel all leaves. Troops absent from their stations are being recalled by wire." He made it clear that France would have the support of two of her allies, when he declared that "Italy and Belgium have aligned themselves with France in the measures the Paris Government is taking against Germany, subject to certain minor conditions which were accepted by Premier Poincare. Belgium agreed to assist French military action in a limited way."

At that early date the British Government appeared inclined to await France's next move, without further making known her own policy. In some British circles the opinion was said to have existed that the United States would act promptly. In a Berlin dispatch to the New York "Times" the day after the breaking up of the Paris conference a special correspondent of that paper said that "interest in the general German crisis to-day largely resolved into four leading questions: 'What will England do? What will America do? What ought Germany to do? What can she do?' The only certainty is that the German Government will continue to do nothing and say nothing for the present. It has even been decided not to make public for the present Germany's mystery plan which Herr Bergmann took to Paris for verbal presentation." He added that "French occupation of the Ruhr has practically been discounted by German public opinion, which, with remarkable unanimity, sees in this move a continuance of a consistent, sinister French policy to annex the Rhineland and the Ruhr and compass Germany's complete economic and financial ruin. There is an uncanny calmness of momentary public opinion in the face of what is believed to be the certain menace of French occupation of the Ruhr and a policy of annihilation. The hysterical note is hardly heard. There are few frantic outbursts in the press or on the part of the public. One sees a semblance of a lull before a storm."

Outlining the attitude of the Harding Administration, the "Times" correspondent at Washington said that, "convinced that it would be useless at this juncture of the reparations crisis for the American Government to make any proposal for settlement to the Allied Powers, the decision has been reached by the Harding Administration that the next move must come from Europe." He further suggested that "the Hughes suggestion that a commission of financiers be created has been brought to the knowledge of the French Government. That Government has the right to deal with the plan as it sees fit. If it does not care to accept the suggestion it would, according to Administration officials, be unwise and futile to sound other Governments to ascertain whether the project would be acceptable to them." In his outline of the Administration's ideas, the "Times" correspondent also declared that "the key to the situation is in the attitude of the Poincare Government—whether it can yet be convinced that moderation will be wiser than marching troops into the Ruhr and the Rhineland to seize productive guarantees and put pressure upon Germany."

Advices last Saturday afternoon from Paris indicated that certain preliminary steps would be gone through with before definite invasion of the Ruhr District. The Associated Press correspondent at that centre cabled that "Germany will be given a

hearing by the Reparations Commission before any action is taken on the French proposal to have her declared in default on coal deliveries, the Reparations Commission decided to-day. Berlin was immediately notified and asked to send experts so they can be heard by the Commission next Monday." The New York "Times" representative in the French capital cabled that "Premier Poincare is going to wait and see whether Germany will buy France off with a firm and definite offer which will contain guarantees and so prevent him from taking them. That is the situation as it is to-day forecast in French political circles. There may be truth in it, though news from Berlin gives no indication that such an offer is likely to be made. In the meanwhile Premier Poincare is keeping his intentions a close secret. Neither the date at which he intends to take action nor the means which will be employed are being divulged." Apparently this decision was reached at a meeting of the Cabinet held earlier in the day, and which lasted three hours. According to a Paris dispatch to "The Sun" of this city, that body "approved the policy of Premier Poincare." President Millerand presided. Word came from Rome that Premier Mussolini had urged Premier Poincare to wait until after Jan. 15 before acting finally.

Quick action was taken by the United States Senate last Saturday with respect to the withdrawal of American troops from the Rhineland. A dispatch to the New York "Times" stated that "by a vote of 57 to 6 the Senate late this afternoon adopted the amended resolution of Senator Reed, of Missouri, favoring the immediate withdrawal of American troops stationed on the Rhine." It was explained that "there is nothing mandatory about the resolution. The President can do as he pleases about the matter. Some Senators seem to think he will take cognizance of the resolution. Others are inclined to think he will ignore it." The very next day the same correspondent said that, "while there is no authoritative indication of the effect of the resolution on President Harding, there is a feeling that he will be obliged to take notice of the agitation now in progress to have the Government lay down a more definite policy with regard to Europe's troubles or withdraw entirely from participation in the European situation. The surface indications are that the Administration has been strongly impressed with the belief that the proposed invasion of the Ruhr by France constitutes a menace to the continuance of American military representation in the occupied portions of Germany."

In spite of the reports from Paris at rather frequent intervals that the French Government would pursue at least a moderately conservative policy relative to invading Germany, the press dispatches made it pretty clear that she was going straight ahead with her preparations for such a step. In a Paris dispatch Monday morning it was claimed that "France's Rhine army is gathering to be ready to march when Premier Poincare gives the word for the carrying out of his still secret plan for seizing the Ruhr and the Rhineland. Trains were crowded to-night [Jan. 7] with officers and men hurriedly recalled from leave, and M. Poincare conferred this afternoon with M. Le Trocquer, Minister of Public Works, on final arrangements for the transportation of the civil and military forces." He added that "the French troops on the Rhine have been ordered by

General Degoutte to remain in their quarters wherever there appears danger of clashes with the Germans. There are several times the number of French forces in the Rhineland that would be required for the Ruhr operations, but all the troops will be held in readiness for instant service. The details of the French plan remain a mystery, but M. Poincare has repeatedly described the proposed entrance into the Ruhr as chiefly the work of engineers and customs collectors. The military support required necessarily depends upon the French estimate of what resistance the Germans may offer. While the Premier's original idea was modified to make it attractive to the British, now that France is going in alone she is under no such restraint."

Paris sent word Monday evening that "the Allied Reparations Commission gave the German experts a hearing lasting nearly three hours this afternoon on the subject of the German default in coal deliveries. The Commission then adjourned until to-morrow morning. It expects to take a vote about noon to-morrow on the French demand that Germany be declared in voluntary default." The vote was taken on Tuesday and "Germany was voted in willful default on her 1922 coal deliveries." Sir John Bradbury, the English representative, voted in the negative. He was reported to have taken the position that "he was unable to vote for the proposition because he felt that this action took the matter out of the hands of the Commission and placed it under the jurisdiction of the Governments." Italy and Belgium voted with France. Roland W. Boyden, the American observer at the sessions of the Commission, was said to have held that the Commission was correct in declaring the default, but to have "severely criticised the workings of the Treaty of Versailles in certain respects." The Associated Press correspondent cabled that "Mr. Boyden's strictures created much surprise and hardly less interest than the formal declaration of Germany's default." The session was secret, but some of those who heard Mr. Boyden's statement were quoted as characterizing it as "a condemnation of the whole Treaty of Versailles and a suggestion that it should be revised as soon as possible in the interest of the economic revival of Europe."

According to a wireless dispatch from Cologne to the New York "Times," dated Jan. 8, the French concentration of troops for occupation of the Ruhr began at an early hour that morning. It consisted of five divisions of 4,500 each—two divisions from the Rhine and three from Lorraine—under general command of General Weygand. The troops were to be concentrated on the west bank of the Rhine near Dusseldorf and the movement was to be completed Thursday. No troops would be drawn from the American area, it was stated, and the movement through that area was to be kept at a strict minimum. The Berlin representative of that newspaper sent word that "passive resistance is the policy which the German Government will suggest to the German nation. The Cuno Government's immediate foreign policy will be based on the proposition that independent French occupation of the Ruhr tears up the Versailles Treaty and that consequently all reparations arrangements will be off." He added that "Berlin showed no fear to-day in the face of reports of French army preparations for occupying the Ruhr. The country's uncanny calm continues, but the mark broke all low

records, touching 9,700 to the dollar." From the Washington bureau of the New York "Times" came the assertion that "the most important development here to-day with respect to the European situation was the disclosure that in reaching its determination to invade the Ruhr region the French Government was aware that this plan was in opposition to the view of the United States. The dispatch added that "the Government has no intention of protesting to France should the Ruhr be invaded. This is because it is realized that a protest would not cause the French to change their plans and probably would arouse ill-feeling."

Cabling from Paris Monday evening, the New York "Tribune" correspondent said: "With French troops and technical experts concentrating in Dusseldorf ready to step into the nearby Ruhr District on receiving the command from Paris, Premier Poincare today told the Cabinet he would be ready to appear before the Senate and Chamber Thursday to make a brief declaration of facts on the situation. This can be interpreted as meaning by Thursday, when the Premier speaks, the Ruhr entry already will be an accomplished fact, although official information to this effect is lacking to-night." The Associated Press correspondent in London, in a dispatch the same afternoon, asserted that "the present French movement into the Ruhr, involving Dusseldorf, will terminate at Essen, according to information received in British official circles from their own observers in the Rhineland. The British maintain they are still without official knowledge of the French plans." According to a dispatch from Brussels that afternoon also, "Premier Theunis formally announced to the Chamber of Deputies the Belgian Government's determination to stand beside France in the occupation of the Ruhr District. He regretted that the Allies were moving without England."

The outstanding developments with respect to the foreign situation on Wednesday were the order of President Harding withdrawing the American troops from the Rhine country and the announcement in Paris that the French Government does not plan military operation of German coal mines, nor political occupation of German territory. The Paris dispatches also stated that the French intended to send only sufficient troops to safeguard its mission of engineers, who are to take over control of coal movements in the Ruhr District. The French Foreign Office formally notified the German Embassy in Paris at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon "of the prospective seizure of the Ruhr District." Assumption of control was to take place on Thursday. The Associated Press correspondent said that "Belgium will simultaneously send to Germany notifications identical with those of France. Italy, although participating in the economic measures to be applied, it is explained, will not give notification to Germany, because she will not send troops to Essen and the neighboring territory." This program was carried out. It was made known in Washington that the French Government had known the position of the United States Government for some time. This being so, and no reply having been received to the proposals of this Government for an international financial commission to consider and try to find a solution of the reparations and other problems, it was assumed in Washington that the Administration could not see its way to continue the American troops on the

Rhine, with France seriously determined upon a military invasion, and with Great Britain equally determined not to take any part in the undertaking. The decision of President Harding to withdraw the troops was made known through the following brief statement by Secretary Hughes, without comment, immediately after a conference with the President: "We have concluded that the time has come to complete the withdrawal of the Army of Occupation, and the President has given instructions to the Secretary of War to act immediately."

The cable advices early in the week stated that already the French troops were "at the gates of Essen" and were also concentrated "in the vicinity of Dusseldorf." According to Berlin dispatches Wednesday evening, employers and labor unions in the areas into which the French were expected to come, had decided to go on a general strike to prevent the invaders from continuing operations of the coal mines and other industries. Word came from the German capital the following morning that, in accordance with this program, "the Rhenish Westphalian Coal Syndicate has moved its headquarters and all papers from Essen to Hamburg." The New York "Herald" correspondent added that "it was Hugo Stinnes who turned the trick in the removal of the coal syndicate's headquarters. The organization is composed of the owners of all the coal mines in the Ruhr District. It controls every phase of the coal industry, and one of its chief tasks has been the collection of coal for reparations deliveries. There had been discussion about removal among the members, but some were doubtful of the wisdom of this course and apparently feared any move to hamper the French."

Advices on Thursday morning stated that the French troops had entered Essen unresisted at 4.45. In a later dispatch it was stated that martial law was declared in Essen immediately after the entry of the troops. Announcement was also made in Berlin that Germany had recalled her Ambassador at Paris and her Minister at Brussels. Chancellor Cuno made a statement before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Reichstag during the day in which he announced that "Germany's reparations obligations would cease to be discharged in further direct dealings with the 'treaty-breaking Powers.'" He was reported to have added that "Germany could not resist actively, but, on the other hand, she would not bow her head voluntarily." He announced that "the Government would leave the German officials at their posts in the occupied area out of consideration for the welfare of the population and the conduct of the Government business." In an Associated Press dispatch Thursday evening from its representative with the French army in the Ruhr District it was stated that it "is encircling the heart of the Ruhr valley, having marched into Essen this morning. Up to this afternoon the occupation had been carried out without any loss of life or even the firing of a single shot."

Premier Poincare made a statement before the Chamber of Deputies on Thursday of what the French Government had done thus far with respect to invading the Ruhr District and said that "the Government's plans provided for the eventual occupation of Bochum if Germany failed to carry out the French demands." It was added that "the occupation of Bochum, which is the site of the iron and steel works of Hugo Stinnes, is said to be set for Saturday [to-

day], although this was not officially confirmed." The French Premier was supported in the Chamber of Deputies by a vote of 478 to 86.

The dispatches from the leading German centres yesterday morning did not disclose any new or particularly striking developments in the Ruhr District. They all stated that there had been no disorder incident to the French invasion. According to a cablegram from Coblenz, the Germans were sorry to hear that the American troops had been recalled. The Head Burgomaster, in the name of the people, sent the following message to Major-General Henry T. Allen, the American Commander: "We are sorry to see you leave; we do not know how we can do without you, nor what will happen to us soon. We are sorry to see the Americans go, leaving us so excited and at such a dreadful time. However, we trust matters will right themselves, and we wish all the best things to General Allen and his troops." The transport St. Mihiel, which will bring the American troops home, sailed from New York yesterday for Antwerp. A small force will be left at Coblenz to dispose of American property. On Thursday Dr. Otto Wiedfeldt, the German Ambassador, called at the State Department "and left there a formal protest against occupation of the Ruhr by France."

As to the Lausanne Conference, the hope had been expressed in dispatches from Lausanne for several days before the conference of Allied Premiers in Paris broke up that its end would hurry negotiations at the Near East Conference. That the contrary was proving true was asserted by the New York "Times" representative who, in a cablegram last Saturday morning, declared that "ill luck appears to follow the Near East Conference. It had been hoped that the end of the Paris conference would bring progress here, but 24 hours after the end of the reparations negotiations the Lausanne meeting remains deadlocked and facing postponement of the latest effort to force decisive action." He added that "this morning the heads of the Allied delegations, Ambassador Child attending, held a meeting, at which it was decided to call the three full commissions next week for a review of their discussions of the past weeks. On all important issues except that of the Straits regime the two sides are at loggerheads, and the Turks say that their acceptance of the proposed Straits rules does not count unless England gives back Mosul." From time to time it had been hinted in Lausanne cable dispatches that more progress was being made in private negotiations between the Allied representatives and those from Turkey than was indicated by the proceedings at the formal gatherings. The "Times" representative said, however, that "of course, it is difficult to say exactly what progress has been made in private conversations in the last ten days during which the Conference has appeared to stand still, but the best indications are that little progress has been made."

The very next day fresh trouble developed. The Associated Press correspondent cabled that "the Turkish delegation to the Near East Conference left the meeting hall to-day as a protest against the Allied insistence upon the establishment of an Armenian national home in Turkey." The correspondent asserted that the accounts of the chief cause of the rupture, as given by the two opposing sides, differed materially. He said that "the Allied spokesmen declared they were far from insisting on the Armenian

home. On the contrary, they had said there should be no question of inserting the Armenian home arrangement in the Lausanne treaty. They had merely asked that Turkey, for humanitarian reasons, give her earnest attention to the question of allocating some corner of Turkey to the Armenians, where they would enjoy some degree of local autonomy under the sovereignty of Turkey and be given certain guarantees concerning the privilege of guarding their national language and customs." He also stated that, "according to the Turkish account of the incident, which produced a sensation in Conference circles, Chairman Montagna of the sub-commission on minorities read a statement favoring the Armenian home, and was followed by Sir Horace Rumbold, of England, who spoke in advocacy of establishing the home in Cilicia, Turkey."

In a dispatch filed at Lausanne Sunday evening, the New York "Times" correspondent reviewed briefly the work of the Conference up to that time and asserted that "the Near East negotiations will drag into their eighth week to-morrow, with nothing officially accomplished." He further asserted that "no final agreement has been reached on any issue, and on the vexed question of Mosul, England and Turkey are absolutely at loggerheads. On the surface it looks as if the European diplomats took on an impossible job when they started to try to bargain a settlement out of the Turks." Continuing to outline the situation as he saw it, the correspondent said that "however, things are not so bad as they look. The saving factor is that while the Turks are not backing down so far as one can observe, they certainly are showing no disposition to break up the Conference. Although they are sure America will not fight them and believe France and Italy will not, they know England will if they try to throw the British out of Mosul and Constantinople. And if Europe and America get a decent settlement from the Turks it will be because Great Britain has a fleet with guns that will shoot. While, so far as the gallery is concerned, the Conference has stood still for two weeks, there have been many daily conversations among the diplomats, in the course of which, largely through the work of the Italians, the two sides have been brought nearer together on a number of issues."

For several days little or nothing appeared in the Lausanne dispatches relative to the Russian delegation at the Near East Conference. The New York "Herald" correspondent cabled Sunday evening, however, that, "after a silence of many days the Russian delegation came very much into life to-night by officially menacing the Near East Conference with a refusal to subscribe to any settlement of the problem of the Straits unless the Conference altered its attitude toward the Soviet delegation." M. Tchitcherin sent a communication to the Conference in which he said "the Russian delegation desires to emphasize that all Straits negotiations carried on outside the regular commissions aggravate the existing divergencies and lessen the possibility of a general accord. In bringing these points to the attention of the Conference it frees itself from responsibility for the failure of the work of the Straits Commission, which is certain unless the Conference alters its attitude toward the Russian delegation."

In a cablegram filed Tuesday evening the representative of the New York "Times" at Lausanne said

that "having failed to frighten the Turks into granting the guarantees they asked for the protection of minorities in Turkey and, like the United States, being unprepared to do more than 'insist,' the Allies showed to-day at the meeting of the Conference as a committee of the whole that they would back down to the extent of accepting the Turks' paper promises. The net result of eight weeks' discussion of the minorities—their tragic past and dark future—a discussion marked by several 'ultimatums' to the Turks—is that the minorities will get just what the Turks proposed before the Lausanne Conference met; namely a pledge to accord them the same privileges as those written into the treaties of the Allies with the Central European countries." He added that "Ismet Pasha to-day thanked the Conference for its reasonableness and promised that Turkey would carry out all her promises, but would accept no supervision of the execution of them, because that would be an admission that her word was not good." Ismet said that "while we cannot grant any national home to Armenians or any one else, Turkey will show herself such a model of justice and conciliation that in a few years the whole world will see there was no necessity for any such thing."

Announcement was made in Paris on Tuesday that at a meeting of the Cabinet that morning it was decided "to increase all direct taxes, except those on salaries, by 20%, as the only means of meeting the deficit in this year's budget." The Associated Press correspondent added that "this measure, it is unofficially estimated, will yield probably 3,000,000,000 francs." He also said that "this increase was discarded as altogether impracticable when it was suggested some time ago, but it was endorsed at the Council of Ministers to-day and a law embodying the increase will shortly be sent to the Chamber of Deputies, it was announced by Finance Minister de Lasteyrie this evening. The budget deficit was 4,000,000,000 francs when the Government presented it to Parliament, but several months of study and several peremptory demands by the Chamber's Commission that the Government trim its sails to the hard financial winds brought only a few economies."

The features of the British trade statement for December were a decrease in all exports of £8,288,912, compared with November 1922, and an increase in imports of £9,788,848 over December 1921. There was an increase in the excess of imports in December 1922 of £7,598,769 over the previous month and of £11,017,189 over the final month of 1921. The results for December 1922 and for the full calendar year compare as follows with the corresponding periods of 1921:

BRITISH EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.				
	—Month of December—		—Jan. 1 to Dec. 31—	
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
Imports.....	£94,910,000	£85,121,152	£1,003,941,435	£1,086,687,213
Exports.....	58,880,000	59,374,750	720,493,394	703,196,282
Re-exports.....	8,470,000	9,203,591	103,768,805	107,052,072
Total exports.....	£67,350,000	£68,578,341	£824,262,199	£810,248,354
Excess of imports.....	£27,560,000	£16,542,811	£179,679,236	£276,438,859

There has been no change in official discount rates at leading official centres from 10% in Berlin, 5½% in Madrid, 5% in France, Denmark and Norway; 4½% in Belgium and Sweden; 4% in Holland, 3½% in Switzerland and 3% in London. Yesterday both the Bank of Bombay and the Bank of Bengal raised their rates of discount from 7% (the rate put in effect Dec. 29) to 8%. Further slight easing was noted in the open market discount rates in

London and the range was 2½@2¼% for short bills and 2 5-16@2¾% for three months, as against 2¼@2 5-16% for long and short bills last week. Money on call, however, was a trifle easier, closing at 1½%, against 1¼% a week ago. Open market discounts at Paris continue at 4½%, and at Switzerland 2%, unchanged.

Although a small decline in gold (£6,973), was reported, the Bank of England statement for the week just ended indicated recovery from the recent strain. This was evident, not only in a reduction in note circulation of £1,599,000 and consequent addition to total reserve of £1,592,000, but by an advance in the proportion of reserve to liabilities of no less than 3.35%, to 17.22%, as against 13.87% a week ago. In the corresponding week of 1921 the ratio stood at 16%, and a year earlier at 12½%. Important changes were likewise shown in the loan and deposit accounts. Public deposits gained £657,000, but "other" deposits fell £22,125,000. The Bank's temporary advances to the Government expanded £6,014,000, but loans on other securities were reduced £29,031,000. Threadneedle Street's gold holdings aggregate £127,486,217. A year ago the total was £128,452,733 and in 1921 £128,280,219. Total reserve amounts to £23,479,000, as against £23,275,743 in 1922 and £16,895,954 a year earlier. Loans stand at £65,172,000, in comparison with £85,162,490 and £80,791,567 one and two years ago, respectively. Note circulation is £122,454,000. This compares with £123,626,990 last year and £129,834,265 in 1921. At the weekly meeting of the Bank Governors the 3% minimum discount rate was continued. Clearings through the London banks for the week amounted to £686,019,000, as against £791,662,000 a week ago and £754,764,000 last year. We append herewith comparisons of the principal items of the Bank of England returns for a series of years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.					
	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
	Jan. 10.	Jan. 11.	Jan. 12.	Jan. 14.	Jan. 15.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	122,454,000	123,626,990	129,834,265	88,249,635	69,698,840
Public deposits.....	13,573,000	15,602,120	15,883,853	18,657,215	28,168,380
Other deposits.....	121,734,000	129,886,571	123,137,108	127,434,212	124,797,382
Gov't securities.....	65,672,000	55,003,686	59,240,506	54,709,925	62,666,244
Other securities.....	65,172,000	85,162,490	80,791,567	84,780,535	78,886,493
Reserve notes & coin	23,479,000	23,275,743	16,895,954	24,487,470	29,295,376
Coin and bullion.....	127,486,217	128,452,733	128,280,219	94,287,105	80,544,216
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	17.22%	16%	12½%	16¾%	19¾%
Bank rate.....	3%	5%	7%	6%	5%

The Bank of France in its weekly statement reports a further small gain of 81,800 francs in its gold item this week. This brings the Bank's total gold holdings up to 5,535,061,950 francs, comparing with 5,524,455,893 francs at this time last year and with 5,501,051,861 francs the year before; of these amounts 1,864,367,050 francs were held abroad in 1923 and 1,948,367,056 francs in both 1922 and 1921. During the week silver gained 48,000 francs, advances rose 56,973,000 francs and Treasury deposits were augmented by 4,632,000 francs. On the other hand, bills discounted fell off 767,608,000 francs, while general deposits were reduced 251,601,000 francs. Note circulation took a favorable turn, a contraction of 38,867,000 francs being recorded. The total outstanding is thus brought down to 37,387,727,000 francs, contrasting with 37,123,676,640 francs on the corresponding date last year and with 38,482,935,925 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 1922 and 1921 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		Jan. 11 1923.	Jan. 12 1922.	Jan. 13 1921.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold Holdings—				
In France.....Inc.	81,800	3,670,694,900	3,576,088,837	3,552,684,805
Abroad.....	No change	1,864,367,050	1,948,367,056	1,948,367,056
Total.....Inc.	81,800	5,535,061,950	5,524,455,893	5,501,051,861
Silver.....Inc.	48,000	289,706,000	280,072,510	264,583,755
Bills discounted...Dec.	767,608,000	1,676,627,000	2,446,978,933	3,044,739,403
Advances.....Inc.	56,973,000	2,165,105,000	2,323,611,513	2,231,949,024
Note circulation...Dec.	38,867,000	37,387,727,000	37,123,676,640	38,482,935,925
Treasury deposits...Inc.	4,632,000	68,657,000	41,685,377	87,659,527
General deposits...Dec.	251,601,000	2,222,045,000	2,467,510,477	3,463,288,723

The Imperial Bank of Germany in its statement, issued as of Dec. 30, revealed the same general tendencies as in recent weeks, namely huge increases in nearly all items and continued enormous expansion in note circulation. The last named registered an increase totaling 143,185,049,000 marks, which brought the already stupendous sum outstanding up to 1,280,094,822,000 marks. The previous year circulation stood at 113,639,464,000 marks: and in 1921 at 68,805,008,000 marks. Other noteworthy changes were an expansion in discount and Treasury bills of 212,892,997,000 marks; an increase in deposits of 95,404,537,000 marks and of 28,787,027,000 marks in bills of exchange and checks. Increases were likewise shown of 119,716,000 marks in investments, 11,710,055,000 marks in other assets and 10,886,517,000 marks in other liabilities. There was an addition to total coin and bullion of 1,354,000 marks; but gold declined 2,000 marks. Treasury and loan association notes were reduced 2,595,172,000 marks, notes of other banks 11,074,000 marks and advances 11,428,800,000 marks. The Bank's stock of gold was 1,004,843,000 marks, which compares with 995,392,000 marks a year ago and 1,091,553,000 marks in 1921.

Late yesterday (Friday) another statement was received by cable, issued as of Jan. 6, which showed rather less sensational changes than those of recent weeks. There was an additional expansion in note circulation of 56,405,694,000 marks. Treasury and loan association notes increased 52,743,913,000 mks. Large increases were also reported in bills of exchange and checks, 13,375,072,000 mks., other assets 12,067,995,000 mks., and other liabilities 4,518,056,000 mks. Notes of other banks were 5,774,000 mks. larger, and investments 16,473,000 mks. A feature of the statement was a sharp reduction in deposits, amounting to 70,833,033,000 mks. and in discount and Treasury bills of 87,992,383,000 mks. Advances declined 126,166,000 mks. With the expansion just noted, outstanding note circulation now aggregates 1,336,500,516,000 mks., in comparison with 113,139,872,000 mks. in 1922 and 67,976,386,000 mks. a year earlier. The German Bank's gold reserve stands at 1,004,843,000 mks., unchanged.

The Federal Reserve Bank statement, issued on Thursday afternoon, formed a rather sharp contrast to the statements of the two preceding weeks, in that it showed a big decrease in the borrowing by member banks, together with a large increase in the gold holdings. For the system the gold reserve expanded \$13,000,000. Rediscounts of Government secured paper and "all other" were reduced, as also were bill purchases in the open market, and the net result was a curtailment in the bill holdings of no

less than \$145,000,000, to \$737,809,000, which compares with \$1,074,248,000 a year ago. Earning assets fell sharply, more than \$93,000,000, and deposits decreased \$5,000,000. At New York very similar conditions prevailed. A gain in gold of nearly \$10,000,000 was reported, while bill holdings declined \$31,800,000, to \$205,575,684, as against \$186,952,000 last year. Here also earning assets were reduced, though to a lesser extent—\$6,600,000. Deposits, however, increased \$20,500,000. The combined System showed a contraction in the amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation of no less than \$88,000,000. Increases were again shown in the member banks' reserve account, namely \$18,000,000, to \$1,960,346,000 for the twelve reporting banks, and \$21,000,000, to \$762,803,000 in New York. As a result of the additions to gold reserves and reduction in deposits, reserve ratios increased. For the system there was an increase of 2.3%, to 73.6%, and at the local bank of 1.5%, to 76.5%.

Saturday's statement of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies was featured by the conversion of the previous week's surplus into a heavy deficit. This, however, was not regarded as a subject for uneasiness, since it represented merely financing operations on a large scale, including the shifting of funds to and from interior points and to and from the Reserve Bank. The deficit occurred in the face of a reduction in loans of \$31,772,000 and a decline in net demand deposits of \$37,746,000, to \$4,004,973,000, which total is exclusive of \$130,371,000 in Government deposits, a falling off in the latter item of \$51,519,000 for the week. Time deposits were reduced \$10,567,000, to \$405,268,000. Cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank showed a gain of \$1,036,000, to \$59,978,000 (not counted as reserve). Reserves in own vaults of State banks and trust companies increased \$180,000, but the reserves of these same institutions kept in other depositories declined \$107,000. Member banks drew down their reserves at the Reserve Bank to the amount of \$67,227,000, and this, notwithstanding the contraction in deposits, resulted in producing a deficit of \$37,012,940. So frequent have these "deficits" been of late, that they fail to arouse even widespread interest. The above figures for surplus are based on 13% reserves above legal requirements for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but do not include cash in vault amounting to \$59,978,000 held by the Clearing House banks on Saturday last.

The Federal Government withdrew more than \$75,000,000 from local depositories this week. The offerings of new securities were on a considerably larger scale than for some time. Reports relative to business in this country continued favorable. Still both call and time money were easy. Toward the end of the week the only rate for the former throughout the business session was 4%, and the offerings were said to have been large. For a day or so time money firmed up to the extent of 1/4 of 1%, but soon receded again. Following the deficit in last week's bank statement, and in advance of the large Government withdrawals, call money was higher temporarily, but as the week progressed, the trend was in the opposite direction, funds being offered freely at 3 1/2% yesterday afternoon. Nothing new nor novel was forthcoming in explanation of this situation. It is still

maintained that Wall Street loans are on the increase and that the grand total is well up to the highest level in the last month or six weeks. There has been considerable speculative activity this week in a goodly number of industrial stocks. The suggestion is offered that as the trading has been, to a great extent, in a class of stocks that are not bought ordinarily for investment, the operations in them easily may have involved new borrowing of funds on a fairly good-sized scale. The offering of \$300,000,000 4½% Treasury notes attracted attention, but caused no unfavorable comment. The financial district believes implicitly in the soundness of Mr. Mellon's judgment regarding all financial matters. There was special interest also in the outcome of the bidding by several syndicates of prominent New York banking houses for the Cuban loan of \$50,000,000, which had been under consideration, on and off, for a long time. That a powerful syndicate was willing to bid 96.77 for a 5½% bond was taken as indicating that bankers expect a continuance of easy money and a good investment demand. Naturally, by reason of the latest developments in Europe, nothing was said about the probability of early financing for any nation over there. The strength of foreign exchange, notably sterling, and of foreign bonds, except the French Government and city issues for a day or so, caused considerable surprise and comment to the effect that a settlement might be reached sooner than generally expected. It was agreed that such a happy outcome of the present state of chaos would give great impetus to business in this country.

Referring to money rates in detail, the range for loans on call during the week was 3½@5%, which compares with 3½@5½% a week earlier. On Monday the high was 5%, the low 4¼% and 4¼% the rate for renewals. Tuesday, while the range was 4¼@4¾%, the renewal basis was advanced to 4¾%. A low quotation of 4% was established on Wednesday, although renewals were again negotiated at 4¾%, which was the maximum. Thursday there was no range, a flat rate of 4% being quoted. Increased ease developed on Friday and a minimum quotation of 3½% was reported; renewals, however, continued to be put through at 4%, and this was the maximum. The above figures are for both mixed collateral and all-industrial loans alike. In time money little or no change was noted. The market was a dull affair, with no important trades reported, and the range remains at 4½@4¾% for all maturities from sixty days to six months. Toward the latter part of the week offerings were freer, but as there was no increase in inquiry, trading was restricted.

Commercial paper was quiet but steady. Most of the business is being put through at 4¾%, though the range is still 4½@4¾% for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, with names less well known at 4¾@5½%. The bulk of the inquiry is from out-of-town institutions.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances were in fair demand and this was reflected in a larger turnover than for quite some time. Both New York and country banks were active. The undertone was firm, but quotations remain without quotable change. For call loans against bankers' acceptances, the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council is 3½%, the same as 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 follow:

SPOT DELIVERY.			
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills.....	4½@4	4½@4	4½@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 12 1923.

Federal Reserve Bank of—	Discounted bills maturing within 90 days (incl. member banks' 15-day collateral notes) secured by—			Bankers' acceptances discounted for member banks	Trade acceptances maturing within 90 days	Agricultural and live-stock paper maturing 91 to 108 days
	Treasury notes and certificates of indebtedness	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

While the week's developments abroad have been distinctly unsettling in the foreign exchange market, sterling has given a good account of itself and rates have been not only firmly held, but have advanced several points, with a high level of 4 68⅛ touched in the later dealings. Almost from the start it became evident that British currency values were not particularly disturbed by the contemplated Ruhr invasion and when on Wednesday advices were received that France was actually carrying out its announced program and had already occupied Essen, the price level for sterling in contradistinction to a sharp drop in Continentals, moved up about 1⅛ cents in the pound. This unwonted strength in the face of what was regarded as a serious situation replete with dangerous possibilities, was attributed largely to the presence of the British Funding Commission at Washington. Reports of the progress made by this body in settling points at issue regarding war debts, coupled with President Harding's recommendation for a longer funding of outstanding debts and lower rates of interest, created a good impression and led to the belief that an early and satisfactory adjustment was in sight.

It should, however, be noted that trading was comparatively quiet, and restricted for the most part to the barest routine requirements. Large operators are almost a unit in holding aloof from the market pending a decision in the important problems now awaiting solution. Speculative interests took only a minor part in the week's dealings. In some quarters the action of the sterling market is taken to indicate that gold exports to Europe are not far distant. On that point a factor considered likely by some to loom large in the future is the export tax placed by the British Government in the Straits Settlements on crude rubber. The estimate has been made that Great Britain should be able to realize not far from \$100,000,000 yearly from this export levy; and while this is thought by others very much exaggerated,

the feature is deemed one that cannot be altogether disregarded. Talk is also again beginning to be heard of the "invisible balance of trade," which constituted so important an influence on the course of prices in pre-war days. Nevertheless, sharp fluctuations are considered practically inevitable at times, owing to the complex conditions existing in European political affairs and the improbability of obtaining any real relief from reparations troubles for quite a while to come.

As to the more detailed quotations, sterling exchange on Saturday last was a shade easier, but ruled without important change, at $4\ 64\frac{1}{4}$ @ $4\ 65$ for demand, $4\ 64\frac{1}{2}$ @ $4\ 65\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers and $4\ 62\frac{1}{8}$ @ $4\ 62\frac{7}{8}$ for sixty days; trading was quiet. Monday's market was inactive and weak and demand sagged off to $4\ 64\frac{1}{4}$ @ $4\ 64\frac{1}{2}$, cable transfers to $4\ 64\frac{1}{2}$ @ $4\ 64\frac{3}{4}$ and sixty days to $4\ 62\frac{1}{8}$ @ $4\ 62\frac{3}{8}$; this was largely the result of the Ruhr invasion and consequent lowering of cable quotations from London. Substantial improvement took place in price levels on Tuesday and demand bills moved up to $4\ 64\frac{3}{4}$ @ $4\ 65\frac{5}{8}$, cable transfers to $4\ 65$ @ $4\ 65\frac{7}{8}$ and sixty days to $4\ 62\frac{5}{8}$ @ $4\ 63\frac{1}{2}$; no increase in activity was noted, however. On Wednesday, although the volume of business continued small, a further advance took place on better prospects of a settlement of the debt funding problem; the range was $4\ 65\frac{1}{2}$ @ $4\ 66\frac{7}{8}$ for demand, $4\ 65\frac{3}{4}$ @ $4\ 67\frac{1}{8}$ for cable transfers and $4\ 63\frac{3}{8}$ @ $4\ 64\frac{3}{4}$ for sixty days. Dulness was in evidence on Thursday, but increased strength developed, and demand ruled at $4\ 67\frac{1}{4}$ @ $4\ 67\frac{7}{8}$, cable transfers at $4\ 67\frac{1}{2}$ @ $4\ 68\frac{1}{8}$ and sixty days at $4\ 65\frac{1}{8}$ @ $4\ 65\frac{3}{4}$. On Friday the undertone was still firmer and quotations ranged at $4\ 67\frac{1}{4}$ @ $4\ 68\frac{1}{8}$ for demand, $4\ 67\frac{1}{2}$ @ $4\ 68\frac{3}{8}$ for cable transfers and $4\ 65\frac{1}{8}$ @ $4\ 66$ for sixty days. Closing rates were $4\ 65\frac{1}{8}$ for sixty days, $4\ 67\frac{1}{4}$ for demand and $4\ 67\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at $4\ 67$, sixty days at $4\ 64\frac{1}{4}$, ninety days at $4\ 63\frac{7}{8}$, documents for payment (sixty days) at $4\ 64\frac{5}{8}$, and seven-day grain bills at $4\ 66\frac{1}{4}$.

The week's gold movement included the arrival of \$1,175,000 in bar gold on the Lapland from Southampton and \$2,430,000 on the Homeric from England. The Greek steamer King Alexander from Piraeus brought four packages of currency valued at \$53,900.

The Continental exchanges were less favorably situated and violent fluctuations with occasional sharp losses occurred as a result of the militant policy adopted by the French Government regarding Germany's failure to fulfill her coal obligations. French and German currencies naturally suffered most severely. In the case of the former, early firmness, with a quotation of $7.02\frac{1}{2}$, was followed by a slump to 6.62 . Subsequently there was a recovery to $7.07\frac{1}{4}$. Belgian francs also broke sharply, touching 6.09 for checks after an opening quotation of $6.48\frac{1}{2}$. As to Reichsmarks, the loss was even more spectacular. News that French troops had commenced their march upon the Ruhr Basin was immediately followed by a rush to sell. Timid holders began to unload and the result was a flood of offerings on a totally unprepared and unresponsive market. The bulk of the selling appeared to be on the part of foreign interests, with local speculators largely out of the market for the time being. Under the pressure Berlin marks broke through the one-hundredth of a cent point

and touched a new low of 0.0092. At one time it was reported that in London marks were selling at somewhere around 10,000 to the dollar and at Berlin around 11,000 to the dollar. For a while movements were erratic in the extreme and nervousness predominated, with the undertone confused and excited. All this, however, proved of short duration, and after the first shock had passed prices began to rally moderately. Advices from London indicated that French authorities were using Government funds to support the franc in the world markets, which soon led to substantial recoveries. Considerable amounts are said to have been expended for this purpose; dealers regarded the movement with disfavor, on the ground that artificial support is almost always followed by sharp reaction as soon as the "peg" is removed. It is, moreover, pointed out that no financial benefits are likely to be reaped from the Ruhr occupation, at least in the immediate future. Moderate improvement was also noted in Reichsmarks. Lire followed the course of the other Continental exchanges and moved erratically, breaking 21 points to 4.85, then recovering to $5.01\frac{1}{2}$ before the close. The weakness was attributed to fears of international complications likely to accrue as a result of the failure of reparations adjustments and a possible reopening of European chaos. Improvement in the latter part of the week was in some respects regarded as sentimental, since it was due in the main to rumors of some sort of settlement favorable to the future of exchange. Greek exchange and the mid-European currencies followed the other exchanges, only to a lesser extent. Trading, except in the case of francs, marks and lire, was narrow and featureless, and rate changes continue to reflect the movements at European centres.

The London check rate in Paris finished at 66.65, in comparison with 66.90 a week ago. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 7.01, against $7.06\frac{1}{2}$; cable transfers at 7.02, against $7.07\frac{1}{2}$; commercial sight at 6.99, against $7.04\frac{1}{2}$, and commercial sixty days at 6.96, against $7.01\frac{1}{2}$ in the preceding week. Closing quotations on Antwerp francs were $6.41\frac{1}{2}$ for checks and $6.42\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, which compares with 6.53 and 6.54 last week. Reichsmarks finished at 0.0098 for both checks and cable transfers, as against $0.014\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of a week ago. Austrian kronen, which have remained steady at the nominal levels current for many weeks past, closed at $0.00014\frac{1}{2}$, unchanged. For lire the close was 4.97 for bankers' sight bills and 4.98 for cable transfers. Last week the close was $5.08\frac{1}{4}$ and $5.09\frac{1}{4}$. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.87, against 2.93; on Bucharest at 0.48, against 0.58; on Poland at $0.00054\frac{1}{4}$, against 0.00055, and on Finland at 2.48, against 2.50 the week previous. Greek drachma closed at 1.20 for checks and 1.25 for cable transfers, in comparison with 1.12 and 1.17 last week.

As to the former neutral exchanges there is very little new to report. No increase in activity was noted in any direction. In keeping with this, changes in rates were not particularly important. Guilders and Swiss francs were well maintained, as also were pesetas, but the Scandinavian exchanges were easier, with Danish and Norwegian currencies sharply down. The latter was attributed to selling for German account. Bankers' sight on Amsterdam closed at 39.59, against 39.51; cable remittances at 39.68, against

39.60; commercial sight at 39.54, against 39.46, and commercial sixty days at 39.23, against 39.16 last week. Swiss francs finished at 18.89 for bankers' sight bills and 18.91 for cable transfers, which compares with 18.93 and 18.95 a week ago. Copenhagen checks closed at 20.01 and cable transfers at 20.05, against 20.43 and 20.47. Checks on Sweden finished at 26.90 and cable transfers at 26.94, against 26.86 and 26.90, while checks on Norway closed at 18.68 and cable transfers at 18.72, against 18.88 and 18.92 the week before. Spanish pesetas finished the week at 15.72 for checks and 15.73 for cable transfers (unchanged).

In South American exchange the situation remains quiet and practically unchanged. Check rates on Argentina closed the week at 37.80 and cable transfers at 37.90, as against 37.62 and 37.67. Brazil was a trifle easier, finishing at 11.45 for checks and 11.50 for cable transfers, in comparison with 11.60 and 11.65 the previous week. Chilean exchange was firmer and finished at 13.78, against 12.80; but Peru has not been changed from 4 19.

Far Eastern exchange is as follows: Hong Kong, 53 1/2 @ 55 3/4, against 53 3/4 @ 54; Shanghai, 72 3/4 @ 73, against 72 1/2 @ 72 3/4; Yokohama, 48 7/8 @ 49 1/4 (unchanged); Manila, 50 1/4 @ 50 1/2 (unchanged); Singapore, 54 3/4 @ 55, against 54 1/2 @ 54 3/4; Bombay, 31 1/2 @ 31 3/4 (unchanged), and Calcutta, 31 1/2 @ 31 3/4 (unchanged).

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, JAN. 6 TO JAN. 12 1923, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York, Value in United States Money.					
	Jan. 6.	Jan. 8.	Jan. 9.	Jan. 10.	Jan. 11.	Jan. 12.
EUROPE—						
Austria, krone	.000014	.000014	.000014	.000014	.000014	.000014
Belgium, franc	.0941	.0928	.0912	.0932	.0930	.0944
Bulgaria, lev	.007071	.007057	.00688	.00688	.006586	.006529
Czechoslovakia, krone	.028895	.027935	.02799	.02855	.028745	.028578
Denmark, krone	.2044	.2038	.2026	.2024	.2025	.1998
England, pound sterling	4.6461	4.6432	4.6514	4.6638	4.6758	4.6773
Finland, markka	.024767	.024733	.024733	.024722	.024761	.024739
France, franc	.0694	.0683	.0671	.0692	.0686	.0704
Germany, reichsmark	.000116	.000103	.000098	.000095	.000095	.000096
Greece, drachma	.011588	.01175	.011813	.012188	.0122	.012263
Holland, guilder	.3959	.3969	.3961	.3965	.3972	.3967
Hungary, krone	.0004	.000401	.000399	.000394	.000389	.000386
Italy, lire	.0505	.0498	.0486	.0499	.0496	.0498
Norway, krone	.1891	.1873	.1864	.1860	.1870	.1853
Poland, mark	.000053	.000054	.000053	.000053	.000052	.000051
Portugal, escudo	.0479	.0455	.0461	.0461	.0465	.0437
Rumania, leu	.005644	.005528	.005356	.005392	.005433	.005508
Spain, peseta	.1571	.1569	.1570	.1571	.1574	.1573
Sweden, krona	.2687	.2684	.2691	.2691	.2694	.2692
Switzerland, franc	.1893	.1892	.1892	.1895	.1894	.1892
Yugoslavia, dinar*	.01066	.010715	.010715	.010695	.010643	.01051
ASIA—						
China, Chefoo tael	.7442	.7392	.7433	.7417	.7383	.7400
" Hankow tael	.7433	.7383	.7425	.7408	.7375	.7392
" Shanghai tael	.7182	.7170	.7163	.7155	.7130	.7129
" Tientsin tael	.7475	.7450	.7467	.7458	.7425	.7442
" Hongkong dollar	.5343	.5358	.5340	.5310	.5310	.5315
" Mexican dollar	.5227	.5227	.5208	.5215	.5206	.5196
" Tientsin or Peiyang dollar	.5408	.5379	.5404	.5398	.5371	.5373
" Yuan dollar	.5267	.5279	.5267	.5246	.5246	.5258
India, rupee	.3119	.3115	.3119	.3123	.3128	.3139
Japan, yen	.4891	.4878	.4869	.4879	.4886	.4882
Singapore (S. S.) dollar	.5400	.5388	.5392	.5396	.5383	.5396
NORTH AMERICA—						
Canada, dollar	.993611	.996181	.996097	.993958	.992917	.991552
Cuba, peso	.999375	.99925	.9990	.99925	1.00	.9990
Mexico, peso	.48575	.486458	.4900	.492031	.489875	.488594
Newfoundland, dollar	.992031	.993438	.992813	.991094	.990313	.98875
SOUTH AMERICA—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.8528	.8510	.8514	.8519	.8547	.8549
Brazil, milreis	.1144	.1127	.1119	.1122	.1133	.1132
Chile, peso (paper)	.1296	.1279	.1308	.1314	.1328	.1332
Uruguay, peso	.8496	.8495	.8505	.8539	.8553	.8564

* 4 kronen equal 1 dinar.

The New York Clearing House banks in their operations with interior banking institutions have gained \$3,647,300 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending Jan. 11. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated

\$5,034,640, while the shipments have reached \$1,387,340, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week ending January 11.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement	\$5,034,640	\$1,387,340	Gain \$3,647,300

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, Jan. 6.	Monday, Jan. 8.	Tuesday, Jan. 9.	Wednesday, Jan. 10.	Thursday, Jan. 11.	Friday, Jan. 12.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 77,000,000	\$ 72,000,000	\$ 51,000,000	\$ 57,000,000	\$ 58,000,000	\$ 55,000,000	Cr. 370,000,000

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

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

Banks of—	January 11 1923.			January 12 1922.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 127,486,217	£	127,486,217	£ 128,452,733	£	128,452,733
France	146,827,796	11,560,000	158,387,796	143,043,554	11,200,000	154,243,554
Germany	50,110,580	7,257,200	57,367,780	49,769,700	606,500	60,376,200
Aus.-Hun.	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000
Spain	100,990,000	25,824,000	126,814,000	100,515,000	25,002,000	125,517,000
Italy	35,241,000	3,031,000	38,272,000	33,895,000	2,970,000	36,865,000
Netherl'ds.	48,483,000	728,000	49,211,000	50,497,000	658,000	51,155,000
Nat. Belg.	10,663,000	1,620,000	12,283,000	10,663,000	1,620,000	12,283,000
Switz'land.	21,444,000	4,164,000	25,608,000	21,981,000	4,330,000	26,311,000
Sweden	15,222,000	—	15,222,000	15,265,000	—	15,265,000
Denmar.	12,685,000	197,000	12,882,000	12,865,000	197,000	13,062,000
Norway	8,115,000	—	8,115,000	8,115,000	—	8,115,000
Total week	588,211,593	56,750,200	644,961,793	93,585,825,987	48,952,500	634,778,487
Prev. week	587,459,394	57,283,400	644,742,794	585,613,742	49,24	634,961,992

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of 274,574,682 held abroad.

THE 1924 BUDGET IN CONGRESS—UNUSUAL SPEED IN ACTING ON APPROPRIATION BILLS.

It is the legislative practice of Congress to divide the Budget, as submitted by the President, into eleven appropriation bills, one bill for each chapter in the Budget. Congress met on Dec. 4 1922 and at the present writing three appropriation bills have passed both Houses and have become law; three others have passed both the House and Senate and are either in conference or in the hands of the President; three others have passed the House and are before the Appropriations Committee of the Senate. This leaves only two appropriation bills not yet acted upon by the House. This is the most remarkable record of legislative dispatch ever made by Congress. It has been the common experience for many years past to see appropriation bills before Congress throughout the length of the session. During the long sessions of Congress the failure to pass several appropriation bills before the commencement of the fiscal year was a frequent occurrence; and during the short session it had been found practically impossible to dispose of the annual supply measures within the three months preceding March 4. It became necessary, therefore, for the President, every alternate year, to call an extraordinary session of Congress in order to obtain appropriations for those departments covered in the bills which failed to pass.

Advocates of the budget system for the National Government may well congratulate themselves upon this new achievement by Congress, for it is due solely to the fact that the Bureau of the Budget, through

careful scrutiny and review of the departmental estimates, had already gone over the ground ordinarily covered by the Congressional committees. These committees were therefore relieved of the necessity of minute examination of all of the administrative details regarding the financial operations of the Government. A new element has entered in—that of Presidential responsibility for business administration. The President having demonstrated in no unmistakable manner his sincere desire for a business-like and economical administration of the Federal Government, the detailed financial program submitted by him in the form of the Budget was received by Congress with a degree of confidence which augurs well for the future of the Budget. In a large number of cases, as the published hearings on the appropriation bills themselves will show both the Appropriations Committee of the House and of the Senate accepted the decisions arrived at in the Budget without further investigation. On the whole the totals carried in the bills are very close to those carried in the Budget. For example, the Budget carried \$294,800,000 for the Navy, and the current naval appropriation bill carries \$294,400,000.

Heretofore it has been the custom for Congress greatly to reduce the estimates of appropriations in the appropriation bills and thereby to claim credit to themselves for saving money to the Government. There was in fact much to be said in this direction, because Congress was the only Governmental agency standing between the taxpayer and the Treasury. The executive departments were wholly without restraint in their demands for public funds. However, this year the Budget had already reduced the departmental estimates of appropriations to a figure so low that it was not possible for Congress to reduce any further—unless they desired to abolish some services entirely. Granted that the existing services must be maintained, Congress will not this year show the accustomed reductions from the estimates of appropriations. The chief reductions from the Budget figures will be in the nature of postponements of certain large expenditures. It seems to be the policy of Congress—ill-defined, it is true—in many cases to grant a department a portion of the funds necessary for current operations, knowing that they must at a later date during the session grant additional funds. This practice enables Congress to make a showing in the early months of the session. Nothing is said, however, of the deficiency estimates which must necessarily dribble in later on.

There is no Federal statute nor any rule of the House or the Senate which requires the Committees on Appropriations to take the Budget figures as the maximum to be expended. Last year Mr. Madden and Chairman Warren both stated that it would be the practice of these committees so to regard the Budget figures, but that the committees would not be bound in every case by them. There were a few increases last year above the Budget, the most notable of which was the addition of about \$15,000,000 to the rivers and harbors estimate. This year there have been a number of small increases here and there and some considerable increases in the Agricultural Appropriation Bill, particularly in those services which have to do with the eradication of diseases and pests and other agricultural work in the States. The most glaring of these is the increase of the Budget estimate for the destruction of the barberry bush (which is the host for wheat rust) from the Budget estimate

of \$200,000 to \$350,000 by the House and to \$500,000 by the Senate. Last year we discussed this particular appropriation at length as being based upon an erroneous conception of the functions of the Federal Government. It is with regret that we see another increase in the use of public funds for a purpose in which there is no national obligation.

The status of the appropriation bills on Jan. 11 was as follows: The Treasury Department, and the State and Justice Departments bill were approved by the President on Jan. 3; the Commerce and Labor Departments bill was approved by the President on Jan. 5; the Navy Department bill has passed both the House and the Senate, the conference report having been agreed to on Jan. 9, and is now in the hands of the President; the Department of Interior bill has passed both the House and the Senate and is now in conference; the Department of Agriculture bill has passed the House and has reached the last stages of Senate debate; the Post Office Department bill passed the House on Jan. 3 and is in the Senate Committee on Appropriations; the District of Columbia bill passed the House on Jan. 8 and has been sent to the Senate; the independent offices bill passed the House on Jan. 11 and has been sent to the Senate. In addition to these, the Second Deficiency Bill has passed both Houses and is now in the hands of the President.

There remains to be considered by the House only the Army bill and the bill for the support of the Legislative Establishment. The estimates for this last named bill, although included as a chapter in the Budget, are not subject to revision by the Bureau of the Budget, and are therefore sent to Congress by the President without modification.

THE "WANTS" OF THE NEW YEAR.

The great newspapers carry pages filled with "Wants." Meticulous, varied, often appealing, always suggestive, in the aggregate continuous, and apparently never met.

In one aspect they picture the "Discard" of the passing year, in mechanics the "Scrap-heap," defined by a late president of the American Society of Civil Engineers as "that inarticulate witness to our blunders, and the sepulchre of our blasted hopes; the best but most humiliating legacy we are forced to leave to our successors."

The Old Year with its futile controversies, its sharp antagonisms, its Conferences and Congresses, its unsolved political and economic problems, has accumulated an unusual pile, to which the engineer's description will apply. Whether it will justify his added comment, "It has always been to me brimful of instruction," remains to be seen. The contributions to it of the different nations are sufficiently recognizable and protruding to need no advertising. Russia with her Bolsheviki; Turkey with her Kemalists; Greece with her tragic defeat and revolutionary uprising; Italy with her Socialists and her Fascisti; Poland and Germany with democracy tempered by assassination; France with her fears and her overheated republicanism; with various forms of which all Central and South European States are struggling; England with Ireland and the claims of her restless Empire; not to forget South American Republics and their revolutions; even America with her destructive strikes and the dangerous folly of her Ku Klux Klan; all are more or less conscious of the

"Scrap-heap," to which they have contributed their share and from which, as the New Year opens, all must hope to draw some instruction.

The "wants" are varied; but certain common and wide-felt needs run through them all, which can be readily traced.

The first is the need of Peace. The efforts to secure it have been exhausting, beginning with the War itself. Everybody clamors for it now, and everybody sees that it is the one condition on which all else turns. The "Scrap-heap" has the debris of many devices that have been tried for securing it; "Preparation," armed forces, battleships, explosives, poison gases, secret treaties, "direct-action," organized force to supersede constitutional methods, martial law, and peace societies of many kinds; and the goal is still unattained. The spirit of peace is nowhere controlling. On the contrary, the spirit of revolt against law and restraint of any kind speaks in art, literature, music, where freak forms and degrading and retrograde conceptions are everywhere prominent. Familiarity with savagery and cruelty has hardened people, and the world has grown tolerant to wholesale criminality.

The futility of attempts to win peace by schemes, however elaborate and imposing, makes a backward look instructive, and will prepare the way for effort in a different direction.

Another need is of Lower Prices. This extends in many directions. It implies increased production, improved and extended means of transportation, greater freedom of travel, all of which involves widely reduced cost of living, and close application of knowledge and thrift to ways of expenditure. Effort has been largely directed to making life easy, securing exemption from physical and mental effort, shortening hours and restricting the amount of work. To this Science has contributed with her improved methods, her labor-saving machines and her prepared foods. Long ago Renan said he believed in indefinite progress, but he feared that when Science made life easy men would lose the faculty of physical and mental labor; that when want ceased, labor would cease. Earth would come to be "tenanted by idiots warming themselves in sordid leisure in the sun with no incentive to effort beyond providing for their bodily wants." Were he alive now, while he might find specimens of the type he pictured, the overwhelming vicissitudes of recent years have kept the world far from realizing either the progress or the possible danger he foresaw. Progress as well as evolution, has her path marked with many blind alleys and abortive growths; she still has everything to learn to determine her real line of future attainment and perfection.

The very amplitude of our powers is our peril. Bergson says that the underlying cause of the Great War was the fact that man's physical power has increased so much faster than his spiritual power that no adequate control existed. "The bruteness had outgrown the manhood." In quite a different line but to the same end, Paul Bourget, the veteran French author, writes of the glorified individualism in which our young people rejoice to-day. "Exaggerating the consciousness of one's own personality ends by making one mentally stereotyped, never seeing anything but one's own ideas. It is the most morbid variety of individualism, lessening the sense of character, and marking the absence of large contact with life, while claiming a passion for largeness."

Despite the millions which have become the common term, we want more money and more of things it will buy, while we have yet to learn how and to what end they are to be used.

A third "want" is Protection. On all sides this is the cry of the nations; protection of their rights, their territory, their property, their trade. It voices also the need of the people; protection of life, of home, of business, even of freedom and of pleasures. This also is a want underlying and universal. Its forms are multifold and it has always existed. It would seem that society in its progress should long since have satisfied it; the discard is full of the attempts, clubs, bows and arrows, and guns, then laws, and governments, and police, and public opinion; all have been tried, and still the need is constant and at times excessive and urgent. The New Year has the old job still cut out for it. We are discovering startlingly new and efficient forces in nature until the air and even stones hear and talk; forces hitherto equally unrealized in the realm of man wait to be used. The lesson of the dump may send us to them. The forces of the spirit as they appear in the power of personal influence, of character, of morals, and of religion, are known, but how little used in these larger relations. The churches have been sharply criticized and are little regarded as controlling forces; and men of character, even when sought for high position, are easily discredited. The prizes of life have never been distinguishingly theirs; nor have we been watchful of the destructive effect in the realm of the spirit of the tremendous development of material force. A noted philosopher was asked some years ago what that effect is and he answered: "An increasing deterioration in human character." And another described it as "the progressive enfeeblement of the human will." The eyes of the world are turned to possible new sources of wealth to be made available for strength and protection, it may be that in quite another realm the resources that will suffice to save humanity are waiting to be uncovered. Moral and spiritual forces brought into action may prove as startling in their effect as are thermo-dynamics.

There may be mentioned one other "want" to-day, namely Justice. It is a badly worn term, but the thing is hard to get, and the need is constant. Many substitutes are offered; money, work, sympathy, pity, even charity and advice. It was earnestly sought at Versailles, and is pleaded for at Lausanne, it is pursued in the courts, is clamored for in assemblies and is travestied on the lips of the powerful and the rich. It stands erect before the New Year demanding attention and care. It challenges suspicion and mistrust. It says to the nations, to corporations and to men: You cannot have peace, or prosperity, or protection, apart from me. You cannot build except on my foundations, or grow, except I supply the soil; you cannot have comfort or pleasure; you cannot sustain morals or manners, apart from me; your schools and your churches are vain without me.

This "want," at least, is inexorable. As the generations before us, we still have to ask: Do we deal justly with others, and with ourselves? Are we giving to God His own; and to our neighbor what is rightly his? Do we practice what we profess, and judge ourselves accordingly?

A new Age as well as a New Year has come. It is full of promise. It was said in England the other day, "What the people of this country demand is

character, first, last, and all the time. The 'public' have actually come to the conclusion that an ounce of character is worth all the first class brains in the Kingdom." The New Year has need of both, and is for all. The "wants" are in the way of hopeful settlement, and every man has his part to play.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander, and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and light,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindler hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

THE COAL MINERS PROPOSE "NATIONALIZATION."

December gave touches of real cold and made city dwellers who are their own landlords think somewhat ruefully of their cellar coal-bins which used to be well filled. A snowfall added its interference with the movement of heavy loads, and there came dolorous tales of a week's stock having shrunk to a couple of days', so that we were still led to think of "substitutes," and of some doubts of surely obtaining even those. We shall, of course, rub through the winter somehow; but shall we have gained anything thereby towards a permanent peace, or will the revolt break out anew the coming April and the coming September (the anthracite agreement runs to Aug. 31 1923), just when the next year's supply should be in steady production?

The fact-finding commission has not yet discovered any new facts; but now, under the guise of aiding it, the United Mine Workers of America have a "plan" to offer. The plan comes from the "nationalization committee," and is, of course, the old familiar proposition. Unionized labor chafes under private ownership and is always ready to suggest "taking-over" as the infallible cure-all. The reason is on the surface; "Government is such an easy boss," and is delightful to work for, because then the worker can name his own terms. So now the scheme begins with a Secretary of Mines in the Cabinet, as though it were not already more than sufficient to have a Secretary of Labor there, and as though ostensibly broad supervision of great subjects (as Agriculture and Commerce) did not tend strongly to narrow down to the apparent interests of one minor faction. Next, this plan proposes a Federal Commission of Mines, "to control the budget and the policy, on the basis of continuous fact-finding," a suggested outlook that is of itself ominous of perpetual trouble. Next comes a National Mining Council, "to administer policies, with miners, technicians and consumers represented"; this recalls to mind the three-party industrial pacificating bodies of the past which failed either to pacify or to help. Next comes "the safeguarding of collective bargaining through joint conference." Production is to be freed from wage squabbles and sales problems, but this is to be attained "by making wages the first charge against the industry and therefore making wage measurement one of the functions of the Federal commission under the principles of collective bargaining, which will be safeguarded by an independent joint wage-scale committee."

The operators, according to this committee report, have annually a fresh explanation, but have offered no "thought-out" plan and remedy; "vesting owner-

ship of all coal-mining properties, both developed and undeveloped, in the public, and controlled and administered by Governmental bodies," is the declared solution of the United Mine Workers. The report estimates the sums involved in the taking-over as two and a half billions for the investments of bituminous and anthracite operators respectively, and another two billions for royalties to owners of coal lands which would have to be bought up, on the basis of expected production, and it estimates that one year's bituminous output would pay nearly one-half of this total investment.

The Mining Commission is to consist of eleven, five appointed by professional societies, and six by the President, its function to include scientific research and cost-finding, with price-fixing and budget determining; it would safeguard the industry for the public by having the last word on price and quality of fuel and on expenditures. The wage-measurement bureau, established under this Commission, would deal impartially with wage questions, but the miners' union "would, however, insist on retaining its right to collective bargaining by its representatives." Nothing is said about the right to strike, but the union is to continue as "an independent organization of initiative and defense."

Waiving other objections for the moment, it is plain that so involved and cumbrous a scheme could not possibly operate; in the nature of things working would be prevented, as progress would be prevented for a big locomotive whose pairs of driving wheels revolved in opposite directions. Other objections are that the effect would be to prolong the present entanglements and keep up wages and the cost of fuel, to the burdening of all consumers, unionists included; the lion and the lamb can lie down together forthwith and a temporary quiet be had, if the lamb goes inside of the lion, where the latter wants to put him; there can be a sort of peace (if quiet is peace) provided the miners have their own way about wages and working conditions, which this plan would give them. Another objection which must be mentioned but should not need to be argued, is that taking-over and nationalizing have been proved to be aggravations and not cure; they are like the attempts to heal burned tissue by applying hot irons.

The Fact-Finding Commission last week took pains to send a message to representatives of bituminous employers and employees, urging some agreement whereby the mines may not be closed by differences after April 1. Failure to accomplish this, said the message, will cause serious injury, and an agreement "will spare the Commission the necessity of fixing blame for failure to adjust your differences." Yet one is not precluded from condemning some proposal as impracticable and destructive, although he does not offer any counter proposal as being practical and constructive; it is therefore no answer to criticism of this miners' plan to say, "well, what have *you* to offer?" To such a rejoinder the answer must be, "nothing specific," since there is no prescription which will cure industrial ills by "taking" it, like a medicinal compound. The one thing which stands out, both by the nature of men and the situation and by lamentable past experience, is that "nationalizing" is a quack specific and must not be risked, whatever follows and however long a term of suffering may confront us.

Coal operators are not better than business men generally, but are not yet proven worse; coal miners

are condemned by the record of their own making. If they feel a momentary throb of commiseration for outsiders (even members in good standing in other unions) they have not shown any; whether the country is doomed by their act to cold and hunger they apparently deem no concern of theirs. Further, they are like the rail unions in making fear of that suffering their own winning argument. Human nature being as it is, we must expect that one would just a little rather somebody else than himself had an ache; yet a total indifference about the sufferings of others is a moral phenomenon of which organized labor has given some startling examples. Back in 1916 the rail brotherhoods openly threatened to tie up all rail transportation, intending that a frightened country should compel the rail executives to surrender to them; the coal miners try the same coercion through suffering and fear of suffering in the people.

The phenomenon which proves how blind selfishness has made them all is that they have always tried to represent themselves as the under-dog in a struggle with greedy capital and to win sympathy, while their own conduct tends to destroy sympathy. It has been apparently a slow course, yet the mills of the gods do grind. Public sympathy with the sets of strikers who take turns with one another is being replaced by a concern in the public for its own right to exist. As for the fuel situation, present and future, while nobody can devise a sure and speedy cure there are some signs of ways of relief; for instance, lightening the pressure upon anthracite by greater use of soft coals; greater use of substitutes for both; greater utilizing of the almost immeasurable natural forces which the sun is running off to waste by moving water, before our eyes. The truth is (and in a large and most encouraging sense) that while the unions are vainly hating and fighting against abundance there is a world of new abundance and resource which we have only begun to discover and do not even now fully believe in.

The way out of industrial troubles is through the prevailing of the Open Shop and its breaking of the bonds of the rank and file of union membership; also through discovering and using new materials and methods of abundance of the things necessary for life and progress.

RAILROAD GROSS AND NET EARNINGS FOR NOVEMBER.

As the country gets further away from the disturbing influence of the coal miners' strike of last spring and summer and of the coincident railway shopmen's strike, the returns of earnings for the railroads of the United States are becoming better. Accordingly, the compilations which we present below for the month of November 1922 in comparison with those for November 1921 are a decided improvement over the comparative figures for the months immediately preceding. The ratio of gain in the gross revenues is larger and hence more nearly in accord with the rising tide of activity in business, while there is also this time an increase in the net as against the larger or smaller losses in net in previous months. Stated in brief, our figures show an increase of \$57,618,155 in the gross revenues, or 12.35%, and an addition of \$15,846,050, or 16.19%, to the net earnings before the deduction of taxes. Expenses were heavier in amount of \$41,772,105, or 11.34%, as will be seen by the following:

Month of November. (194 Roads.)	1922. \$	1921. \$	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	
			\$	%
Miles of road.....	235,748	235,679	+69	0.00
Gross earnings.....	\$523,748,483	\$466,130,328	+\$57,618,155	12.35
Operating expenses.....	410,085,496	368,313,391	+41,772,105	11.34
Net earnings.....	\$113,662,987	\$97,816,937	+\$15,846,050	16.19

The addition to the gross earnings would have been larger except for the lower schedules of rates in effect. It will be recalled that last May the Interstate Commerce Commission ordered a horizontal cut in freight rates of 10% and that this has been in effect since July 1. Furthermore, in the case of grain, grain products and hay in Western territory a reduction of about 16½% has been operative since Jan. 1 1922 by order of the Commission. In a statement issued on behalf of the railroads at Washington with respect to the November figures, it is pointed out that the effect of the rate reductions is seen in the fact that while the freight traffic of the railroads measured in net-ton miles, that is, the number of tons of freight multiplied by the distance carried, increased 31% in November 1922 over November 1921, gross revenues increased, as already shown, only a little more than 12%. In the same circumstance doubtless is found explanation of why the 1922 increase in the gross is so very much smaller than was the decrease in November of the previous year, the shrinkage then having been in the prodigious amount of \$126,027,666, of which only \$57,618,155 has now been recovered.

That the augmentation in the November 1922 expenses, though of considerable magnitude, should have fallen well within the amount of the addition to the gross for that month, thus producing a gain in the net, is certainly a decidedly encouraging feature. It shows that the carriers are at length again getting control of their expense accounts, and that better discipline and a higher state of efficiency is being attained, notwithstanding the carriers unquestionably cannot yet have fully recovered from the effects of the shopmen's strike, not a few of the roads still finding themselves hampered in their shop work because of the change in the personnel of the shop forces and the lack of sufficient time since the reorganization of these forces for the removal of the friction incident to the installation of new bodies of men. On that point, however, it is pleasing to observe that the reports from Washington say that expenditures for maintenance of equipment during November totaled \$122,012,900, an increase of 17% over the same month of 1921, while expenditures for maintenance of way amounted to \$61,517,500, or a decrease of 1.1%, under the same month in 1921. As indicating that results have been obtained from this increase in expenditures for maintenance of equipment, it is pointed out that during the month in 1922 the number of freight cars in need of repair was reduced by 23,672, while there was a reduction of 357 in the number of locomotives needing repairs. The cut of 7@8% in the wages of the maintenance of way men and in that of the shop crafts employees, in effect since July 1 1922, served, of course, to that extent to hold expenses down—though it is a question if the nominal saving in that regard was not offset by extra expenses arising out of the disorganizing influence of the strike.

At all events the improvement in the net is a decidedly encouraging circumstance, as already observed, and it assumes additional significance when the fact is recalled that it follows some improvement in the net in 1921 and likewise in 1920. In 1921, which was a period of great trade prostration, the shrinkage in the gross revenues, as noted further above, reached

no less than \$126,027,666, but by forced economy and drastic cuts in every direction the saving in expenses was made to reach a yet larger sum, namely \$144,962,518, leaving, therefore, \$18,934,852 increase in the net. November of the previous year was one of the few months of the year 1920 that netted fairly satisfactory net results, our compilations for November 1920 having registered \$154,239,572 increase in gross (mainly because of the higher schedules of transportation charge put into effect a few months before), and \$37,533,530 of this having been carried forward as an increase in the net. The gain in net for November 1922 is additional to these gains in November 1921 and November 1920. In the years immediately preceding 1920, however, the November showing had been bad, large losses in the net having piled up in 1919, 1918 and 1917. In 1919, particularly, the showing was extremely poor. This will appear when the reader recalls that it was the period of the strike at the bituminous coal mines. This strike had the effect of very materially contracting the coal traffic over the railroads and proved a highly disturbing influence in other respects. The result was that our tabulations recorded a loss in gross and net earnings alike for the month—only \$2,593,438 in the former, but (owing to a coincident large augmentation in the expenses) \$26,848,880 in the net earnings, or over 35%. Added emphasis attached at the time to this large loss in the net because it came on top of a considerable shrinkage in the net in November of the previous year. In November 1918 a tremendous augmentation in expenses had occurred owing to the prodigious advances in wages made in that year. These wage advances, with the great rise in operating cost in other directions, so expanded railroad expenses that the increase in the latter far outdistanced the gain in gross revenues, large though these were by reason of the higher rates put in force a few months before. In brief, though the gain in the gross then reached \$82,163,408, or 23.06%, the augmentation in expenses amounted to no less than \$102,091,182, or 39.16%, leaving the net reduced by \$19,927,774, or 20.80%. The year before (1917) a closely similar situation existed. In other words, our tabulation for November 1917 recorded \$33,304,905 increase in gross earnings, but \$20,830,409 decrease in the net. It is in the prodigious expansion of the expenses in these early years that is found the basis for the retrenchment and economies now being established, this previous situation having been abnormal and the effort now being to get back to somewhere near normal. In the following we furnish the November summaries back to 1906.

Commerce totals, which then were on a very comprehensive basis, but for preceding years we give the results just as registered by our own tables each year—a portion of the railroad mileage of the country being always unrepresented in the totals in these earlier years, owing to the refusal of some of the roads at that time to give out monthly figures for publication.

With the general results good the returns of the separate roads are, of course, of much the same character—with a few exceptions that prove the rule. Gross earnings nearly everywhere record increases and in the case of many important systems, particularly among the Eastern trunk lines, these increases reach large proportions. Somewhat more than half a dozen roads have fallen behind in the gross, most of these being found in the Southwest; and, strangely enough, two of the anthracite carriers, namely the Lehigh Valley and the Lackawanna, are also obliged to report decreased gross. We say "strangely" because anthracite coal has been rushed to market with great speed, though it is possible that this very circumstance, that is, the urgency in the need of supplies of hard coal, made it impossible to move other classes of freight in full volume, thereby diminishing both gross and net returns. In any event, the two anthracite carriers already mentioned, the Lackawanna and the Lehigh Valley, as also the Ontario & Western, have suffered heavy reductions of the net as well as the gross. There are also over a dozen other roads obliged to report decreases in net, and doubtless in those instances heavy maintenance outlays on equipment, following the shopmen's strike, played their part in swelling the expense accounts.

Among the Eastern trunk lines heavier expenses are quite a feature of the returns. The New York Central, with \$7,366,049 addition to the gross (mainly a recovery of the previous year's loss) was able to add no more than \$598,341 to the net, though this is not surprising, seeing that the present increase in the net follows a very large increase in November 1921, the road then having added \$4,127,869 to its net in face of \$6,941,358 loss in the gross. These figures relate to the New York Central itself. If we include the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," etc., the whole going to form the New York Central Lines, the result is a gain of \$12,321,268 in the gross and of \$3,141,100 in the net. The Pennsylvania on the lines directly operated shows \$6,825,938 addition to the gross, but accompanied by a loss of \$395,450 in the net. For the entire Pennsylvania System, including all roads owned and controlled, the result is an increase in gross of \$7,230,365, and a decrease of \$205,664 in the net. In the following we show all changes for the separate roads or systems for amounts in excess of \$100,000, whether increases or decreases, and in both gross and net:

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN GROSS EARNINGS IN NOVEMBER.

	Increase.	Increase.
New York Central.....	\$7,366,049	\$ 644,802
Pennsylvania (1).....	6,825,938	625,080
Baltimore & Ohio.....	3,943,956	620,883
Illinois Central.....	3,297,484	619,741
Chicago Milw & St Paul.....	2,741,523	615,285
Michigan Central.....	2,035,075	524,227
Southern Pac System (8).....	2,020,628	514,067
Chicago Burl & Quincy.....	2,013,073	421,024
Chicago & North West.....	1,992,853	351,849
Atch Topoka & S Fe (3).....	1,979,438	330,324
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie.....	1,531,850	327,391
Erie (3).....	1,343,858	308,083
Cleve C C & St Louis.....	1,203,625	298,278
Philadelphia & Reading.....	1,128,417	297,950
Buffalo Roch & Pitts.....	1,108,820	275,724
Southern Ry.....	1,017,360	273,760
Duluth Miss & Northern Union Pacific (3).....	972,887	270,472
Atlantic Coast Line.....	926,165	267,268
Bessemer & Lake Erie.....	788,916	261,192
N Y N H & Hartford.....	782,414	249,366
	671,466	241,075

Year.	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).
1906.	140,697,123	131,123,621	+ 9,573,502	48,065,287	46,506,160	+ 1,569,127
1907.	138,079,281	133,284,422	+ 4,794,859	39,171,387	46,113,471	- 6,942,084
1908.	211,597,792	220,445,475	- 8,847,673	74,511,332	66,294,996	+ 8,216,336
1909.	248,087,561	211,784,357	+ 36,303,204	94,531,128	74,556,970	+ 19,974,158
1910.	248,559,120	247,564,470	+ 994,650	83,922,437	94,383,397	- 10,460,960
1911.	241,343,763	243,111,388	- 1,767,625	79,050,299	82,069,186	- 3,018,887
1912.	276,430,016	244,461,845	+ 31,968,171	93,017,842	80,316,771	+ 12,701,071
1913.	269,220,882	278,364,475	- 9,143,593	78,212,966	93,282,860	- 15,069,894
1914.	240,235,811	272,882,181	- 32,646,340	67,989,515	77,567,898	- 9,578,383
1915.	306,733,317	240,422,695	+ 66,310,622	118,002,025	67,999,131	+ 50,002,894
1916.	360,738,745	306,606,471	+ 54,132,274	118,373,536	118,050,446	+ 323,090
1917.	360,062,052	326,757,147	+ 33,304,905	96,272,216	117,102,625	- 20,830,409
1918.	438,602,283	356,438,875	+ 82,163,408	75,882,188	95,809,962	- 19,927,774
1919.	436,436,551	439,029,989	- 2,593,438	48,130,467	74,979,347	- 26,848,880
1920.	592,277,620	438,038,048	+ 154,239,572	85,778,171	48,244,641	+ 37,533,530
1921.	464,440,498	590,468,164	- 126,027,666	97,366,264	78,431,412	+ 18,934,852
1922.	523,748,483	466,130,328	+ 57,618,155	113,662,987	97,816,937	+ 15,846,050

Note.—In 1906 the number of roads included for the month of November was 97; in 1907, 87; in 1908 the returns were based on 232,577 miles of road; in 1909, 239,038; in 1910, 241,272; in 1911, 234,209; in 1912, 237,376; in 1913, 243,745; in 1914, 246,497; in 1915, 246,910; in 1916, 248,863; in 1917, 242,407; in 1918, 232,274; in 1919, 233,032; in 1920, 235,213; in 1921, 236,043; in 1922, 235,748.

It is proper to state that for 1910, for 1909 and for 1908 in the foregoing we use the Inter-State

	Increases.		Increases.
St Louis Southwestern(2)	\$240,574	Maine Central.....	\$112,441
Chicago St L & Western	237,313	Louisville Ry & Nav.....	107,140
Delaware & Hudson.....	230,729	Perre Marquette.....	106,792
Long Island.....	226,624		
Central Vermont.....	224,640	Representing 79 roads	
Internat Gt Northern.....	222,588	in our compilation.....	\$58,041,374
Chesapeake & Ohio.....	198,945		
Chicago Great Western.....	195,358		
Lehigh & New England.....	188,584	Lehigh Valley.....	Decreases.
Chicago Ind & St Louis.....	189,291	Missouri Pacific.....	\$733,783
El Paso Southwest.....	185,700	Del Lack & Western.....	410,297
West Jersey & Seashore.....	175,505	Trinity & Brazos Valley.....	325,546
Indiana Harbor Belt.....	167,811	Norfolk & Western.....	248,988
Yazoo & Miss Valley.....	147,138	Colorado Southern (2).....	223,384
Grand Trunk Western.....	143,653	Great Northern.....	174,985
Belt Ry of Chicago.....	140,908	Chicago R I Lines (2).....	170,301
Rich Fred & Potomac.....	132,794	Central New England.....	166,489
Mo & North Arkansas.....	124,369		123,631
St L Merch Bridge Term.....	119,396	Representing 11 roads	
Kansas City Southern.....		in our compilation.....	\$2,577,404

Note.—All the figures in the above are on the basis of the returns filed with the Inter-State Commerce Commission. Where, however, these returns do not show the total for any system, we have combined the separate roads so as to make the results conform as nearly as possible to those given in the statements furnished by the companies themselves.

a This is the result for the Pennsylvania RR. (including the former Pennsylvania Company, Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis and Grand Rapids & Indiana), the Pennsylvania RR. reporting \$6,825,938 increase. For the entire Pennsylvania System, including all roads owned and controlled, the result is an increase in gross of \$7,230,365.

b These figures cover merely the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the whole going to form the New York Central System, the result is a gain of \$12,321,263.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN NET EARNINGS IN NOVEMBER.

	Increases.		Increases.
Southern Pacific (8).....	\$2,014,178	Galveston Wharf.....	\$132,973
Chicago Milw & St Paul.....	1,832,096	West Jersey & Seashore.....	132,646
Baltimore & Ohio.....	1,382,092	Duluth & Iron Range.....	131,388
Chicago & North West.....	1,344,565	Yazoo & Miss Valley.....	130,889
Union Pacific (3).....	1,242,234	Internat & Great North.....	123,104
Illinois Central.....	1,123,972	Florida East Coast.....	122,383
Michigan Central.....	1,082,506	Seaboard Air Line.....	113,992
Chicago Burl & Quincy.....	1,078,390	Boston & Maine.....	113,268
Philadelphia & Reading.....	1,025,632	New Orleans & Nor East.....	103,049
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie.....	720,468	Detroit Grd Hav & Milw.....	100,759
Duluth Missabe & North.....	617,596	Cincinnati Northern.....	100,559
Atlantic Coast Line.....	598,341		
Central RR of New Jers.....	576,541	Representing 65 roads	
New York Central.....	519,262	in our compilation.....	\$24,508,945
Bessemer & Lake Erie.....	486,533		
Chicago R I Lines (2).....	408,457	Norfolk & Western.....	Decreases.
Southern Railway.....	407,636	Delaware Lack & West.....	\$1,944,441
Louisville & Nashville.....	362,237	Lehigh Valley.....	1,435,512
Central of Georgia.....	324,481	Missouri Pacific.....	964,492
Cinc New OrL & Tex Pac.....	303,624	N Y N H & Hartford.....	629,440
Cleve C C & St Louis.....	260,389	Great Northern.....	598,857
Atch Top & Santa Fe (3).....	248,222	Colorado Southern (2).....	499,939
Mobile & Ohio.....	244,240	Pennsylvania.....	395,540
Chicago River & Indiana.....	237,210	Texas & Pacific.....	395,168
Minn St Paul & S S M.....	219,978	Chesapeake & Ohio.....	329,669
Nashv Chatt & St Louis.....	200,340	N Y Chicago & St Louis.....	299,449
Lehigh & New England.....	196,720	Wheeling & Lake Erie.....	235,829
Maine Central.....	190,316	N Y Ontario & Western.....	214,891
Western Pacific.....	185,316	St Louis Southwest (2).....	206,276
Pittsb & West Virginia.....	183,654	Hocking Valley.....	200,887
Alabama Great Northern.....	173,044	Wabash Railway.....	200,514
Missouri Kan & Tex (2).....	164,321	Trinity & Brazos Valley.....	134,813
Elgin Joliet & Eastern.....	157,811	St Louis South West.....	133,001
Grand Trunk Western.....	146,379	New York Connecting.....	122,080
Chic Det Can & Gr Trk.....	139,546	Detroit Toledo & Ironton.....	120,129
El Paso & Southwestern.....	138,622	Minneapolis & St Louis.....	110,096
Los Angeles & Salt Lake.....	134,101	Representing 23 roads	
		in our compilation.....	\$9,786,909

a This is the result for the Pennsylvania RR. (including the former Pennsylvania Company, Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis and Grand Rapids & Indiana), the Pennsylvania RR. reporting \$395,450 decrease. For the entire Pennsylvania System, including all roads owned and controlled, the result is a decrease in net of \$205,664.

b These figures merely cover the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the result is an increase of \$3,141,100.

Arranging the roads now in groups or geographical divisions, according to their location, in our usual fashion, additional testimony is furnished of the general nature of the improvement. For it is found that every group, without any exception, records improvement in the gross, and every group also improvement in the net with the single exception of the New England Group, where the net falls slightly behind, due mainly to losses on the New Haven road and the New York Connecting. Our summary by groups is as follows:

SUMMARY BY GROUPS.

Section or Group.	Gross Earnings			
	1922.	1921.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	%
November—				
Group 1 (9 roads), New England.....	22,514,130	21,206,966	+1,307,164	6.16
Group 2 (34 roads), East & Middle.....	169,008,526	146,151,367	+22,857,159	15.63
Group 3 (26 roads), Middle West.....	44,450,058	36,805,102	+7,644,956	20.77
Groups 4 & 5 (34 roads), Southern.....	66,457,851	61,387,685	+5,070,166	8.25
Groups 6 & 7 (29 roads), Northwest.....	101,204,075	86,861,251	+14,342,824	16.50
Groups 8 & 9 (50 roads), Southwest.....	97,530,537	93,105,401	+4,425,136	4.75
Group 10 (12 roads), Pacific Coast.....	22,583,306	20,612,556	+1,970,750	9.56
Total (194 roads).....	523,748,483	466,130,328	+57,618,155	12.35
	Net Earnings			
	1922.	1921.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	%
Group No. 1.....	7,462	7,522	-60	0.8
Group No. 2.....	34,504	34,468	36	0.1
Group No. 3.....	15,519	15,589	-70	0.4
Group Nos. 4 & 5.....	39,061	39,067	-6	0.0
Group Nos. 6 & 7.....	63,639	63,700	-61	0.1
Group Nos. 8 & 9.....	62,139	62,047	92	0.1
Group No. 10.....	13,424	13,286	138	1.0
Total.....	235,748	235,679	69	0.03

NOTE.—Group I. includes all of the New England States.

Group II. includes all of New York and Pennsylvania except that portion west of Pittsburgh and Buffalo, also all of New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, and the extreme northern portion of West Virginia.

Group III. includes all of Ohio and Indiana, all of Michigan except the northern peninsula, and that portion of New York and Pennsylvania west of Buffalo and Pittsburgh.

Groups IV. and V. combined include the Southern States south of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi River.

Groups VI. and VII. combined include the northern peninsula of Michigan, all of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois, all of South Dakota and North Dakota and Missouri north of St. Louis and Kansas City, also all of Montana, Wyoming and Nebraska, together with Colorado north of a line parallel to the State line passing through Denver.

Groups VIII. and IX. combined include all of Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Indian Territory, Missouri south of St. Louis and Kansas City, Colorado south of Denver, the whole of Texas and the bulk of Louisiana, and that portion of New Mexico north of a line running from the northwest corner of the State through Santa Fe and east of a line running from Santa Fe to El Paso.

Group X. includes all of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona, and the western part of New Mexico.

It is proper to point out that in the movements of the leading staples Western roads in November had the advantage of a larger grain movement and a larger livestock movement and Southern roads benefited by a larger cotton movement. For the four weeks ending Nov. 25 the receipts of wheat at the Western primary markets were 38,475,000 bushels in 1922 as against only 23,475,000 in the corresponding four weeks of 1921; the receipts of corn 21,974,000 bushels against 14,154,000; the receipts of oats 21,088,000 bushels against 10,205,000; of barley 3,594,000 bushels against 2,062,000, and of rye 6,087,000 bushels against 1,520,000. In other words, the receipts of the five cereals combined in 1922 were 91,218,000 bushels against 51,416,000, being an increase of almost 40 million bushels. The details of the Western grain movement in our usual form are shown in the table we now present:

4 Wks. end.	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
Nov. 25.	(bbls.)	(bush.)	(bush.)	(bush.)	(bush.)	(bush.)
Chicago—						
1922.....	1,718,000	2,761,000	10,503,000	7,915,000	905,000	1,421,000
1921.....	882,000	1,005,000	6,598,000	3,142,000	442,000	455,000
Minnneapolis—						
1922.....		13,227,000	372,000	2,278,000	1,240,000	1,013,000
1921.....		9,386,000	574,000	1,853,000	520,000	522,000
Duluth—						
1922.....		6,493,000	46,000	81,000	322,000	3,090,000
1921.....		4,951,000	265,000	201,000	549,000	458,000
Milwaukee—						
1922.....	403,000	251,000	662,000	1,593,000	978,000	370,000
1921.....	155,000	124,000	607,000	1,281,000	395,000	70,000
Toledo—						
1922.....		1,064,000	373,000	238,000	1,000	99,000
1921.....		1,681,000	190,000	126,000	64,000	1,000
Detroit—						
1922.....		184,000	210,000	250,000		
1921.....		83,000	114,000	183,000		
Omaha & Indianapolis—						
1922.....		2,776,000	3,929,000	2,616,000		
1921.....		664,000	2,450,000	1,314,000		
St. Louis—						
1922.....	387,000	4,219,000	2,259,000	3,042,000	79,000	45,000
1921.....	420,000	1,597,000	1,646,000	1,000,000	68,000	6,000
Peoria—						
1922.....	161,000	261,000	2,233,000	1,572,000	69,000	49,000
1921.....	194,000	82,000	1,345,000	808,000	24,000	8,000
Kansas City—						
1922.....		6,256,000	838,000	1,371,000		
1921.....		8,000	3,902,000	365,000	297,000	
St. Joseph—						
1922.....		983,000	549,000	132,000		
1921.....						
Total of All—						
1922.....	2,649,000	38,475,000	21,974,000	21,088,000	3,594,000	6,087,000
1921.....	1,659,000	23,475,000	14,154,000	10,205,000	2,062,000	1,520,000
Jan. 1 to Nov. 25—						
Chicago—						
1922.....	12,173,000	54,091,000	171,022,000	77,054,000	8,774,000	5,118,000
1921.....	9,914,000	44,527,000	161,548,000	77,530,000	7,120,000	4,091,000
Minnneapolis—						
1922.....		102,105,000	13,623,000	25,480,000	10,792,000	7,901,000
1921.....		99,994,000	12,356,000	26,739,000	8,596,000	4,998,000
Duluth—						
1922.....		48,255,000	12,384,000	4,105,000	4,239,000	34,816,000
1921.....		48,738,000	5,884,000	6,433,000	4,416,000	8,980,000
Milwaukee—						
1922.....	2,255,000	2,341,000	21,795,000	19,092,000	8,976,000	2,332,000
1921.....	1,342,000	19,763,000	22,730,000	17,905,000	8,382,000	3,137,000
Toledo—						
1922.....		6,538,000	3,573,000	3,034,000	9,000	547,000
1921.....		6,479,000	2,538,000	4,883,000	180,000	3,000
Detroit—						
1922.....		1,661,000	2,228,000	2,289,000		2,000
1921.....		1,589,000	1,372,000	2,684,000		
Omaha & Indianapolis—						
1922.....		25,942,000	46,532,000	21,317,000		
1921.....		31,551,000	34,108,000	21,307,000		
St. Louis—						
1922.....	4,134,000	34,362,000	30,072,000	25,179,000	662,000	495,000
1921.....	4,870,000	50,895,000	24,704,000	24,645,000	702,000	324,000
Peoria—						
1922.....	2,147,000	4,019,000	22,251,000	14,132,000	405,000	143,000
1921.....	2,252,000	1,917,000	14,974,000	9,568,000	554,000	389,000
Kansas City—						
1922.....	53,000	73,955,000	14,677,000	7,133,000	3,000	
1921.....	1,008,000	95,959,000	13,273,000	6,451,000	50,000	
St. Joseph—						
1922.....		10,434,000	8,698,000	1,175,000		
1921.....						
St. Joseph—						
1922.....		19,000	233,000	102,000		
1921.....						
Total of All—						
1922.....	20,762,000	363,722,000	347,088,			

As regards the Southern cotton movement, the receipts at the Southern outports aggregated 1,135,160 bales in November 1922 against 710,555 bales in November 1921; 1,046,560 bales in 1920 and 1,181,606 bales in November 1919, as will be seen by the following:

RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT SOUTHERN PORTS IN NOVEMBER AND FROM JANUARY 1 TO NOVEMBER 31 1922, 1921 AND 1920.

Ports.	November.			Since January 1.		
	1922.	1921.	1920.	1922.	1921.	1920.
Galveston.....	451,919	347,597	479,843	2,569,859	2,834,531	2,212,665
Texas City, &c.....	260,028	46,915	75,064	768,739	509,206	447,249
New Orleans.....	252,966	153,732	275,768	1,248,313	1,274,455	1,280,446
Mobile.....	17,130	12,847	21,029	138,248	129,726	122,946
Pensacola, &c.....	4,917	1,740	258	21,491	19,954	19,121
Savannah.....	40,325	69,975	105,889	605,192	740,804	794,417
Brunswick.....	880	3,213	2,300	39,975	16,822	75,554
Charleston.....	15,728	5,573	13,061	156,096	96,057	297,930
Wilmington.....	19,204	13,079	14,837	106,401	109,460	87,301
Norfolk.....	72,063	55,775	58,242	283,570	334,605	241,688
Newport News, &c.....	109	249	1,621	3,746
Total.....	1,135,160	710,555	1,046,560	5,938,484	6,067,241	5,583,017

Indications of Business Activity

The State of Trade—Commercial Epitome.

Friday Night, Jan. 12 1923.

With iron and steel and the textile trades as the leaders, American trade is making a better showing. The holiday dull is passing off. Higher prices prevail for pig iron and in some cases for steel. There is a renewal of the activity of last fall in more than one line of trade. It is believed that the railroads will be large buyers of materials as the year advances. The retail trade is better than it was a year ago, in spite of the fact that the weather at the West and at the South has been rather mild. Here in the East the winter thus far has been severe, with storms of rain or snow every few days, but with temperatures above the normal for the season. The retail sales of 1922 were over 10% greater than in 1921. It is true that the rise in grain has been in a manner halted, owing to the falling off in export business traceable partly to Argentine competition and partly to political disturbances on the Continent of Europe.

A striking incident of the week was the invasion of the Ruhr valley by France. It declared martial law in the Ruhr to-day. The United States Government has ordered the withdrawal of American troops from the Rhineland. The feeling in this country is that Germany should pay ample reparations, but at the same time there is doubt whether it is going the right way about it to get them. It is believed that President Harding's suggestion of a commission to look into the question and decide just how much Germany is able to pay would have been a better way of arriving at the solution of an admittedly knotty question, than by the use of force by the French Government. The action of France tends, it is feared, to isolate her. It is suggested that the expenses incurred by France in the invasion and occupation of the Ruhr will prevent its realizing its claims, or at any rate, in the near future. The invasion of the Ruhr valley has been a disturbing influence in business both at home and abroad during the week, although in accordance with the curious psychology of business men, when the event actually occurred it to all intents and purposes fell flat. The markets at home and abroad had largely or wholly discounted it. That was the case in stocks, cotton, grain and other commodities. London has been noticeably calm and to-day was cheerful, with the stock market steady. The stock exchanges of Paris and Berlin, moreover, have not been seriously disturbed. Francs after an early break have advanced, though marks have reached a new "low." Sterling is higher.

In this country the trend of trade is towards greater activity, although it is not denied that profits in many lines are rather small, owing to the high costs of production. These high costs are traceable largely to costly labor. Yet textile workers in New England, for instance, now demand an increase of 29% in wages. It is pointed out that in the textile industries outside of the Southern States there has been only one general reduction from the top wages of the boom period, namely 22½% in December 1920. The average hourly wages of all labor in 23 leading industries covered by the investigations of the National Industrial Conference Board was, curious as it sounds, 108% higher in September 1922 than in July 1914. It is pointed out that the farmers have had no such increase in pay for their services to society. On the contrary, they have had to submit to a price reduction averaging 50% from the high point of 1920. To be sure, there

has been a rally from this of about 16%. But the regrettable thing is that the buying power of the chief farm products of the country in October 1922 was only 65% of what it was in 1913. It is not at all surprising that emphatic protests are heard against the attempts of organized labor to regain the highest wages of the boom period. It is nothing less than an attempt to continue an unjust advantage at the expense of the farming population of the country, and, it may be added, the salaried workers of the big towns and cities of the country, whose pay has not been increased in anything like the same ratio as that of the artisan population. Meantime, the American people are still suffering from the scarcity and costliness of coal brought about by an unjust strike of the mine workers last year. Civilization will yet deal with questions of this kind in a more efficient way than it does now. It will not always be possible for a mere fraction of the population to dictate to over 100,000,000 people as to the supply of fuel and the prices to be paid for it. Fall River manufacturers have thrown down the gauntlet and notified labor that they would close their plants rather than submit to a raise of nearly 30% in wages.

Meantime employment is almost universal throughout the country. Building total for December was a new high record. That was the case also for the calendar year of 1922. Lumber is remarkably active. The furniture trade is brisk. New England jewelry manufacturers are doing a good trade. Automobile manufacturing in Detroit is at the peak. Taking American business as a whole, it is believed to be in promising shape, although it would be better if there were a readjustment of prices so that the farming community would not be at such a disadvantage. It would also be better if the margin of profit in trade could be increased to a fair return, whereas now, as already pointed out, it is reduced by the swollen costs of labor.

The Fall River, Mass., Cotton Manufacturers' Association, as noted above, has notified the textile unions that their cotton mills will be closed rather than submit to the demand for an increase of wages of 29%. The Association points out how vital the continuous operation of the textile industry is to the welfare of the city, declaring that when working full time the mills pay the operatives over \$21,000,000 annually in wages, "while the stockholders cannot expect to receive more than \$3,000,000 in the same period." Answering the statement that "increased living costs require a return of wages to the war period rate," the manufacturers say: "It is clear that those figures do not justify the contention as a reason for a return to the war scale." The statement quotes statistics showing that wages paid to-day as compared with \$1 paid in 1913 place the textile industry well above steel, building trades, coal mining and farm labor, the figures being respectively \$2 10, \$1 80, \$1 73 and \$1 38. No figures can be found to justify the statement that "the same kind of work is generally paid from 10 to 33% higher in other textile centres of New England than in Fall River," the mills add, and they state that textile wages in Fall River are about 40% higher than are paid by its Southern competitors. The mills further deny that "the present condition of the industry enables it to make the increase demanded. Unless the mills in normal times can pay reasonable dividends, there is an end to the growth of the industry in Fall River," the manufacturers say, and add that "capital will not take the risk of business depressions, Southern competition, and other vicissitudes unless it may reasonably anticipate such a return on the investment." If this 29% added burden is placed upon the mills "they must go out of business," the manufacturers declare. They take up and point out how impossible are the suggestions that the increased wage might be met by increasing the price of goods. A "buyers' strike" would inevitably follow, the mill men maintain. The communication is accompanied by a chart and statistics covering practically every phase of the industry, the cost of living and other elements that must enter into the fixing of a wage scale in Fall River. It looks unanswerable. Fall River cotton mill firemen have joined the textile workers in demanding a wage increase of 29%. The Pacific Mills at Lawrence, Mass., on Jan. 9 asked employees below the rate of second hand to appoint delegates to confer with the management on wages and other matters. Talk from Pawtucket, R. I., is that cotton mill workers everywhere in New England will try to get higher wages. It does not look as though they can get the 29% demanded, but to some it does look as though wages will be advanced somewhat and that some mills will make separate terms with their employees.

David N. Mosessoehn, a lawyer and a director of the Associated Dress Industries of America, was unanimously se-

lected to fill the post of supreme arbiter of the dress industry at the annual meeting of the Association on Thursday night. The powers conferred on Mr. Mosessohn will be similar in scope to those granted Will H. Hays in the moving picture field and ex-Judge K. M. Landis in baseball. It was reported that Mr. Mosessohn will receive a salary of \$50,000 a year. The dress industry is one of the five leading industries in the United States in the volume of merchandise handled. The wholesale value of the manufactured products has been placed at between \$750,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000 a year.

A Montreal wire on Jan. 8 said that the pulp and paper manufacturing firm of Price Bros., now one of the largest in Canada, is to expand its output of newsprint to equal what was the total for Canada a decade ago. A three-year program of enlargement is planned, which will bring the present daily output of 300 tons up to 900 tons, or 280,000 tons yearly.

Despite a big drop in lumber production for the week ending Dec. 30 1922, as compared with the week immediately preceding, it was far above the Christmas weeks of many previous years, according to figures just published by the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association.

The weather here in the fore part of the week was stormy, either raining, hailing, sleeting or snowing, and always raw. It snowed and sleeted again on the 9th inst. here. On the 8th inst. heavy snows fell and blocked the roads up the State, stranded autos and delayed trains throughout the eastern and northern sections. Real winter arrived. State roads from Albany northward were kept open with difficulty, and so with steam and electric roads. Rochester, N. Y., on the 9th inst. wired that snow again was falling in western New York, adding to the huge drifts already piled high by the blizzard of last week and the heavy storm of the 8th inst. A driving wind added to the discomfort. State highways in the Rochester section were virtually impassable. In the residential sections there the fall ranged from one and one-half to three feet, completely covering hedges and in some cases fences. To-day it has been clear and warmer here.

Summary of Business Conditions by Federal Reserve Board.

Beginning with January, a national summary of business and credit conditions is to be prepared each month by the statistical services of the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve Banks, and will deal with the latest available facts regarding production, prices, trade and bank credit. The summary will be published by all the Federal Reserve banks in their monthly business reviews each month. This summary is of interest, showing as it does an increasing volume of trade, an increased demand for labor, a greater estimated crop yield, &c. From the summary as given in the January number of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, we quote as follows:

The figures for banking will be those of the current month, but the other figures will relate to the preceding month.

The index of production includes these 22 series:

Pig iron	Cattle slaughtered	Leather
Steel ingots	Calves slaughtered	Newsprint
Cotton (consumption)	Sheep slaughtered	Cement
Wool (consumption)	Lumber	Petroleum
Wheat flour	Bituminous coal	Cigars
Sugar meltings	Anthracite coal	Cigarettes
Hogs slaughtered	Copper	Manufactured tobacco
	Zinc	

In combining these series in a single index the different items have been weighted in accordance with their relative importance. Allowance has been made for seasonal variation, so that the index does not reflect changes due to seasonal causes. The combined production index compares current output with the production in 1919. The wholesale price index is prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and uses 1913 as a base.

Summary of Business Conditions in the U. S.

The volume of production and employment continued upward in November, and prices registered a further advance.

Production.

Contrary to the usual trend at this season of the year, production in basic industries in November continued to increase. Since July 1921, when production was lower than at any time in recent years, there has been an almost uninterrupted rise month by month. The index, illustrated in the chart, in which allowance has been made for seasonal changes, shows that production in basic industries during November was 52% higher than in July 1921, and 7% higher than in October 1922. The chief advances from October to November were in mill consumption of cotton, which reached a monthly total exceeded only once since 1917, and in the production of pig iron, which was larger than at any time in the past two years. Building operations were maintained on a large scale, despite the approach of winter.

Final estimates for the year place the yields of all principal crops ahead of 1921, except that of corn which was unusually large in 1921. As a result of these larger yields, and of higher prices as well, the total farm value of crops grown in 1922, based on prices received at the farm as of Dec. 1, is estimated to be 25% larger than in 1921, but 17% less than in 1920.

Increased production was accompanied by continued heavy freight movement. The total number of railroad cars loaded during November

was substantially larger than in the corresponding month of previous years, although 5% less than in October. The decline in the demand for cars and a further decrease in the proportion of cars out of repair have resulted in a considerable reduction in the freight car shortage.

Demand for labor continued to increase, as shown by the volume of employment at industrial establishments. Local shortages of labor were reported by steel mills, textile mills, and building contractors in Eastern districts, but some surplus of common labor was reported from agricultural districts.

Wholesale Prices.

Wholesale prices advanced during November and reached the highest level since March, 1921. The rise of two points in the Bureau of Labor Statistics index to 156 was due chiefly to advances in the prices of farm products, foods and clothing, which rose to the highest points of the year. These advances more than offset declines in the prices of fuels and metals.

Volume of Trade.

Wholesale trade in lines reported to Federal Reserve Banks was substantially larger during November than for the corresponding month last year. Sales of department stores and mail-order houses during November were also larger than a year ago, and reports of Christmas trade thus far received indicate sales larger than in either 1920 or 1921. The volume of payments by check was 7% smaller in November than in October, due partly to the smaller number of business days, but was 10% larger than in Nov., 1921.

Bank Credit.

During the period between November 22 and December 20 Federal Reserve banks have been called upon to supply the extra currency needs of holiday trade, and this demand is reflected in an increase of \$157,000,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation, bringing the total to the highest point for the year. A decline of \$43,000,000 in gold reserves was also largely due to increased use of gold for currency purposes. The total earning assets of the Federal Reserve banks rose during the period \$145,000,000, partly in response to the demand for currency and partly in consequence of heavy Government operations on December 15.

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Federal Reserve Bank of New York on Banking Conditions in December.

The Jan. 1 number of the Monthly Review of Credit and Business Conditions of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York has the following to say regarding bank credit and banking conditions during December:

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Banking Conditions.

In this district financial developments during the month centered around the operations in the Government debt on Dec. 15. The chief of these was the redemption of the called series of Victory notes, of which about \$250,000,000, it was estimated, would be presented for redemption in this district. Both here and elsewhere, however, the volume of Victory notes presented on Dec. 15 was relatively light, and up to Dec. 27 somewhat less than \$125,000,000 had been received by the New York Reserve Bank.

The delay in presentation was owing largely to the very wide distribution of Victory notes at the time of their sale in May 1919. Previous action on the part of the Treasury had resulted in the earlier retirement of large blocks of Victory notes held by banks and other financial institutions, corporations, and large investors, and the amount remaining outstanding on Dec. 15 is believed largely to represent notes held by individuals in comparatively small amounts. Though interest has ceased, these widely scattered individual-holdings of called notes are being presented for redemption very slowly.

In consequence, the amount of money in this district available for reinvestment on Dec. 15 was from \$125,000,000 to \$175,000,000 less than was anticipated. On previous quarterly tax dates disbursements made by the Government in this district have ordinarily much exceeded, for a few days at least, the amounts available from collected tax checks, and ease in the money markets has ordinarily resulted. On Dec. 15 the excess of Government disbursements over collections was smaller than usual, and this excess was largely employed by the banks in paying a heavy withdrawal of Government deposits called on Dec. 15. Thus, contrary to recent experience, the quarterly tax day and a period thereafter were attended by stiffer rather than easier conditions in the money markets.

While the new Treasury issues dated Dec. 15 were oversubscribed, the oversubscriptions were smaller than usual. The offerings included \$300,000,000 or thereabouts of 2½-year Treasury notes bearing 4½% interest, and \$400,000,000 or thereabouts of Treasury certificates, in two series, one maturing in three months bearing 3½% interest, and the other maturing in one year bearing 4% interest. Total allotments amounted to \$780,164,100, of which \$348,993,700 was in this district. Subscriptions for certificates were allotted in full. Cash subscriptions for notes were scaled, with preference to the smaller subscriptions, but exchanges of Victory notes and certificates for the new offerings were accepted in full.

There was little change from a month ago either in the volume of loans by this bank to its members or in the loans of member banks to their customers, except that member bank commercial loans have recently tended again to rise, continuing a tendency noted in the early fall, but thereafter interrupted.

Postal Receipts in Fifty Selected Cities Highest on Record in December.

Despite the enormous handicap of five Sundays, December postal receipts in fifty selected cities were the largest in the history of the service, jumping from \$26,727,276 for

December 1921, the previous high record, to \$29,150,025, a gain of \$2,422,750, or 9.6%, according to figures received at the Post Office Department on Jan. 6. The statement issued by the Department says:

One more city was added to the "million dollars a month" class, when St. Louis, with a gain of 15.03% over last year, reported December receipts of \$1,104,297. New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and Boston are the other cities in this class.

Richmond, Va., with an increase of 21.46%, reported the largest percentage of gain for the month. Detroit was second with 17.85; St. Paul third, with 17.65; Brooklyn fourth, with 17.64; Dallas fifth, with 17.52; Hartford, Conn., sixth, with 17.26; Minneapolis seventh, with 16.82; Providence eighth, with 16.60; Los Angeles ninth, with 16.17; and Kansas City tenth, with 15.86%.

Only two of the fifty cities—Jersey City, N. J., and Jacksonville, Fla.—reported decreases, the former of 14% and the latter of 4.65%.

The largest gain in dollars and cents was reported by Chicago, which increased its December 1921 receipts by \$39,996 91, although the percentage increase was only 8.77.

Tabulated figures showing comparative receipts follow:

STATEMENT OF POSTAL RECEIPTS AT FIFTY SELECTED OFFICES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1922.

OFFICES.	December 1922.	December 1921.	Increase.	Per Ct. 1922 over 1921.	Per Ct. 1921 over 1920.	Per Ct. 1920 over 1919.
New York, N. Y.	\$5,490,027 75	\$5,282,418 22	\$207,609 53	3.93	5.87	9.78
Chicago, Ill.	4,850,024 57	4,459,097 66	390,926 91	8.77	8.24	*11.15
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,749,459 86	1,576,472 79	172,987 07	10.97	*1.39	16.07
Boston, Mass.	1,445,723 56	1,357,927 03	87,796 53	6.47	8.50	2.12
St. Louis, Mo.	1,104,297 14	959,943 38	144,353 76	15.03	12.66	3.63
Kansas City, Mo.	751,138 60	648,805 51	102,333 09	15.86	5.48	3.73
Cleveland, Ohio.	671,207 08	580,126 17	91,080 91	8.59	2.40	7.78
San Francisco, Calif.	707,726 12	695,275 84	12,450 28	1.79	10.60	7.34
Brooklyn, N. Y.	759,606 56	645,644 09	113,962 47	17.64	*4.82	14.62
Detroit, Mich.	725,125 69	615,243 85	109,881 84	17.85	2.19	6.62
Pittsburgh, Pa.	640,489 91	579,265 91	61,224 00	10.57	*4.60	1.821
Los Angeles, Calif.	773,165 53	665,479 34	107,686 19	16.17	18.23	32.49
Minneapolis, Minn.	617,441 74	528,545 27	88,896 47	16.82	12.83	13.48
Cincinnati, Ohio	551,823 40	490,599 86	61,223 54	12.48	7.86	12.05
Baltimore, Md.	494,834 79	471,434 65	23,400 14	4.96	8.19	9.06
Washington, D.C.	495,394 27	460,181 37	35,212 90	7.65	12.21	5.55
Buffalo, N. Y.	422,312 17	366,937 95	55,374 22	15.09	0.15	7.29
Milwaukee, Wis.	421,717 45	390,827 50	30,889 95	7.90	10.71	15.46
Indianapolis, Ind.	334,175 57	311,880 82	22,294 75	7.15	13.01	11.30
St. Paul, Minn.	381,411 98	324,198 22	57,213 76	17.65	17.22	15.66
Atlanta, Ga.	297,704 61	260,829 36	36,875 25	14.14	*0.75	0.06
Denver, Colo.	312,018 61	276,544 85	35,473 76	12.82	9.24	7.23
Omaha, Neb.	269,118 65	257,606 10	11,512 55	4.47	11.38	1.59
Newark, N. J.	303,791 45	272,895 66	30,895 79	11.32	5.51	17.22
Dallas, Texas.	293,791 36	249,986 13	43,805 23	17.52	8.84	*9.20
Seattle, Wash.	303,824 42	265,684 90	38,139 52	14.35	*5.03	7.17
New Orleans, La.	255,205 51	252,738 22	2,467 29	0.98	14.06	1.45
Rochester, N. Y.	237,454 77	213,112 30	24,352 47	11.43	23.23	6.84
Des Moines, Ia.	253,435 96	237,500 87	15,935 09	6.71	5.08	20.61
Portland, Ore.	268,680 34	233,754 23	34,926 11	14.94	4.85	19.65
Louisville, Ky.	215,668 18	209,209 32	6,458 86	3.09	9.27	10.96
Columbus, Ohio.	225,088 28	210,182 66	14,905 62	7.09	6.58	11.74
Toledo, Ohio.	180,206 76	169,023 33	11,183 43	6.62	0.46	11.93
Richmond, Va.	183,551 61	151,113 42	32,438 19	21.45	13.69	9.15
Providence, R.I.	194,548 75	166,843 80	27,704 95	16.60	4.46	4.62
Memphis, Tenn.	163,452 79	143,790 44	19,662 35	13.68	0.30	18.74
Hartford, Conn.	165,082 86	140,798 08	24,284 78	17.28	1.70	14.72
Houston, Texas.	135,976 40	131,047 81	4,928 59	3.76	0.64	14.85
Nashville, Tenn.	145,902 87	138,960 71	6,942 16	4.99	4.42	12.89
Ft. Worth, Tex.	159,496 18	149,022 06	10,474 12	7.03	---	---
Syracuse, N. Y.	144,060 37	129,092 09	14,968 28	11.60	0.42	11.63
New Haven, Ct.	133,977 74	132,670 89	1,306 85	0.98	11.07	4.64
Dayton, Ohio.	135,880 42	126,800 59	9,079 87	7.16	21.50	6.89
Grand Rapids, Mich.	128,493 86	125,295 07	3,198 79	2.55	13.05	19.85
Jersey City, N. J.	124,154 24	144,367 66	*20,213 42	*14.00	2.63	59.17
Salt Lake City, Utah.	114,822 26	100,579 88	14,242 38	14.17	*1.45	10.97
Springfield, Mass.	118,801 19	105,815 14	12,986 05	12.27	0.58	11.73
Akron, Ohio.	112,989 45	101,408 71	11,580 74	11.42	12.92	*20.91
Worcester, Mass.	101,664 72	94,704 90	6,959 82	7.35	7.52	5.24
Jacksonville, Fla.	83,996 98	88,091 11	*4,094 13	*4.65	12.82	3.45
Total	\$29,150,025 33	\$26,727,275 68	\$2,422,749 65	9.06	6.66	8.13

* Decrease.
Per cent of increase: Sept. 1922 over Sept. 1921, 11.55%; Oct. 1922 over Oct. 1, 14.34%; Nov. 1922 over Nov. 1921, 13.79%.

Views of George M. Reynolds and John J. Mitchell.

George M. Reynolds, Chairman of the Board of the Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago, and John J. Mitchell, Chairman of the Board of the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, express themselves optimistically as to business activity in interviews in the Jan. 4 issue of the semi-monthly "Business Review" published by Albert Frank & Co. We quote their view as follows as published in the "Review":

George Reynolds Sees Sober Progress Ahead.

"With strong bank reserves, moderate interest rates and a plentiful supply of loanable funds for legitimate enterprise, and with the knowledge that the present business revival is only a year old, there is ample reason for conservative optimism," said George M. Reynolds, Chairman of the Board of the Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago, in discussing the present and developing situation with a representative of this publication.

"But," he added, almost in the nature of a warning against unhealthy and too rapid expansion, "I see no indication of a boom."

"Although there were many obstacles in the path of business during 1922," continued Mr. Reynolds, "the general trend was upward. Not until toward the closing months did active paying and merchandise buying on the part of the farmer materialize. The foreign situation and the coal and railroad strikes had a sobering effect upon what otherwise might have developed into over-optimism."

Pointing out that the farmers' condition, due to favorable crops and better prices, had improved, Mr. Reynolds said that the farmer had become more of a positive factor in the present cycle of prosperity. Though there was some talk of another period of inflation he felt sure that one was not likely to occur until the purchasing power of the farmer got to be much broader than it was to-day. Though better than a year ago, according to Mr. Reynolds, the farmers' income is too meager to permit him to do his share toward sustaining inflation. Mr. Reynolds also believes that the whole country too well remembers the experiences of the latter part of 1920

and the whole of 1921 to start another orgy now that would lead to a recurrence of those troubles.

"Recent quotations for exchanges for some of the leading European countries," Mr. Reynolds went on, "point to the efforts that have been made to restore economic soundness abroad. We need international trade. It is not up to what it used to be, but it was large enough in 1922 to help tremendously. No doubt it will be sufficient in the coming twelve months to furnish a considerable outlet for our surplus raw materials and farm products. But the recovery which has been on the way proves that we need not wait for complete restoration in Europe."

Confidence Returning says John J. Mitchell.

John J. Mitchell, Chairman of the Board of the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, in discussing the business and financial outlook for 1923 with a representative of the "Business Review," said that for the first time in four years merchants, manufacturers and investors approached their inventories this year with confidence. For the first time in this period, he said, inventories would show satisfactory profits instead of heavy losses to be written off later on.

"These things give confidence," Mr. Mitchell added, "and as confidence is the life of trade they augur well for business in 1923."

"However," continued Mr. Mitchell, "nothing in the nature of a boom either is to be desired or anticipated. For that matter, any real prosperity with industry at capacity production is not likely until Europe, our best customer, has materially improved her financial and economic situation. We need the European market for our surplus production and Europe needs our merchandise and foodstuffs. But until at least a basis for a settlement of the reparations question and the war debts has been determined Europe has neither the cash nor the credit to purchase the supplies she needs and we wish to sell."

Mr. Mitchell expressed the opinion that such a settlement might be brought about sooner than appears possible on the surface just now. While he said that the various dispatches from Washington, New York and the European capitals probably were based on little more than unconfirmed reports, he added quite significantly, "where there is so much smoke there must be a little fire."

Frederic H. Curtiss of Federal Reserve Bank of Boston on the Situation.

Taking the view that "the majority of business men and bankers in New England are looking forward hopefully yet cautiously to 1923, especially the earlier part of the year," Frederic H. Curtiss, Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, in his Monthly Review issued Jan. 1, adds in part:

The sudden end of the last period of prosperity in 1920 has not been forgotten, and, as a consequence, business men are more cautious than at that time. Manufacturers, jobbers and retail merchants alike have operated on a hand-to-mouth basis throughout the past year, keeping their stocks as small as possible. Actual consumption of goods, on the other hand, has been large, and is at present exceptional, as is shown by the enormous total of holiday purchases. The annual consumption of merchandise continues year after year at very nearly a constant rate. With retail merchants' stocks low and their outstanding orders small, it would seem that merchants must call on wholesale jobbers and manufacturers for large quantities of goods during the next few months. This in turn would result in a high rate of manufacturing activity, inasmuch as manufacturers' stocks, too, are generally small.

The year 1922 will go down in business history as one of exceptional building activity. Many projects which were postponed during the war period and later, when construction prices were so extremely high, have been started during the past year, and, judging by the large number of contracts awarded even during the past few weeks of cold weather, the building industry should be busy again next spring. It is difficult to estimate how much impetus this boom has given to other industries, but it must have been large. Recent activities have tended more to residential construction than to factories and business buildings, and that in itself may be construed as a healthy sign. There is a shortage of building mechanics in many sections of New England, as in some other parts of the country, and wages are consequently high. The building industry will probably have to watch construction costs more closely during the next year than it has in 1922, because they are considerably higher than they were a year ago.

The credit situation has undergone considerable change during the past twelve months, largely as a result of the increase in business activity and some increase in confidence, as well as higher commodity prices. A year ago, interest rates were falling, and the volume of bank loans declining, but even at that time an improvement in business was noticeable. It was not until midsummer that interest rates ended their drastic decline of the previous year and a half and that credit liquidation came to an end. Late in August money rates became stronger, and bond prices were soon affected, starting to decline in the latter part of September. The year ended with money rates firm and higher than in midsummer, although not high enough to cause any apprehension nor to check business expansion. Indeed, the improving volume of business in 1922 caused no strain on the credit resources of the country, but rather induced a healthy increase in the volume of loans of banks to their customers. While the member banks made some recourse to the Federal Reserve System to finance the larger volume of loans, rediscounts have been of moderate proportions and there remains both within the banks themselves and in the Reserve System ample credit for the requirements of business during the coming months.

Looking ahead into 1923, the prospects seem to be good, contingent, among other factors, on the willingness and ability of merchants and consumers to buy merchandise at the higher prices necessitated by increasing wholesale quotations, and also on that other important factor, the foreign situation. In all probability the impetus given to general business by the activity in the building industry will continue well into the coming year. Undoubtedly one of the most optimistic factors in the whole situation is the sound condition of the banking system of the country.

Prediction of Thornton Cooke of Kansas City for 1923.

The January 1923 number of the "Trans-Mississippi Banker" prints the views of Thornton Cooke, President of the Columbia National Bank of Kansas City, Mo., on the question of the continuance of present prosperity, in which he hazards the view that "prosperity can be predicted for at least the first half of 1923, and will continue beyond that if the crops are good." The following are the questions put to Mr. Cooke and his answers thereto:

Q. Do you believe that it would be advisable at this time for the banks to encourage expansion of credits?

A. To a moderate extent, yes. The Federal Reserve Bank has deeply modified our credit system, and it is bound to become the normal course, if, indeed, it is not already normal, for many banks to rediscount at the Federal Reserve during the seasons of business activity.

Q. What is the outlook for prices?

A. So long as the Federal Reserve Bank maintains a large reserve ratio—it is now 75%—there is a reservoir of potential credit. This credit is bound to come into use. Some of it will be absorbed indirectly by loans to European governments and industries—that is, such loans will be floated here, will absorb capital now used or that might be used in American business, and so will lead American business to apply through member banks for Federal Reserve credit in larger volume. This movement will go side by side with the tendency of many business men to bid up a little for commodities when credit is available to pay for them. After all, a price is merely the amount of gold, or of some representative of gold, that will exchange for a given article, and when there is a lot of gold not in use, as is the case now in this country, one may be sure that the time will come when more gold will be given for goods. Of course some articles may fall in price while others rise, but the general tendency will be upward.

Q. What is the position of the farmer in respect to other members of the community?

A. The farmer is still at a disadvantage because the average of the prices of what he has to sell is still low compared with the average of the prices of the things he has to buy. His disadvantage has rapidly lessened in recent months, and the farmer who remained conservative during the war did not load himself up with high-priced land equities and has arranged his business so as to employ his time for twelve months a year in raising hogs and in dairying instead of in raising grain alone, is getting ahead. The disadvantage of the farmer will not, however, wholly disappear until his European markets are restored to a considerable degree. That time cannot come until our statesmen learn that steamboats have been invented, that communication is now so rapid that Western civilization is now one whole, Europe and America one economic entity, and that it would not be wise and is in fact impossible for this nation any longer to escape all the responsibilities of the major problems of civilization.

Q. Do you favor amendment of the present immigration laws in view of the growing shortage of labor?

A. No. We do not get the best of Europe as it is. An apparent increase of prosperity could be built up by letting the bars down again, but it would be at the expense of our race, our country and finally of our prosperity. The original American stock will people the country and do its work if not subjected to the competition of the low standards of living that immigrants from southern and eastern Europe would bring. Americans will do the work with Yankee inventions, and more efficiently than the riff-raff of Europe can do it. We must disregard temporary advantage to preserve our racial integrity.

Q. Is the tariff based so as to help or hinder business?

A. The tariff hinders business and the farmers of the Central West are not being fooled by the tariff on Canadian wheat either, knowing that if Kansas wheat doesn't meet Canadian wheat at Minneapolis, it will meet it at Liverpool. American capital and labor are employed in those things they can produce to the best advantage, and it is foolish to try to divert them from this profitable production into lines that have to be subsidized by tariffs.

Q. Do you consider the railroads to be in a fundamentally sound position?

A. The railroads in general are under able management, but a condition in which they are short of equipment, short of trackage, and with income on their invested capital averaging less than 5% can hardly be called a sound position. The Government limits their income and they now face a rising tendency of wages. Certain of the roads are in splendid condition and able to make good returns to their shareholders in the face of these difficulties, but it can not be said that the railroad problem as a whole has been solved.

Q. What is the general present outlook?

A. It is good. We have had excellent agricultural production. The price ratios between our different products are coming into better adjustment; we bid fair at last to take an effective interest in those European problems whose solution is essential to the completer adjustment of our trade; the Inter-State Commerce Commission is giving attention to the better correlation of our railroad facilities, and our labor is well employed. Prosperity can be predicted for at least the first half of 1923, and will continue beyond that if the crops are good.

Views of R. S. Hecht of Hibernia Bank & Trust Co.

Briefly reviewing the business situation as seen at this time, R. S. Hecht, President of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans, in the 52nd annual report to the stockholders, under date of Dec. 30, refers to the fact that 1922 has been a year of readjustment and of substantial progress. He points out that the period of over-expansion, which terminated in 1920, was followed by an era of deflation which ran its course in 1921, and during 1922 we have traveled very far towards a return to "normal" business. Indeed, he says, "if the fluctuation of bank deposits may be considered as a reliable barometer of fundamental business conditions, we have concrete evidence that our rate of progress has been very satisfactory, for the comparison of present Southern bank deposits with the same month last year shows a remarkable upward movement." As to the outlook for 1923, he says:

So far as the outlook for 1923 is concerned, we are of the opinion that business generally will continue to show improvement as compared with 1921 and 1922. On the other hand, we cannot subscribe unreservedly to the optimistic predictions made in many quarters, to the effect that the coming year will bring us a complete return to normal conditions and full prosperity throughout the country.

If we were to consider the domestic business situation alone we might view the outlook in the same enthusiastic manner, but we feel that the unsettled international conditions will continue to have a far-reaching effect on American business, and that we cannot have real prosperity anywhere until the tangled affairs of Europe have somehow been adjusted and a stable basis for international trade worked out.

If we expect in future to play an important part in the world's trade we cannot now refuse to contribute something towards world rehabilitation. Of course, no one in this country wants to mix in Old World politics, but we cannot escape the consequences of the fact that we are the creditor

nation of a distraught world and that we want to continue to do business with these debtor countries.

We seem to have every incentive, therefore, to at least "sit in on the creditors' meeting," as it were, and participate in the working out of a practical and concrete plan looking towards a rehabilitation of the economic and industrial life of the principal European countries. Nor do we believe that these intricate problems will ever be solved until an international economic and financial conference is held in which the United States is properly represented and will lend its best efforts to bring about a settlement of these international controversies, which ever since the signing of the armistice have prevented international trade from resuming its normal flow and have closed to American exporters some of the best markets for their products.

We cannot help but repeat, therefore, that it behooves us to lend a helping hand in curing some of the economic ills of Europe, because upon its restoration depends in a very large measure the return of real prosperity in our own country. Until these problems are solved it is hardly time for going "full steam ahead" and we think it is highly essential that optimism be tempered with caution and conservatism, lest we drift into a second period of inflation without the fundamental economic facts to support it.

Detroit's Bank Deposits Point to Prosperity.

In reporting a gain of \$96,788,000 in the deposits of 16 downtown Detroit banks during 1922, with the People's State Bank heading the list with an increase for the year of \$19,125,000, the Detroit "Free Press" of Jan. 4 has the following to say:

Despite unfavorable business conditions, with extensive unemployment early in the year and various serious handicaps which retarded progress through succeeding months, Detroit achieved considerable prosperity in 1922.

This is substantially borne out by an increase of \$96,788,000 in total deposits of the sixteen downtown banks of Detroit as revealed in comparing their published statements of condition at the close of business Dec. 29, with the figures presented in their similar reported on Dec. 31 1921.

The sixteen banks show total deposits of \$531,290,000 on Dec. 29 1922. Furthermore, it is a matter of interest that each of the sixteen institutions reports figures indicating a substantial increase in deposits during the year.

The deposits of each of the banks, with the amount of the increase for each, are presented in the table below:

Banks—	Deposits Dec. 29 1922.	Increase for Year.
Peoples State.....	\$105,335,000	\$19,125,000
First National.....	81,846,000	8,955,000
Wayne County Home.....	76,787,000	9,556,000
Dime Savings.....	46,030,000	11,252,000
Peninsular State.....	34,202,000	6,401,000
National Bank of Commerce.....	31,592,000	3,480,000
Bank of Detroit.....	26,322,000	5,401,000
Detroit Savings.....	26,118,000	4,280,000
Merchants National.....	25,440,000	8,617,000
Central Savings.....	22,525,000	7,736,000
American State.....	18,853,000	3,590,000
First State Bank of Detroit.....	12,761,000	2,277,000
Commonwealth-Federal Savings.....	10,299,000	2,197,000
United Savings.....	8,608,000	1,720,000
Commercial State Savings.....	3,011,000	1,584,000
Continental Bank.....	1,561,000	617,000
Totals.....	\$531,290,000	\$96,788,000

It is of interest also to consider that the total for Greater Detroit as a whole undoubtedly was substantially greater than the foregoing total as the list does not include the six trust companies in Detroit nor any of the many banks in the outlying parts of the city, or in its environs and suburbs.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace on Prospects for Agriculture in 1923.

In reviewing agricultural conditions of the past year and indicating the prospects for 1923, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, in a statement made public Dec. 31, says:

Twelve months ago most of the six million farmers of the United States were starting on the long hard climb out of the valley of economic depression. They have not yet attained the heights which are bathed in the grateful sunshine of prosperity. Some, indeed, have fallen by the way. Others are still in the valley. Nevertheless, as we stop a bit and look backward we can see that very considerable ground has been gained by the great majority, and we can enter the New Year with renewed hope and with that courage which comes from the realization that we are really making progress.

A year ago, when speaking of the prospects for farming in 1922, I said that while there was no reason to expect boom times for the farmer in the near future, there was promise of better times, both for the farmer and for those whose business is largely dependent upon him. The year has brought fulfillment of that promise. Speaking generally, times are better, much better, than a year ago, both for agriculture and for industry.

Crops have been good, on the whole. Prices of the major crops are mostly considerably higher. While there has been a corresponding advance in the prices of the things the farmer must buy, the total sum which farmers will receive for the crops of this year is greater by a billion and a half dollars or more than that which they received for the crops of last year. This will certainly mean better times on the farm, and farm folks will be able to ease up a little on the grinding economy they were forced to practice the preceding year.

The labor cost of producing the crops of 1922 was still further reduced. There were some substantial reductions in freight rates. Much helpful legislation has been enacted and more will be this winter. Interest rates are lower and the credit strain has been eased. This has made it possible for many farmers who were rather heavily involved, to refund their obligations and get themselves in condition to win through.

There are still some dark spots. In some sections weather conditions were unfavorable and crops were short, and farmers in these sections are having a very hard time of it. Freight rates are still too high, especially for those who must pay for a long haul to market.

Taxes are high, but this is largely due to the increase in local taxes, over which farmers themselves must exercise control.

There has been gratifying growth in farmers' co-operative marketing associations, and more of them are being organized on a sound business basis.

Aside from the help which has been given by legislation and by Administration activities, strong economic forces are at work to restore a more normal relation between agriculture and other industries.

The peril in the agricultural depression is more keenly realized by other groups than ever before, and on every hand a sincere desire is being evidenced to do what can be done safely to help the farmer better his condition. Everything considered, we have good reason to expect still better things for agriculture in the year 1923.

Lead and Zinc in 1922.—Good Gain in Lead and Large Gain in Zinc.

The mine and refinery output of lead in the United States in 1922 each made a good gain, and the mine and smelter output of zinc each increased about 70%, according to a statement by C. E. Siebenthal and A. Stoll, of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, compiled from reports and estimates by producers and others. Data for the Western States are taken from the advance statements issued by the Geological Survey's Western offices. Statistics of imports and exports are taken from the records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce; the imports include only those for the period before the new tariff went into effect (Jan. 1 to Sept. 21), but the exports include the actual exports for 10 months plus an estimate for November and December. The statement of the Geological Survey says:

Mine Production of Lead.

The output of soft lead by mines of the Mississippi Valley (including the small output of the Eastern States) was about 256,000 short tons, and that of argentiferous lead by mines of the Western States was about 208,000 tons, a total of 464,000 tons. The corresponding figures for 1921 were 237,209 tons from the Mississippi Valley and 172,491 tons from the Western States, a total of 409,700 tons. The southeastern Missouri district made the largest output, nearly double that of any other. Its output was 184,000 tons, as compared with 175,160 tons in 1921. The Coeur d'Alene district of Idaho came next with about 98,000 tons, nearly the same as in 1921. Utah made an output of about 67,000 tons, a gain of 50% over 1921. The imports of lead in ore under the old tariff from Jan. 1 to Sept. 21, inclusive, the only period for which figures are available, were 6,368 tons, furnished chiefly by Canada, Mexico and South America, and those of lead in bullion were about 52,000 tons, almost wholly from Mexico, as compared with a total of 42,984 tons in 1921. The lead content of lead ore and base bullion in bonded warehouses on Jan. 1 was 19,186 tons, all of which was withdrawn before Sept. 22.

Mine Production of Zinc.

The recoverable zinc content of ore mined in 1922 was about 442,000 tons, as compared with 256,746 tons in 1921. The output of the Eastern States was about 90,000 tons (80% from New Jersey), that of the Central States about 272,000 tons, and that of the Western States about 80,000 tons, as compared with 67,711, 175,262 and 13,773 tons, respectively, in 1921. The upper Mississippi Valley region is credited with an output of about 18,000 tons, and the Joplin district with an output of about 254,000 tons. Oklahoma made the largest output, about 186,000 tons, more than twice as large as that of any other State. In 1922 Montana (almost wholly the Butte district) apparently produced about 57,000 tons, as compared with 11,638 tons in the Butte district in 1921.

The imports of zinc in ore for the period Jan. 1 to Sept. 21, inclusive, were 1,810 tons, as against 2,705 tons in the entire year 1921, most of which in both years was imported from Mexico. The zinc content of zinc ore in bonded warehouses on Jan. 1 was 14,292 tons, all of which was withdrawn before Sept. 22.

Early in January zinc concentrates containing 60% of zinc were selling in the Joplin district at \$28 a ton, having risen from \$20 a ton in August 1921. The price receded to \$25 through February and then by a steady climb rose to \$45 a ton by the middle of November. At the end of the year concentrates were selling at \$40 a ton.

If the output of refined lead made from domestic ores, 461,000 tons, is subtracted from the recoverable lead content of ore mined in 1922, 464,000 tons, we have left 3,000 tons to cover the lead content of pigments made from domestic ores. The margin of recoverable zinc in ore mined in 1922 over the output of domestic slab zinc is estimated at 104,000 tons, available for zinc pigments and salts. But the quantity of lead in pigments made from domestic ore in 1921 was 9,989 tons and that of zinc in zinc pigments and salts made from domestic ore was 55,836 tons. There was great activity in the pigment industry during the year and the marketed output was very large, possibly twice as large as in 1921. Therefore, smelter stocks of lead and zinc ore and concentrates were probably each reduced during the year.

Refinery Production of Lead.

The output of primary domestic desilverized lead in 1922 was about 181,000 short tons, of soft lead about 204,000 tons, and of desilverized soft lead about 76,000 tons, making a total output from domestic ores of about 461,000 tons of refined lead, as compared with 398,222 tons in 1921, which was made up of 187,962 tons of desilverized lead, 157,513 tons of soft lead and 52,747 tons of desilverized soft lead. The output of lead smelted and refined from foreign ore and bullion was about 70,000 tons, as compared with 50,367 tons in 1921. The total lead smelted or refined in the United States was thus about 531,000 tons, as compared with 448,589 tons in 1921. The output of antimonial lead is reported to be about 6,500 tons, as against 10,064 tons in 1921. The exports of lead of foreign origin were about 35,000 tons and of lead of domestic origin about 5,500 tons, as compared with 34,369 tons and 1,624 tons, respectively, in 1921. The imports of refined pig lead of which statistics are available for the period under the old tariff only (Jan. 1 to Sept. 21, inclusive) were 2,500 tons, as compared with 31,301 tons in 1921 and 35,719 tons in 1920. From a total supply of about 533,000 tons of refined lead (exclusive of stocks) there was withdrawn for export about 38,000 tons, leaving 495,000 tons available for consumption in the United States, as against 444,872 tons in 1921 and 538,020 tons in 1920.

The average quoted price of lead for prompt delivery at New York for the year was a little under 5.7 cents a pound, as compared with an average selling price of 4.5 cents in 1921. At the beginning of 1922 the price was 4.7 cents, and it remained at that figure through the first three months. By early June the price had risen to 5.8 cents, and it stood slightly under this figure until the latter part of August. A gradual rise brought the price to about 7.25 cents at the end of the year.

Smelter Production of Zinc.

The output of primary metallic zinc from domestic ores in 1922 was about 338,000 tons and from foreign ores about 1,000 tons, a total of 339,000 tons,

as compared with 198,232 tons from domestic ores and 2,268 tons from foreign ores, a total of 200,500 tons in 1921. In addition to primary zinc there was an output of about 24,000 tons of redistilled secondary zinc, as compared with 17,573 tons in 1921, making a total supply of distilled zinc and electrolytic zinc in 1922 of about 363,000 tons, of which 95,000 tons was high grade and intermediate, 46,000 tons select and brass special, and 222,000 tons prime western. The output of the corresponding grades in 1921 was 29,080, 47,814 and 141,179 tons, respectively, a total of 218,073 tons. Of the total output of primary zinc in 1922, about 77,000 tons was made in Illinois, as against 48,865 tons in 1921; 64,000 tons in Oklahoma, as against 41,244 tons, and 73,000 tons in Pennsylvania, as against 36,378 tons.

The imports of foreign slab zinc up to Sept. 21, when the new tariff went into effect—no later statistics being available—amounted to 45 tons, as compared with 6,739 tons in 1921. No American zinc was returned in 1922, as against 731 tons in 1921. Not included in the imports given above is 415 tons of sheet zinc imported and entered for consumption in the first nine months of 1922, as compared with 6,688 tons in 1921.

The exports of zinc made from foreign ores were about 2,600 tons, and those of zinc made from domestic ores were about 28,000 tons, as compared with exports of 1,256 and 3,569 tons, respectively, in 1921. The exports of domestic zinc included about 3,000 tons of sheet zinc, as against 1,816 tons in 1921. The stock of zinc at smelters and in warehouses at the end of November was about 15,500 tons, as against 70,452 tons at the end of 1921. The apparent consumption of primary zinc in 1922 was thus about 363,000 tons, as compared with 203,600 tons in 1921 and 323,043 tons in 1920.

At the end of November 74,692 retorts were reported in operation out of a total of about 150,000 retorts at active plants, as compared with 42,200 retorts in operation at the end of 1921. Advices in December put the number expected to be in operation at the end of the year at about 77,000 retorts.

The average quoted price for prime western zinc for immediate delivery at St. Louis in 1922 was slightly above 5.7 cents a pound, as compared with an average selling price for all grades of 5.0 cents in 1921. The price of prime western zinc at the beginning of the year was 4.85 cents in the St. Louis market and after declining to 4.5 cents through February, it rose steadily until it reached 7.35 cents about the middle of November. The price at the end of the year was about 7 cents.

Wholesale Meat Prices Close to 1913 Levels Says President of American Meat Packers.

The wholesale prices of beef, pork and veal have become virtually stable at levels close to those which prevailed in 1913, according to Charles E. Herrick, President of the Institute of American Meat Packers, in a statement issued Jan. 1 by the Institute reviewing the meat trade during the year just closed. Two other important elements in the present situation, Mr. Herrick said, are that domestic consumption of meat per capita in 1922 shows an increase and that the British pork market, an important export outlet, shows a recent and present slump in values. "Although prices continue to move up and down," said Mr. Herrick, "fluctuating with supply and demand, the price range is not nearly so wide or so violent as it was two years ago, or even during the last year." In commenting on the present relatively low prices of meats, Mr. Herrick pointed out that, in the case of fresh pork cuts, light pork loins were selling at wholesale at Chicago during the week of Dec. 16 only two cents a pound higher than during the same week in 1913; fresh hams, four cents a pound higher, and leaf lard, spare ribs and skinned pork shoulders, only one cent higher. "During this same week," continued Mr. Herrick, "carcass beef prices were only slightly, on an average, than during the same week in 1913. Prime beef was about four and one-half cents a pound higher; medium beef was exactly the same, and beef from cows was three cents a pound lower. Carcass veal from a good grade of calves was selling about five cents a pound lower than in 1913. Although these examples do not take in all of the cuts of the various meat animals, I believe that they are typical and thoroughly representative of the present market. As a rule, such cuts as loins, ribs and fancy hams and breakfast bacon are somewhat higher now than in 1913, but many other less known cuts are lower, the average of the whole being but slightly higher than in 1913. Operating expenses are very considerably higher than they were before the war." Mr. Herrick continues as follows:

The stabilization of the wholesale prices of meat and by-products naturally has been beneficial to the industry, although it still is difficult enough to sell the finished products at a price covering the cost of live stock plus expenses and a modest profit. This difficulty is aggravated, in the case of pork and hogs, by the slump in the British market.

Moreover, the rate of meat consumption, which has been declining somewhat during the last decade or two, now seems to be increasing.

Production, as represented by the slaughter of animals under Federal inspection, has been noticeably greater than in 1913 and also than in 1920 and 1921.

The fact that storage stocks are relatively light at this time and have been for the last several months is indication that the large volume of production was moved into consumptive channels.

The export trade held up fairly well, on the whole, until the last of the year. The European countries, which represent our principal foreign markets so far as meats are concerned, purchased American meat products in relatively large amounts, despite the fluctuations of exchange and the lack of money. The tonnage of meat products exported during the year just closed exceeded that of 1913 by more than 30%. The value per pound of the meat exported was only about two cents higher than in 1913—another convincing indication of the fact that wholesale meat prices, abroad as well as at home, are practically at pre-war levels. The fact should not be disguised, however, that the present slump in the British pork market is a serious factor and a depressing influence.

Glass Workers Get Increase in Wages.

A new wage agreement for the period beginning on Jan. 29 and ending June 11 was effected at Cleveland on Dec. 29 by representatives of the National Window Glass Workers Association and the National Association of Window Glass Manufacturers. Under the agreement workers in all hand plants in the country will receive a 13% increase in wages over that granted last September for the period ending Jan. 27. The increase, however, includes a 10% raise which became effective on Dec. 1, when the price of window glass was advanced 10%. A clause in the agreement provides that when the price of glass goes up the workers' wages must be increased.

\$16 Minimum Pay for Women in California.

The \$16 minimum wage scale for women in the California mercantile industries was sustained in an order entered on Dec. 30 by the California State Industrial Welfare Commission at San Francisco. Almost 30,000 women workers were affected by the decision. Minors receive less than \$16 as registered apprentices. In 1914, the telegraphic dispatches say, more than 52% of the women mercantile workers received less than \$10 a week.

Lockout in Children's Clothing Industry Called Off— Union Assisting Contractors to Secure Higher Prices from Manufacturers.

A rather uncommon condition in industry was revealed in the lockout of 10,000 workers in children's clothing industry of New York, which was called off on Jan. 9 after having been in force approximately two weeks. The lockout tied up the shops operated by contractors who make clothing for the manufacturers, the sole purpose being to secure for the contractors higher prices for their service to the manufacturers. Due to a succession of bankruptcies in the contracting branch of the clothing business recently, the contractors declared that wages must be reduced, as they could no longer, under current conditions, make any profit on the basis on which they operated. The only alternative, they pointed out, was an increase in prices for their service to the manufacturers. The Amalgamated Clothing Workers, the union, declined to consider a cut in wages, but advised the contractors to declare a lockout, thereby tying up production and making it impossible for the manufacturers to deliver merchandise, the object being to force the manufacturers to accede to the demand for higher prices. The decision to call off the lockout was reached after conferences between the officials of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and the contractors' associations. It was decided to resume work in all shops and then call strikes and stoppages by small groups, in this way hoping to force the manufacturers to increase their prices to the contractors and prevent a complete tie-up of the entire industry. To prevent a lockout of the 50,000 workers in the men's clothing industry, it was decided also to apply the group system of strikes and stoppages in an effort to get the manufacturers to adjust prices in this branch of the garment trade. As the first step, the Joint Board of the union in the men's industry called strikes in nineteen small shops. When adjustments are made in these shops other groups will be called.

Current Events and Discussions

The Week With the Federal Reserve Banks.

Further gains of \$24,300,000 in cash reserves and a total reduction by \$98,400,000 of Federal Reserve note circulation are shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly bank statement issued as at close of business on Jan. 10 1923, and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve Banks combined. Discounted bills on hand show a reduction of \$115,600,000, acceptances purchased in open market declined by \$29,400,000, U. S. bonds and notes fell off \$6,600,000, while Treasury certificates, including special certificates held by the Reserve banks to cover temporary advances to the Government, increased by \$58,200,000. Deposit liabilities declined by \$4,900,000, while the reserve ratio shows a rise from 71.3 to 73.6% for the week. After noting these facts the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Gold reserves of the system increased by \$13,300,000. The New York Reserve Bank reports an increase in its gold reserves of \$9,900,000, Kansas City shows an increase of \$8,500,000, Cleveland an increase of \$6,700,000,

and Boston an increase of \$5,400,000. Smaller increases in gold reserves, totaling \$2,800,000, are shown for the Dallas, Minneapolis and Atlanta banks. The largest decrease in gold reserves for the week, amounting to over \$8,000,000, is shown for the Chicago Bank; decreases of \$6,000,000 and \$5,200,000 are shown for the Philadelphia and San Francisco banks, while nominal decreases are reported for the Richmond and St. Louis banks.

Holdings of paper secured by Government obligations show a decrease for the week from \$351,500,000 to \$282,000,000. Of the total held on Jan. 10, \$140,400,000, or 49.8%, were secured by U. S. bonds, \$1,900,000, or 0.7%, by Victory notes; \$111,300,000, or 39.4%, by Treasury notes, and \$28,400,000, or 10.1%, by Treasury certificates, compared with \$195,600,000, \$1,500,000, \$125,500,000 and \$28,900,000 reported the week before.

The statement in full in comparison with preceding weeks with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages, namely pages 155 and 156. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks on Jan. 10 1923 as compared with a week and a year ago, follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) Since	
	Jan. 3 1923.	Jan. 11 1922
Total reserves.....	+\$24,300,000	+\$145,900,000
Gold reserves.....	+13,300,000	+167,100,000
Total earning assets.....	—93,400,000	—47,800,000
Discounted bills, total.....	—115,600,000	—475,500,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	—69,500,000	—145,500,000
Other bills discounted.....	—46,100,000	—330,000,000
Purchased bills.....	—29,400,000	+139,000,000
United States securities, total.....	+51,600,000	+289,000,000
Bonds and notes.....	—6,600,000	+123,600,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	+58,200,000	+165,400,000
Total deposits.....	—4,900,000	+243,000,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	+17,600,000	+224,800,000
Government deposits.....	—400,000	—9,100,000
Other deposits.....	—22,100,000	+27,300,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	—98,400,000	+18,900,000
F. R. Bank notes in circulation, net liability.....	—81,100,000

The Week with the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.

Aggregate increases of \$179,000,000 of loans and investments, accompanied by net withdrawals of \$120,000,000 of Government balances and increases of \$272,000,000 in net demand deposits and of \$40,000,000 in time deposits, are indicated in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly consolidated statement of condition of Jan. 3 of 783 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. In place of the single item "United States bonds" shown last year, the statement introduces three new divisions, viz.: "U. S. pre-war bonds," i. e., largely bonds securing national bank circulation; "U. S. Liberty bonds" and "U. S. Treasury bonds."

Of the total increase of \$261,000,000 in loans and discounts, over one-half, viz.: \$134,000,000, is shown for loans secured by stocks and bonds. The corresponding figure for the New York City banks is \$139,000,000 out of a total loan increase of \$212,000,000. These increases are offset in part by net liquidation of \$48,000,000 of Government and \$35,000,000 of corporate securities, chiefly by the banks outside of New York City.

Borrowings of the reporting institutions from the Federal Reserve banks show an increase from \$369,000,000 to \$390,000,000, or from 2.3 to 2.4% of their total loans and investments. For member banks in New York City an increase from \$82,000,000 to \$128,000,000 in total accommodation at the local Reserve bank and from 1.6 to 2.4% in the ratio of accommodation is noted. Further comment regarding the changes shown by these member banks is as follows:

Reserve balances of the reporting institutions, in keeping with the substantial increase in net demand and time deposits, show an increase of \$64,000,000, while cash in vault, composed largely of Federal Reserve notes declined by about \$32,000,000. Corresponding changes for the New York City banks include an increase of \$26,000,000 in reserve balances and a reduction of \$22,000,000 in cash on hand.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 156—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.	Jan. 4 1922.
Loans and discounts—total.....	+\$261,000,000	+\$384,000,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	+16,000,000	—192,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	+134,000,000	+725,000,000
All other.....	+111,000,000	—149,000,000
Investments, total.....	—83,000,000	+1,174,000,000
U. S. bonds.....	+20,000,000	+555,000,000
U. S. Victory notes and Treasury notes.....	—44,000,000	+480,000,000
Treasury certificates.....	—24,000,000	—4,000,000
Other stocks and bonds.....	—35,000,000	+143,000,000
Reserve balances with F. R. Banks.....	+64,000,000	+144,000,000
Cash in vault.....	—32,000,000
Government deposits.....	—120,000,000	+95,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	+272,000,000	+1,111,000,000
Time deposits.....	+40,000,000	+737,000,000
Total accommodation at F. R. Banks.....	+21,000,000	—257,000,000

J. P. Morgan & Co. Get Cuban Loan with Bid of 96.77.

The following from Havana appeared in the "Wall Street Journal" of last night:

Syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan & Co. were successful bidders at 96.77 for the \$50,000,000 5½% 30-year Republic of Cuba bonds; Speyer & Co. 96.57, and Lee, Higginson & Co. 93.35.

The same paper added:

The Cuban law authorizing the new \$50,000,000 loan provides that \$24,000,000 of the money realized is to be placed at the disposal of the Department of Public Works. Of this amount, \$12,000,000 is to meet obligations of the Department incurred previous to July 1 1922, while \$6,000,000 will go for reconstruction and repairs. An additional \$6,000,000 will be at the disposal of the Department after obligations of other branches of the Government have been met and the Ministry of the Treasury has been provided with funds to meet the expense of auditing Government accounts and collecting sales and gross receipts taxes.

Not more than \$9,000,000 will be deposited in the treasury to replace the "fund of special accounts." The \$5,000,000 loan obtained from J. P. Morgan & Co. January 1922 will be liquidated.

Interest and sinking fund on the new loan will be met from sales and gross receipts taxes, amounting to 1% on gross sales, or receipts of merchants, manufacturers, hotel keepers, public utility corporations and others.

Loan is payable in United States gold coin, and will be forever exempt from Cuban taxation of any kind.

D. R. Crissinger Named for Governor of Federal Reserve Board.

The name of Comptroller of the Currency D. R. Crissinger was yesterday (Jan. 12) sent to the Senate by President Harding to be Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank. At the same time the President named James G. McNary of Las Vegas, N. M., to succeed Mr. Crissinger as Comptroller of the Currency, and Milo D. Campbell of Coldwater, Mich., to be the "dirt farmer" Reserve Board member. Mr. Crissinger succeeds W. P. G. Harding, whose term as Governor expired some time ago, and who, it is stated, will become head of the Boston Reserve Bank.

Conferences Between U. S. and British Debt Missions—Modification of Debt Funding Act Favored.

Formal discussions between the British Debt Funding Mission and the United States body—the World War Debt Commission—were brought under way this week; the first joint meeting of the members of the two commissions opened in Washington on Monday last (Jan. 8) and further joint sessions were held on Wednesday (the 10th inst.), Thursday (the 11th) and yesterday (the 12th inst.). The British mission, headed by Stanley Baldwin, Chancellor of the British Exchequer, and Montagu C. Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, arrived in New York on the steamer *Majestic* on the 4th inst. and was welcomed by a committee headed by Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Wadsworth. They reached Washington late that night, and on the 5th inst. visited Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and Mr. Wadsworth, respectively Chairman and Secretary of the U. S. Debt Funding Commission, after a formal call on President Harding. Chancellor Baldwin in an address at the first joint meeting on Monday stated that the British delegation had come "with the express intention of repaying our debt, and it is owing to the practical difficulties of making international payments that we are about to consult with you in order to accomplish the end which we both have in view." He argued that "this debt is not a debt for dollars sent to Europe; the money was all expended here, most of it for cotton, wheat, food products and munitions of war. Every cent used for the purchase of these goods was spent in America; American labor received the wages; American capitalists the profits; the United States Treasury the taxation imposed on these profits." He further said "these goods were supplied in war time at war prices. Prices have fallen so far that to repay four billions of dollars Great Britain would have to send to America a far greater bulk of goods than she originally purchased with the money loaned, and, laying aside all consideration of the tariff barrier, would it be possible for America to accept repayment in coal, iron, steel, manufactured goods and so forth—a method of payment which would affect the employment of her people for years to come?"

Adding that "our wish is to approach the discussion as business men seeking a business solution of what is fundamentally a business problem," he continued:

We intend to pay, but how best can international credit be made liquid when the creditor nation is unwilling to permit liquidation through the direct delivery of goods and is also unwilling to see the current sale of her products to the debtor nations interrupted, and when the debtor nation is unwilling to be put in the position of being unable to buy the products of the creditor nation?

"The cordial and prompt agreement of the two greatest democracies of the world on a question of this intricacy and

magnitude," said the Chancellor, "will be an example to the nations and a long step forward in effecting a solution of the economic troubles of Europe." According to a statement reviewing Secretary Mellon's remarks to the British mission, Mr. Mellon indicated his realization of the magnitude of the negotiations, and evinced the desire of the American mission "of effecting a definite settlement of the financial relationship of the two countries upon a basis entirely just to both." All the members of both of the commissions were present at the opening session. Prior thereto the members of the American commission—Secretaries Mellon, Hughes and Hoover, Senator Smoot and Representative Butron—held a session which lasted half an hour beyond the hour fixed for the opening of the joint meeting. After the British mission had presented its views the Americans again continued consideration of the general situation. President Harding was advised of the progress of the negotiations, Secretary Mellon and Senator Smoot spending half an hour with him at the White House. It is pointed out that under the debt funding law all negotiations entered into by the commission are subject to Executive approval. A Washington press dispatch (Jan. 8) published in the Philadelphia "Record" said:

While discussion of terms may embrace propositions more liberal than the limitations in the American law, members of the American commission said a settlement would be made within those limitations if possible. In this connection, it was stated that it would be possible to arrange a gradual rate of interest beginning at a figure below 4¼%, but increasing periodically beyond that so that the general average over the period the debt payments would run would comply with the minimum fixed by Congress.

Attention also was called to the fact that all principal payments could be deferred until the end of the 25 years' period, but it was explained that this was not the usual method in liquidating a debt of such proportions; that an amortization plan was customary. In this situation, it was indicated that a chief problem before the commissions was a determination of how much Great Britain would be able to pay annually without seriously disturbing trade relations between the two countries and imposing too great a strain upon the British treasury and people.

The following statement as to the representations of the American debt commission at the first joint meeting was issued:

Secretary Mellon extended official greeting in most cordial terms and expressed particular appreciation of the courtesy of the British Government in having designated as its delegates gentlemen so notably distinguished. It was the first time, he believed, that a Chancellor of the Exchequer had left his country to participate in a mission of this nature.

It indicated clearly to his mind a realization of the magnitude of a negotiation or transaction, not merely of the utmost importance in itself, but bearing with it possible consequences so far-reaching that they could hardly be computed.

He begged to assure the distinguished visitors that the United States commission, of which he had the honor of being Chairman, was no less sensible than themselves of the extreme desirability, amounting to a virtual necessity, of effecting a definite settlement of the financial relationship of the two countries upon a basis entirely just to both.

The purposes of the conferences and the conditions bearing upon them were so well understood that he saw no necessity of stating them in detail. He wished at the moment only to say that the prompt payment by Great Britain of \$100,000,000 of interest during the past three months, pending a definite arrangement, was, to his mind, conclusive proof of the right spirit of financial integrity which he was proud and glad to say had always animated both of the two great English-speaking nations.

The Chairman also called attention to the fact that the commission had a limited authority under the applicable statutes.

After an informal discussion the British mission retired and the American commission continued its consideration of the general situation.

It was stated after the meeting that the British mission has in course of preparation further data with reference to the general statement submitted.

Chancellor Baldwin's address follows:

On behalf of the British delegation, I take this opportunity of expressing to the American Government and people our heartfelt appreciation of the warmth and courtesy of our reception—a reception so characteristic of the generous hospitality of the great nation.

We have come with the express intention of repaying our debt, and it is owing to the practical difficulties of making international payments that we are about to consult with you in order to accomplish the end which we both have in view.

We meet to-day under extraordinary circumstances. We meet to settle the largest single financial transaction, I believe, between two friendly nations, in the history of the world. We are here to arrange the terms of the payment of the British debt to the United States. That debt was contracted in common cause. It was the first contribution made by the United States to save civilization from being engulfed and free peoples being brought under the destructive rule of a military autocracy; it was followed by the contribution of the man power of the United States, whose soldiers fought so gallantly with ours and with those of our allies for the same purpose.

Then we were enlisted in a common cause; we still have common economic interests. The payment of our debt to you involves much more than the transfer of huge sums from London to Washington. It must effect the future well-being of both countries and on their prosperity depends to a large extent that of the entire world. The settlement we make here will determine the condition and material welfare of the great mass of wage earners in Great Britain and the United States, their wives and children. I do not, I believe, exaggerate. I state this as my deliberate opinion after having given the subject matured consideration.

The payment of our debt to you will impose upon us the necessity of levying heavy taxes to meet those payments. From the beginning of the war we were the heaviest taxed nation in the world. We financed our military operations to a greater degree than any other nation by making the present generation pay. It is our way to pay as we go so far as we can. From that fixed principle we have no intention now depart.

The total annual per capita taxation in Great Britain is to-day still greater than that of any other people. It amounts to more than \$160 per head of the population.

I invite you to consider my views as to what this means and how I fear it will effect your own wage earners no less than ours. Further taxation would

decrease the purchasing power of the British working man and reduce our consumption of American products. There would be a diminishing export demand of the soil, the mine and the factory. Desirous as we are to maintain the social scale of our own worker, the effect of additional taxation would be inevitably to depress. From the consequences of that I do not see how America can escape. The social condition of the American working man, raised to its present level in some measure as a result of the war, is now the highest in the world, but if we are unable to purchase from you, if we are forced by stern necessity to economize still further, to buy from you only those things we must have, but even these in greatly reduced quantities, the American farmer, as well as the American working man, will feel the pinch. He likewise will be compelled to economize; he will have to do with less; he will be brought down to a lower standard of living. Our modern civilization does not permit of economic isolation. Economic relations are too closely interwoven for one nation to be prosperous when other nations are suffering. Speaking broadly, if I may use the phrase, "spotted prosperity" is impossible. If on the economic map of the world there is a spot of prosperity surrounded by distress, that spot will not spread to bring health, but it will be wiped out by the poverty and misery that surround it.

In this spirit I address myself to the task before us. I shall now consider the subject more in detail.

Had it been possible to find in the world a nugget of gold worth four billions of dollars, we would have spared no sacrifice to secure it and we would have brought it with us, but unfortunately the limitations of nature put such a simple method of payment out of the question and we have to explore other means.

Let us examine how the debt came into being and see if that will help us to a solution. This debt is not a debt for dollars sent to Europe; the money was all expended here, most of it for cotton, wheat, food products and munitions of war. Every cent used for the purchase of these goods was spent in America; American labor received the wages; American capitalists the profits; the United States Treasury the taxation imposed on those profits.

At the time these goods were bought, we were associated in a great war. Out of seven billion dollars worth of goods bought after the United States came into the war, we paid for three billion dollars worth, leaving four billions which were supplied on credit. Now, seeing that the debt is a debt for goods supplied, it would be natural to ask, Why not repay with goods?

A moment's consideration is sufficient to answer that question.

These goods were supplied in war time at war prices. Prices have fallen so far that to repay four billions of dollars Great Britain would have to send to America a far greater bulk of goods than she originally purchased with the money loaned, and, laying aside all consideration of the tariff barrier, would it be possible for America to accept repayment in coal, steel, iron, manufactured cotton goods, and so forth, a method of repayment which would affect the employment of her people for years to come?

We have now seen that immediate repayment by gold is impossible and that an equivalent transaction in direct repayment by goods is full of difficulties, so we shall have to explore what remaining methods of international payment are presented by the markets of the world.

Here attention will have to be paid to several considerations. We lent large sums to and established large credits for our European allies, so that, while we are dealing with our liabilities, we find a large proportion of our assets temporarily frozen.

To balance our annual accounts in times of unexampled difficulty we have made great sacrifices. We are affected by the terrible economic situation in Europe and are passing through the worst period of unemployment in our history.

I have already referred to the weight of our taxation, which with the prolonged unemployment is already bearing cruelly on our women and children. So far from the war having left us richer by the acquisition of new territory, the acceptance of mandates in some of the most disturbed parts of the world has involved us in vast unproductive expenditure in policing and patrolling territories in which we have no economic right and are not open equally to other nations.

Having regard to all these circumstances, the British Government has to consider very carefully the terms of the liquidation of the debt, lest an annual obligation be assumed which it might be impossible to meet in years of bad trade and falling revenue.

In common with the rest of the world, we have watched with admiration the open-handed charity of America to the stricken countries of Europe, to the peoples of Belgium, of France, of Russia. The generosity of America is proverbial, but we are not here to ask for favors or to impose on generosity.

We want, on such terms as will produce the least possible disturbance in the trade relations of the two countries, a fair business settlement, a square deal, a settlement that will secure for America the repayment to the last cent of those credits which the United States Government established in America for us, their associates in the war.

Our wish is to approach the discussion as business men seeking a business solution of what is fundamentally a business problem.

May I put it in this way? We intend to pay, but how best can international credit be made liquid when the creditor nation is unwilling to permit liquidation through the direct delivery of goods and is also unwilling to see the current sale of her products to the debtor nation interrupted, and when the debtor nation is unwilling to be put in the position of being unable to buy the products of the creditor nation?

The cordial and prompt agreement of the two greatest democracies of the world on a question of this intricacy and magnitude will be an example to the nations and a long step forward in effecting a solution of the economic troubles of Europe. Let us never forget that until these troubles are solved there can be no general revival of international trade.

For myself, I look forward to the meetings of the Commission with hope and confidence. I believe that I shall not be disappointed.

As to the next joint session, on the 10th inst., we quote the following from the Washington dispatch to the New York "Times":

There was a long session of the two commissions this afternoon, but no definite results had been reached when it adjourned until to-morrow. Much time was devoted to study of the British financial position, including commerce, the budget and taxation.

The initial point was made, it is understood, that the British nation was solvent. The stability of the pound sterling and the payment thus far of \$100,000,000 to the United States on account of interest on wartime obligations were cited in evidence. But it was argued that a further heavy burden on British taxpayers to meet increased interest payments and establish a sinking fund to liquidate the principal at this time not only would work severe hardship but would have its effect upon American industry and all foreign trade.

The problem, said one spokesman, was to reach a funding agreement which would make the immediate burden as light as possible and still leave Great Britain in the position of a nation willing and able to meet all just liabilities.

Nearing an Agreement.

There was no discussion at to-day's meeting of cancellation or reduction of the debt. It was said both commissions confidently expected to arrive at a solution which would be received favorably by a substantial majority of Senators and Representatives who would be asked to alter the law to permit easier terms than those now provided, namely, bonds maturing in not more than twenty-five years and payable at not less than $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ interest.

That Congress will be asked to modify the law seems certain in view of the statements at the White House yesterday and developments to-day. Senator Smoot of Utah, a member of the American Debt Commission and also of the Senate Finance Committee, told that committee in executive session to-day that such a request would be made of Congress, possibly within a week or ten days. It is understood that he expressed conviction that settlement with any debtor country under the terms of the present legislation was impracticable and undesirable. The Senate Committee heard also that following the American commissions' report a message might be expected from the White House within ten days. Recommendations as to modification, they were told, were being worked out by the commissions.

One suggestion was that Congress be asked to allow our Debt Commission to arrange funding agreements on the terms it thought most advisable subject to final ratification by Congress. Another was that Congress be asked to lower the minimum interest rate and provide for maturities running up to fifty years.

One way to lighten the burden of Great Britain that has been discussed is to reduce the interest rate to a low figure and provide no immediate sinking fund to reduce the principal. It even has been suggested that a graduated scale of interest rates might be established with the rate for the first few years at less than 3%, to be made up in later years by a rate of more than the minimum fixed. By some such program the British debt could be funded without placing any severe burden on taxpayers for several years. The same principle, it was felt, might be applied with variations to debtor countries in a less favorable financial position than Great Britain.

Expect To Win in Congress.

Administration leaders were more hopeful to-day that favorable action could be obtained from Congress. Their position was that the country would back up such action, especially if it were demonstrated that the British had no intention to escape payment, and that industry and agriculture at home and abroad would be injured by insistence on the funding terms now laid down by law.

Representative Theodore E. Burton, a member of the American Debt Commission, called at the White House to-day and conferred for about half an hour with Ambassador Harvey concerning the general financial condition of Great Britain.

The Senate Finance Committee to-day started consideration of the Harris bill authorizing the President to appoint three Democrats to the Debt Funding Commission. Many Republicans think that Democrats should share the responsibility and Senator Calder of New York has suggested a bill authorizing two Democrats, a Senator and a Representative, as a compromise.

A letter from Secretary of the Treasury Mellon to Senator McCumber, Chairman of the Committee, was read. It is understood that the Secretary opposes the proposition on the ground that enlargement of the Commission would make it cumbersome and might hamper its work. The Secretary apparently has failed to influence Republicans who want the Democrats to share the problem. A subcommittee was named to study the question and report soon. The members are Senators McCumber and McLean, Republicans, and Simmons, Democrat.

Following the continuance of the discussions between the two missions on Thursday, it was stated that the conversations had not progressed to the point of consideration of specific terms. The Associated Press advices from Washington that day stated:

One of the factors known to be receiving considerable consideration is that the money which Great Britain is to repay was spent in this country with a profit to American business and labor and a large income to the United States Government through taxes.

The chief and controlling factor in the negotiations, however, will be the amount of money that Great Britain will be able to pay annually.

Figures of British expenditures supplied by the Commission show that in the budget for this year is included approximately £20,000,000, which already has been paid to this country on account of interest on the debt.

The total British debt was stated to be £7,700,000,000. The percentage of the total expenditure this year on account of interest on that debt was placed at 37.8.

Expenditures for this year for the fighting forces, army, navy and Air Service, are placed at 16.7% of the whole, as compared to 24% for America's fighting forces.

From the New York "Times" we quote the following regarding the discussions of the 11th:

The American and British Debt Commissions continued their deliberations to-day, giving particular attention to interest payments and amortization provisions which might be included in a tentative agreement to be submitted to Congress. The British also submitted a detailed statement of their financial position, showing the tax measures to which the British nation has resorted in an effort to balance the national budget.

In this connection the British developed the point that their populace was much more heavily taxed than the American people, and that additional severe tax burdens to meet heavy interest and principal payments on the debt to America at this time would inflict great hardship on the family of the British workingman. It was shown for instance, that taxpayers earning as little as \$1,250 paid \$56 annually in income tax to the Government, and that the payments on larger salaries were at a much higher rate than imposed by American laws.

The point was made also that in order to balance the British budget for 1922-1923, even with heavy tax provisions, the Government probably would be forced to suspend payments to the national sinking fund for the reduction of the public debt, a step without precedent except in war times.

Secretary Mellon was represented to-day as believing that an agreement would be brought about before Jan. 20, the tentative date set for the sailing of the British mission. It is thought probable that such an agreement will call for low interest rates for the present and abandonment of any proposal for amortization through establishment of a sinking fund for a term of years. The fact that Great Britain is contemplating suspension of payments this year to the sinking fund to pay off her public debt would appear to forecast such an arrangement in connection with her war-time debt to the United States.

The Commissions will continue their meetings to-morrow, and it is expected that a definite proposal by the British representatives will be made within the next few days. It was said the Commissioners hoped to have ready a report for President Harding next week.

On Jan. 9 President Harding was reported as favoring a modification of the Debt Funding Act. Regarding a debate in the House on that date, giving indication that such modification was favored, we quote the following from the New York "Times" of the 10th inst.:

A debate in the House of Representatives to-day furnished interesting and encouraging information for the British Debt Funding Commission, now in Washington, and showed that the Harding Administration has reason for its hope that Congress will modify the terms of the restrictions placed on the American Debt Commission in its dealings with debtor nations. Democrats joined with Republicans in expressing the belief that the terms of the debt funding law, which require that each debtor country shall liquidate its obligations to the United States in twenty-five years at the rate of 4 1/4 % interest, should be modified to give the commission greater latitude in making arrangements with the Governments which owe money to the United States.

While it appeared to be clear that the generality of opinion in the House favored this modification, it was equally clear that the House was opposed to giving the commission any authority to negotiate with respect to a reduction of the principal of the debts. Sentiment was also very general that the commission should not be invested with power to make binding arrangements with debtor nations as to time of payment and rate of interest, but should permit Congress to pass upon any tentative understanding upon these points that it might reach with the debtor nations.

President Favors Changes.

What was said in the House was an echo of opinions expressed at the White House offices earlier in the day. The President was convinced, it was said, that it would be impossible to make a settlement with the debtor nations under the terms of the Debt Commission Act as it now stood. It was said also that the President was looking for some suggestions from the American Debt Commission within a week and that he had hopes of an agreement between the American and British Debt Commissions very soon, perhaps in the course of three weeks. The President, it was said, was confident that Great Britain would pay her war debt to the United States.

The White House view of the situation, as it was outlined to-day, was that when the American Debt Commission had discussed the debt situation with the British Commission, it would make a report to the President, giving its views as to the modifications necessary to make the British debt fundable. This information will be transmitted to Congress by the President to serve as a basis for considering modifications in the present law creating the debt commission.

Sentiment toward modifying the debt commission law is not so favorable in the Senate as in the House, but it was apparent to-day from statement made by Senators that there is a growing disposition to give the commission greater latitude. Some Senators were positive that no arrangement reached between the Debt Commission and any debtor nation should become effective until it had received the sanction of Congress.

Extended Debate in House.

Today's debate in the House was begun by Representative Garner, the acting Democratic floor leader, in asking Representative Fess, Republican Senator-elect from Ohio, whether he had favored Allied debt cancellation in a speech in New York on Saturday. Mr. Fess denied Mr. Garner's inference, but explained that he favored modification of the law to permit an extension of time for payment and a reduction of the rate of interest. Questions and answers brought on a discussion of the Allied debt situation which indicated the sentiments of the House.

The most interesting contribution to the debate was made by Representative Burton of Ohio, a member of the American Debt Commission. He was in favor of the payment of the debt, but desired greater freedom for the American Commission than the law permitted. He indicated that he favored leniency toward Great Britain and pointed that a settlement of the Allied debt was necessary to American prosperity.

"I may say," said Mr. Burton, "that in the forefront of this question is the settlement of the debt of Great Britain to the United States. It is two-fifths of the whole foreign indebtedness, about \$4,166,000,000 of principal out of a total of \$10,150,000,000. Again Great Britain is the only country which has balanced its budget, which has imposed taxations sufficient to meet its current expenses, and the people of that country are entitled to the greatest credit because they have stood, as it were, with their backs against the wall and with a desire to meet their credits and meet their expenses."

"It is entirely probable that in a short time some proposition will come before the House with reference to the settlement of that debt. I have always maintained, first, that the debt should be paid. I so expressed myself in a prominent foreign capital in the month of September last, where the audience was made up mostly of those who were interested in the cancellation of the debt, and, having so spoken there, I certainly feel free to say here that it is not for us to cancel these debts. But with a full appreciation of international friendship which should exist, with a remembrance of the frightful suffering which those countries had, I believe that we should make the terms as moderate as we can consistent with international interests."

"If I may call attention to the fact it is not merely for the interest of our foreign debtors that leniency should be shown to them, but even appealing to the selfish elements here, it is of interest to us because our trade, our international prosperity, is very seriously hampered by financial conditions in Europe, which I am afraid are going from bad to worse."

"I remarked in an address a few days since that when the financial history of this late colossal struggle and its aftermath is written by a master hand, the most startling end of that history will be that the worst inflation, the the most fiscal policies, the greatest blunders were perpetrated, not while the armies were in the field but since the armistice of Nov. 11 1918. I do not pretend to speak for the Commission, but I want to say if the proposition in regard to this English debt is to be made, it will not be made in the form of a request for a general revision of the statute. We do not want to take the responsibility in regard to this \$4,000,000,000 of making a decision which will be final. I do not regard that as quite fair to the Congress and the legislative power. If there is a change in the terms fixed by the general statute, that change will be made here in the congress of the United States."

Asked whether he would enlarge the Debt Commission by appointing Democrats as members, Mr. Burton said:

"Of course, the Commission would be glad, as a social matter, to have Democrats as part of it. That is a social matter. Three members of the Cabinet are on that Commission, and the natural appointments are Republicans from the Senate and the House. I do not know that Republicans had any representation when the more than \$10,000,000,000 was loaned to these foreign countries."

Representative Garner asked: "Does the Commission desire to take the responsibility with reference to the settlement of this debt? And does the gentleman go to the extent of saying that he prefers that Congress should indicate its wish as to the rate of interest and the time limit?"

"No," Mr. Burton answered. "Naturally the Commission would make a recommendation and that recommendation will be presented to the Presi-

dent and the President will present it here for the approval or the disapproval of Congress. The questions involved are of such complication that it naturally belongs to an executive body in the first instance to make its proposition here, and then Congress can either approve or disapprove."

Both Mr. Burton and Representative Mondell, the Republican floor leader, opposed cancellation of the war debts. Both, however, agreed with Mr. Fess that the restrictions placed on the Commission should be modified. Mr. Burton said:

"It is entirely probable that in a short time some proposition will come before the House with reference to the settlement of the British debt."

Governor Norman of the Bank of England in the course of a talk to newspaper men on the 6th inst. expressed the hope of an early agreement on British funding questions, adding that if it so happened it would be a great step toward solution of existing world problems. He was also quoted as saying:

We view the situation as a great vicious cycle of debts, and it looks like here in Washington, D. C., is the place to make the first break in that cycle.

If we can make a settlement, then other settlements will follow. It will be like knocking a nine-pin: it is a start.

Regarding a previous visit of the Governor of the Bank of England we take the following from a special dispatch to the New York "Times":

It was learned here to-night on high authority that Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, who is coming to the United States with the British Debt Funding Mission, was in this country about last April and discussed with President Harding and several Government officials and financiers the question of debt funding and the financial situation in Europe.

It is understood that during his visit to Washington Mr. Norman saw in addition to the President, Secretary Hoover, Secretary Mellon, Governor Harding and other members of the Reserve Board.

One report is that he urged that the United States interest itself in the affairs of Europe, fearing that the situation there would become increasingly dangerous from the financial viewpoint unless something was done quickly.

Mr. Norman also spent some time in New York City, where he is said to have conferred with J. P. Morgan and other bankers concerning the European crisis.

Information concerning the visit of Mr. Norman to the United States and the nature of the discussions he had here has been withheld up to this time. Reports are that the British banker was anxious to have the United States use its good offices, either by calling a conference or by suggesting some course to European Powers, which would lead out of the tangle in which the political and financial leaders there had become involved.

Unusual interest is now being shown in the visit of Mr. Norman because of the recent activity of the American Government in endeavoring to place before the European nations suggestions which might aid in the solution of the reparations problem, among them the selection of a committee of international bankers to canvass the situation in Germany and make recommendations for a settlement. Official comment as to any part that the visit might have played in influencing Administration opinion is not obtainable to-night.

The same paper on the 2d announced the following advices from Washington:

At the White House, the State Department and in other official quarters to-day there were denials that any mystery attached to the visit to Washington last April of Montagu Collett Norman, Governor of the Bank of England.

The belated disclosure that Mr. Norman had been in America at that time and had seen prominent officials of the Harding Administration aroused much interest, which has been emphasized by the fact that Mr. Norman is on his way to this country with Stanley Baldwin, the new British Chancellor of the Exchequer and head of the British World War Debt Commission.

At the White House it was said that Mr. Norman had called on President Harding last spring but had not discussed official matters. It was indicated at the State Department that Secretary Hughes had met Mr. Norman in a social way while he was in Washington and that they had not conferred officially on international questions. The understanding of State Department officials, it was explained, was that Mr. Norman's only official business in Washington had to do with legislation pending in Congress for extending the time within which the Government of Austria was pledged to repay the United States for relief expended through the shipment of grain supplies. This legislation was subsequently adopted.

An item regarding the British Financial Mission appeared in these columns Dec. 30, page 2843.

French Note on Gold Advanced to Great Britain and Deposited in the United States.

The French Government issued at Paris on Jan. 4 a note respecting the £50,000,000 in gold advanced to Great Britain by France during the war, and the retention of which by the British was proposed by Prime Minister Bonar Law in settlement of the French war debt. This proposal was rejected by France at the Premiers' Council, which ended on the 4th inst. The French statement follows:

An accord signed at Calais on Aug. 25 1916, between MM. Briand and Ribot (French Premier and Finance Minister) and Messrs. Asquith and McKenna (British Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer) placed credits in sterling at the disposition of France for a total of £150,000,000. Article 2 reads:

"The French Government, in exchange for the advance of the £150,000,000 stipulated in Article 1, engages itself to request the Bank of France to place at the disposition of the British Treasury £50,000,000 gold, constituting a loan to be repaid by the British Government three years after the termination of the war, at the same time as will be repaid the advance provided for in Article 1."

The placing of this sum under the above conditions at the disposition of the British Government did not relieve it from the obligation of repaying in gold. The English Government on several occasions has manifested a desire to relieve itself of this obligation. It asked M. Ribot on March 13 1917, to agree that the gold could be placed in credit against the French debt to Great Britain, on account of "the French Government bonds discounted in virtue of these accords." M. Ribot refused.

When M. Loucheur visited London in 1919 it was desired to insert in the draft of an agreement that the French Government "would not ask for

repayment of the gold detained in execution of the Calais accord until the moment in which was paid the total of the French debt owing to the English Government." M. Loucheur reserved his adhesion and upon his return to Paris the French Government refused to accept the article.

The accord of 1916 (drawn up at Calais) remains therefore the only one governing the legal status of the gold transferred to the British Treasury, and, conforming to these stipulations, this sum of gold continues to figure in the balance of the Bank of France.

The Associated Press cablegram from Paris in reporting the above, states:

The French gold deposit was sent to the Bank of England to help maintain the exchange value of the pound sterling during the war when Great Britain was acting as a sort of clearing house for Allied payments in the United States, and the statement that it was handed over as a guaranty for loans made by the British Treasury is incorrect, it was explained at the Bank of France this morning. The gold is carried in the Bank's statement as "gold abroad."

There was no connection between credit opened by the British to the Allies and the gold deposit, it was asserted, other than a desire to avoid depreciation of the pound sterling through its use in paying for Allied purchases. Officials said that Great Britain's action in taking the gold to pay balances in the United States was not only regular but was exactly what the Allies loaned it to Great Britain for. It was understood that gold to an equal amount should be returned to France by the Bank of England when the transaction involved in making payments for Allied war purchases were finally liquidated.

Invasion of Ruhr Region by France and Belgium— Reparations Commission Declares Germany in Default.

Following the failure of the Allied Premiers' Conference in Paris last week to bring about agreement on the German reparations question, events respecting Germany moved speedily this week. The threatened invasion of the Ruhr territory of Germany by France, was carried into effect on the 10th inst., following the decision of the Allied Reparations Commission on the 9th inst. that Germany was in default as to its 1922 coal deliveries. Previously (on the 5th inst.) Germany had admitted its inability to meet the payment of 500,000,000 gold marks, due Jan. 15. The issuance of orders by President Harding for the immediate withdrawal of the United States troops on the Rhine was also witnessed during the week; this is referred to in another item as is also a protest by Germany against the invasion by France of the Ruhr region. On the 10th inst. Germany recalled her Ambassador to France, Dr. Wilhelm Mayer, and her Minister to Belgium, Dr. Landsberg. Coincident with the action by France, the Belgian Government on the 10th inst. began the movement of its troops to Germany for occupation with France of the Ruhr territory. The decision of the French and Belgian Governments to move on to the Ruhr was made known in notes delivered through their embassies to Germany. The following is the text of the French note as given in a copyright cablegram to the *New York Times* Jan. 10:

Owing to defaults recorded by the Reparation Commission as committed by Germany in execution of the schedule laid down by the Reparation Commission for deliveries of timber and coal to France and in accordance with the stipulations of Paragraphs 17 and 18, Annex 2, Part 8, of the Treaty of Versailles, the French Government has decided to dispatch to the Ruhr a mission of control composed of engineers and having the necessary powers to supervise the acts of the Kohlsyndikat and to assure by virtue of orders given by its President either to the latter syndicate or to the German transport service strict application of the schedules fixed by the Reparation Commission and take all necessary measures for the payment of reparations.

The Italian Government has also decided that Italian engineers shall participate.

This mission will have powers defined by the two annexed documents which the German Government is requested to communicate to the authorities concerned, giving them the necessary instructions enabling them to conform exactly to the prescriptions contained therein.

The French Government desires to declare that it has no intention to carry out at the present moment an operation of a military nature, nor an occupation of a political character. It is merely dispatching into the Ruhr a mission of engineers and officials whose object is clearly defined. Its duty is to assure respect by Germany of the obligations contained in the Treaty of Versailles.

It is only sending into the Ruhr those troops which are essential to safeguard the mission and guarantee the execution of its mandate.

No dislocation and no change, therefore, is made in the normal life of the population, which can continue to work in order and peace.

It is to the greatest interest of the German Government to facilitate the work of the mission and installation of the troops destined to protect it.

The French Government relies on the good-will of the German Government and that of all authorities whatsoever they may be.

In case the activities of the officials of the mission and the installation of the troops accompanying it are hindered or compromised by any manoeuvre whatsoever, and in case local authorities, either by their action or by their abstention, cause any disturbance whatsoever in the material or economic life of the region, all coercive measures and all penalties which may be deemed necessary will be taken immediately.

Powers of Control Mission.

Annex No. 1 reads:

"The default of Germany recorded by the Reparations Commission with regard to deliveries of timber and coal due in conformity with the schedules established by the said Commission and with a view to future strict execution of the clauses of the Treaty of Versailles regarding reparations, a mission of control of mines and factories in the occupied territories, composed of engineers and officials, is created as from to-day.

"The engineers and officials belonging to the mission will have full power to collect from administrative bodies, chambers of commerce, employers or workers' unions, businessmen, traders, &c., all statistical or other informa-

tion which they may consider it necessary to demand. They will have the right to circulate throughout the whole occupied territory and enter offices, mines, factories, railroad depots, &c., and there consult all documents and statistics.

"The personnel of the German administration and representatives of industrial and commercial bodies must under pain of severe penalties place themselves entirely at the disposal of the mission for the accomplishment of their service and subsequently obey orders received from the chief of the mission. The latter will have authority to decree modifications in the distribution of fuels and in the routing of railroad trucks and barges carrying fuels.

"The engineers and officials of the mission will carry special written orders delivered by the military authorities which will serve as identification papers."

Orders to the Coal Syndicate.

Annex No. 2 reads:

"As from Jan. 11 1923, the schedules of distribution of coal and coke established or executed by the Kohlsyndikat will be submitted for approval of the Industrial Mission to the Ruhr, which can modify them if it thinks necessary.

"These schedules must in particular comprise complete delivery of the quantities provided:

"For the countries of the Entente;

"For the occupied territories on the left bank of the Rhine;

"And must allow for the needs of the newly occupied territories.

"With these exceptions there is in principle no modification of the general distribution of fuels now in force.

"In case of violation of the above restrictions on the part of the Kohlsyndikat of the mines being established or if the quality delivered is of an inferior nature severe penalties will be imposed independently of a change of destination of trains or barges which may be ordered by the Industrial Mission.

"The engineers of the mission will make frequent investigations to ascertain whether the orders to the Kohlsyndikat have been correctly given and strictly executed."

In referring to the proposed action of France, Associated Press advices from Paris Jan. 10 said:

France, with Belgium at her side and supported by Italy, will begin to-morrow morning her long-talked-of "separate action." The decision of President Harding to withdraw the American troops from the Rhineland immediately came as a blow to the pride of France and to the French sense of right, although there is no word of official criticism—only regret.

The French people, however, are standing behind their Government at what is frequently described as the most critical moment since the end of the war. M. Poincaré expects not the slightest difficulty in getting Parliament's approval to-morrow. It has repeatedly endorsed his plan for seizing "productive guarantees," although then there was no chance for immediate action. The Deputies and Senators in their group talks to-day voiced the sentiment that it is every Frenchman's duty to support the Government, and only the customary opposition from the extreme Left is expected.

The Premier, after his announcement, will ask that there be no discussion and that eight pending interpellations on the Ruhr plan be deferred. The Chamber leaders have promised that this would be done. M. Poincaré will make it a question of confidence in the Government on his demand for delay in the discussion of the interpellations.

The calm firmness of the French note to Germany is indicative of the feeling of the Government and people as revealed by the newspapers and individual expressions. The French feel they are going into the Ruhr to make the Germans do what they agreed to do, and although great disappointments, such as England's refusal to join with them and America's order for the withdrawal of troops, reaching them the night before they play their last card, may amaze or grieve or anger them, they, nevertheless, are going into the Ruhr to-morrow."

Dusseldorf and Paris Associated Press dispatches on Jan. 11 reported that French troops had begun marching on Essen early that a. m., and a copyright Chicago "Tribune" cablegram from Chicago Jan. 11 stated that according to the War Ministry the advance guard of French troops had entered Essen at 4.45 a. m. that day. Yesterday (Jan. 12) it was announced in Associated Press cablegrams from Essen that Gen. Degoutte had issued a proclamation from Dusseldorf establishing a state of siege throughout the newly occupied territory. The German laws, it was stipulated, would remain in force. The same cablegrams said:

Passive resistance by the Germans to the occupation of the Ruhr has brought about a deadlock in the negotiations whereby the occupational authorities are trying to bring pressure through the German officials on the mining and industrial operators in order to obtain compliance in their demand for reparations deliveries.

The Germans hold that they are unauthorized to act in regard to the administration of the mines and industrial works or the distribution of their products.

According to information here, Germany no longer considers bound to deliver coal to France and therefore will not recompense the Ruhr operators for further deliveries. Since enforced deliveries would thus leave the operators without means for paying their employees for an output bringing in no monetary returns, it is feared general unemployment, involving considerable danger, may follow within a fortnight if the occupational authorities enforce the deliveries.

In general, Essen was transacting its usual business to-day without interruption, as the French arrangements for control do not affect the ordinary life of the town, which at present feels only the inconvenience caused by the commandeering of the main buildings.

It is thought that the critical day will come to-morrow, when the miners will receive their pay and when it is asserted many of them will also receive notice from the employers to quit.

All the factories will close next Monday morning from 11 to 11:15 o'clock in protest against the occupation. The committee directing the demonstration represents all political parties.

Railway traffic will stop for ten minutes at the same hour. The ringing of church bells and the blowing of factory whistles will voice the city's indignation.

The 40,000 employees of the Krupp plant here went to work this morning as usual, according to information officially supplied to the French Economic Mission in Essen by the German authorities.

Strikes are reported in Bochum, but the percentage of strikers is small, it is declared.

The *New York Evening Post* last night (Jan. 12) printed the following from Berlin:

The directorate of the German Railwaymen's Union has issued a protest against the French occupation of Essen. The statement urges the workers to remain calm, saying: "Since we are defenseless, we must submit to force in the expectation that a protest to the conscience of the world will obtain our aim."

Count Gunther von der Schulenburg, a supporter of Dr. Joseph Smeets, the Rhineland separatist leader, was reported here to-day to have been arrested by German police while in occupied territory.

As to the admission by the German Government of its inability to meet the reparations payment due Jan. 15, we quote the following from the Associated Press advices from Berlin Jan. 5.

The German Government to-day admitted its inability to meet the payment of 500,000,000 gold marks, due Jan. 15, in accordance with the London reparations schedule, explaining that it naturally assumed that the whole question of reparations would be subjected to overhauling after the German payment of Treasury bonds to Belgium.

When the brief moratorium was granted to Germany the Government believed the Reparations Commission would devise a new schedule which would become effective with the new year.

Confirming the inability to meet the January payment, official quarters say the reparations plan of Premier Poincaré designates as indispensable a two years' moratorium for Germany.

The Government apparently is awaiting some notification from the Reparations Commission and may counter an ultimatum from France by referring to the treaty proviso, which prescribes that the reparations demands must be authorized and supported unanimously by the Commission. It is admitted that a paragraph of the treaty entitles France to proceed independently, or with the consent of Italy and Belgium, in event of a German default, as cited in connection with the timber and coal deliveries.

On the 5th inst. a copyright cablegram from Paris referring to the calling of a special meeting of the Reparations Commission to discuss the coal and coke deliveries said:

For to-morrow M. Barthou has called a special meeting of the Reparation Commission to discuss the situation with regard to German coal and coke deliveries. M. Barthou will ask the Commission to register the voluntary failure of Germany to deliver the supplies of those fuels asked for in the same way as was done on Dec. 26 with regard to timber deliveries.

In an official statement issued to-day by the French delegation on the Commission it is stated that the coal and coke deliveries have been short every month except one since the treaty came into force, even though the quantities demanded were smaller than were due under the treaty. During 1922 the program of deliveries fixed by the treaty stipulated 19,500,000 tons. The Reparation Commission asked for 13,800,000 tons, but the actual deliveries amounted to only 11,700,000 tons. The actual shortage is not enormous, but it is large enough to give M. Barthou all the pretext he needs for obtaining another declaration of voluntary failure.

Contrary to expectation, Sir John Bradbury will attend to-morrow's meeting and will continue for some time at least to serve on the Commission. This decision was taken to-day when the British delegate had an interview with Premier Bonar Law before the latter left for London.

On the same date the Associated Press in advices from Brussels said:

The Council of Ministers to-day unanimously approved the Belgian delegation's attitude at the Paris conference, after statements had been made by Premier Theunis and Foreign Minister Jaspars.

The Council was in session for four hours and discussed also measures for the execution of the French plan agreed upon at Paris.

Two Belgian divisions will assist seven French divisions in the occupation of Essen and the Ruhr district, says the "Soir." It adds it has reliable information that an agreement to this effect has already been made between the French and Belgian delegates. The arrangements must be referred to the Parliament and the King, the newspaper states, but in any event Belgian participation in the military occupation has been agreed to in principle.

A Paris Associated Press cablegram the same date stated:

Officials of the French Foreign Office say they cannot comment on the Brussels report respecting the reinforcement of "seven French divisions" of the occupation of German territory by two Belgian divisions. Nothing whatever of the arrangements between the Belgian, Italian and French delegates after the departure of the British from the Paris conference, it is explained, may be discussed.

The opinion, however, is that effectives of nine divisions referred to in the Belgian dispatch seem rather large. It is understood that no more than three divisions will be employed, according to the present plan.

On the 9th inst. the Allied Reparations Commission, by a vote of 3 to 1 (Sir John Bradbury dissenting), declared Germany to be in default as to its 1922 coal deliveries. The decision of the Commission, which had been expected on the 8th inst., had been deferred by reason of the action of the German delegates, a copyright cablegram to the New York "Times" from Paris indicating this as follows:

French action in the Ruhr was to-day delayed for at least twenty-four hours by talking tactics of the German delegates to the Reparation Commission. With their arguments they held up the decision by the Commission until to-morrow on the question of whether there has or has not been voluntary failure on their part to deliver sufficient supplies of coal, and so prevented release of the order for the troop operations, which will begin the moment this decision has been taken.

With Messrs. Fischer and Meyer, President and Secretary of the German section of the Reparation Commission, there attended the meeting to-day ten experts, among whom were the presidents of several Ruhr coal companies. They arrived together at 3:30 o'clock, and the presentation of their case lasted till 6 o'clock, without even then having reached its conclusion.

The question of whether or not they would attend at all to-day was settled by a sharp note from M. Barthou to Herr Fischer informing him that if the German delegates were not promptly on hand at the appointed time, the Commission would proceed at once, and without giving them an opportunity of being heard, to declare that voluntary default had occurred.

This note provided for their appearance, but even M. Barthou could not prevent long explanations on matters about which the Commission was already fully informed, and at 6 o'clock it was decided to postpone the conclusion of the meeting till to-morrow. The Germans will again be heard, and it is the intention afterward of each delegate to explain his vote.

Bradbury May Vote with Others.

To-night it is stated as possible that Sir John Bradbury, after making a statement, will record his vote with the other members of the Commission to the effect that there has been willful shortage of 14 or 15% in coal deliveries. Even, however, should he not take part in the vote, it is now certain that the Belgian and Italian delegates will side with the French, and the decision will be taken by a majority. If this is done to-morrow the troop movement will begin Wednesday morning, or at the latest Thursday at dawn, and Essen will be occupied.

On the 9th inst., in referring to the vote of the Commission, the "Times" cablegram (copyright) said:

To-day's events have been of importance far beyond their appearance. What happened was simply that five representatives of as many different nations, seated in the Hotel Astoria, having heard the explanations of the German delegates, decided by three votes against one, and with one of their number taking no part in the vote, that during 1922 the coal deliveries by Germany fell short by 2,000,000 tons of the amount demanded by the Reparation Commission, and that the default was willful. By so doing they set in motion machinery provided by treaty for the taking of whatever measures the Powers involved may consider necessary in the circumstances.

Germans Conclude Explanations.

The proceedings began with a continuation of their explanations by the German delegates as to how the shortage occurred, and of its inevitability. Yesterday the absence of Herr Lubben, Director of the Rhenan-Westphalian Coal Syndicate, had prevented these explanations being complete. He arrived this morning at 7 o'clock, and at 9:30 began his explanations, but for all the influence it had on the finding of the Commission he might as well have stayed in Germany. The case had been judged weeks ago.

One of the most important arguments advanced by the German delegation was made by Herr Richter, the legal expert, who asserted that the only penalty which it was within the power of the Commission to impose was that which implied in their letter of March 21 last, which provided that in case of failure in deliveries in kind "supplementary cash payments should be made equal to the value of the deficit."

This point had the strong support of Sir John Bradbury, and it was for that, among other reasons, that the British delegate opposed his vote to the majority.

In the rest of the proceedings there was only one departure from the cut-and-dried procedure and decision which had been forecast. It came from Roland Boyden, the American observer at the Commission's meetings. Though he is without a vote and without official power in the decisions of the Commission, Mr. Boyden had never been without influence. To-day that influence could not be exercised.

Mr. Boyden himself has maintained the strictest discretion as to what attitude he took and what he said. But from other sources his speech as disclosed appears as an indictment of the Treaty of Versailles and especially of its too literal application. Like Sir John Bradbury and other delegates, Mr. Boyden admitted that from the technical juridical point of view Germany was in default. But for the shortage Mr. Boyden indicated that in his opinion Germany was less to blame than were the Commission and the Treaty itself in placing an impossible task on Germany's shoulders.

He took exception, too, to the manner in which the Treaty made little or no provision for discretion on the part of the Commission, but obliged its members to report any such failure on the part of Germany to the Governments, which had the power to impose penalties that the extent of the default did not seem to warrant. The effort Germany had made to supply the coal orders and the extent to which she had succeeded were too great, Mr. Boyden insisted, to deserve the application of such penalties as were intended.

Further, the failure was in itself but a small one in the immense question of reparations, and to his mind it seemed a wrong proceeding to consider this question in detail and not as one great whole.

Bradbury Defends Berlin Government.

Sir John Bradbury's point of view corresponded closely to that of Mr. Boyden. The deficit, he pointed out, was only 16 1/2% of the whole program and making allowance for the amount of that deficit which was due to causes which neither the German Government nor German coal owners could control Germany was only 11 1/2% in default.

The real question for the Commission to decide was how far she was really responsible for this shortage. In his opinion it was mainly due to the enormous confusion of German conditions during the year, and the fact that during 1922 a much greater percentage of the program had been delivered than was the case during 1921 reflected credit rather than otherwise on the German Government and on those responsible for delivery.

He took the view that the Commission was bound by the letter of March 21 to accept payment of the deficit in cash, and that the penalties which he understood were to be imposed were not either warranted or strictly legal.

One fact in the situation which he stressed was that the price of the coal which Germany had delivered was when translated into paper marks more than the total revenue of the German Government during the year.

Louis Barthou, the French delegate, who was supported by both the Belgian and Italian members of the Commission, insisted throughout his speech on the "bad will" of Germany in the matter, and he called down all the powers of the treaty on the defaulter's head.

After these speeches, as indeed before, the voting was a matter of pure form.

During the afternoon notice of the decision was, in conformity with the treaty regulations, sent to the various Governments, but in this case no recommendations were made as to the course which should be followed.

On Jan. 10 a copyright cablegram from Paris, published in the New York "Times," said:

It is expected that discussion of the German demand for a moratorium for this year and next will come up before the Reparation Commission Friday afternoon. If the Commission refuses a moratorium, Germany will be under obligation to pay 500,000,000 gold marks Jan. 15. If she fails, then the rest of the French program for seizing guarantees can be put into operation.

It is anticipated that the Commission line-up will be the same as on the two questions of timber and coal deliveries. Sir John Bradbury of the British delegation will refuse to vote Germany in deliberate default. Mr. Boyden may be expected to renew his indictment of the Treaty of Versailles as too burdensome on Germany, while the French, Italian and Belgian delegates will pronounce the failure of Germany and the necessity of taking guarantees.

Associated Press advices from Paris on the 7th inst., indicating that Germany had disputed the contentions of France regarding coal deliveries, said:

Germany delivered 89% of the 13,600,000 tons of coal demanded for French reparations last year, or 4.6% more than is estimated in the memorandum which France submitted to the Reparations Commission relative to Germany's alleged default in deliveries under the peace treaty, according to an official reply to that memorandum.

It is pointed out in the reply that the peace treaty stipulated maximum deliveries, and that these were to be made only in so far as was compatible with Germany's own requirements in providing her people with the necessities of life. It is declared that the deficit such as has occurred was due primarily to the refusal of the French to accept certain qualities of fuel, especially coke, and a demand for a better quality than even German consumers used.

Other causes given for the lack of fulfillment are strikes, transport difficulties and frost. The reply also calls attention to the fall in Germany's total coal production from 12,100,000 tons in May of last year to 10,500,000 tons in November.

Relative to the French contention that while the French foundries are able to use only 50% of their yearly capacity of iron, and the German foundries are able to utilize 80% of theirs, the official statement says that this is due to the fact that Germany lost a number of furnaces in Lorraine and Luxembourg, and thus more work has been thrown on the others.

It is declared in the memorandum that economic experts believe the only permanent way of satisfying the French demand is for Germany to deliver coal and coke in the open market against cash payments, and thus obtain the means necessary to buy imported coal required in Germany.

Chancellor Cuno Declares Germany is Determined Not to Yield to Coercion.

The German Chancellor, Wilhelm Cuno, in declaring on the 9th inst. the action of France in seizing the Ruhr to be a breach of the Versailles Treaty, asserted that "in the same measure as we were and still are, willing and ready to go the limit of our economic and financial capacity in rendering reparations, so are we also determined not to yield to coercion in any form." The Associated Press accounts from Berlin report him to the following effect:

Wilhelm Cuno, the Chancellor, declared that Germany would regard the application of arbitrary force as a breach of the Versailles Peace Treaty and as "the use of might against a defenseless people."

"France," continued Herr Cuno, "is trying to cloak her contemplated action with the appearance of justice, in that she spreads sanctions and pledges which are supposed to have basis in the stipulations of the Versailles Treaty. Yet even as monstrous as this instrument is, it does not go so far as to permit the Allies optional impingement upon German sovereignty or willful encroachment on German territory."

"As a pledge to their demands under the Treaty, or as security for reparations, the Allies are occupying the Rhineland for a specific period, thus holding a guarantee which is more secure and more crushing in its final working out than any yet incorporated in any peace treaty between civilized peoples. If France on her own responsibility fails to recognize the limitations established in the agreement governing the rights of occupation, or if she actually proceeds to impinge upon Rhineland territory outside the established zone of occupation, then such procedure ceases to be a mere exercise of her treaty privileges and becomes a violent breach of the peace against a defenseless people."

Calling attention to the fact that the Premiers would not listen to or receive the German reparations proposals at the recent Paris conference and that they could not reach an agreement of their own making, Chancellor Cuno declared the solution of the reparations problem had been postponed anew.

"France," he added, "appears determined to force her claims by the application of coercive measures." It would therefore appear that certain quarters in France still believe fulfillment can be obtained from us by such procedure. In my speech at Hamburg I declared that the policy of sanctions spelt death to economic recuperation; and to-day I can only reiterate this with increased earnestness and emphasis.

"For in the same measure as we were, and still are, willing and ready to go the limit of our economic and financial capacity in rendering reparations, so also are we determined not to yield to coercion in any form."

"We have given tangible proof of our readiness, voluntarily to fulfill to the extent of our ability the demands upon us. If need be, the German people will show equal firmness in further following the path of its affliction."

"There can be no negotiations in an atmosphere of pressure and threats. We cannot oppose violence with violence. We are determined, however, and in this we have the concurrence of the German people, to expose in its true light before the world at large the economic folly and complete illegality of the French intentions."

The Chancellor said Germany's offer of an anti-war pact, based on a plebiscite, still held good. He added that the German Government was willing to double, even to treble, the number of years informally designated in the original proposal.

"We are ready," said the Chancellor, "so to constitute it that whenever the hydra of war dares again to raise its head the question, yes or no shall be decided, not in the secret conclaves of diplomacy or through the whim of a ruler, but at the family fireside. The final decision shall rest with fathers, mothers, sons and daughters."

"Could anything be more democratic or serve more effectively to make the world safe for democracy or democracy safe for the world?"

The German anti-war proposal, the Chancellor stated, primarily was intended to placate French apprehensions with respect to France's Rhineland frontiers and to afford France guarantees which would run for a period greatly in excess of the present term of occupation.

Protest to United States by Germany Against Franco-Belgian Occupation of Ruhr.

A formal protest to the United States against the invasion by French and Belgian troops of Essen, in the Ruhr zone of Germany, was made by Germany on the 11th inst., when Dr. Otto Wiedfeldt, the German Ambassador, called at the State Department at Washington and presented the German protest to Under Secretary of State Phillips. In it Germany declares that the action of France and Belgium in invading the Ruhr territory "represents a breach of the treaties and of the international law." Referring to the fact that "the reason given for the procedure is that Germany is in default in her deliveries of wood and coal in 1922," the German protest says that "the default in the case of coal represents a deficit amounting to less than 4% of the deliveries of coal to the Entente Powers since the signing of the armistice,"

and that "of the deliveries of wood to France for 1922, only 20,000 cubic meters sawn wood and 135,000 telegraph poles are missing." The text of the protest, dated Jan. 10, follows:

The French Ambassador and immediately afterward the Belgian Charge d'Affaires in Berlin have this afternoon informed the German Minister for Foreign Affairs in writing and orally that France and Belgium, because of the defaults declared by the Reparations Commission as committed by Germany in execution of the deliveries of wood and coal, have decided immediately to send into the Ruhr control missions, composed of engineers and accompanied by the troops necessary to control the management of the coal syndicate, to guarantee the strict execution of the program of the Reparations Commission and to enforce the payment of reparations. The control missions will be placed under Gen. Degoutte, who will have full dictatorial powers. Any local disturbances will be punished with the most severe coercive measures and penalties.

The German Minister for Foreign Affairs has lodged a protest with the two foreign representatives against the action contemplated because this action represents a breach of the treaties and of international law.

Owing to the declarations made by France and Belgium there is no longer any doubt that to-morrow at the latest a Franco-Belgian army will occupy Essen and parts of the Ruhr territory. This happens four years after the signing of the peace treaty and is directed against a defenseless and peaceful nation.

The reason given for the procedure is that Germany is in default in her deliveries of wood and coal in 1922. The default in the case of coal represents a deficit amounting to less than 4% of the deliveries of coal to the Entente Powers since the signing of the armistice. Of the deliveries of wood to France for 1922 only 20,000 cubic meters sawn wood and 135,000 telegraph poles are missing. France and Belgium justify their action by asserting that Germany is in voluntary default and that this voluntary default justifies one-sided coercive measures directed against Germany on the part of these two Powers.

The existence of such a default on the part of Germany is not only denied by Germany alone but, entirely apart from that, the Franco-Belgian action represents a breach of the Treaty of Versailles in a threefold manner:

1. Germany's defaults in her deliveries of wood and coal would, according to the note of the Reparation Commission of Mar. 21 1922, always only justify demands for subsequent payments.

2. The Treaty of Versailles does not admit any territorial sanctions.

3. The measures allowed by the Treaty of Versailles against Germany can only be applied by the Allied Powers as a whole and not by single Powers of their own accord.

The German Government herewith enters a protest against the oppression applied toward Germany in contradiction with the treaty and international law. The German Government does not intend to meet violence with violence nor to reply to the breach of the treaty with a withdrawal from the treaty. However, as long as the state of affairs contrary to the treaty exists Germany is not in a position to make actual reparations to those Powers, who have brought about this state of affairs.

German Foreign Minister Baron von Rosenberg Says French Invasion Is Violation of Versailles Treaty.

In a statement to the press on Jan. 9 Baron von Rosenberg, the Foreign Minister, declared that if France carried out her invasion plans a gross violation of the Peace Treaty would be committed. He is also reported to the following effect in Berlin Associated Press advices Jan. 9:

In the first place, said the Foreign Minister, the decision of the Reparation Commission regarding deliveries of coal and timber would not justify the taking of any other steps against Germany than those stipulated in the Allied note of March 21 last.

In the second place, he declared, the Peace Treaty does not allow any penalties of a territorial character, even if any default on the part of Germany should be established.

In the third place, he contended, any measures which might be formally admissible to be taken against Germany could only be applied after such measures had been agreed to by all the Allies concerned.

Manifesto of President Ebert Denouncing Ruhr Invasion.

According to Associated Press cablegrams Jan. 9 President Ebert, in a manifesto issued that date, exhorts the inhabitants of the Ruhr Valley to remain calm despite the continuation of French injustice and force, which constitutes a breach of the Versailles Treaty, committed against a disarmed and defenseless nation. He is also reported as saying:

The policy of force which has violated treaties and trampled the rights of humanity now threatens the key district of the German economic world. The execution of the Peace Treaty thus becomes an absolute impossibility, and at the same time the living conditions of the suffering German nation are disorganized.

Germany was ready to fulfill all the obligations within her power. She has now been attacked without being given a hearing. We lay this act of force before the forum of Europe and the entire world.

Germany Figures Debt to Thousandth of Cent.

From a Washington dispatch to the "Journal of Commerce" Jan. 5, we quote the following:

As a striking example of German exactitude in details, an official statement of the German republic's floating debt received by the Department of Commerce with other statistical exhibit gives the debt figure as of Nov. 30 at 1,166,046,034,644.96 paper marks, which means that the calculation has been carried out to decimal portions of one thousandth of an American cent.

Russian Press Sees Sign of a New War as Result of Ruhr Occupation by France.

In a cablegram from Moscow Jan. 10, the Associated Press said:

The Russian press generally views France's action with regard to the Ruhr, together with the breaking up in disagreement of the Paris conference of Premiers, as threatening a new war.

The Communist leaders always have taken the stand that Premier Poincaré's policy was the very thing to drive Germany to revolution, and they therefore are watching the situation intently. Russia repeatedly has reiterated her peaceful intentions, but some months ago Minister of War Trotsky, in an interview with the foreign correspondents, replied pessimistically to a question by one of them as to what would be Russia's attitude in the event of a new European war, saying that if France invaded the Ruhr, thus precipitating war, and Poland joined France, he doubted if Russia could remain neutral.

The "Isvestia" refers hopefully to the recent conference of Communists in Essen, which was attended by French Communists, and which passed resolutions opposing a French invasion. The newspaper declares this conference may play a serious role in the situation, adding, "We know that the Communists are people of action, who seriously want a struggle with the bourgeois in all walks of life."

President Harding Orders Return of U. S. Troops from Rhine—Secretary Hughes Says France Knew Attitude of U. S. on Forcible Measures for Reparations.

On Jan. 10 President Harding ordered the return to the United States of the American forces on the Rhine. This action by the President followed the adoption by the Senate on Saturday last (the 6th inst.) by a vote of 57 to 6, of a resolution offered by Senator Reed of Missouri, urging the recall of the troops by the President. The resolution reads:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate of the United States that the President should order the immediate return to the United States of all troops of the United States now stationed in Germany.

In giving this expression of its opinion, the Senate disavows any unfriendly or partisan attitude toward any nation or nations of Europe.

Regarding the President's action an Associated Press cablegram published in the "Journal of Commerce" Jan. 11 said:

American troops were ordered home from the Rhine to-day, with every indication that the Administration's purpose was to emphasize its disapproval of the French reparations program. They are expected to be back in the United States by Feb. 5.

Official explanation of the withdrawal order, issued immediately after a morning conference between President Harding and Secretaries Hughes and Weeks, was confined to the statement that the President deemed it expedient at this time. There were intimations which appeared authoritative, however, that France had been informed that perseverance in her plans for forcible measures in Germany would result in American withdrawal from the Rhine, but no inkling was given as to when or how diplomatic exchanges of such a nature had been transmitted.

Ambassadors of the Allied countries here, including the French, and American Ambassadors in Europe were promptly informed by the State Department of the order. A cable message from the War Department to Major-General Allen, commanding the American Army of Occupation, gave him preliminary instructions to prepare for withdrawal, while orders also were issued for the transport St. Mihiel to sail from New York Friday. She will pick up about forty officers and more than 1,000 men, comprising the American force on the Rhine, either at Hamburg or Bremen, as General Allen elects.

Actual movement of the troops from Coblenz, it was said, would begin just in time for them to embark directly from trains.

At the same time the "Journal of Commerce" printed the following special advices from Washington:

Failure of the French plan for the collection of the reparations from Germany through the occupation of the Ruhr by force of arms was expected to-night in official circles, although the view was advanced in some quarters that the move would serve to clear the air, and that after the impossibility of obtaining the payment of indemnities as now fixed by the adoption of military tactics had been demonstrated the question might eventually be settled through the united efforts of the Allied nations.

Despite the strong disapproval of the United States toward the occupation of the Ruhr, made known to the French Government by Secretary Hughes, the Government held off from signaling its feelings until the determination of France to order her troops forward was definitely known, and early to-day President Harding ordered the withdrawal of the remaining American soldiers on the Rhine.

No More Offers By United States.

As the reparations situation now stands from the viewpoint of the United States, the Administration is declared to have done all that was possible to bring about an adjustment of the German indemnities by peace-time discussion and hoped until the last that Secretary Hughes' hint for the creation of an impartial commission might be taken. But since France has seen fit to ignore the friendly gestures of this country, it is believed that in the future all overtures will have to come from abroad before American assistance can be obtained in straightening out what may be a still more complicated question if the French plan for collection proves fruitless.

In some official quarters it is contended that the failure of the French to obtain reparations by occupying the Ruhr is a virtual certainty. Acquisition of the mines and mills of Germany, it is argued, will not produce dividends unless they can be operated, and even though the man power is available, either in the shape of German workmen or imported French labor, the wheels of industry cannot turn without capital. Government experts in close touch with the industrial conditions in Germany hold that the French will be able to find little in the way of capital to finance the plants they seize and the movement of the troops alone is counted upon to result in a further inflation of French currency.

If the French plan should prove a success, which is generally doubted, one bone of contention among the Allies will have been put out of the way, according to well informed officials, and very beneficial results in the international economic situation should obtain. But basing their views on the conditions in Germany as they see them the observers look for the outcome of the movement into the Ruhr merely to be a proof conclusive that indemnities as now demanded cannot be realized.

On Jan. 9 the State Department issued the following statement relative to reports from Paris that the French Foreign Office had denied that Secretary Hughes's plan for an international commission to aid in solving the reparations problem had been submitted to France.

The Department of State said that it could not credit such a report and believed that there was some inaccuracy in its transmission.

It was further said that the suggestion that financial experts should be called in order to advise the Governments with respect to what Germany could pay and what financial plans would be advisable was taken up by Secretary Hughes directly with Ambassador Jusserand some time prior to the Secretary's address at New Haven; that the matter was discussed with the French Ambassador, who, it is understood, transmitted it to his Government.

The French Ambassador presented to the Secretary the observations of M. Poincaré in reply. The view of the two Governments were exchanged in this way. Subsequently, when Secretary Hughes made his speech at New Haven, he delivered a copy of it to the French Embassy for their information.

With regard to the taking of forcible measures for the purpose of obtaining reparations, it is not doubted that the attitude of the American Government is well understood.

Reply of British Experts to French Objections to British Plan for Settlement of Reparations Question.

Extended mention was made in these columns last week (page 15) of the Allied Premiers Conference in Paris last week, which failed of its purpose to effect agreement on the question of German reparations, and of the British and French plans (pages 19-21) looking to the settlement of the reparations issue. According to a London cablegram Jan. 4 (copyright by the Chicago Tribune Co., and printed in the New York "Times" of Jan. 5) the detailed reply of the British experts to the French objections to the British proposal for the settlement of the reparation question was given out at London on the 4th. As given in the copyright cablegram it reads in part:

The first criticism advanced by the French Government is that the British proposals are a direct infringement of the Treaty of Peace, which is one of those documents known in international law as perpetual treaties which cannot be modified.

It may be said at once, without hesitation, that on the points on which the proposals are thus attacked nothing is proposed in the British plan which is not within contemplation of the Treaty and for which, indeed, adequate machinery is provided in the treaty itself.

The British proposals which it is alleged contravene the treaty fall under two heads. First, they provide a reduction of the German debt as already fixed under a schedule of payments, and next introduce certain modifications in the functions and composition of the Reparation Commission.

On the first point Article 234 of the treaty expressly provides for a commission after the schedule of payments is fixed to consider the resources and capacity of Germany, and it shall have the discretion to extend the date and modify the form of payments, the only limitation on the action of the commission being that it was not to cancel any part of the German debt except with specific authority from the several governments represented on the commission.

The Governments have thus reserved themselves with co-operation with the commission, which is in this respect a common agent with the right of reducing the German debt, and the commission has full discretion as to the form which the payments are to take, subject to certain restrictions on its own in dependent action as to the postponement of installments.

So important was this power of modification considered at the time when the treaty was negotiated that it formed a subject of special reference in reply made by the Allied and Associated Powers to the German Government, transmitted in M. Clemenceau's letter of June 15 1919. The Allies there said: "The powers of modification accorded by Article 234 is expressly designed to permit a modification in Germany's interest of the schedule of payments, which the Entente may demonstrate are beyond Germany's reasonable capacity."

The second criticism under this head is to effect that the British plan modifies the rights and composition of the Reparations Commission. The Constitution of the Reparations Commission was a matter for the Allied and Associated Governments (see Article 240 of the Treaty) as was embodied in an annex to Part 8. This annex contained a special clause (22) to the effect that it might "be amended by the unanimous decision of the Governments represented from time to time upon the Commission." Considerable use has already been made of this power of amending the treaty, which was thus made expressly subject to modification.

Thus, a committee on guarantees was constituted in May, 1921, to which was assigned specifically the powers to examine the German fiscal system, under Paragraph 12, Annex 2, and secure the application of Article 248. This committee was from the outset empowered to co-operate with the members of neutral nationality. Thus one of the powers, removal of which from the Reparations Commission was made on the ground of complaint against the British proposal, has already been taken away from that body.

Further, the French Government has agreed with the British to introduce an amendment to Annex 2, by which certain in the power of interpreting Part 8 of the treaty without appeal and with binding effect on all parties, including Germany, perhaps the most important of all the powers of the Commission, may be developed upon an arbitrator, nominated by a Council of the League of Nations.

Again, the power of modifying Annex 2, has been used by the Allied Governments to introduce a provision to Paragraph 19, this compelling the German Government to make certain deliveries in kind, the value of which is to be fixed in case of dispute, not by the Commission itself, as is the case with all other deliveries in kind contemplated by the treaty, but by a referee.

Yet, these amendments to the treaty made, as it were, in pursuance of the powers which the treaty itself contained, do not seem in the past to have been held to require reference to the French Parliament.

Lastly, before passing away from these juridical questions, it may be remarked that the scheme proposed by the French Government itself is contemplated to give powers to the Committee on Guarantees, including, as already remarked, the neutral members, which goes far beyond anything included in the treaty, and comprises the right not to allow the expenditure proposed in the German budget and to prescribe an increase in German taxes.

The second French criticism is that in the British proposal the total debt is not definitely fixed. This is perhaps true of the second series of bonds. But the real objection to absence of a definite total is that the old total was much too large to make it possible to restore German credit. If the new total, including the second series, is a reasonable maximum, and the British proposal at least fixes a maximum, it will not militate against the restoration of German credit and, therefore, against the possibilities of raising loans in

an international market. Moreover, if this maximum should in fact be reduced the security of the lenders would improve and not diminish and therefore, the element of contingency of the new proposal is in favor and not against the reestablishment of German credit.

The next criticism is with regard to the constitution of the proposed finance council in Berlin, and particularly with regard to the vote of its President. It seems essential in order to secure the effective working supervision contemplated that the German representative be associated with the committee. Under the British scheme the German representative will not even be present when the question of whether Germany has failed to carry out its engagements is under consideration. He would only have the right to vote on a choice between two different matters; the method of achieving and balancing the German budget or whether taxes are to be raised in a particular form or any particular form. Moreover, his vote will not only be given when the votes of the other members are equally divided.

The purpose of the council is to give authoritative advice on German finance. Should it happen that the expert advisers are equally divided it would not seem unreasonable to give the deciding vote to the minister responsible for carrying out the decisions. In effect, his powers of voting would simply enable to choose which of two alternative opinions equally authoritatively supported he should adopt. It seemed necessary to make a provision for a decision where the votes were equal.

But the British Government would be prepared to consider any other practicable suggestion.

With regard to the addition of American and neutral European nations it may be pointed out in the first place that the constitution of the existing Committee on Guarantees not only provides for the appointment of an American representative, but further empowers the committee to co-operate with the representative of the non-Allied Powers, who may be as many as three.

In the second place the French Government itself proposes to add to its committee control the representatives of the lenders. This would surely include America and neutral representatives.

It may be added that the annual charge fixed by the schedule of payments itself covered not only the reparations debt proper, but also reimbursement of the Belgian debt, with the main other charge, while the modified schedule of payment for 1922 fixed by the Reparations Commission covered also the charges for the Army of Occupation. The course proposed by the British plan is not only essential to a satisfactory scheme, but has already been accepted as falling under the treaty and acted upon.

If it is admitted that a moratorium is necessary with the object of balancing the German budget and restoring Germany credit it follows that deliveries in kind, which require payment from the German budget to German nationals, be included in the maximum German burden. To demand exclusive deliveries in kind must destroy the object of the plan.

It is said the moratorium is to be granted without any gags or sanctions. The British Government is prepared to enforce sanctions of a most drastic kind including forcible seizure of German revenue, assets and even military occupation of German territory outside of the existing zone of occupation in the event of the foreign Financial Council reporting at any time that Germany is not taking proper steps to stabilize the mark or reform the budget, and also, from the financial program, in case of any default by Germany of payment due with respect to the new bonds. The sanctions which the British Government contemplate in the event of German default, therefore, are of a most drastic character.

It is alleged that the total credit on reparations, excluding other peace treaty charges, would be reduced to 20,000,000,000 gold marks (about \$5,000,000,000). This makes two impossible, inconsistent assumptions:

1. That in 1923, during which the French Government is agreed that a moratorium is necessary, Germany will be able to raise in the market the colossal sum of £1,250,000,000 sterling.

2. That in this event the second series would not be issued.

But it is clearly impossible for Germany to raise a loan of this magnitude and the German burden will, therefore, be larger. Moreover, considering the burden upon German finance, regard must be had not only to that portion of the bonds which can be identified with reparations payment proper, but to the total of all charges under the treaty. On this basis what are the real figures?

On the 5% table, the present value of the 50,000,000,000 gold marks (about \$12,500,000,000) of the first series of bonds, after allowing for deferment of interest, is 39,500,000,000 gold marks (about \$9,875,000,000), and of the 17,300,000,000 gold marks (about \$4,325,000,000) of the second series of bonds, commencing in 1933, is about 10,500,000,000 gold marks (about \$2,625,000,000), a total of 50,000,000,000 gold marks.

On any probable hypothesis of progress, redemption at the present value may be taken as about 34,000,000,000 gold marks (about \$8,500,000,000) for the first series of bonds and about 8,000,000,000 gold marks (about \$2,000,000,000) for the second series of bonds, a total of 42,000,000,000 gold marks (about \$10,500,000,000).

These figures will be found to coincide closely with the estimate of the real value of the German obligations under the schedule of payments given by the reporter of the Budget Committee in the Chamber of Deputies last July. It will be found that they represent the middle figure between the highest and lowest figures which he gives on the value of the German obligations.

Value of Existing C Bonds.

To take the existing C bonds as having real values is notoriously contrary to facts. The reporter of the Budget Committee in the Chamber of Deputies, working on an hypothesis which he himself described as very optimistic, estimated the present value of the 70,000,000,000 gold marks (about \$17,500,000,000) in C bonds between 7,300,000,000 gold marks (about \$1,825,000,000) and 15,000,000,000 gold marks (about 3,875,000,000), and decided in order to be on the safe side to take an intermediate figure of 10,000,000,000 gold marks (about \$2,500,000,000).

The C bonds can only be regarded as a bad debt which must be written off. Writing off the C bonds is imposed by the realities of the situation. Until this is done German credit cannot be estimated, and the value of the A and B bonds will suffer accordingly.

Again, what are the facts? The proposal of the British Government is to exact from Germany the maximum, which, it is thought, Germany can pay. It is useless to complain if larger sums cannot be obtained.

Further criticism advanced is that the 50,000,000,000 gold marks which "represent" the existing A and B bonds under the schedule of payment is replaced under the British plan by bonds to the present value of 37,000,000,000 gold marks. The correct figure, according to the 5% table, is 39,500,000,000 gold marks, and not 37,000,000,000 gold marks. In any case the schedule of payment of 50,000,000,000 gold marks, the A and B bonds do not represent the present value of the 50,000,000,000 gold marks. Their value was estimated by the reporter of the French Budget Committee last July at 39,000,000,000 gold marks, and having regard to the subsequent determination of the financial position, their value to-day must be put at a perpetually lower figure.

Deliveries in Kind.

The British Government would have it supposed that it is not out of any consideration for Germany that they propose that deliveries in kind should be reckoned against Germany's total debt. This principle is that of the

treaty, and has always been followed by the Reparation Commission. As already pointed out, it is essential to consider what maximum burden Germany can stand without frustrating its hopes of balancing its budget. It is from this point of view that the proposed deliveries in kind must be considered.

So far as the British Government can estimate the deliveries in kind asked for by France during the moratorium, with the cost of the armies of occupation and other miscellaneous treaty charges, involve payment by Germany of something between £70,000,000 and £80,000,000 sterling in 1923. This sum would be in excess of the total payment by Germany for all purposes in 1922. Such proposals, therefore, are the negation of a moratorium.

Moreover, the French proposal suggest that certain German revenues intercepted by the Allies be only released when Germany raises a loan. A loan could obviously not be raised immediately. The effect on the German budget by depriving it for the time being of the revenues intercepted would therefore be an increase of its burden from the above figures of £70,000,000 to £80,000,000 sterling to something in excess of £100,000,000 sterling.

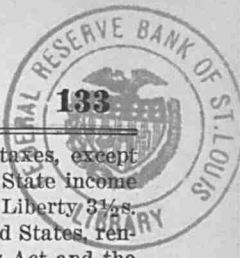
Offering of St. Louis Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds.

An issue of \$1,500,000 St. Louis Joint Stock Land Bank 5% bonds, issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act, was offered on Jan. 8 by William R. Compton Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., at 103 and accrued interest, yielding over 4.60% to the optional date and 5% thereafter. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1923, are due Jan. 1 1953 and optional after Jan. 1 1933. They are coupon bonds, fully registerable and interchangeable, and are in denominations of \$1,000 and \$10,000. Interest is payable semi-annually Jan. 1 and July 1, and principal and interest are payable at the American Trust Co., St. Louis, or coupons may be presented for collection through any office of the banking houses offering the bonds. The latter are acceptable as security for postal savings and other deposits of Government funds and are exempt from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation. As stated in our issue of Nov. 18 (page 2212) wherein we referred to an offering of \$1,000,000 of bonds of the St. Louis Joint Stock Land Bank, the bank was chartered by the Federal Farm Loan Board on Mar. 27 1922 and has a capital of \$500,000 and a surplus of \$50,000. Its operations are confined to the States of Missouri and Arkansas. William R. Compton is Chairman of the Board, L. L. Beavers is President and David M. Harding is Secretary. The following is the statement of the St. Louis Joint Stock Land Bank as officially reported Dec. 31 1922:

Acres of real estate security	114,575	
Total amount loaned		\$3,505,000
Appraised value of real estate security (land only)	\$7,371,725	
Appraised value of improvements	904,935	8,276,660
Appraised value per acre (land only)	\$64 34	
Amount loaned per acre	30 57	
Percentage of loans to appraised value of land		47.50%

Offering of Bonds of Chicago Joint Stock Land Bank.

At 102 and interest, to yield $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ to 1932 and $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ thereafter, Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. of New York and Chicago, offered on Jan. 10 \$5,000,000 Chicago Joint Stock Land Bank $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ Farm Loan bonds. They are dated Nov. 1 1922, are due Nov. 1 1952, and are redeemable at the option of the bank at par and accrued interest on Nov. 1 1932, or on any interest date thereafter. The bonds are in coupon form, in denominations of \$1,000 and \$10,000, and are fully registerable and interchangeable. Principal and semi-annual interest (May 1 and Nov. 1) are payable at the bank of issue or at the Continental & Commercial National Bank in Chicago, or at the Chase National Bank in New York City, at the holder's option. The bonds are issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act, and are exempt from all Federal, State, municipal and local taxation. This exemption was confirmed by the United States Supreme Court in its decision of Feb. 28 1921. Thus these bonds are as completely tax-exempt as the First Liberty Loan $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ bonds. By Act of Congress these bonds, prepared and engraved by the Treasury Department, are declared instrumentalities of the United States Government, legal investment for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government; acceptable at par as security for Postal Savings and may be accepted as security for other deposits of Government funds. The Chicago Joint Stock Land Bank operates in Illinois and Iowa. The bank was chartered on July 25 1917. According to a letter from Guy Huston, President of the bank, it is the largest and one of the oldest Joint Stock Land banks, and represents about 20% of the entire system with total assets in excess of \$45,000,000. The bank's statement as of Dec. 30 1922, after giving effect to the sale of this bond issue, shows a paid-in capital stock, surplus and reserves of \$3,822,159, and the bank has paid regular dividends since 1919, now paying 10%. The stock, it is stated, is quoted 150 bid. The following is the bank's financial statement as of Dec. 30 1922, revised to give effect to the sale of the present issue of bonds:



Total Chicago Joint Stock Land Bank bonds in hands of public. \$39,407,300
(Maturing 1937-1952)

Current assets:	
Cash and due from banks	\$1,908,370
U. S. Government bonds and certificates of indebtedness	2,539,427
Farm Loan bonds (par value)	592,700
Accrued interest on bonds and loans	847,091
Accounts receivable and miscellaneous	38,937
Total current assets	\$5,926,525
Less current liabilities, including interest accrued but not due	527,092
Net current assets	5,399,433
Net indebtedness	\$34,007,867
The security for this indebtedness is as follows:	
U. S. Govt. and cfs. of indebtedness aggregating	\$2,539,427
Direct first mortgages aggregating	39,182,025
	\$41,721,452
Less amortization payments received on account of principal	719,715
	\$40,001,737
which in turn are secured on farm lands and buildings in Illinois and Iowa, appraised by Federal District Appraisers of Federal Farm Loan Board at over	
	\$93,000,000
Equivalent to over 273% of net indebtedness.	
Capital stock paid in (carrying double liability)	\$3,000,000
Legal reserve	\$600,000
Other reserves and undivided profits	222,159
	822,159
	\$3,822,159

Note.—On the basis of actual sales of land on which the above mortgages have been issued the average sale per acre has been \$224 07, whereas the average amount loaned per acre has been \$86 22, or less than 38½% of the actual sale price.

GUY HUSTON, President.

Offering of Fremont Joint Stock Land Bank Stocks.

Brooke, Stokes & Co., of Philadelphia, and Harris, Forbes & Co., of New York, offered on Jan. 10 a \$2,000,000 issue of Fremont Joint Stock Land Bank bonds at 103 and interest, to yield about 4.62% to the redeemable date and 5% thereafter to redemption or maturity. The bonds will be dated Feb. 1 1923, will become due Feb. 1 1953, and are redeemable at par and accrued interest on any interest date after ten years from the date of issue. Principal and interest (Feb. 1 and Aug. 1) are payable at the Fremont Joint Stock Land Bank, Fremont, Neb. Coupons are payable at Brooke, Stokes & Co., Philadelphia, Pa., or may be presented for collection through Harris, Forbes & Co., New York City. The bonds (coupon) are fully registerable and interchangeable in denomination of \$1,000. The bonds are exempt from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation and are acceptable as security for postal savings and other deposits of Government funds. The Fremont Joint Stock Land Bank is restricted by its charter to loans on farm land in Nebraska and Iowa, the heart of the corn belt. It is stated that:

The policy of the bank in placing mortgages has been conservative, as the loans average but 39.6 of the appraised value of the land. The average earnings of the bank since date of organization have been among the best in this banking system. For the calendar year 1921 the bank earned 15% on its capital stock. For the ten months ended Oct. 31 1922, the bank reports earnings equal to 20.58% on the average amount of stock outstanding during this period. The present dividend rate is 9%. Out of the annual earnings 25% must be carried to reserve account until the latter equals 20% of the capital stock. Thereafter 5% of the earnings must be added.

Dan V. Stephens, President of the Fremont State Bank and President of the Hamond & Stephens Co., wholesale educational publishers, is President of the Fremont Joint Stock Land Bank. A previous offering of bonds of the bank was referred to in our issue of July 29, page 492.

Offering of Bonds of Bankers' Joint Stock Land Bank of Milwaukee.

A \$1,000,000 issue of 5% farm loan bonds of the Bankers' Joint Stock Land Bank of Milwaukee was offered on Jan. 9 by the First Wisconsin Co. of Milwaukee, Morris F. Fox & Co., Henry C. Quarles & Co., Edgar, Ricker & Co., the Marshall & Ilsley Bank, the Second Ward Securities and the Bankers' Finance Corporation, all of Milwaukee. The bonds, issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act, are dated Nov. 1 1922 and become due Nov. 1 1952; \$500,000 are redeemable at the option of the obligor at par and accrued interest on Nov. 1 1927 and \$500,000 are redeemable at the option of the obligor at par and accrued interest on Nov. 1 1932 or any interest date thereafter. Principal and semi-annual interest is payable May 1 and Nov. 1. The bonds are in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500. The prices at which they are offered are optional maturity 1927, 101.65 and accrued interest, yielding approximately 4.625%; optional maturity 1932, 103.00 and accrued interest, yielding approximately 4.60%; the bonds will yield 5% after the optional date. The bonds are exempt

from all Federal, State, municipal and local taxes, except inheritance taxes. This includes Federal and State income taxes, making them as fully tax exempt as the Liberty Bonds. By a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, rendered Feb. 28 1921, the constitutionality of this Act and the tax exemption features were fully sustained. The bonds are legal for investment of trust funds in Wisconsin, and are also a legal investment for trust funds under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government, and acceptable as security for postal savings and other deposits of Government funds. The Bankers' Joint Stock Land Bank of Milwaukee was organized in 1918. Earle M. Pease, President, says:

This bank is engaged in making loans in Wisconsin and Minnesota and up to the present time these loans have been confined to lands within the great Dairy Belt of the Middle West, namely Southern Wisconsin and Southern Minnesota. At December 30th 1922 first mortgage loans in an aggregate amount of \$7,823,900 had been made.

Appraised value of land mortgaged is about \$100 per acre, based on average figures by Federal appraisers, and the amount loaned per acre is only about 40%, which is well within the 50% maximum authorized by the Federal Farm Loan Act.

All of these farms are appraised by inspectors appointed by the United States officials, and each loan is accompanied by a certificate from an attorney approved by the Government that the mortgage is a first lien on the premises.

The following statement of the Bankers' Joint Stock Land Bank as at Dec. 31 1922 is presented by President Pease:

Assets—	
Mortgage loans	\$7,686,228 28
Liberty Bonds, par value	300,500 00
Farm mortgage bonds on hand	6,000 00
Cash in banks and with registrar	175,692 93
Accounts receivable	7,967 64
Accrued interest receivable	171,125 36
Furniture and fixtures	2,538 15
Farm Loan bonds sold but not delivered	200,000 00
Other assets	21,754 39
Total	\$8,571,806 75
Liabilities—	
Capital stock	\$500,000 00
Reserve	20,000 00
Undivided profits	81,016 02
Bills payable	600,000 00
Farm Loan bonds sold	7,203,100 00
Accrued interest on Farm Loan bonds	59,162 05
Reserve for unpaid coupons	5,721 75
Deferred loans	81,056 46
Other liabilities	21,750 47
Total	\$8,571,806 75

A previous offering of \$1,000,000 of bonds of the Bankers' Joint Stock Land Bank of Milwaukee was referred to in our issue of Nov. 4, page 1995.

Offering of Bonds of the First Kansas-Oklahoma Joint Stock Land Bank.

Hornblower & Weeks of this city offered this week, at 103 and accrued interest, to yield over 4.62% to the optional date and 5% thereafter, \$500,000 First Kansas-Oklahoma Joint Stock Land Bank 5% bonds. The bonds, issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act, are dated Nov. 1 1922, are due Nov. 1 1942, and are redeemable at par and accrued interest on any interest date after ten years from the date of issue. They are coupon bonds fully registerable and are in denomination of \$1,000. Principal and interest (May 1 and Nov. 1) are payable at the bank of issue. Principal and interest of these bonds are exempt from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation, except inheritance taxes. This exemption includes all Federal income taxes and personal property taxes in every State in the United States. The bonds are a legal investment for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government and acceptable as security for postal savings and other deposits of Government funds. This bank may be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury as financial agent of the Government and depository of public funds. By Act of Congress these bonds are declared instrumentalities of the Government of the United States and are prepared and engraved by the Treasury Department. By a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, rendered Feb. 28 1921, the constitutionality of this Act and the tax exemption features of these bonds were fully sustained. The following information is taken from the official circular:

The First Kansas-Oklahoma Joint Stock Land Bank was organized in July 1922 with a capital of \$250,000. Its officers and directors are prominent and successful citizens of the district in which the Bank operates, all of them are familiar with land values in the territory in which loans are made, and all are stockholders in this bank.

Obligations of the issuing bank, and collaterally secured by first mortgages on farm property in Kansas and Oklahoma, two of the richest farming States in the United States. These mortgages are limited by law to 50% of the value of the land and 20% of the permanent, insurable, value of the improvements. In addition the bank is required to build up from earnings a surplus of 20% of its capital. The stock carries double liability similar to shares in national banks.

Finding of Special Committee of New York Stock Exchange on Trading by Specialists.

Regarding a meeting on the 10th inst. between President Seymour L. Cromwell of the New York Stock Exchange and about 150 specialists of the Exchange anent the findings of a committee which has been "looking into any possible causes of criticism that might have been aimed at the methods adopted by specialists," the following statement has been issued by President Cromwell:

The President of the New York Stock Exchange called together yesterday the specialists of the New York Stock Exchange to the number of about 150 for the purpose of discussing with them a report recently submitted by a special committee that has, for the past four months, been carefully looking into any possible causes of criticism that might have been aimed at the methods adopted by specialists.

The President of the Exchange has long felt that while there might be some just causes of complaint, that much of the criticism has been unjust, and that it was only fair, both to the specialists and to the public, to have all the light possible thrown on the matter.

The findings of the committee are to the following effect:

That buying or selling by specialists for their own account must only be done under regulations clearly laid down by the Governing Committee for the protection of the public, which rules were set forth in the report of the committee and were explained clearly yesterday by the President at the meeting.

A ruling of the Committee of Arrangements in regard to the responsibilities of brokers who may temporarily be in control of the book of another broker was made clear and was emphasized beyond the possibility of misunderstanding.

The specialists were reminded of the necessity for prompt service and were instructed to see that they maintained proper and sufficient office and clerical facilities for the expeditious handling of their business.

There ensued a general discussion as to the obligations of the specialists and their relationship, through the brokerage houses, to the public.

Court Declines to Appoint Receiver for Josephthal & Co.—Firm Gives Bond of \$1,000,000.

Justice Gavegan of the New York State Supreme Court (First District) on Dec. 30 denied the application of Henry J. Schnitzer, a former partner in the firm of Josephthal & Co. of this city for the appointment of a receiver for the firm pending his suit for an accounting. In order to avoid a receivership, which they contended would be ruinous to their business, the firm, it is said, offered to give a bond in any amount. This offer the court accepted, fixing the amount of the bond at \$1,000,000. In his decision (as printed in the New York "Times" of Dec. 31) Justice Gavegan said:

I am impressed with the fact that the defendants are amply able to respond in any amount which might ultimately be found due plaintiff. It also appears that the business here would be greatly injured if not ruined by a receivership. The confidential nature of the accounts handled and the inferences usually connected, at least in the lay mind, by a receivership would lead to the certain withdrawal of a great number of accounts. The good-will, apparently a valuable asset, would be impaired and the loss would be great and irreparable. If I were thoroughly satisfied as to the contentions and assertions of plaintiff, I should still feel that his interests can be protected without the very serious injury to the business which would be entailed by the appointment of a receiver.

Reference was last made to the suit brought by Mr. Schnitzer against Josephthal & Co. in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 9, p. 2525.

Chandler Bros. & Co.'s Creditors Receive 33% of Their Claims.

Creditors of the failed brokerage firm of Chandler Bros. & Co. of Philadelphia, which closed its doors in July 1921, have received 33% of their claims, according to newspaper advices from that city. A few of the larger creditors, it is said, agreed to accept a smaller percentage in order that the others might receive 33%. This payment, it is said, is the result of a settlement effected with the firm of Clark, Childs & Co. of New York, who managed the Chandler business for three months prior to the failure.

Justice Benedict in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn, it is said, recently held that Clark, Childs & Co. were equally liable, civilly, for the losses. It is estimated that the amount paid over by the firm in settlement was about \$1,000,000. Announcement of the settlement was made on Jan. 4 by J. Howard Reber, counsel for the committee of creditors in Philadelphia. Mr. Reber issued a statement which read as follows:

The Committee has made a settlement with Clark, Childs & Co. of New York, for all of the creditors represented by the Committee.

Clark, Childs & Co. deny any legal responsibility or wrongdoing in connection with their relations with Chandler Brothers & Co., and have effected this settlement for the sole purpose of avoiding lengthy and expensive litigation.

By reason of certain of the largest creditors represented by the Committee agreeing to accept a smaller percentage of their claims, the balance of the creditors represented by the Committee will receive net, through this settlement, 33% of the amount of their respective claims. Checks will be mailed to the creditors in a few days.

According to a press dispatch from Philadelphia printed, in the "Wall Street Journal" on Jan. 5, in addition to the present payment, "Chandler creditors will later receive what is described as a substantial dividend from settlement of the firm's affairs through bankruptcy proceedings."

Johnston & Co., Louisville, Fail.

The stock brokerage firm of Johnston & Co. of Louisville, failed on Dec. 30 with liabilities of \$200,000 and assets of half that amount, according to a special telegram from Louisville on that date to the New York "Times." The failed firm consisted of J. Stoddard Johnston (an associate member of the New York Curb Market) and Arthur B. Zubrod. The firm's troubles, it is said, were brought about by an inaccurate reading of the ticker tape, which led the firm to purchase stock in an oil corporation under the impression that the price was 30 cents a share, when in reality it was \$30 a share. The transaction was explained by C. B. Dunkerman, Chairman of the Creditors Committee, in a statement reading as follows:

Information last Summer of negotiations by a large oil corporation for the purchase of a smaller one, with the latter's stock thought to be quoted at 30 cents, seemed to members of the firm to offer a good investment, and customers were notified and orders for approximately 10,000 shares were received to be purchased the following day at the market.

When these purchases were made the firm's New York connection called for additional margin. At the price at which the firm was under the impression the purchase had been made their marginal requirements were sufficient, but it then developed that the price was \$30 a share instead of 30 cents, and the firm found itself indebted to the New York connection to the extent of more than \$300,000.

As the customers had been advised the price was 30 cents, Johnston & Co. assumed the obligation and a member of the firm immediately went to New York, convinced their connection that they had made an error and an immediate attempt was made to sell out. They succeeded in disposing of approximately one half at a loss of \$15,000 before filling the market with all it would absorb. Subsequent decline in the price of this stock reduced the value of their collateral to such an extent that it was realized that immediate action was necessary and a meeting of the larger creditors was called.

During the late Summer and Fall the company continued to do business in an effort to build up its impaired capital, hoping that the price of the balance of the unfortunate purchase would increase to such an extent that its sale would restore the lost capital.

At present the company has liabilities of approximately \$200,000 and assets of \$100,000. Of the total assets, \$50,000 is in the purchased stocks.

State Institutions Admitted to Federal Reserve System.

The following institutions were admitted to the Federal Reserve System during the two weeks ending Jan. 5:

District No.	Capital.	Surplus.	Total Resources.
District No. 6—			
Farmers & Merchants Bank, Eatonton, Ga.	\$25,000	-----	\$26,257
District No. 8—			
City Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo.	200,000	\$45,000	1,820,518
Laclede Trust Co., St. Louis.	200,000	35,000	1,693,849
District No. 12—			
Union Trust Co., San Francisco, Calif.	1,200,000	1,975,000	38,903,541

Institutions Authorized by Federal Reserve Board to Exercise Trust Powers.

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

- National Union Bank of Monticello, Monticello, N. Y.
- Commercial National Bank of Columbus, Columbus, Ohio.
- First National Bank of Ford City, Ford City, Pa.
- Citizens National Bank of Vandergrift, Vandergrift, Pa.
- United States National Bank of Indiana Harbor at East Chicago, Indiana Harbor, Ind.
- Forest City National Bank of Rockford, Rockford, Ill.
- Lumbermen's National Bank of Chippewa Falls, Chippewa Falls, Wis.

New Offering of United States Treasury Notes.

A new offering of 5-year 4½% U. S. Treasury Notes was announced by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon on the 8th inst. The new notes, offered to the amount of \$300,000,000, or thereabouts, will be known as Series A-1927; they will be dated and bear interest from Jan. 15 1923, and will be payable Dec. 15 1927. Interest (at 4½% per annum) will be payable June 15 and Dec. 15. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon reserves the right to allot additional notes, beyond the \$300,000,000, to the extent that 4¾% Victory Notes, whether or not called for redemption, or unregistered War Savings certificates of 1918 are tendered in payment. There are, he announces, still outstanding, about \$200,000,000 Victory notes called for redemption Dec. 15, and nearly \$400,000,000 of War Savings certificates which matured Jan. 1 1923 still outstanding. Secretary Mellon's statement follows:

The Treasury is to-day announcing a new offering of 4½% Treasury notes, dated Jan. 12 1923, and maturing in a little less than five years, on Dec. 15 1927. The offering is for \$300,000,000, or thereabouts, with the right reserved to the Secretary of the Treasury to allot additional notes to the extent that 4¾% Victory notes, whether or not called for redemption, or unregistered War Savings certificates of the Series of 1918, are tendered in payment. Victory notes called for redemption on Dec. 15 1922, are still outstanding to the amount of about \$200,000,000 and War Savings certificates which matured Jan. 1 1923, are still outstanding to the amount of nearly \$400,000,000. The new offering of notes afford a particularly favorable opportunity to holders of these Victory notes and War Savings certificates, as well as to holders of uncalled Victory notes maturing May 20 1923, to exchange their present holdings for new notes maturing in a little less than five years and yielding an attractive interest return.

The present offering is intended, with the balances already on hand, to provide for the called Victory notes and 1918 War Savings certificates which still remain to be presented, and at the same time, to cover the Treasury's current cash requirement between now and the March installment of taxes. There are no large payments of interest on the public debt falling due in either January or February and no additional maturities of principal of the public debt until March 15, so that in the ordinary course of events the proceeds of this offering of notes should carry the Treasury until that date.

The new rates will be accepted in payment of income and profit taxes. The following is the text of the official offering:

The Secretary of the Treasury offers for subscription, at par and accrued interest, through the Federal Reserve banks, Treasury notes of Series A-1927, of an issue of gold notes of the United States authorized by the Act of Congress approved Sept. 24 1917, as amended. The notes will be dated and bear interest from Jan. 15 1923, will be payable Dec. 15 1927, and will bear interest at the rate of 4½% per annum payable June 15 and Dec. 15 in each year, on a semi-annual basis.

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve banks.

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

The notes of said series shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority, except (a) estate or inheritance taxes, and (b) graduated additional income taxes, commonly known as surtaxes, and excess-profits and war-profits taxes, now or hereafter imposed by the United States, upon the income of profits of individuals, partnerships, associations, or corporations. Notes of this series will be accepted at par, with an adjustment of accrued interest, during such time and under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed or approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, in payment of income and profits taxes payable at or within six months before the maturity of the notes. Any of the notes which have been owned by any person continuously for at least six months prior to the date of his death, and which upon such date constitute part of his estate, shall, under rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, be receivable by the United States at par and accrued interest in payment of any estate or inheritance taxes imposed by the United States under or by virtue of any present or future law upon such estate or the inheritance thereof. The notes of this series will be acceptable to secure deposits of public moneys, but do not bear the circulation privilege.

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

Payment at par and accrued interest for notes allotted must be made on or before Jan. 15 1923, or on later allotment. After allotment and upon payment Federal Reserve banks may issue interim receipts pending delivery of the definitive notes. Any qualified depository will be permitted to make payment by credit for notes allotted to it for itself and its customers up to any amounts for which it shall be qualified in excess of existing deposits, when so notified by the Federal Reserve bank of its district. Unregistered War Savings Certificates, Series of 1918, will be accepted at their maturity value, and Victory notes of the 4½% series, whether or not called for redemption, will be accepted at the Federal Reserve banks at par, with an adjustment of accrued interest, in payment for any Treasury notes of the Series A-1927 now offered which shall be subscribed for and allotted. Unregistered War Savings certificates must be duly receipted in the name inscribed thereon. Victory notes in coupon form must have the May 20 1923 coupon attached, and if in registered form must be duly assigned to the Secretary of the Treasury for redemption, in accordance with the general regulations of the Treasury Department governing assignments; in no event, however, will interest be allowed on called Victory notes surrendered in payment, interest on such notes having ceased on Dec. 15 1922.

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

A. W. MELLON, Secretary of the Treasury.

Applications for Hearing on Wage Reductions Before Labor Board Withdrawn by Many Railroads.

Many of the more important railroads have withdrawn their demand for a hearing before the Railroad Labor Board at Chicago on Jan. 15 on the reduction of wages and on changes in working conditions involving the brotherhoods, it became known on Jan. 7, and have completed or are negotiating individual settlements.

In the original application practically all of the great systems asked for wage reductions, elimination of the punitive rate of overtime obtained by the employees during Federal control, the adoption of a requirement that engine-men and trainmen work eight hours within a spread of twelve hours and the abolishment of a large number of working rules that had been in effect for many years. With regard to the withdrawal of the applications, Washington dispatches of the 7th inst. to the New York "Times" said:

More recently, it now develops, about half of the original applicants, including the New York Central, Pennsylvania, New Haven, Lackawanna, Santa Fe and Southern Pacific, have withdrawn their complaints, and representatives of the brotherhoods believe that more will withdraw before the day of the hearing. The brotherhoods, however, are preparing to present their case before the Labor Board, and some predictions are heard that there will be some strikes in the event that the Board grants the demands of the roads which remain in the fight.

On the whole, however, the outlook for a peaceful settlement is bright, and there are plenty of indications that the danger of a serious interruption of traffic during the spring will be passed.

This hope was expressed by W. S. Carter, who for many years was President of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, and was selected by William G. McAdoo, when Director-General of Railroads, as his Director of Labor. He is acting here at present as spokesman for the brotherhoods.

"Since the abandonment of the labor policy of the Association of Railway Executives, when jurisdiction over labor matters was returned to the operating officials upon each railroad system," said Mr. Carter, "the outlook for industrial peace is promising. Already most of the larger railroads are meeting and agreeing with committees of their employees as to wage and working conditions for the coming year. Already a splendid spirit of co-operation is being built up on such great systems as the New York Central Lines in their entirety, the Baltimore and Ohio and other property controlled by such operating officials as A. H. Smith and Daniel Willard.

"But there remains a large number of railroad officials who seem to believe that the Cummins-Esch law was intended only to increase freight rates for the railroads and reduce wages of employees. Some of these roads are of considerable importance and will press their demands upon the Labor Board.

"If these railroads' demands are complied with, I fear another railroad strike in the immediate future, but not a nation-wide strike. My knowledge of the situation and of relations between the officials and the employees on certain railroads leads me to fear that the men on such roads will refuse to work under the conditions demanded by the officials.

"Unfortunately for the people, there are those who had been persuaded that the prosperity of the country depends upon a rapid and enforced deflation, with the result that in the presence of an orgy of profiteering, the real producers of the country were made to suffer. Many now believe that the treatment of the farmers has been nothing short of an economic crime. The financing of food speculators without stint and denial of reasonable credit to the farmer quickly forced them back to normalcy.

Roads to Drop Demands.

The latest information available as to the roads which have withdrawn their application for wage reductions and changed working conditions and have either completed or are negotiating individual agreements include the following:

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe, Atlantic Coast Line, Belt RR. of Chicago, Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh, Baltimore & Ohio, Boston & Albany, Boston & Maine, Cumberland & Pennsylvania, Central of Georgia, Chicago, St. Paul, Minn., & Omaha, Central RR. of New Jersey, Chicago Junction, Chicago Rock Island & Pacific, Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis, Cincinnati Northern, Louisville & Jeffersonville Bridge & Terminal, Delaware Lackawanna & Western, El Paso Southwestern, Erie, including Chicago & Erie and New Jersey & New York RR.; Evansville Indianapolis & Terre Haute, Fort Worth & Denver City, Florida East Coast. Great Northern, Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe, Indiana Harbor Belt, International & Great Northern, Jacksonville Terminal Co., Kansas City Terminal, Kentucky & Indiana Terminal, Lehigh & New England, Lehigh Valley, Long Island, Mobile & Ohio, Monongahela, Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie, Mississippi Central, Michigan Central.

New York Central, New York New Haven & Hartford, including Central New England, Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis, Norfolk Southern, Northwestern Pacific, New York Chicago & St. Louis, Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh & West Virginia, Philadelphia & Reading, Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, Rutland, St. Louis San Francisco, Southern, Southern Pacific (pacific system), Terminal RR. Association of St. Louis, Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha & Michigan, Zanesville & Western.

Union Pacific System, Western Maryland, Western Pacific & Wheeling and Lake Erie.

Death of Constantine, Ex-King of Greece.

Former King Constantine of Greece died at Palermo, Sicily, on Jan. 11. At his bedside were his wife, the former Queen Sophie, and his three daughters, the Crown Princess Helen of Rumania and Princesses Irene and Catherine. That Constantine died of a broken heart was the lament of his eldest daughter, Princess Helen, upon her father's demise. The end came to the royal exile after an unexpected cerebral hemorrhage on the eve of the family's departure for Naples to stay at the Palazzo di Capodimonte, at the invitation of the Duke of Aosta, later going to Florence to make their permanent residence.

It may be recalled that Constantine's military forces were defeated overwhelmingly in September 1922 by the Turkish Nationalists in and around Smyrna. This disaster caused widespread revolts in Greece, both civil and military, against Constantine. His Ministry resigned in dismay, and on Sept. 26 the King abdicated his throne for the second time, on the present occasion in favor of his son George. He was presently escorted out of the country on a warship of the Greek navy, and made a temporary home in Sicily.

Howard Elliott Describes Railroad System as "Powerful Engine of Civilization."

The railroad system of the United States was described as "a powerful engine for civilization" by Howard Elliott, Chairman of the Northern Pacific Railway and member of the executive committee of the New York New Haven & Hartford RR. and Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR., in an address broadcasted from the Grand Central Palace Dec. 28. It is, it is stated, the first railroad address that has been broadcasted in this country. According to Mr. Elliott, "the next 25 years in this country should be the most glorious in the history of the world, if all are patient, prudent and industrious, if our national vigor is not sapped, and our institutions, which have stood the test of more than a century, are

not destroyed by the poison of Socialism and Communism, that is working constantly and insidiously among the ignorant and unthinking." The address was as follows:

The railroad system of the United States is a powerful engine for civilization. Without it our country could not have had the marvelous development of the last sixty years.

Railroad Owners and Ownership.

It was created by the courage, foresight, energy, ability and money of many individuals who are the *railroad owners*. Under the laws of the land, it is their property. There are perhaps 2,000,000 of these owners, but there are at least 50,000,000 other people in the country interested indirectly as owners, because the safety of their bank deposits and insurance policies depends to a very large extent on the work done by and the earnings of this engine for civilization.

This wide distribution of ownership is a far better form of public ownership for the country than to have so-called Government ownership. The best results have been obtained and can be obtained again if the country will permit the initiative, energy and ability of the individual to be exercised in maintaining, operating and adding to our great railroad system, subject to reasonable Governmental regulation.

Then, there are from 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 *railroad employees* who care for and operate this engine. They are vitally interested in keeping it in good order and adequate in every way, because they earn their living by working upon it and upon them devolves the responsibility of producing the enormous amount of transportation service used by all the people, including themselves. Secretary Hoover says of them in his last annual report:

"The management on our principal railways to-day, by all the tests of administration, of load factors, of mechanical efficiency, &c., is the most efficient transportation machine in the world, in so far as it is not limited by causes beyond the managers' control."

Railroad Users.

Then, there are the *railroad users*—the 110,000,000 people of the United States. Their daily lives, health, comfort, pleasure, success and prosperity all depend upon having this engine running smoothly, ceaselessly, day and night, producing transportation in countless forms for our complex civilization. This engine must never stop. If it does, people will starve and freeze and civilization go backward. Look at the deplorable condition of Russia, where this engine is in poor condition and unable to do the work needed for the people of that great country, so rich in natural resources. The railroad owners, the railroad employees and the railroad users all have rights and duties, and must respect the rights of one another and do their full duty in co-operation each with the other to obtain the best results for our country.

Need of Transportation.

The people of the United States use more transportation, both freight and passenger, per capita than the people of any other nation. That fact is one reason for the wonderful and rapid development of our natural resources, for the growth of our country in every way, and for the comfortable and healthful living conditions that the great majority of our people enjoy. This great engine for civilization must be kept in perfect order, must be fed with fuel and other supplies, so it can work to its maximum capacity when the "peak" load of business is here, and at all times with maximum efficiency. It is to the people of the United States what the oxen were to the old-fashioned farmer, the stout dray horses to the teamster. The wise farmer and teamster made sure that their animals were well fed, well shod and well cared for. Only by so doing could they succeed. So with the United States railroad system. The railroad users who need the transportation produced by this great engine for civilization in constantly increasing quantity, must see to it that it is nourished, well cared for and kept in first-class condition.

Adequate Rates and Earnings.

How can this be done? The railroad users must pay for transportation enough to pay the wages of the railroad employees—now practically fixed by the United States Government—for the fuel and other material and supplies, prices for which are largely beyond the control of the railroad owners and managers; for the interest on borrowed money and a fair return on the value of the property of the railroad owners, so that new capital can be obtained for increasing the capacity of the system. This plan means a continuation of ownership by individuals with such rates and reasonable regulation permitted by the Government, that there will be justice to the railroad owners who have created the plant and must add to it constantly to make it adequate for the service of the railroad users.

In only one year since 1911 (in 1916) have the railroads earned as much as 6%. From 1916 to 1921 the railroads earned less each year. In 1921 they earned less than 3%. They received no war profits. For the 24 months from Sept. 1 1920 to Sept. 1 1922, the railroads earned a little less than 3½%. Their earnings for the entire year of 1922, notwithstanding the very great volume of business, will be something less than 4%. As 4% is a common savings bank rate, the railroads have not been earning enough to attract new capital. Capital can get 4% without taking the risks of railroad business.

Listen again to what Mr. Hoover says:

"We must have increased transportation if we are to maintain our growing productivity. We must, however, find a way out of the cycle of systematic starvation of a large part of our mileage and the denudation of our railroad managers of their responsibilities and initiative."

If the country does not adopt this plan, which is the one under which this really marvelous engine for civilization was created, there are three other sources.

Deficits to be Met by Taxation.

1. Railroad users can reduce the amount of nourishment given to their railroad system through direct payments of rates, both freight and passenger, and make up the shortage by taxation; and in that way make certain that the additions to railroads needed for the growing country are made. This plan appeals to many because they see the temporary and immediate benefit of the reduced freight and passenger rates, and do not see the indirect burden of taxes.

This country had an experience of 26 months during the war of Government operation of the railroads. The people came to the conclusion that they preferred private operation. But if private operation is to succeed, a fair return must be made on the capital, which has not been the case for a long term of years.

Straight Government Ownership.

2. The railroad users can take from the railroad owners their property, but under the law they must pay for it. This, of course, can only be done by a long process of negotiation, with court proceedings and ultimately by condemnation. Meantime, progress and development halt. No one will put more money into an enterprise which is to be taken from him in a few years. To buy the railroads will add to our already heavy national debt, probably between twenty and twenty-five billions of dollars. This means a still further increase in taxes that are so burdensome to all. In addition,

there would be added to the Government payroll from 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 names.

Starvation Policy.

3. The railroad users can continue a policy of rates and regulation that does not permit adequate support of their railroad system. The result of this will be that there will not be enough transportation produced for the necessities of the country, and our march forward to a still higher and better civilization will be checked.

Growth of Country.

The country is growing rapidly. Its industrial facilities are said to be sufficient to double the output prior to the war; yet there is less railroad mileage, fewer cars and fewer locomotives than in 1916, because the railroad business has not attracted enough new capital. The transportation service has grown enormously. In 1920, seven times as much freight was carried as in 1890, three times as much as in 1900 and 70% more than in 1910. To-day not all of the railroads have been able to furnish cars and locomotives at the moment when they were needed. In spite of the coal and shop strikes, the railroads in 1922 have, with the exception of coal, carried more freight than ever before in their history.

Need of Co-Operation.

If the railroad users keep cool, are patient and realize that perfection cannot be obtained; if they do not, in this period of readjustment, try foolish experiments; if all will do their best to work, save and remember their obligation to their neighbors, then railroad users, employees and owners will find a way to keep this great engine for civilization in good condition and running without friction.

There should be co-operation and co-ordination between steam railroads, electric railroads, waterways, both coastal and interior, and with motor transport on highways. It will, however, do no good in the long run to destroy or weaken one form of transportation for the benefit of another.

The Next Twenty-Five Years.

The next twenty-five years in this country should be the most glorious in the history of the world if all are patient, prudent and industrious, if our national vigor is not sapped, and our institutions, which have stood the test of more than a century, are not destroyed by the poison of Socialism and Communism that is working constantly and insidiously among the ignorant and unthinking.

Value of Radio.

The dissemination of good, homely truths and accurate information permitted by the wonderful radio is one thing that will help to prevent foolish action.

The New Year.

A New Year is here. Let every good American do his best to so act that he will make of this nation what all surely want it to be. Let each who can hear my voice act in the New Year so that this old sentiment will be absolutely true now and forever:

- A Union of lakes, and a Union of lands,
- A Union of States none can sever;
- A Union of hearts and a Union of hands,
- And the flag of the Union forever.

Erie Railroad Signs New Agreement With Shopmen's Union.

The Erie Railroad and its subsidiaries have signed a new wage agreement with the Federated Shop Crafts Unions, extending the wage rates authorized by the United States Railroad Labor Board and union recognition and working conditions to their 20,000 shopmen, John Dowd, Chairman of the Central Strike Committee of the Metropolitan District, announced on Jan. 9. The new contract, he said, runs until Nov. 1, and after that date is subject to cancellation by either party on 30 days' notice. Besides restoring full seniority rights and other privileges to workers who went on strike last July, Mr. Dowd said the agreement provided thousands of dollars back pay for the 8,000 to 10,000 shopmen who have been receiving less than the Railroad Labor Board minimum of 70 cents an hour since they returned to work last October. The negotiations with the Erie Railroad were completed after nearly three months of conferences. Newspaper accounts say that preliminary conferences have also been held between the Lehigh Valley officials and the shopmen's leaders, and it was reported that the Central Railroad of New Jersey might soon begin negotiations with their employees, but this was emphatically denied. Union leaders say that approximately 20,000 shop men are still out in this district. While the agreement with the Erie management has just been signed, the shop men on this road have been back at work since last October, when the Erie agreed to negotiations on the basis of the Baltimore agreement, reached with a number of railroads through the efforts of B. M. Jewell, national head of the shop craft unions. The new agreement, it is said, extends until Nov. 1 1923, when it automatically will continue unless terminated by either party on 30 days' notice. The agreement applies throughout the Erie Railroad and its subsidiaries. Its features include, it is reported:

The road will give back pay amounting to about \$200,000 to from 8,000 to 10,000 of the former strikers who since their return last Fall have been receiving less than 70 cents an hour—the United States Railway Labor Board's minimum rate.

The men win the eight-hour day, with time and a half for overtime, but get only the flat rate for half holidays and Sundays when it is their turn to work.

The road will not penalize overtime by forcing shopmen men to take equivalent time off. Double time is to be paid after sixteen hours.

All new jobs the road may offer are to be bulletined five days before filling. Layoffs must not be ordered by the road until shops have been put on a 40-hour basis.

All rating lists are to be open for periodic inspection by the unions. Full recognition of the shop unions was subscribed to and permanent arrangement was made for appointment of regional grievance committees and holding of local shop conferences.

President Besler Denies Jersey Central is Negotiating With Striking Shopmen.

William G. Besler, President of the Central RR. of New Jersey, stated on Jan. 10 that reports that road is negotiating with former shopmen are false, and have been periodically circulated by strike leaders in attempts to combat successful reorganization of shop forces. "The Jersey Central has been particularly successful in rebuilding its shop organization in the form of guilds, covering the several crafts," he said. "These crafts have been adopted by a vote of 98% of all employees and the shop strike is a thing of the past so far as Jersey Central is concerned. New forces, with old employees who remained loyal to the road, are producing with greater efficiency than the former forces. Having failed in the strike, leaders are engaged in a program of propaganda concerning inability of the roads to function properly, particularly with reference to coal."

E. M. Rine, Vice-President of the Delaware Lackawanna & Western Railroad, repeated his denial that the Lackawanna was negotiating.

S. Davies Warfield, of Railroad Owners Security Association, Urges a Central Clearing House Agency as a Remedy for Car Shortage.

Declaring that the main reason for railroad car shortage is largely financial and will recur at periods of sudden business revival until a central clearing house agency, of and by the railroads is established and authenticated by Congress to supply, among other purposes, the means to give financial effect to the power now granted the Inter-State Commerce Commission to require all railroads to supply their quota of equipment to properly conduct transportation as a whole, S. Davies Warfield of Baltimore, President of the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities and also the Seaboard Air Line Railway, discussed at length yesterday (Jan. 12) at Cincinnati, the subject of "Car Shortage—The Permanent Remedy." Railroads that are unable to finance their requirements in freight cars of the class and number determined to be their proportion of the whole amount essential to the conduct of transportation, cannot be required to supply them unless the financial means is provided which neither the Commission nor the existing car service agency, the American Railway Association can supply," said Mr. Warfield. The address was delivered at the third day's session of the 31st Annual Convention of the National League of Commission Merchants, to which had been invited members of the Chamber of Commerce of Cincinnati, the Chamber having asked Mr. Warfield to also appear before that body.

Impressing upon his audience that no domestic business problem so intimately affects the American people as car shortage, reaching into every business and agricultural enterprise and raising prices on the consumer. Mr. Warfield outlined what he termed the "underlying, fundamental causes for these conditions," which threaten, he claimed, if not permanently relieved the continuance of private operation of the railroads. "There are five fundamental causes that produce car shortages," said Mr. Warfield, "they are largely of financial origin and are as follows:

1. That each carrier has not furnished, both as to class and amount, its quota of car equipment in proportion to the total requirements of transportation, as a whole;
2. that every carrier has not secured as high efficiency out of the cars it operates as other carriers operating under like conditions;
3. that there has never been put in effect standardized plans under which freight cars shall be purchased, rehabilitated or rebuilt;
4. that methods are not practiced that will produce a better supply, more extended use and wider distribution of certain classes of interchange freight cars now in service or to be put in service;
5. that freight yard and terminal facilities are not used or being constructed such as will jointly operate to quickly handle and unload and return cars for reloading."

"Failure to provide for any one of them," he declared, "may create car shortage, but failure in all produces and has continued at times to produce through series of years demoralization and loss among shippers." The remedy, as Mr. Warfield sees it, is through the central clearing house agency proposed—the National Railway Service Corporation—for the Federal incorporation of which a bill is now before the Senate Committee on Inter-State Commerce. He outlined how this agency of the railroads would finance rebuilt as well as new equipment, supply the means for a comprehensive survey of the equipment and car service of the country and make effective determined necessities. A determination can only be reached, he said, through a careful survey of the needs of transportation as a whole and of each in-

dividual carrier so that each carrier would supply itself with cars to meet its necessities, with due regard for the necessities of other carriers, preventing duplication or deficiencies in any class of freight car equipment. A large part of the 350,000 bad order cars of the summer of 1922, he contended, could have been rebuilt, largely avoiding car shortage, through the present Service Corporation without calling on the carriers for cash, the ownership of such cars continuing to be vested in the railroads after rebuilding. He averred that standardization could be secured and extended use and wider distribution of certain classes of interchange freight cars attained through pooling.

It is his view that the railroads have competent presidents and operators and he ascribed existing conditions to the lack of co-operating clearing house agency to knit together inter-carrier relations with the benefits of administration of transportation as a whole, without encroaching upon any individual railroad's rights. "You have your central organization," he said; "Cincinnati, its Chamber of Commerce, its banks their clearing house, so have all large cities. The country the Federal Reserve System, a national clearing house, preventing financial panics. What have the railroads," he asked, "they have greater need of such a clearing house agency to prevent car shortage panics." The Board of Trustees of the Service Corporation would be composed of railroad officials selected by and from the four groups of railroads in the four rate-making districts of the country, together with others such as manage the present Service Corporation, officials of large public investing institutions—life insurance companies and savings banks.

"Having since 1919 endeavored to bring about a general survey of car service and equipment conditions of the country," said Mr. Warfield, "on Nov. 20 1922, I wrote to Commissioner Aitchison, Chairman, Car Service Division, the Inter-State Commerce Commission, calling attention to their power to ascertain the causes of the car shortage, reminding the Commission of our continual suggestion that a survey should be made such as would reveal equipment and car service conditions." "On December 27 last," he said, "the Commission directed questionnaire to all the railroads, requesting data in respect to equipment along extensive lines never before attempted and as the first step in a general survey of car service." President Harding, in his annual message to Congress, Mr. Warfield pointed out called attention to car shortage, and in advocating car pooling of certain classes of equipment for its relief, referred to the report of the Commission of Agricultural Inquiry, composed of member of both Houses of Congress, who unanimously recommended car pooling under a central agency. The President also recommended to Congress of establishing a Division of the Inter-State Commerce Commission to hear questions of railroad wages and working conditions. Recommendations of the Association of Security owners in all these respects were made, he declared, as early as 1919. He also says that President's position regarding transportation necessities was endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York and other bodies and shippers in various sections of the country.

Mr. Warfield criticises a paper, recently issued by a committee of the existing railroad car service agency, which stated that the proposals of the Association of Security Owners, would take over car shops of the railroads and do other things which would take from the railroad managements their property. He declared that no such purpose was ever contemplated in any suggestions made before Congress or elsewhere. "The sole answer to our insistence that these matters be subjected, through a central clearing house railroad agency such as suggested, to a definite study along lines of our general recommendations to be conducted by those who would be considered the most competent car service and transportation men in the employ of the American railroads and who would be available under the proposals made," said Mr. Warfield, "is merely that of opposition and what appears to be a fixed determination to misunderstand the proposals we have made." No important policy of the Service Corporation could be put in effect, he said, unless with the approval of the Commission.

He pointed out that "any operating condition which fails of purpose in giving the public what they have a right to demand means a hostile attitude toward the railroads, and consequently those who own their securities, resulting in drastic action by Congress or regulatory agencies, bringing depreciation in security values and finally receiverships."

In closing, Mr. Warfield warned his hearers that failure by the railroads to produce the central clearing house rail-

road agency, by Act of Congress, under their own auspices and so manifestly essential, must inevitably result in its establishment under Government direction which meant Government operation and finally ownership, with all its ills. He urged the shippers to co-operate with the Association of Security Owners to avoid this.

Indictments Returned Against Members of Window Glass Blowers' Union and Manufacturers' Association.

The past few weeks have witnessed a number of important decisions and decrees bearing on various phases of the Sherman Anti-Trust law. One of these, the gypsum industries case, which was settled in the U. S. District Court in New York, is referred to at length elsewhere in these columns today. Proceedings by Attorney-General Daugherty under the Sherman Act against member of the wage committees of the National Association of Window Glass Manufacturers and National Window Glass Workers and more than 100 corporations making hand-blown window glass, resulted on Jan. 5 in the return at Cleveland of 16 indictments and the issuance by Judge John M. Killits of Toledo of a temporary order against carrying out the terms of a wage contract alleged to be in violation of the Sherman Act. The men indicted are members of the wage committees of the National Association of Window Glass Manufacturers and of the National Window Glass Workers. They are alleged to have entered into a contract which has substantially curtailed the production of hand-blown window glass in the United States. Those indicted are:

Wage Committee of Manufacturers—Frank Bastin, Chairman, Vincennes, Ind.; William E. Smith, Secretary, Clarksburg, W. Va.; H. R. Hilton, Port Allegheny, Pa.; John B. Scooby, Sistersville, W. Va.; Charles H. Harding, Fort Smith, Ark.; William S. Phillips, Brownsville, Pa.; Harry L. Everts, Utica, Ohio; Amour Loriaux, Caney, Kan.

Wage Committee of Workers—John M. Steimer, President, Cleveland; Arthur Pierce, Sistersville, W. Va.; Marion Clark, Independence, Kan.; George Rosesell, Clarksburg, W. Va.; Thomas Gray, Fort Smith, Ark.; Arthur Wittebort, Pennsboro, W. Va.; Luther Dulaney, Utica, Ohio; Harry C. Parker, Sandusky, Ohio.

Attorney-General Daugherty said that the evidence which he had caused to be presented to the Grand Jury showed that the alleged unlawful contract was agreed upon by the two wage committees on Sept. 16 1922. He said that under its terms and provisions approximately one-half of the companies having plants for the manufacture of hand-blown window glass were granted a wage scale to operate a single factory from Sept. 25 1922 to Jan. 27 1923, constituting the so-called first period, the companies which remained idle during the first period would be granted a wage scale to operate a single factory from Jan. 29 1923 to June 11 1923, constituting the so-called second period, and no company would be granted a wage scale to operate the same factory during both periods. The net result of this contract would be that every hand-blown window glass factory in the United States would be forced to remain idle between 7½ and 8 months of the year, he said.

John M. Siemer, President of the glass workers' organization, made the following comment on the indictments:

We cannot conceive how, upon the facts as we know them, there can ever possibly be a conviction on the indictments that have been returned. Should there be a conviction it would simply be a form of judicial determination that our two-period system of issuing a wage scale is a breach of the Sherman Anti-Trust law.

Inasmuch as the question has been at issue for so long, we are quite as interested in determining this matter as those who are responsible for the indictments being returned.

We consulted competent legal counsel before adopting our policy, and resting upon this advice and a clear consciousness of the propriety of our efforts we proceeded without fear in an endeavor to conduct our affairs in a manner to obtain the very best results possible for our members and their employers, and we willingly invite the test of the court's consideration of our conduct.

With regard to the case referred to, press dispatches from Washington said:

The indictment of 16 men, composing the wage committees of the National Association of Window Glass Manufacturers and the National Window Glass workers, and the application for an injunction restraining these committees and the companies they represent from putting into effect a wage contract agreement, was necessary, according to Government officials, to prevent "irreparable injury" to the industry and to the public.

According to information in the hands of the Department of Justice, and which was laid before Judge Killits, in support of the petition, the two committees would have met at Cleveland to "make effective an agreement which would have bound certain specified companies to close their plants for extended periods, in order to curtail production and thus maintain prices.

The 100 concerns named in the restraining order, according to the petition, control the hand-blown glass industry of the United States. Their alleged agreement to act in concert to hold down production, was declared by the Government to have already resulted in "substantial curtailment" of window glass production, suppression of competition among the producers and material restraint of trade in that commodity.

"The necessity for seeking a temporary injunction did not become apparent to the applicant until Jan. 3 1923," the petition filed by the Government declared in explanation of the request for immediate action from the court.

"Each year for a number of years," the petition declared, "it has been the practice of the defendants to appoint or elect wage committees to agree upon a wage contract for the hand-blown window glass industry for the ensuing years, or for such period thereof as it may be determined to allow factories to operate. The contract so agreed upon is enforced against all of said defendant corporations, regardless of whether they belong to the National Association of Window Glass Manufacturers."

At a meeting in Cleveland on Sept. 16 1922, the Government alleged, the wage committees designated certain factories which would be permitted to operate from Sept. 25 1922 to Jan. 27 1923 and others from Jan. 29 to June 11 1923, the conferees deciding further, however, "that none of the defendant corporations would be permitted to operate the same factory during both periods."

The Department was advised that Judge Killits has issued subpoenas against all officers and directors of the National Association, officials of the National Window Glass Workers and members of their wage commissions in connection with the hearing on the motion to make the restraining order permanent. In addition, about 75 manufacturers with plants scattered throughout the country will be summoned to answer the allegations made in the Government's petition. It was understood here that these witnesses would not be required to answer under oath at the time of this hearing.

Decree Entered Against Gypsum Industries Association in Anti-Trust Case—Acts Prohibited by Sherman Law Defined.

A consent decree setting forth what a trade association may or may not be permitted to do under the Sherman Anti-Trust Law was signed by Federal Judge Knox on Jan. 4 in the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. The decree, which dissolves the Gypsum Industries Association, an organization of gypsum manufacturers whose operations were investigated by the Lockwood Housing Committee, is considered of especial importance to all trade associations in that for the first time, it is said, in the history of the enforcement of the Sherman law a code of acts or principles is set forth to govern such trade associations. This method of restraining corporations from fixing prices, restricting product, blacklisting dealers or doing any one of the other many things frequently charged against defendants in Sherman law proceedings, is new, it is pointed out. It grew out of many conferences here between United States Attorney William Hayward, David L. Podell, a special attorney for the Government, and Assistant United States Attorney Susan Brandeis, and one conference in Washington where the plan received the approval of the Attorney-General. The inquiry into the gypsum trade was one of the many growing out of the building situation. This industry is scattered throughout the United States and the purpose of the inquiry was to obtain, if possible, facts disclosing that the dealers, through their association, were committing all of the well-known acts that constitute violations of the Sherman law. The gathered facts were presented to a Grand Jury in this jurisdiction, but no indictment was returned.

Colonel Hayward explained that failure to indict was due to agreements with the prosecution under which counsel for the various controlling concerns in the gypsum industry had assisted the Government in framing a satisfactory consent decree. Out of this grew the idea that if such a decree could be prepared other firms in the building trades and in other activities, now under suspicion or which might fall under the scrutiny of Federal officials, might consent to similar decrees. Colonel Hayward, in explaining the terms of the decrees, stated:

The decree is important because for the first time in the history of the Sherman Law there is clearly set forth a code of principles governing trade associations and providing for what they are prohibited from doing, with certain provisions in this specific case for what they may be permitted to do.

The method devised is unique in the respect that it practically destroys the trade association and its regularly weekly or monthly meetings at which opportunities were afforded, as the Government contended, for open or illicit price fixing by the group, for arrangements for the curtailment and limitation of production and for defining and devising the many other abuses that have resulted from such trade association meetings. In the place of the trade association the decree substitutes a non-profit making-corporation for the joint welfare of the members, with powers limited expressly by the decree, and by its charter or articles of incorporation to certain well-defined and concededly lawful activities.

While this decree represents only the views of the Department of Justice, it may be well taken as a guide for the thousands of trade associations throughout the United States as to what the Sherman Law clearly prohibits.

Generally speaking, it may be said that the decree discourages the existence of a trade association as such because of the many opportunities afforded at the regular meetings of the association for price fixing, curtailment of production, division of territory and the many other abuses devised illicitly either formally or informally at these regular meetings. The decree favors the organization of a non-profit making corporation for the general welfare of the members, with its powers clearly and definitely defined in its charter, those powers being limited expressly to things that are clearly lawful and that will not cut corners in the effort to circumvent the Sherman Law.

These specific powers in this particular case are set forth in the decree and will have to be included in the charter or certificate of incorporation, so that that corporation will not have the legal right or power to engage in any activities outside of what its charter distinctly sets forth.

What Decree Prohibits.

The injunction provisions of the decree are as follows:

- (A) Agreeing to fix or establish by agreement among themselves the prices to be charged for said gypsum products.
- (B) Agreeing among themselves in any manner whatsoever to charge purchasers of said gypsum products uniform prices, or doing by agreement any act or acts which will result in maintaining uniform prices.
- (C) Agreeing among themselves in any manner whatsoever to advance or decrease prices for their products to purchasers thereof.
- (D) Agreeing among themselves in any manner whatsoever to advise or communicate with one another as to proposed advances or decreases in prices for their products to purchasers there, or agreeing among themselves in any manner whatsoever to circulate among themselves in any way, information concerning or relating to such proposed advances or decreases, or to the prices charged or to be charged.
- (E) Doing any act or acts by agreement among themselves which will result in advising or communicating with one another as to proposed advances or decreases in prices for their products to purchasers thereof, or in circulating by agreement among themselves information concerning or relating to such proposed advances or decreases.
- (F) Agreeing among themselves in any manner whatsoever to limit, curtail, restrict or otherwise control the amount of said product to be produced for manufacture at any time by any or all of the defendants or by doing by agreement among themselves any act or acts which will limit, curtail, restrict or otherwise control the production or manufacture of said products by any or all of the said defendants, such as the withdrawal of salesmen from a certain territory over stipulated periods.
- (G) Agreeing among themselves in any manner whatsoever as to the territory in which any or all of the defendants may sell or otherwise dispose of their products.
- (H) Agreeing among themselves in any manner whatsoever to effect any discrimination of any character, whether in prices charged or otherwise in favor of or against any purchaser of their products by reason of the fact that such purchaser is a mail order house, purchasing agency, co-operative buying association or so-called "dealer," or for any other reason or doing any act by agreement among themselves to effectuate any such discrimination in favor of or against any purchaser for any reason, except of course that each defendant may independently of other defendants select his or its own customers and dispose of his or its products to such persons and on such terms as he or it may choose.
- (I) Agreeing among themselves to use a published credit list and credit information for the purpose of blacklisting an undesirable purchaser or for the purpose of putting the name of the purchaser on such list with the intent of the manufacturer who submits the name reserving the purchaser's business for himself.

(J) Agreeing to fix, establish, or maintain by agreement among themselves the terms, differentials, discounts or prices which should be followed by a dealer, jobber or other middleman upon his resale to a consumer or by any such agreement the uniform discounts which should be subtracted by each manufacturer, as an inducement for cash payment.

(K) Agreeing among themselves to adopt or follow any price list, published or compiled, or caused to be published or compiled by themselves or by any newspaper, trade paper or periodical as a fixed price.

(L) Agreeing among themselves to enforce any arbitrary freight rates in excess of those lawfully made.

(M) Agreeing among themselves that certain individual manufacturers engage in the manufacture of a certain gypsum product of a certain definite composition, and that all other manufacturers desist from manufacturing a product of such composition.

(N) Aiding or abetting or assisting individually or collectively others to do all or any of the matters herein set forth and enjoined and restrained herein.

The activities which in this specific case are held to be lawful and permissible and to which the corporation is limited by its charter, are set forth in the decree as follows:

(A) To advance or promote the use of gypsum products by all legitimate and lawful means, including research, publicity, advertisement and any other activities of like character.

(B) To deal with engineering and trade problems pertinent to the industry for the purpose of advancing the use of gypsum products.

(C) To carry on educational work pertinent to the industry by fellowships in various schools and colleges for research; experimental and research work in and through institutions of learning, scientific bureaus and societies; and to provide for lectures and the writing and reading of papers upon subjects pertaining to the industry.

(D) To maintain a traffic bureau to furnish traffic information upon specific requests in each case from published freight tariffs lawfully issued by the carriers and to assist the industry in transportation questions before Federal and State commissions and other bodies dealing with questions of transportation and with common carriers.

(E) To deal with improved methods of plant and mine operation, including sanitation, safety appliances, accident prevention, labor, plant and mine development, housing conditions, insurance and methods of accounting.

(F) To maintain a credit bureau for the sole purpose of furnishing credit information.

When all the manufacturers in a given industry throughout the country combine they are unquestionably in a position to exact arbitrarily the price they demand. The public is helpless, particularly in a situation where the tariff prevents competition from abroad.

New York City and this immediate vicinity, by reason of the congestion of population, has suffered particularly. It is the largest consumer of building materials in the country.

The corporations and individuals consenting to the final decree are given as follows in the daily papers:

- Ace Cement & Plaster Co.
- Centerville Gypsum Co.
- American Cement Plaster Co.
- Higginson Manufacturing Co.
- Joseph C. Segline
- J. B. King & Co.
- Alabastine Co. (trading as the Michigan Gypsum Co.)
- H. C. Hamilton
- American Gypsum Co.
- Connecticut Adamant Plaster Co.
- W. H. Kellogg, Jr.
- Dakota Plaster Co.
- Empire Gypsum Co.
- Grand Rapids Plaster Co.
- Nephi Plaster & Manufacturing Co.
- Niagara Gypsum Co.
- Overland Cement Plaster Co.
- Pacific Coast Gypsum Co.
- Plymouth Gypsum Co.
- Southern Gypsum Co., Inc.
- Texas Cement & Plaster Co.
- U. S. Gypsum Co.

- Wasem Plaster Co.
- Gypsum Industries Association
- Ray C. Haynes
- J. A. Henley
- W. E. Shearer
- Grant W. Vennel
- A. M. Lamphere
- Augustus A. Wolfe
- James Leenhouts
- W. L. Ellerbeck
- M. A. Reeb
- L. J. Holliday
- Richard Vaeth
- L. E. Armstrong
- F. A. Wilder
- T. W. McGahan
- R. M. Bear
- O. M. Knode
- Adam F. Wasem
- H. W. Blockson
- Herschel H. Maedonald
- Rock Plaster Corp.
- D. L. Halgh

Text of the Consent Decree in the Gypsum Industries Case.

The consent decree which was signed by Federal Judge Knox and entered in the U. S. District Court dissolving the Gypsum Industries Association, as noted elsewhere in these columns to-day, in full is as follows:

This cause came on to be heard at this term, and upon consideration thereof, and upon motion of the petitioner by William Hayward, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, for relief in accordance with the prayer of the petition, and no testimony or evidence having been taken and all the defendants therein having appeared by their attorneys, Scott, Bancroft, Martin & MacLeish, Lyman M. Bess, Montague Lessler, George A. True, Roger I. Wykes, and Frederic J. Powell, and having consented thereto in open court; and upon the reading and filing of the petition herein, and upon the consent of the several defendants, and upon motion of the petitioner for relief in accordance with the prayer of the petition;

Now, therefore, it is ordered, adjudged, and decreed as follows, viz.:

(1) That the combination and conspiracy in restraint of trade and commerce, the acts, regulations, rules, resolutions, agreements, contracts and understandings in restraint of trade and commerce and the restraint of such trade and commerce obtained thereby as complained of in this petition to declare illegal and in violation of the Act of Congress approved July 2, 1890, entitled "An Act to Protect Trade and Commerce Against Unlawful Restraints and Monopolies" and the Acts amendatory thereof and supplemental or additional thereto;

(2) That the said defendants and their officers, agents, servants, and employees and all persons acting under, through, by or in behalf of them or any of them, or claiming so to act, be and hereby are ordered and directed to dissolve and forever discontinue said Gypsum Industries Association and be and hereby are perpetually enjoined, restrained, and prohibited directly or indirectly from engaging in or forming any like association or from making any express or implied agreement of association or arrangement similar to or like said agreement or arrangement the effect of which would be to restrain or monopolize said trade and commerce in gypsum products among the several States of the United States or in the District of Columbia, and from carrying out or continuing in effect the agreements described herein or making any express or implied agreements or arrangements together or with one another like those hereby alleged to be illegal, or using any other means or methods the effect of which would be to prevent the free and unrestrained flow of such inter-State trade and commerce in said gypsum products or to monopolize the same. *Provided, however,* that the said defendants are not restrained or enjoined from jointly organizing and maintaining a corporation, the charter or articles of incorporation of which shall be expressly limited to the following defined objects and purposes or any of them:

(a) To advance or promote the use of gypsum products by all legitimate and lawful means, including research, publicity, advertisement, and other activities of like character.

(b) To deal with engineering and trade problems pertinent to the industry for the purpose of advancing the use of gypsum products.

(c) To carry on educational work pertinent to the industry by fellowships in various schools and colleges for research; experimental and research work in and through institutions of learning, scientific bureaus, and societies; and to provide for lectures and the writing and reading of papers upon subjects pertaining to the industry.

(d) To maintain a traffic bureau to furnish traffic information upon specific requests in each case from published freight tariffs lawfully issued by the carriers and to assist the industry in transportation questions before Federal and State commissions and other bodies dealing with questions of transportation and with common carriers.

(e) To deal with improved methods of plant and mine operation, including sanitation, safety appliances, accident prevention, labor, plant and mine development, housing conditions, insurance, and methods of accounting.

(f) To maintain a credit bureau for the sole purpose of furnishing credit information.

(3) That the said defendants, their officers, agents, servants, and employees and all persons acting under, through, by, or in behalf of them or any of them, or claiming so to act, be perpetually enjoined, restrained and prohibited directly or indirectly from—

(a) Agreeing to fix or establish by agreement among themselves the prices to be charged for said gypsum products.

(b) Agreeing among themselves in any manner whatsoever to charge purchasers of said gypsum products uniform prices or doing by agreement any act or acts which will result in maintaining uniform prices.

(c) Agreeing among themselves in any manner whatsoever to advance or decrease prices for their products to purchasers thereof.

(d) Agreeing among themselves in any manner whatsoever to advise or communicate with one another as to proposed advances or decreases in prices for their products to purchasers thereof or agreeing among themselves in any manner whatsoever to circulate among themselves in any way information concerning or relating to such proposed advances or decreases, or to the prices charged or to be charged.

(e) Doing any act or acts by agreement among themselves which will result in advising or communicating with one another as to proposed advances or decreases in prices for their products to purchasers thereof or in circulating by agreement among themselves information concerning or relating to such proposed advances or decreases.

(f) Agreeing among themselves in any manner whatsoever to limit, curtail, restrict, or otherwise control the amount of said product to be produced for manufacture at any time by any or all of the defendants, or by doing by agreement among themselves any act or acts which will limit, curtail, restrict, or otherwise control the production or manufacture of said products by any or all of the said defendants, such as the withdrawals of salesmen from a certain territory over stipulated periods.

(g) Agreeing among themselves in any manner whatsoever as to the territory in which any or all of the defendants may sell or otherwise dispose of their products.

(h) Agreeing among themselves in any manner whatsoever to effect any discrimination of any character, whether in prices charged or otherwise, in favor of or against any purchaser of their products by reason of the fact that such purchaser is a mail order house, purchasing agency, co-operative buying association, or so-called "dealer," or for any other reason, or doing any act by agreement among themselves to effectuate any such discrimination in favor of or against any purchaser for any reason, except, of course, that each defendant may independently of the other defendants select his or its own customers and dispose of his or its products to such persons and on such terms as he or it may choose.

(i) Agreeing among themselves to use a published credit list and credit information for the purpose of blacklisting an undesirable purchaser or her the purpose of putting the name of the purchaser on such list with to

intent of the manufacturer who submits the name reserving the purchaser's business for himself.

(f) Agreeing to fix, establish, or maintain by agreement among themselves the terms, differentials, discounts, or prices which should be followed by a dealer, jobber, or other middleman upon his resale to a consumer or by any such agreement the uniform discounts which should be subtracted by each manufacturer, as an inducement for cash payment.

(k) Agreeing among themselves to adopt or follow any price list, published or compiled, or caused to be published or compiled by themselves or by any newspaper, trades paper, or periodical as a fixed price.

(l) Agreeing among themselves to enforce any arbitrary freight rates in excess of those lawfully made.

(m) Agreeing among themselves that certain individual manufacturers engage in the manufacture of a certain gypsum products of a certain definite composition, and that all other manufacturers desist from manufacturing a product of such composition.

(n) Aiding or abetting or assisting individually or collectively others to do all or any of the matters herein set forth and enjoined and restrained herein.

(4) That nothing herein contained shall be construed to restrain or interfere with the action of any of the said defendants acting with respect to his or its own corporate or individual business property or affairs, or from furnishing necessary information to their own customers in connection with bona fide sales of such products; or from doing individually any of the said act or acts done in good faith to meet competition when such action or the furnishing of such information is not made or done in concert or as the result of any agreement among themselves; or to save any patent rights of any of said defendants; and that this decree and any of its provisions or the entry thereof shall be without prejudice to the rights or interests of any of the said defendants in any proceedings which may be brought by or against them or any of them, except only any proceedings in this cause to enforce the terms of this decree.

(5) That jurisdiction of this cause be and hereby is retained for the purpose of enforcing this decree, and for the purpose of enabling the parties to apply to the court for modification hereof if it be shown to the satisfaction of the court, that by reason of changed conditions or changes in the statute law of the United States or in the interpretation of said law by the courts, or by reason of any new or different activities other than those hereby specifically authorized to be maintained and deemed necessary or desirable by the said defendants for the welfare of the gypsum industry or for any other reason, the injunctions hereby allowed have become inadequate, the provisions hereof have become inappropriate or unnecessary to maintain competitive conditions in inter-State trade or commerce in gypsum products, or have become unduly oppressive to the defendants and no longer necessary to secure or maintain competitive conditions in such inter-State trade.

Samuel Untermyer's Views on the Gypsum Industries Decree—Attack on Attorney-General Daugherty and Attorney Hayward—Hayward's Reply.

The consent decree entered in the U. S. District Court in the case of the Gypsum Industries Association, which has been looked upon as a constructive and forward step in the interpretation and enforcement of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law, was attacked by Samuel Untermyer, Counsel to the Lockwood Housing Committee on Jan. 4. The decree, Mr. Untermyer maintains, is "almost an incentive to lawbreaking," prohibiting the members of the gypsum industry from doing nothing that is not already prohibited by law. He asserted that the policy of Attorney-General Daugherty in permitting such consent decrees would "sound the death knell of the enforcement of the law as a criminal statute." Instead of enforcing the law, Attorney-General Daugherty has "usurped the law-making function of Congress," Mr. Untermyer stated, and promised an immediate appeal to Congress to remove "the subject of legislation from the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice and to confine its activities to the enforcement rather than the nullification of the laws of the land." In the absence of an administrative body, such as a State Trade Commission, Mr. Untermyer regards the decree as the "worst blow" that has been struck at the enforcement of the anti-trust and monopoly laws. Chairman Charles C. Lockwood also attacked the decree, saying that the Gypsum Trust was the most flagrant violator of law exposed by the committee. "They profited to the extent of 400% on the building industry in one of the most important of all the materials required in the industry—plaster," he said. "The committee protests against this action and against any such precedent being set. It amounts to the dropping of all criminal prosecutions and practical immunity to the lawbreakers. I am amazed at the turn of events." Mr. Untermyer's statement follows:

The form of the decree in the gypsum case is most disquieting and discouraging, and the announcement of the Government's future policy in dealing with these dangerous lawbreakers is very much more so. The combination of gypsum manufacturers is one of the most vicious of those that were exposed by the Lockwood Committee, although Colonel Hayward in his announcement was careful to omit mention of the trifling details—(1) that this was one of the cases exposed by the Lockwood Committee in the testimony taken in Buffalo more than 18 months ago, and (2) that it was one of the thirty-odd cases in which no action has been taken, although this case was brought to public attention by wide publication of the facts in June 1921.

The proofs there showed that under the benign guardianship of this outlaw band of profiteers the cost of plastering materials had been increased more than 300%. The combination should long since have been criminally prosecuted and put out of business, and this would have been done if the offenders could have been reached in the State courts, where the committee has had the co-operation of the State Attorney-General.

In view of the implied threat that criminal prosecutions are to be abandoned in the cases brought to the attention of the Attorney-General by the

Lockwood Committee, an appeal will be immediately made to Congress to remove the subject of legislation from the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice to confine its activities to the enforcement rather than the nullification of the laws of the land.

¶ Congress will be asked to stay the hand of the Federal authorities in carrying out the implied threat to deal in a like fashion with the many other combinations connected with the building trades that were exposed by the Lockwood Committee and in which prosecutions have been vainly urged for more than a year past and in which a few have been indicted and are awaiting trials.

In the present state of the law and in the absence of an administrative body such as has been proposed by me in the form of a State trade commission law, I regard the decree as vicious and dangerous and as amounting to a virtual repeal of the anti-trust laws. It is the worst blow that has yet been struck at the enforcement of those laws. For all practical purposes it is worse than worthless. It points the way and is almost an incentive to law breaking. It prohibits the members from doing nothing that is not already prohibited by existing law.

By expressly permitting the guilty parties to combine in a trade association without administrative supervision it is encouraging law violations. Judge Knox with his usual acumen hit the nail squarely on the head when he is reported to have said:

"The Court wanted to know how the corporation was to be supervised so that the Government might be sure it was keeping within the provisions of the decree. Colonel Hayward replied that the injunction would accomplish this (demonstrating how little he knows about the subject, for the injunction prohibit nothing that is not already prohibited), but the Court thought that some supervising agency would be necessary and that so far as was known there was no such agency."

If the threat contained in this public statement that the other cases turned over by the Lockwood Committee a year or more ago (in many of which nothing has been done) are to be given the same sort of immunity is to be carried into effect, the sooner Congress stops this attempt at a wholesale jail delivery and furnishes legal machinery similar to that outlined in the proposed State trade commission bill, the better it will be for the country. This policy will sound the death knell of the enforcement of the law as a criminal statute. The Attorney-General, instead of enforcing the law, has usurped the law-making function of Congress.

Unless he is promptly stopped by Congress or by the force of an aroused public opinion, I take it that his statement is notice of his intention to abandon the criminal prosecution of the Cement Trust case that we were promised would be re-tried last October, but in which nothing has been done; the Glass Manufacturers' Trust Case, as a result of which the price of glass has been artificially increased about 400%, which we were first promised would be tried last June, then that it would be tried in October and lastly in January; the cast iron pipe manufacturers' case, where the manufacturers are still holding the public as firmly as ever in their grip; in short, all of the few criminal prosecutions that we have been able to force and the many that should have been and have not been begun are to be abandoned.

And yet it seems only yesterday that Colonel Hayward stood up in court in the terra cotta and tile cases, also resulting from the committee's investigation, in sympathy with my point of view, and urged and insisted that criminal prosecution and jail sentences furnished the only way to exterminate these dangerous excrescences on our business life.

There is something positively naive in the following statement reported to have been made by him yesterday in open court:

"In place of the trade associations the decree substitutes a non-profit-making corporation for the joint welfare of the members, with powers limited by the decree and by its charter or articles of incorporation to certain well-defined and concededly lawful activities."

Is he, then, unaware that the most glaringly illegal of the trade associations are and always were "non-profit-making," and that their worst feature is that they are "for the joint welfare of the members"—regardless of the rights of the public? The more they contribute to the "joint welfare of the members" the more the public suffers. Is he not yet aware that the powers of these associations as expressed in their articles of association under which these illegal acts are being perpetrated are now and always were limited to "concededly lawful activities"?

Is he ignorant of the fact that as a result of the "zeal" of the Federal authorities in these cases the prices of cement, window glass, cast-iron pipe and gypsum fluctuates up and down on the same day and day by day with mathematical uniformity all over the United States as though directed by some occult power, and that these prices are grossly exorbitant and are the worst handicap against which the building industry has to contend? Does he not know that there was nothing in the articles or by-laws of the many associations, which were forced by the committee to disband from the witness stand under threats of prosecution and of those whose members have been convicted in the State courts in prosecutions conducted under the dissection of the Lockwood Committee, that was in itself illegal? Does he suppose that these associations announce their illegal activities in print or from the housetops?

"What end does this decree accomplish beyond encouraging the criminal practices that should be exterminated? It simply furnishes the medium for further law violations by giving to the creation of the association the sanction of the Court and prohibits the companies from doing acts that are already criminal.

Rather than permit such transparent camouflage, the anti-trust law should be wiped off the statute books without further delay.

The Attorney-General, reluctantly and timidly acting under the prodding of the committee, prosecuted and sent four of the little fellows to jail for a few months, and, having secured the fining of others, now, when it comes to pursuing the big fellows whom we have been all this time unsuccessfully urging him to prosecute, such as the members of the cement, window glass, gypsum, cast-iron pipe and two dozen or more like concerns connected with the building industry, he pats them on the back and furnishes them with the machinery under cover of which to continue their criminal practices. The whole performance is pitiful and must be stopped.

Since the Federal prosecuting officials can not or will not enforce these laws as criminal statutes, there is only one remaining solution, and that is pointed out in the report and proposed legislation in the form of a State trade commission bill, now in print and about to be submitted to the Legislature by the Lockwood committee.

The report recommends, as did the last report, among other things, that Congress be memorialized to take like action, and the bill provides that the prosecution of the trusts be taken out of the hands of the Attorney-General and placed under the exclusive control of the Federal Trade Commission, where it belongs. This decree furnishes the most conclusive argument for such action and will, I believe, for that reason unwittingly go far toward stimulating the solution of the trust question on which the Lockwood committee has been insisting.

The Court did its full duty when it pointed out the inefficacy of the decree due to the failure of the law to furnish the legal machinery for its enforcement. That has been our position from the beginning. If these violations had been criminally prosecuted and with vigor, there would be

no need for this administrative machinery. They would have disappeared in the face of prison sentences.

Colonel William Hayward, United States Attorney, on Jan. 4 issued the following statement after reading Mr. Untermeyer's comment:

I have read Mr. Untermeyer's criticism of the gypsum decree in the afternoon papers, and wish to state that the only thing omitted from the decree is the only thing that could have given it the slightest merit or value in his eyes, to wit: the glorification of Samuel Untermeyer. With the exception of the omission of Mr. Untermeyer's name, the decree is all right and a big step forward toward control and curbing of these trade associations. The difference between Mr. Untermeyer and myself in most of these matters is that he is running a publicity bureau and I am running a law office.

In dealing with these combinations under the Sherman law we have two, and only two, remedies. One is a criminal prosecution, and the other is an injunction on the equity side of the court. In the gypsum case we presented every shred of evidence obtainable after diligent and painstaking effort. The Grand Jury heard evidence for several weeks, more than a month, I believe. The defendants were denied permission to present their side of the case, and after full consideration the Grand Jury refused to indict by unanimous vote, or practically so. The only things we did not present to the Grand Jury were Mr. Untermeyer's speeches on the subject, which we assumed they had read. Anyhow, you cannot indict people on speeches.

Failing to obtain an indictment, we did the only thing left to do—that is, we secured an injunction, which, I think, will effectually prevent the slightest wrongdoing by these gypsum people in the future. Mr. Untermeyer talks about going before Congress in this matter. That makes me laugh when I think how he turned pale and ran the last time he was asked to appear before Congress or a committee of Congress, but, of course, what the committee wanted was his testimony under oath, and not a stump speech or a sensational self-serving newspaper interview. Mr. Untermeyer would like to substitute himself for the Department of Justice, the Federal Judges, the Grand Jurors and the District Attorney, but it would be a dreadful place to live in if he did.

Mr. Untermeyer replied on Jan. 5 to Mr. Hayward with this statement:

Colonel Hayward's attempted defense is most conflicting and bewildering. In the same breath he says that the gypsum decree was consented to because the jury refused to indict the gypsum manufacturers, and this is followed by the authoritative statement by him and from Washington that this same course will be pursued in the cases of all other criminal trade associations, the prosecution of which has been insisted upon by the Lockwood committee. This will include indictments against hundreds of corporations and individuals connected with the cement trust, the window glass trust, the cast iron pipe trust, now pending, and that should be tried.

If the decree was consented to only because an indictment could not be found in that case, why should it furnish a precedent in the cases in which indictments have been found and in the thirty-odd cases in which the committee has been for more than a year asking the Department of Justice to present the evidence and ask indictments.

I pass by the personalities in which Colonel Hayward has seen fit to indulge without comment further than to suggest that it is unworthy of so good-natured a fellow, even though he does find himself in a tight place for having done and getting ready to do under orders things that cannot be justified. To the initiated who know and humor his peculiar obsession, and especially to the newspaper men in the Federal Court Building, his pious dissertation on publicity will prove amusing reading.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

Four New York Stock Exchange memberships were reported posted for transfer this week, the consideration being stated as \$98,000, \$97,000, \$97,000 and \$95,000, respectively. The last previous sale was at \$95,000.

Mr. F. W. Vanderpoel was made Asst. Vice-President of the National Park Bank of this city at this week's annual meeting.

The annual report of the Chemical National Bank of New York, for the year 1922, in pamphlet form, has just been received. It shows total resources of the institution at the close of business Dec. 30 1922 as \$161,870,949. In submitting the bank's statement to the shareholders, Percy H. Johnston, its President says:

The general strain and readjustment experienced in 1921 was greatly lessened in 1922, although large problems resulting from the period of great inflation were still to be encountered during the year just closed. Due to marked improvement in the general business and financial situation large banks as a rule have experienced a healthy thawing out of their frozen loans.

Your bank as well as all other important banking institutions has experienced much lower rates for funds during 1922 than in the past three or four years, and in consequence the net earnings have been materially affected. One of the chief problems has been how to keep the surplus funds safely and profitably employed and during this year we have added largely to our holdings of Government securities and high-grade short time securities of well-known and well-seasoned corporations.

Your bank is being steadily and conservatively developed in all departments.

During May of last year the New York Clearing House Association materially lessened the rates of interest that associated banks could pay on deposit accounts. In the face of low rates for funds this was unquestionably sound banking and would have caused little inconvenience or hardship had the other principal money centres done likewise. Unhappily they did not, and in consequence large dormant deposits have gone to other centres, attracted by a higher rate. We estimate the deposits of this institution to have suffered about \$10,000,000 from the change. Notwithstanding this, our total deposits stand at \$132,634,912 88, showing an increase of more than 9½ millions for the year.

The growth of branch banking in New York City has been very pronounced during the past year and this question has been receiving study and serious consideration by your officers and board of directors. The trend of bank development in New York City is to large units with branches,

and your officers and directors are not unmindful of the opportunities and responsibilities in connection with this important subject.

After charging to earnings account all expenses and extra compensation to employees, and after charging off all known losses and setting up proper tax and other reserves, we have made disposition of the balance of earnings as follows:

24% dividend to shareholders.....	\$1,080,000
Added to undivided profits account.....	365,597
Added to special reserve.....	250,000

There are at present 26 officers, 439 employees and 1,320 shareholders. Your institution is now entering upon the final year of a century of banking. The same conservative measures, the adoption of which in the past has accounted for those traditions of which we are justly proud, will control our policy of the future.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Fidelity-International Trust Co. of this city will be held on Jan. 17 to vote on the question of increasing the capital of the bank from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000, recently recommended by the directors. If ratified, the 5,000 shares of new stock will be offered to shareholders of record Jan. 17 at par (\$100) on the basis of one share of new stock to every three shares now held.

The Imperial Ottoman Bank of London announces that its Smyrna branch resumed normal service on Jan. 1.

Fewer changes than usual occurred at the annual meetings of the local banking institutions this week, either as to officials or among the directorates. The week's happenings are indicated in items below.

At the annual meeting of the American Exchange National Bank all of the directors were re-elected. At the meeting of the board of directors, Howard Marshall, Assistant Vice-President, was made Vice-President. Two new Assistant Cashiers were appointed, George A. Polsey and Knight Woolley.

The Bank of America, of this city, at the annual meeting of the directors, on the 11th inst., appointed Assistant Cashier Edward S. Blagden to the post of Assistant Vice-President in charge of the Madison Avenue office of the bank.

At the annual stockholders' meeting of Bankers Trust Co. of this city on the 11th inst., the retiring directors were re-elected.

Two additional members—J. Brooks Nichols and George A. Zabriskie—were elected to the board of the Battery National Bank.

Alverton H. Aseltine was made Assistant Cashier of the Chase National Bank of this city on the 10th inst.; at the same time Luke A. Margraff and Edward A. Reynolds were made assistant managers of the foreign department, and Henry L. Nichols assistant manager of the Hamilton Trust Branch.

At the annual meeting of the Chatham & Phenix National Bank, Harvey H. Robertson, formerly Assistant Cashier, was elected a Vice-President and Warren W. Lamb and Abner Jackson were appointed Assistant Cashiers.

At the annual meeting of the National City Bank the resignation of Edward H. Peaslee as Vice-President was accepted and William S. Lambie, heretofore Assistant Vice-President, was elected Vice-President. G. Edwin Gregory, a Vice-President, was elected Vice-President and Comptroller to succeed James Addison.

Moise L. Erstein and Louis A. Fahs were elected directors of the Fifth National Bank in place of R. Bloom and B. W. Hollander at this week's annual meeting. Max Yankauer has retired from the directorate of the bank.

George R. Fogarty was elected a director of the Garfield National Bank to succeed the late Robert J. Horner.

Thomas C. Meeks was elected a Vice-President of the Greenwich Bank of this city on the 9th inst. and A. G. King became an Assistant Cashier.

Eustis Paine was elected to the board of the Hanover National Bank of this city at the annual meeting on Tuesday. James P. Gardner was elected an additional Vice-President.

At the annual meeting of stockholders of the New York Trust Company on the 10th inst. the retiring directors were re-elected.

Horace A. Saks of Saks & Co., New York; Howard W. Charles, President of Charles & Co. of New York, and Julius Lichtenstein, President of the Consolidated Cigar Corp., have been elected directors of the Harriman National Bank of this city. Max Landay, President of Landay Bros., Inc., has been appointed a member of the bank's advisory board. The Harriman National Bank pursues the policy of selecting its administration largely from neighborhood interests in the terminal zone. On the 11th inst. Marshall Sheppey, President of the Berdan Co., of Toledo, the largest wholesale grocery house in the Middle West, was elected Vice-President of the Harriman National Bank. He will devote his time to the bank's interest with particular attention to mercantile business in large cities.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pacific Bank of this city on Jan. 10 the following were unanimously re-elected directors for the ensuing year:

T. H. Banks,	James W. Cromwell,	William Skinner,
W. H. Bennett,	John F. Degener,	James A. Smith,
W. H. Browning,	Herman W. Hoops,	Daniel G. Tenney,
Frederic C. Buswell,	George Legg,	John T. Terry,
O. H. Cheney,	Francis R. Masters,	Carl Vietor,
Lewis L. Clarke,	W. R. Rose,	J. H. Walbridge.

At a subsequent meeting of the board of directors, O. H. Cheney was re-elected President and William Skinner and J. S. Hamilton were re-elected Vice-Presidents. F. E. Goldmann was re-appointed Cashier and J. C. Lawrence, E. R. Lawrence, Harry Van Brunt, C. M. Becannon, M. F. Bauer, A. G. Irvine, J. W. Konvalinka, Louis K. Hyde, Barrett D. Swain and Fred K. Teipel were re-appointed Assistant Cashiers. Hugh T. Owen, J. H. Meinke and J. E. Lewis were appointed Assistant Cashiers. Louis A. Mignot was re-appointed Auditor.

At this week's annual shareholders' meeting of the National Bank of Commerce in New York all the members of the board of directors were re-elected and Charles B. Seger, President of the United States Rubber Co., and George E. Roosevelt of the banking firm of Roosevelt & Son of New York City were elected directors of the bank. Reviewing the operations of the National Bank of Commerce in New York at the annual meeting on Jan. 9, James S. Alexander, President, said:

The result of our operations in 1922 has been satisfactory. The bank has consistently rendered full service to businesses still in the process of readjustment. Because of limited commercial requirements for funds, the bank made large investments in United States short-term securities, which yield a satisfactory income and are readily salable.

The result of operations of the National Bank of Commerce in New York for the year ended Dec. 31 1922 is as follows:

Profits after expenses and full provision for bad and doubtful items	\$7,228,877 93
Provision for Federal and other taxes	1,218,200 00
Net profits	\$6,010,677 93
Applied as follows:	
To payment of regular dividends of 12%	\$3,000,000
Extra dividend of 4%	1,000,000
	4,000,000 00
To addition to undivided profits account	\$2,010,677 93
The number of stockholders is 5,598, an increase for the year of 1,872.	
The average holding is a little more than 44 shares.	

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Seaboard National Bank of this city on the 9th inst. for the election of directors, the present board was unanimously re-elected to serve the ensuing year. At a regular meeting of the directors of the bank on the 11th, the entire staff of officers was re-elected.

The officers and directors of the Hamilton National Bank of New York gave a reception on the 11th inst. to the stockholders of the institution and its friends. The bank began business on Monday last, Jan. 8. The reception was held in the new quarters of the bank on the first and second floors of the Bush Terminal Building at 130 West 42d St. Part of the space was formerly occupied by the Buyers' Club, and was finished in English Gothic style of architecture when the building was constructed, which has been adapted for banking purposes. During the course of the reception a portrait of Alexander Hamilton and a reproduction of Trumbull's "Hamilton" at City Hall, was unveiled. In unveiling the portrait, Edmund D. Fisher, President of the new bank, said in part:

The name of Alexander Hamilton is an inspiration in banking organization, and a stimulation to efficient service in banking practice. When the

nation was founded no man did more in developing a suitable government and in planning fundamentally for the financial and economic development of the country. As is well known, Hamilton was a rare combination of financier, economist, and statesman, qualities of which in action there is little evidence to-day. In his plan for a national bank he initiated principles that are now incorporated in the Federal Reserve System, of which the Hamilton National Bank is a member. In his reports in relation to public credit, he formulated plans which might now well have the attention of European statesmen. In relation to debt verging on the borders of repudiation, he said: "Those who are most commonly creditors of a nation, are, generally speaking, enlightened men; and there are signal examples to warrant a conclusion, that when a candid and fair appeal is made to them, they will understand their true interest too well to refuse their concurrence in such modifications of their claims, as any real necessities may demand." This statement might very happily be read by the members of Congress, now studying the problem of Allied debt. If there was justification in authorizing the loans to the Allies as a measure of "national defense," as the measure stated, as part of an adjustment, we might now consider a bill for our share before we entered the war. Those who are trying to straighten out the world to-day are thinking in financial terms when they should really be thinking in economic terms. We do not care to have the debt paid from an economic standpoint, yet want it paid from a financial standpoint. Europe has workmen—America has raw material. I have a notion that Hamilton would have found some way to bring them together. His method was to very carefully analyze the basic facts before formulating a conclusion. The trouble to-day is that war propaganda has developed a technique of falsification to a lamentable extent, to such an extent that when actual truth is told it is rarely believed.

The directors of the bank are Irving T. Bush, Henry J. Davenport, Archibald C. Emery, Edmund D. Fisher, Arthur F. Hebard, Leonard A. Hoekstader, John Markle, Charles Miner, Homer W. Orvis, Frederick W. Prentice, Elmer A. Sperry, Frank D. Waller, Archibald R. Watson, Lewis E. Williams, H. Parker Willis. The officers are: Edmund D. Fisher, President; Lewis E. Williams, Vice-President and Cashier; Stanley J. Lathrop, Assistant Cashier; Sidney W. Guttentag, Assistant Cashier; Manager of the Women's Department, Miss Anne Seward. A detailed account of the organization of the bank and its affiliated companies—the New York Hamilton Corporation and the Hamilton Safe Deposit Co.—appeared in our issue of Nov. 25 last, page 2346.

The Morris Plan Insurance Society has completed its fifth year, having issued 34,200 policies in the year 1922 for an aggregate amount of \$8,223,600. Since November 1917 it has issued 139,000 policies for \$27,853,600. The Society's capital is \$100,000, and on Dec. 31 its surplus, undivided profits and reserves amounted to \$279,000, of which \$69,000 had been accumulated in 1922. The Society was organized primarily for the purpose of insuring borrowers from the one hundred Morris Plan banks and companies in the United States for the amount of their loans so long as they are outstanding—usually fifty weeks.

The New York Chapter Alumni Association of the American Institute of Banking has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Wm. M. Rosendale; First Vice-President, E. K. Dimock; Second Vice-President, Charles Shoch; Secretary, C. A. Brophy; Treasurer, F. I. Collins. The new executive committee has been appointed as follows: C. Quattlander, M. L. Wicks, M. Gehringer, F. S. Parker, M. F. Bauer and O. R. Kelly.

The American Acceptance Council will hold its annual dinner at the Hotel Biltmore, Friday evening, Jan. 19. The entire program will be given over to a discussion on Co-Operative Marketing and Agricultural Financing. The principal speakers will be Hon. John H. Howard, President, American Farm Bureau Federation, Chicago, Illinois; Paul M. Warburg, Chairman of the Board, International Acceptance Bank, Inc., New York City, and Fred I. Kent, Vice-President, Bankers Trust Co., New York City.

Announcement has been made by A. E. Duncan, Chairman of the Board of Commercial Credit Co., of the completion of a thorough reorganization of the Continental Guaranty Corporation, New York, the capital stock of which was recently purchased by Commercial Credit Co. The Continental Guaranty Corporation will continue to be operated and financed in every way as an independent corporation. The new officers of the Continental are: A. E. Duncan, Chairman of the Board; H. L. Wynegar, President; S. G. Rosson, Vice-President; B. A. McDonald, Vice-President at Toronto; J. G. Jarvie, Vice-President at London; C. L. Mathews, Vice-President; D. R. Dills, Secretary; Angus Fraser, Treasurer. The new board of directors of the Continental company consists of General Samuel McRoberts, President, Metropolitan Trust Co., also Chairman of the finance committee of the Armour companies; E. C. Delafield, President, Bank of America; H. M. Walker, Vice-President, Equitable Trust Co.; Charles P. Howland, Attorney, of Rushmore, Bisbee & Stern; H. L.

Wynegar, President; D. R. Dills, Secretary, all of New York, together with A. E. Duncan, Chairman of the Board; William H. Grimes, President, and S. F. Rosson, Vice-President of Commercial Credit Co., R. Walter Graham, of Meyer, Pitts & Co., and J. C. Fenhagen, of Robert Garrett & Sons, all of Baltimore. A syndicate composed of Robert Garrett & Sons, Baltimore; Cassatt & Co., Philadelphia, and Spencer Trask & Co., New York, offered the preferred stock of the Commercial Credit Co., the parent concern, last October.

J. H. Perkins, President of the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., of this city, issued on Jan. 6 the following announcement relative to the broadening of the company's facilities for the handling of business by it in France:

To broaden and perfect facilities for handling the business of its customers in France, the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. has established relations with the Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas, one of the leading financial institutions of Paris.

After Mar. 1 the office of the company's representative in France, Mr. James R. Barbour, will be located in the building occupied by the Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas at the corner of the Rue d'Antin and the Rue des Petits Champs. This convenient location is one block from the Avenue de l'Opera and the Place Vendome.

The Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. has maintained an office in Paris for 15 years, and the relationship now established is a development in the handling of the French business of its customers which has grown out of this long experience.

Customers of this company will hereafter enjoy the advantage of having their business in France transacted through a French institution possessing the advantages of extensive connections, experience and information.

Foreign exchange and letter of credit transactions, collections and other banking business in France can thus be accepted by the company with the assurance of prompt execution through an institution best equipped to render entirely satisfactory service.

The company welcomes the opportunity to place at its customers' disposal the facilities of the Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas in addition to the facilities heretofore provided for the transaction of business in France.

It is stated that the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. was the first American trust company to establish an office in Paris, which it has maintained for some 15 years. About a year ago it sold this office to the National City Bank, which assumed the banking functions of the Farmers' Loan in Paris. The company, however, continued to maintain an office in Paris for the accommodation of its American customers. The negotiations looking to the affiliation of the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. with the Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas were referred to in our issue of Dec. 16, page 2650. Through such a relationship, it is pointed out, the company is able to give to its customers in France the complete facilities of a leading French bank, having all of the relationships and advantages accruing to a native institution.

Harry E. Ward, President of the Irving National Bank of this city, issues the following notice incident to the proposed merger of the Irving National and the Columbia Trust Co., reference to which was made in these columns Nov. 4, page 1912, and Dec. 30, page 2870:

To Our Depositors:

January 5 1923.

You are doubtless aware from the announcements which have appeared in the public press of the forthcoming merger of the Irving National Bank, New York, and the Columbia Trust Co. As a preliminary step toward this merger, the Irving National Bank at the close of business Jan. 6 1923 will adopt a charter under the laws of the State of New York and will operate temporarily under the name "Irving Bank, New York."

The broad services, including deposit, credit-loan, trust, securities and foreign exchange at present afforded to all of our customers will be in no way affected by this change. The same personnel will serve you as in the past and membership will be continued in both the Federal Reserve System and in the New York Clearing House Association. In so far as our customers are concerned, the change, therefore, is in name only.

Your checks drawn upon the Irving National Bank will be honored after the change of name, and check books now in your possession may be used until exhausted.

At a later date you will be advised when the merger of the Irving and the Columbia Trust Co. will become effective. The combined institution will operate as "Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co."

Yours truly,

HARRY E. WARD, *President.*

The United States Trust Co. of New York in its statement of condition as of Jan. 1 1923 gives some interesting figures bearing upon its holdings of investment securities. The statement itself is unique in that it presents in detail all of the varied assortment of security issues held for investment by the institution with the present book value as compared with the par value. The trust company reports total resources of \$74,454,670, compared with \$70,718,442 a year ago, with cash in its vault and in banks of \$9,076,143, collateral loans of \$39,831,155, United States Treasury three-year notes of \$4,000,000, real estate owned of \$1,000,000, stock and bond investments of \$13,066,420 carried at book value, bonds and mortgages of \$4,314,045, and bills purchased of \$2,664,566. Capital, surplus and undivided profits stand at \$18,524,569, compared with \$17,521,207 a year ago. The company's deposits at the beginning of the new year stood at \$54,834,244.

Among the stock and bond investments of the trust company, as set forth in the statement, are \$2,000,000 par value in various United States Government bond issues, \$1,325,000 of various New York City issues of corporate stock, \$250,000 United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland 5½s of 1937, and \$250,000 of Province of Ontario, Canada, 6s of 1925. The holdings of railroad securities number more than 35 issues of equipment trust certificates and bonds, while the list of industrial bonds includes the issues of six leading corporations. The trust company carries also 8,400 shares of stock of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Charles Jerome Edwards has been elected a Vice-President of the Roosevelt Savings Bank of Brooklyn. Mr. Edwards is a charter member of the board of trustees of the institution, which was organized in 1895. He is a director of the Mechanics' Bank and of the Morris Plan Company, which has a Brooklyn office. He is also a Vice-President and director of the Manhattan Bridge Three-Cent Line, Vice-President and director of the New York Plate Glass Insurance Co., and is Brooklyn manager of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Martin F. Shea, 100 Broadway, New York, has been elected a director of the Bank of Sheepshead Bay.

A merger was consummated on Jan. 2 1923 of the Vermont National Bank and the People's National Bank of Brattleboro, Vt., under the title of the Vermont People's National Bank. The new institution has a capital of \$400,000 and surplus and undivided profits of \$913,600. The officers are James M. Tyler, President; J. Gray Estey, Vice-President; Charles G. Staples, Cashier; Robert C. Clark, Clarence L. Stiekney and L. Guy Tasker, Assistant Cashiers.

Waldron H. Rand, Jr., Vice-President of the Commonwealth Trust Co., was elected President of the Massachusetts Trust Companies Association at the annual meeting and luncheon on Dec. 27. H. L. Sherman, President of the Merchants Trust Co. of Lawrence, was elected Vice-President; A. J. Meserve, Vice-President of the Brookline Trust Co., Secretary-Treasurer. The following were elected to the executive committee to serve until 1925, Allan Forbes, President of the State Street Trust Co.; to serve until 1926, A. C. Ratchesky, President of the United States Trust Co. of Boston and Leland H. Cole, President of the Naumkeag Trust Co. of Salem.

At the annual meeting of the directors of the Morristown Trust Co. of Morristown, N. J., on the 9th inst., the board was increased from 13 members to 16 members. The old directors were re-elected and the following were elected to the board: Douglas S. Bushnell, President of the Buckeye Pipe Line Co.; William P. Jenks of the banking firm of Jenks, Gwynne & Co. of New York, and Phillip G. Gossler, President of the Columbia Gas & Electric Co. of New York, all except Mr. Gossler being residents of Morristown.

At a regular meeting of the board of directors of the Ninth Title & Trust Co., Philadelphia, on Jan. 4 1923 a dividend of 2% (\$1.50 a share) was declared payable Jan. 15 1923 to stockholders of record Dec. 30 1922. This is the first dividend paid by that company, which opened for business Oct. 7 1920. Its deposits now total \$1,350,000.

A. W. C. Calloway, President Davis Coal & Coke Co., and M. C. Kennedy, Vice-President Pennsylvania RR. Co., have been elected directors of the First National Bank of Philadelphia.

William M. Anderson was this week elected to the board of Drovers & Merchants National Bank of Philadelphia. The par value of the stock was increased at the annual meeting from \$50 to \$100 a share.

Nathan T. Folwell has resigned as director of the Union National Bank of Philadelphia and has been succeeded by his son, P. Donald Folwell.

H. E. Gerhard retired this week as a director of the Centennial National Bank of Philadelphia and Charles L. Borie Jr., of Zantzinger, Borie & Medary, was chosen to succeed him.

Gustav Rumpf, President of the Hancock Knitting Mills and the Fidelity Knitting Mills, and Ernest A. Wright Jr., President of E. A. Wright Company, were elected to the board of directors of the National Bank of North Philadelphia, Philadelphia, at this week's annual meeting.

Samuel S. Fretz Jr. has been elected to the board of the National Security Bank of Philadelphia in place of George B. Allen, who declined re-election.

The stockholders of the Central National Bank of Philadelphia on the 9th inst. re-elected the directors and ratified the plans to increase the capital from \$1,000,000 to \$1,250,000. As indicated in our issue of Dec. 23, page 2759, the present stockholders are given the right to subscribe at par for the new stock in proportion of one share for about four now held. The new capital will become effective Feb. 28.

William B. Read, Treasurer of the E. G. Budd Manufacturing Company, was this week elected to the board of the National Bank of Germantown, Philadelphia, succeeding M. L. Finckel, retired.

John H. Cowperthwait was elected to the board of directors of the Broad Street National Bank of Philadelphia this week, succeeding Harry Brocklehurst, resigned. The proposal to increase the capital of the bank from \$250,000 to \$375,000 has been duly approved by the Comptroller of the Currency and took effect Jan. 9. At the stockholders' meeting on the 9th inst. the articles of association were amended, changing the par value of the stock from \$50 to \$100.

A new bank opened for business in Philadelphia on Dec. 27. It is known as the Mechanics & Merchants Bank and is located at 3347-49 Market Street. It has a capital of \$50,000 and surplus of \$5,000. The officers are E. M. Blose, President; S. H. Randall, Vice-President, and Wm. E. Zecher, Cashier.

A merger of the State Bank of Philadelphia with the Peoples Bank was consummated on Jan. 1 1923, the combined institutions to operate under the title and charter of the Peoples Bank. Upon the completion of the necessary legal technicalities the capital of the Peoples Bank will be \$500,000 and the surplus \$250,000. To the following list of the officials of the Peoples Bank there will be added upon election by the reorganized board the name of Harold C. Krauskopf as Vice-President. Charles Lipshutz, President; Maurice L. Wurzel, Chairman of the Board; Morris Haber, Vice-President; Anthony G. Felix, Vice-President and Cashier; Albert N. Grayev, Emanuel M. Oliner, A. Reed Engle, H. Carlton Antrim and Louis M. Klingsberg, Assistant Cashiers. The directors of the Peoples Bank are Morris Haber, Samuel Haber, Chas. Lipshutz, Maurice L. Wurzel, Jacob C. Reinish, Mayer Lichtenstein, Harry Sacks, Lewis Shubin and Louis A. Schneyer.

A consolidation of the Standing Stone National Bank and the Union National Bank of Huntingdon, Pa., under the title of the latter institution was consummated on Jan. 1. The enlarged institution has a capital of \$175,000 and surplus and undivided profits of \$133,000. The officials are: President, John White; Vice-President, J. B. Kunz; Cashier, R. M. Watson; Assistant Cashiers, A. P. Silverthorn and A. V. Shaffner.

At the close of the year John B. H. Dunn severed his connection with the Merchants' National Bank of Baltimore, of which institution he had been a Vice-President since 1918. He had been connected with the bank since early in 1892, when he entered its employ as a runner. Eight years later (1900) he was elected Assistant Cashier of the bank and in 1903 its Cashier. Mr. Dunn is a director of the Savings Bank of Baltimore and is Treasurer of the Export & Import Board of Trade of that city.

A unique radio program was broadcasted on Christmas night by WJAX, the radio broadcasting station of the Union Trust Co., Cleveland. The Union Trust Co. has a private telephone wire from its radio sending room to the Cleveland Public Auditorium. This auditorium contains what is probably the largest and finest organ in the world. To bring the Public Auditorium organ and Christmas music to the many

thousands of radio fans in Ohio and nearby States, the Union Trust Co., Lincoln G. Dickey, Manager of the Cleveland Public Auditorium, and Edwin Arthur Kraft, organist and choir-master of Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, arranged a Christmas night radio program. Mr. Kraft took his entire choir down to the Public Auditorium on Christmas night and a complete program of Christmas music was rendered, including about a dozen old-fashioned Christmas carols. Four times daily WJAX broadcasts market reports and financial news at a wave length of 485 meters, but two evenings a week, regularly—Tuesday and Thursday night—WJAX puts on a concert at a wave length of 360 meters.

J. Wachenheimer, formerly Vice-President of the Commercial National Bank of Peoria, Ill., the largest bank in Illinois outside of Chicago, has been elected President of that institution to succeed John Finley, who recently died. William Hazzard, formerly Cashier, has been elected Vice-President.

At the meeting of the board of directors of the Union Trust Co., Chicago, on the 9th inst., immediately following the annual meeting of the stockholders, the bank's surplus was increased from \$2,700,000 to \$3,000,000, making the combined amount of capital and surplus \$5,000,000. Of this total amount \$3,875,000 has been earned since the bank was chartered in 1869 under the management of Stephen W. Rawson, the father of Frederick H. Rawson, who has been President since 1905.

The election of J. Fletcher Farrell as director adds to the board of the Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago a man of wide experience in the banking field. Mr. Farrell is Vice-President of the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Co., was formerly connected with the Third National Bank of St. Louis and as Vice-President of the Fort Dearborn National Bank of Chicago. Prior to entering the financial field Mr. Farrell was Assistant State Treasurer of Missouri. C. A. Birdsall and A. J. Stilwell were elected Assistant Cashiers. Both come from the New Business Department of the bank. Wm. G. Mackintosh, for a long time in active charge of the Foreign Department as assistant manager, was appointed manager.

The stockholders of the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago elected Edward F. Carry, President of the Pullman Company, to the board. Mr. Carry is also on the board of the National Bank. E. D. Brooks of the Bond Department was made manager of sales and Ray L. Junod and George A. Waldorf assistant managers of the department.

Three new names were added to the board of directors of Noel State Bank, of Chicago, at this week's annual meeting: Bernard Brozowski, Attorney; John S. Edwards, President, Armitage Clothing Co., and Ole Gullicksen, President, Churchill Cabinet Co. Otto J. Hartwig was re-elected Chairman of the Board. Two additional Assistant Cashiers were appointed, namely Peter I. Bukowski and Wm. H. Oellerich. Erazm Oulashin was appointed Manager of the Foreign Department. Joseph R. Noel is President of the bank.

On Dec. 30 1922 the First Wisconsin National Bank of Milwaukee transferred \$1,000,000 from undivided profits to surplus. By this addition the surplus is increased to \$4,000,000, or double what it was in 1919. The combined capital and surplus of the bank is now \$10,000,000.

The American Exchange Bank of Bristow, Neb., failed to open on Jan. 2, according to a special dispatch from Lincoln, Neb., printed in the Omaha "Bee" of the following day. The reasons for the failure were given as "withdrawal of outside deposits and frozen real estate securities." The bank had a capital of \$25,000 with surplus and undivided profits of \$4,000.

The Berwyn State Bank, a small Nebraska institution, with capital of \$15,000, was closed on Dec. 26 by order of the State Department of Trade & Commerce, according to a special press dispatch from Lincoln on that date, printed in the Omaha "Bee" of Dec. 27.

Mrs. Emilie N. Plaek of Norfolk, Va., has been elected Vice-President of The Morris Plan Bank of that city—the oldest

of the Morris Plan banks and companies now in operation in over 100 cities. Mrs. Plack retains the position of cashier, which she held for several years before her promotion.

The Commercial National Bank of Wilmington, N. C., was closed on Dec. 30 by W. P. Folger, a National Bank Examiner, who had been examining the books of the institution for several days prior to that date. A notice posted on the door stated that the institution had been closed by order of the Comptroller of the Currency and that the bank examiner had taken charge. The latest statement of the failed bank, it is said, showed a combined capital and surplus of \$225,000 and resources of \$3,000,000.

Benjamin Lloyd Gaddis, Jr., former President of the defunct Merchants Bank of Montgomery, Ala. (which closed its doors on Dec. 24 1921) recently pleaded guilty to an indictment charging the making of false entries and was sentenced by Judge Jones in the Circuit Court to serve from four to six years in the penitentiary, according to a press dispatch from Montgomery, printed in the Birmingham "Age-Herald" of Dec. 21. The dispatch further stated that since the bank was closed the State Banking Department had paid to depositors 37½% of the amount of their claims.

R. S. Hecht, President of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans, in the annual statement to the stockholders, under date of Dec. 30, reports that the increase in the bank's deposits during the year amounted to about 25%, having risen from \$40,344,221 on Dec. 31 1921 to \$50,563,421 on Dec. 30 1922. He adds:

Our total loans are somewhat greater just now than they were in December 1921. However, there were several months during the summer when the demand for loans was very limited indeed, with the result that interest rates declined to lower figures than we had experienced for several years. But, notwithstanding the material decrease in the total amount of interest collected, the total earnings of the bank were very satisfactory and showed a substantial increase over the year 1921.

The usual dividend of 24% has been declared and all losses ascertained during the year have been charged off. In addition, we have written off on our building and fixture account the full amounts permissible under the United States income tax regulations, and have transferred a substantial amount to contingent account to provide for possible losses not yet ascertained.

At the time of our last annual report we had just moved into our handsome new building, and we then expressed the belief that the greater facilities we could offer our clients in our new surroundings would mean increased business to us, and that the upper floors of the building would be filled up with tenants within 12 months. It is pleasant to be able to report that our expectations in this respect have been fully justified by the progress of the year.

When we moved into the new building our deposits were \$36,863,408 as against \$50,563,421 to-day. Our customers numbered 48,998 when we started in the new building. To-day this number has grown to 53,913, notwithstanding the fact that the recent Clearing House rule imposing a service charge of 50 cents a month on accounts averaging less than \$100 has caused a considerable number of small accounts to be closed.

The Hibernia Securities Co., whose common stock is carried by five trustees for the pro rata benefit of the bank's shareholders, has also had a very prosperous year and has declared the usual 20% on its common stock of \$10 par value, thus bringing the total disbursements on the bank's stock to 26%.

In addition to the New York office, which is growing in size and importance, the Hibernia Securities Co. during the year has opened offices in Atlanta and Dallas in order to enable it to better serve the needs of the Southeast and Southwest sections of the country, whence we have been getting a steadily increasing number of clients each year. The results so far accomplished in both cities have been highly satisfactory, and this increased field of activity will mean, of course, greater distributing power and a broader market for high grade Southern securities.

The gratifying results of the year are due in no small measure to the wholehearted co-operation of our shareholders, whose numbers increase from year to year. We now have 769 stockholders, of which 413 are men, 344 are women, and 12 corporations. The largest number of shares owned by any one holder is 536 shares, and the smallest holder has one share, or an average holding of about 26 shares; indeed a rather unusual distribution of ownership and a very good illustration of the popular and democratic spirit of our institution.

The Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans announces the promotion of William B. Wisdom to the post of Publicity Manager of their institution. Mr. Wisdom entered the employ of the bank in August 1921 and has been a member of the advertising staff since January 1922. At the annual meeting of stockholders (held Jan. 9 1923) of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co., the following directors were re-elected for the ensuing year:

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| C. E. Allgeyer | Geo. J. Glover | Bernard McCloskey |
| Gus B. Baldwin | H. R. Gould | Hugh McCloskey |
| A. Brittin | R. S. Hecht | J. S. Otis |
| E. J. Caire | Alvin P. Howard | W. L. Richeson |
| R. E. Craig | Paul F. Jahncke | E. G. Schlieder |
| H. Generes Dufour | Ferdinand Katz | W. P. Simpson |
| Peter F. Dunn | Frank L. Levy | Hugh E. Vincent |
| C. P. Ellis | Ernest M. Loeb | Frederick Wilbert |
| F. W. Ellsworth | J. J. Manson | R. W. Wilmet |
| F. W. Evans | D. B. Martinez | S. Zemurray |
| John T. Gibbons, Jr. | C. S. Mathews | |

Mr. Wisdom succeeds William Edward Brown, who has been promoted to the sales force of the Hibernia Securities Co., Inc. H. R. Gould of H. R. Gould & Co., and F. W. Evans, President and General Manager of D. H. Holmes

Co., have been elected to the board of directors of the Hibernia Securities Co. to succeed the late P. H. Wilkinson and Adolph Katz.

The name of the Dallas County State Bank of Dallas, Tex., is to be changed to the Mercantile Bank & Trust Co. and the capital will be increased from \$250,000 to \$500,000. Action on these proposals will be taken at the annual stockholders' meeting in January. The institution will add a trust department to its business under the proposed plans.

Los Angeles will have its first Women's Banking Department, directed by a woman—Miss Grace E. Stoermer, Secretary of the Senate of California—with the removal of the Bank of Italy into its new building at Seventh and Olive Streets. Under Miss Stoermer's supervision this department is being organized to furnish complete banking service exclusively for women, and the staff will be entirely of women. Every feature of banking, including savings, commercial, trust and investment service will be offered through this department, as well as the more specialized subjects, such as home management and personal or business budgets.

Declaration of a 12% dividend by the Stockholders Auxiliary Corporation, an affiliation of Bank of Italy, of San Francisco, has been announced by its board of directors. This action places the stock of both the Bank of Italy and the Stockholders Auxiliary Corporation on a 12% dividend basis. In a letter to stockholders, P. C. Hale, Vice-President of the Bank of Italy, pointed out that the combined capital and surplus of both organizations, is now \$25,500,000 and the number of shareholders 16,000. The resources of the Bank of Italy have increased more than \$50,000,000 during the past year, the figures at present being in excess of \$245,000,000. The growth during 1922 is greater than that shown in 1919, when the "Wall Street Journal" credited the institution with the greatest deposit increase of any bank in the United States.

Five new units joined the First National-Pacific-Southwest Banking Group on Jan. 2. These are the Ocean Park Bank, with branches at Venice and Santa Monica, the San Fernando National Bank and the Community Bank of Whittier. Through the method of decentralized control, these banks will remain independent units, with the same officers, directors, stockholders and employees. As a result of the merger they will be known as the Ocean Park Branch, the Venice Branch, the Santa Monica Branch, the San Fernando Branch and the Community Branch, Whittier, of the Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank. An announcement in the matter says:

None of the transactions entailed an outright purchase of stock. The stockholders of each of the banks, through an exchange of shares in the First National Bank of Los Angeles, the Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank and the First Securities Co., become co-partners in the entire business of the First National-Pacific-Southwest group. Through the merger agreements there will be in each case continued local control. The benefit to the communities represented by the merging banks will be felt through the added capital placed at their disposal.

Under the statement of condition of Sept. 15 last, the aggregate resources of the First National Bank of Los Angeles, the Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank and the First Securities Co., were in excess of \$200,000,000. Under the same call for statements the Ocean Park Bank, with its branches in Venice and Santa Monica, showed resources of \$3,174,087 05; the San Fernando National Bank \$883,445 98, and the Community Bank of Whittier, \$903,180 83.

The officers of the merging banks, who will remain in control of the institutions, are: Ocean Park Branch, T. H. Dudley, Vice-President and Supervising Directors, Santa Monica Bay District; Venice Branch, Herbert H. Hertz, Manager; Santa Monica Branch, Mrs. E. Vejar, Manager; San Fernando Branch, Fred W. Prince, San Fernando, Vice-President and Manager, and Community Branch, Whittier, Fred Pease, Whittier, Vice-President and Manager.

The sixty-seventh annual statement of the Bank of Toronto, covering the fiscal year ended Nov. 30 1922, makes a very encouraging showing, notwithstanding the trying general business conditions prevailing during the period. The bank's total resources are given as \$94,456,242, of which \$40,752,532 are quick assets, or equal to 49.46% of the bank's liabilities to the public, as against 47.42% in the preceding year. Net profits for the 12 months were \$878,762 (being equal to 17.57% on the paid-up capital), which, when added to \$1,037,479, the balance to credit of profit and loss brought forward from 1921, made \$1,916,241 available for distribution. After appropriating from this amount \$600,000 to pay the usual dividend of 12% per annum; \$80,000 reserved for accrued taxes; \$25,000 transferred to officers' pension fund, and \$150,000 written off bank premises, there was left the sum of \$1,061,241 to be carried forward to next year's profit

and loss account. Total deposits are shown in the report as \$73,678,757 and current loans at \$49,550,374. The bank's capital is \$5,000,000, with a rest of \$6,000,000.

The forty-eighth annual report of the Banque d'Hochelaga (Montreal) covering the 12 months ended Nov. 30 1922, shows net profits for the period, after the usual deductions, of \$604,830, which, when added to \$184,707, representing the balance to credit of profit and loss brought forward from the preceding 12 months, \$789,537 is obtained as available for distribution. From this sum, the report shows, the following appropriations were made: \$400,000 to cover four quarterly dividends; \$20,000 contributed to officers' pension fund; \$75,000 reserved for Government taxes and \$100,000 written off bank premises, leaving a balance at credit of profits and loss of \$194,536, to be carried forward to next year. Total assets of the institution are shown as \$67,531,053, of which \$25,558,886 are quick assets, while total deposits stand at \$53,570,031. J. A. Vaillancourt is President and Beaudry Leman, General Manager.

The agent of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation is in receipt of a wire from the head office of the bank stating that subject to audit, dividend will probably be three pounds per share—bonus in addition two pounds per share; place to silver reserve Hongkong dollars one million; write off property Hongkong dollars, one million; carry forward, about Hongkong dollars, three million, three hundred and fifty thousand.

The annual report of the National Bank of Scotland, Ltd. (head office Edinburgh) for the fiscal year ending Nov. 1 1922, and which was presented to the proprietors of the institution at their annual general meeting on Dec. 21, has just been received. Net profits for the 12 months, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts, the report shows, amounted to £291,063, which when added to £66,461, balance to credit of profit and loss brought forward from the preceding year, made the sum of £357,524 available for distribution. Out of this amount, it was resolved, the report says, to appropriate the following sums: £128,263 to pay a dividend at the rate of 16% per annum (this being exclusive of income tax of £47,737); £20,000 to the heritable property account; £30,000 to the officers' pension fund; £15,000 to the bank's annuity fund and £100,000 to reserve fund, leaving a balance in the sum of £64,261 to be carried forward to next year's profit and loss account. Total resources are shown in the report as £42,080,599. The subscribed capital of the institution is £5,000,000, of which £1,100,000 is called up; £900,000 uncalled and £3,000,000 reserve liability, while the reserve fund is now £1,200,000. The Duke of Montrose, K.T., is Governor of the National Bank of Scotland; the Marquis of Zetland, K.T., Deputy-Governor, and William Carnegie, General Manager.

The annual report of the Commercial Bank of Scotland, Ltd. (head office Edinburgh) for the fiscal year ended Oct. 31, and which was presented to the proprietors of the bank on Dec. 18, is at hand and shows satisfactory results for the period covered. Net profits for the 12 months, after providing for rebate of discount and interest and for all bad and doubtful debts, the report shows, amounted to £349,599 10s. To this sum was added £57,817 10s., representing the balance to profit and loss brought forward for the preceding year, making together £407,417. Out of this amount, the report states, there was applied in July in payment of the half-year's dividends on the "A" and "B" shares at the rate of 15% and 10% per annum, respectively, £84,115 (under deduction of income tax, £34,635), leaving a balance of £323,302, which the directors recommended be appropriated in the following way: £89,062 (under deduction of income tax, £29,687) to pay the second semi-annual dividends (payable Jan. 2 1923) on the "A" and "B" shares; £9,108 (under deduction of income tax, £3,392) to pay a bonus of 1% (payable Jan. 2 1923) on the "A" shares; £125,000 to be placed at credit of reserve fund; £25,000 to be added to officers' retiring allowance fund and £20,000 to be applied in reduction of the cost of the bank's properties, leaving a balance of £55,132 to be carried forward to next year's profit and loss account. Total assets of the bank as of Oct. 31 1922 are given as £49,091,595, while deposits on the same date are shown as £40,071,556. The institution has a paid-up capital of £1,750,000, with a reserve fund of £1,600,000. The Earl of Mar and Kellie, K.T., is Governor of the bank, and Alexander Robb, General Manager.

The Curb Market.

There was no uniformity to price movements in the Curb Market this week, though the undertone was firm. Quite a number of high points were reached, especially among the industrials, of which the motor shares were conspicuous. Durant Motors, after early loss from 75 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 74, ran up to 82 $\frac{3}{4}$ and closed to-day at 81 $\frac{1}{8}$. Durant Motors of Indiana sold down at first from 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ then up to 24 $\frac{3}{8}$ and at 23 $\frac{1}{8}$ finally. Hayes Wheel gained over three points, to 43. Stutz Motors made a substantial gain, advancing from 17 $\frac{3}{8}$ to 23 $\frac{3}{4}$, the close to-day being at 22 $\frac{7}{8}$. Fleischmann Co. common eased off from 33 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 31 $\frac{5}{8}$, recovered to 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ and ends the week at 33 $\frac{1}{4}$. Glen Alden Coal rose from 56 to 61 $\frac{1}{8}$. Intercontinental Rubber was comparatively active and gained over 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ points to 6 $\frac{7}{8}$, the close to-day being at 6 $\frac{3}{4}$. Amalgamated Leather Com. improved from 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 16 $\frac{3}{8}$, reacted to 16 and moved upward again, reaching 17 $\frac{1}{2}$. The closing transaction to-day was at 17. Oil shares, while fairly active, show small price changes. Southern Pipe Line advanced from 100 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 104 $\frac{1}{2}$ and sold finally at 104. Standard Oil (Indiana) fell from 62 $\frac{5}{8}$ to 60 $\frac{1}{4}$, recovered to 63 $\frac{3}{8}$ and ends the week at 62 $\frac{7}{8}$. Standard Oil (Nebraska) sold up from 189 to 208 and at 207 finally. Standard Oil (Ohio) after a gain of four points to 309, dropped to 300 with the final transaction to-day at 306. Vacuum Oil advanced from 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 47, the close to-day being at 46 $\frac{7}{8}$. Mammoth Oil rose from 49 $\frac{3}{8}$ to 53, the final transaction to-day being at 52 $\frac{1}{2}$. Maracaibo Oil Exploration weakened from 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 11 $\frac{1}{8}$ and finished to-day at 11 $\frac{1}{4}$. Gulf Oil of Pa. lost about four points to 57 $\frac{1}{2}$, recovering finally to 58. Bonds fairly active and firm.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 169.

Course of Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings continue to show an increase over a year ago, though for the current week the ratio of gain is rather moderate. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ending to-day, Saturday Jan. 13, aggregate bank clearings for all the cities in the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will show an augmentation of 8.8% as compared with the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$7,911,898,738, against \$7,271,912,785 for the same week in 1922. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week ending January 13.	1923.	1922.	Per Cent.
New York.....	\$3,462,000,000	\$3,431,500,000	+0.9
Chicago.....	538,012,752	436,852,823	+23.2
Philadelphia.....	383,000,000	337,000,000	+13.6
Boston.....	306,000,000	253,000,000	+20.9
Kansas City.....	125,121,669	119,539,644	+4.7
St. Louis.....	a	a	a
San Francisco.....	142,400,000	128,600,000	+10.7
Pittsburgh.....	123,153,559	*101,500,000	+21.3
Detroit.....	94,547,388	82,700,616	+14.3
Baltimore.....	73,965,115	55,104,277	+34.2
New Orleans.....	59,721,681	49,071,635	+21.7
Ten cities, five days.....	\$5,307,922,164	\$4,994,868,995	+6.3
Other cities, five days.....	1,285,326,785	1,065,058,326	+20.7
Total all cities, five days.....	6,593,248,949	6,059,927,321	+8.8
All cities, one day.....	1,318,649,789	1,211,985,464	+8.8
Total all cities for week.....	\$7,911,898,738	\$7,271,912,785	+8.8

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday) and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day, while we go to press late Friday night. Accordingly in the above the last day of the week has in all cases had to be estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous—the week ending Jan. 6. For that week the increase is 17.0%, the 1923 aggregate of the clearings being \$8,426,743,959 and 1922 aggregate \$7,199,947,140. Outside of this city, however, the increase is 21.7%, the bank exchanges at this centre having recorded a gain of only 13.9%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and again the noteworthy feature of the return is that every one of these Federal Reserve districts record an increase as compared with the corresponding week last year. The Boston Reserve District shows an improvement of 32.2% the New York Reserve District (including this city) of 13.9%, and the Philadelphia Reserve District of 25.4%. The Cleveland Reserve Dis-

trict records a gain of 6.3%; the Richmond Reserve District of 33.5%, and the Atlanta Reserve District of 16.1%. In the Chicago Reserve District the clearings total is larger by 27.7%; in the St. Louis Reserve District by 33.3%, and the Minneapolis Reserve District by 19.6%. The Kansas City Reserve District has an increase of 8.8%; the Dallas Reserve District of 15.5%, and the San Francisco Reserve District of 15.1%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week ending Jan. 6, 1923.	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1921.	1920.
Federal Reserve Districts.					
(1st) Boston—10 cities	449,927,472	340,390,426	+32.2	450,403,567	450,364,285
(2nd) New York—9 "	4,949,621,826	4,344,500,460	+13.9	5,647,891,573	5,635,526,443
(3rd) Philadelphia—9 "	642,389,887	427,300,115	+25.4	554,236,482	512,893,567
(4th) Cleveland—9 "	364,748,391	343,219,304	+6.3	465,891,845	425,275,589
(5th) Richmond—5 "	180,294,840	135,000,308	+33.5	191,666,911	204,048,386
(6th) Atlanta—12 "	191,080,160	164,567,535	+16.1	187,011,886	270,429,665
(7th) Chicago—19 "	860,343,858	673,681,960	+27.7	876,234,422	903,807,381
(8th) St. Louis—7 "	75,385,189	56,564,730	+33.3	65,353,205	86,556,031
(9th) Minneapolis—7 "	114,511,079	95,718,058	+19.6	138,729,713	90,027,007
(10th) Kansas City—11 "	246,669,642	226,802,815	+8.8	225,327,168	414,061,170
(11th) Dallas—5 "	64,552,229	55,897,087	+15.5	64,194,968	92,537,315
(12th) San Francisco—14 "	387,219,386	336,304,342	+15.1	394,356,589	376,552,992
Grand total—117 cities	8,426,743,959	7,199,947,140	+17.0	9,261,298,329	9,462,080,831
Outside New York City	3,555,730,817	2,922,576,958	+21.7	3,690,092,960	3,904,118,640
Canada—29 cities	345,963,701	341,212,006	+1.4	388,400,094	447,957,560

We now add our detailed statement, showing last week's figures for each city separately, for the four years:

Clearings at—	Week ending January 6.				
	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1921.	1920.
First Federal Reserve District—Boston					
Me.—Bangor	1,018,075	974,869	+4.4	1,212,562	942,392
Portland	3,648,827	*3,000,000	+21.6	3,200,000	3,100,000
Mass.—Boston	408,000,000	304,000,000	+34.2	405,733,370	410,623,218
Fall River	2,188,105	1,845,264	+18.6	1,829,684	3,480,052
Holyoke	a	a	a	a	a
Lowell	1,268,413	1,022,344	+24.1	1,560,167	1,527,249
Lynn	a	a	a	a	a
New Bedford	1,348,215	1,299,595	+3.7	1,662,774	2,436,372
Springfield	6,590,149	4,738,638	+39.1	6,541,755	5,242,697
Worcester	4,793,363	3,975,811	+20.6	5,657,246	5,046,722
Conn.—Hartford	15,486,313	13,038,034	+18.8	15,199,779	10,871,441
New Haven	5,586,012	6,495,871	-14.0	7,806,230	7,094,142
R.I.—Providence	a	a	a	a	a
Total (10 cities)	449,927,472	340,390,426	+32.2	450,403,567	450,364,285
Second Federal Reserve District—New York					
N. Y.—Albany	6,161,453	5,305,864	+16.1	5,000,000	6,170,468
Binghamton	1,456,700	1,197,600	+21.6	1,250,000	1,428,200
Buffalo	e45,481,847	37,038,304	+22.8	44,093,754	50,404,786
Elmira	685,308	Not included	In total		
Jamestown	d1,064,541	835,137	+27.5		
New York	4,871,013,142	4,277,370,182	+13.9	5,571,205,369	5,557,962,191
Rochester	14,601,002	14,673,449	-0.5	16,974,861	12,465,572
Syracuse	6,470,745	5,404,457	+19.7	7,080,816	6,556,254
Conn.—Stamford	d2,898,670	2,134,698	+35.8	1,730,420	
N. J.—Montclair	473,726	540,769	-12.4	556,353	538,972
Total (9 cities)	4,949,621,826	4,344,500,460	+13.9	5,647,891,573	5,635,526,443
Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia					
Pa.—Altoona	1,289,038	908,153	+41.9	1,271,145	994,985
Bethlehem	4,042,883	*3,800,000	+6.4	4,504,279	
Chester	a	a	a	a	a
Lancaster	2,310,923	2,310,344	+45.5	2,935,833	2,400,000
Philadelphia	513,000,000	408,000,000	+25.7	532,913,711	496,422,540
Reading	3,669,286	3,030,268	+21.1	3,524,504	3,943,088
Seranton	6,608,397	5,341,679	+23.7	6,589,749	7,263,744
Wilkes-Barre	e3,448,000	*3,448,000	+0.8	3,089,678	3,581,174
York	1,647,640	1,840,913	-10.5	1,600,000	1,699,616
N. J.—Trenton	5,296,345	3,962,437	+33.7	4,397,332	3,842,164
Del.—Wilmington	a	a	a	a	a
Total (9 cities)	542,389,887	427,300,115	+25.4	554,236,482	512,893,567
Fourth Federal Reserve District—Cleveland					
Ohio—Akron	e6,253,000	5,401,000	+15.8	8,505,000	13,375,000
Canton	5,333,321	3,224,984	+65.4	8,928,873	15,742,239
Cincinnati	e67,387,000	53,494,314	+26.0	73,629,771	70,635,626
Cleveland	e108,721,000	90,517,935	+20.1	142,410,896	148,937,725
Columbus	14,690,500	13,362,300	+9.9	17,996,800	15,265,100
Dayton	a	a	a	a	a
Lima	708,934	933,850	-24.1	1,356,821	1,349,093
Mansfield	a	a	a	a	a
Springfield	a	a	a	a	a
Toledo	a	a	a	a	a
Youngstown	a	a	a	a	a
Pa.—Erie	e4,469,939	4,339,659	+3.0	8,000,000	7,646,202
Greensburg	a	a	a	a	a
Pittsburgh	153,067,463	*167,600,000	-8.7	202,711,066	157,815,791
W. Va.—Wheeling	4,117,234	4,345,262	-5.2	6,066,189	5,371,861
Total (9 cities)	364,748,391	342,219,304	+6.3	465,891,845	425,275,589
Fifth Federal Reserve District—Richmond					
W. Va.—Huntton	d2,005,262	1,415,260	+41.7	2,083,886	1,995,205
Va.—Norfolk	e8,309,294	6,544,717	+27.0	8,928,873	15,742,239
Richmond	50,240,563	37,862,000	+32.7	52,196,167	75,647,315
S. C.—Charleston	a	a	a	a	a
Md.—Baltimore	97,839,372	70,186,111	+39.4	106,959,078	91,776,397
D. C.—Washington	21,900,349	18,922,220	+15.3	21,498,907	18,888,590
Total (5 cities)	180,294,840	135,000,308	+33.5	191,666,911	204,048,386
Sixth Federal Reserve District—Atlanta					
Tenn.—Chatt'g	e6,361,282	4,701,146	+35.3	6,540,101	8,984,289
Knoxville	3,740,733	3,425,623	+9.2	4,148,664	3,582,611
Nashville	20,326,187	16,555,405	+22.8	20,000,000	33,283,004
Ga.—Atlanta	52,765,035	44,501,072	+18.6	58,239,665	93,989,361
Augusta	2,021,667	1,869,565	+8.1	3,009,141	6,199,542
Macon	1,784,599	1,350,000	+32.2	*1,700,000	*1,900,000
Savannah	a	a	a	a	a
Fla.—Jack'sville	11,447,777	9,442,056	+21.2	12,776,101	12,431,101
Ala.—Birm'ham	32,061,789	22,185,471	+44.5	22,216,056	22,486,701
Mobile	2,403,595	2,118,734	+13.4	4,024,137	2,683,654
Miss.—Jackson	1,082,872	970,282	+11.6	1,009,840	942,812
Vicksburg	521,385	527,276	-1.1	517,628	538,984
La.—N. Orleans	56,963,239	56,920,905	-0.6	52,830,553	83,407,606
Total (12 cities)	191,080,160	164,567,535	+16.1	187,011,886	270,429,665

Clearings at—

Week ending January 6.

Clearings at—	Week ending January 6.				
	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1921.	1920.
Seventh Federal Reserve District—Chicago					
Mich.—Adrian	256,979	206,431	+24.5	265,031	250,000
Ann Arbor	887,083	888,598	-0.2	668,720	650,000
Detroit	118,705,681	91,262,000	+30.1	92,000,000	110,000,000
Grand Rapids	6,157,293	6,025,281	+2.2	7,233,416	7,313,496
Lansing	1,889,424	1,575,476	+19.9	2,103,468	2,073,862
Ind.—Ft. Wayne	2,231,474	2,044,635	+9.1	2,381,908	2,200,206
Indianapolis	21,363,000	18,520,000	+13.3	18,852,000	15,854,000
South Bend	2,683,050	1,882,465	+42.5	1,500,000	1,800,000
Wis.—Milwaukee	e34,245,000	28,140,229	+21.7	35,291,268	32,949,975
Ia.—Ced. Rapids	2,765,457	2,250,298	+22.9	3,014,291	2,959,476
Des Moines	11,137,846	10,396,403	+7.1	12,270,784	14,633,771
Slou City	5,790,981	4,611,383	+25.6	6,200,000	12,866,474
Waterloo	1,606,344	1,241,636	+29.4	1,756,898	2,122,189
Ill.—Bloomington	1,564,295	1,180,236	+32.5	1,724,380	1,950,017
Chicago	634,947,261	494,024,236	+28.5	678,233,745	679,175,189
Danville	1,272,841	a	a	a	a
Decatur	1,272,841	1,308,690	-2.7	1,385,268	1,664,171
Peoria	4,727,342	3,581,540	+31.9	5,525,012	6,031,293
Rockford	e5,576,573	1,938,354	+187.7	2,566,849	3,054,314
Springfield	2,540,914	2,272,019	+11.8	3,171,384	3,128,948
Total (19 cities)	860,343,858	673,681,960	+27.7	876,234,422	903,807,381
Eighth Federal Reserve District—St. Louis					
Ind.—Evansville	6,358,126	5,814,434	+9.4	5,052,295	6,303,709
Mo.—St. Louis	a	a	a	a	a
Ky.—Louisville	31,434,901	24,973,177	+25.9	29,777,583	21,054,051
Owensboro	697,995	849,835	-17.9	882,251	1,690,051
Tenn.—Memphis	e23,236,000	14,681,000	+58.3	17,000,000	41,884,051
Ark.—Little Rock	11,674,363	8,743,310	+33.5	10,551,676	12,892,695
Ill.—Jacksonville	419,438	299,482	+40.1	416,166	647,503
Quincy	1,564,366	1,203,492	+30.0	1,673,234	2,083,126
Total (7 cities)	75,385,189	56,564,730	+33.3	65,353,205	86,556,031
Ninth Federal Reserve District—Minneapolis					
Minn.—Duluth	e6,517,039	3,873,767	+68.2	7,354,415	7,359,072
Minneapolis	65,527,477	57,034,500	+14.9	83,133,062	52,522,256
St. Paul	34,913,818	28,086,886	+24.3	40,859,035	20,938,354
No. Dak.—Fargo	2,028,542	1,653,849	+22.7	2,430,087	3,100,000
So. Dak.—Ab'd'n	1,261,678	1,080,325	+16.8	1,250,558	1,973,404
Mont.—Billings	553,311	688,919	-19.7	1,276,642	1,639,771
Helena	3,709,214	3,299,822	+12.4	2,425,914	2,493,150
Total (7 cities)	114,511,079	95,718,058	+19.6	138,729,713	90,027,007
Tenth Federal Reserve District—Kansas City					
Neb.—Fremont	e405,717	354,152	+14.6	514,385	

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Dec. 13 1922:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue was £125,619,160 on the 6th inst., as compared with £125,617,935 on the previous Wednesday.

To-day's price for exportable gold—88s. 5d.—is a further low record since a quotation per fine ounce has been fixed for such gold. The bulk of the available supplies have been taken for the United States of America.

Gold valued at \$6,472,000 has arrived in New York, \$5,622,000 from London and \$850,000 from France.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold during the month of November 1922:

	Imports.	Exports.
France	-----	£2,450
Netherlands	-----	4,500
Sweden	£15,981	-----
Belgium	120	25
West Africa	113,270	1,813,740
United States of America	9,866	1,511
Central America and West Indies	1,511	-----
South American countries	1,200	-----
Rhodesia	76,762	-----
Transvaal	3,955,673	-----
British India	-----	506,237
Straits Settlements	-----	1,150
Other countries	10,816	8,611
Total	£4,185,199	£2,336,713

The value of the net imports of precious metals into India (expressed in aces of rupees) since Jan. 1 1922 was as follows:

1922	Gold.	Silver.	Gold.	Silver.
January	82	166	514	137
February	110	184	159	53
March	276	202	311	79
April	182	203	236	127
May	350	109	-----	-----
June	345	66	-----	-----
Total	-----	-----	2565	1326

The Transvaal gold output for November 1922 amounted to 764,476 fine ounces, as compared with 778,159 fine ounces for October 1922 and 704,236 fine ounces for November 1921.

Notwithstanding the change of Premier, the star of Wales continues to be in the ascendant, for it is reported that a new discovery of a rich vein of gold, averaging from two to ten feet wide, has been made at Bontddu, near Barmouth, North Wales, in three lines of reef coming from the Cloggan gold mines. Near this discovery recent floods have disclosed a reef of gold-bearing quartz over thirty feet wide.

SILVER.

The price of cash silver, sustained by purchases for the Indian Bazaars for shipment by this week's settlement steamer, and assisted by a measure of bear covering, remained fairly steady the larger portion of the week, although some sales of forward silver were made by some of the Indian buyers of cash silver. When, however, the Indian prompt demand was practically completed, and forward selling still came from that quarter, the weak tendency of the market reasserted itself, and a sharp fall ensued on the 12th inst. of 3/4d. for cash and 7-16d. for 2 months' delivery. The strong appreciation of sterling in terms of the U. S. dollar conveyed to this result by making American sales more enticing. Absence of buyers to-day carried the price to 30 15-16d. for cash and 30 9-16d. for 2 months, the lowest quotations since March 5 1921.

Referring to our paragraph last week about Dutch coinage, we have been informed that the alloy of the florin, 1/2 florin and the 2 1/2 florins (under the regulations of the bill of November 27 1919) has been reduced to 720-1000, both for circulation in the Netherlands and in the Dutch East Indies. Of the above coins, all the 1/2 guilder pieces and more than 2,000,000 florins have been sent to the Dutch East Indies, and 3,000,000 guilders have been deposited with the Netherlands Bank for circulation in Holland itself.

Shipments of silver from New York during November were quite large. The amount has been cabled as 5,190,000 ounces.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In Lacs of Rupees.)	Nov. 22.	Nov. 30.	Dec. 7.
Notes in circulation	17761	17730	17647
Silver coin and bullion in India	9002	8972	8889
Silver coin and bullion out of India	-----	-----	-----
Gold coin and bullion in India	2432	2432	2432
Gold coin and bullion out of India	-----	-----	-----
Securities (Indian Government)	5742	5742	5742
Securities (British Government)	585	584	584

No silver coinage was reported during the week ending 7th inst. The stock in Shanghai on the 9th inst. consisted of about 34,000,000 ounces in sycee, 36,000,000 dollars and 400 silver bars, as compared with 36,100,000 ounces in sycee, 35,000,000 dollars and 240 silver bars on the 2d inst.

The Shanghai exchange is quoted at 3s. 1d. the tael.

Quotations—	Bar Silver per Oz. Std.—	Bar Gold per Oz. Fine.
December 7	Cash. 31 3/4d.	90s. 1d.
December 8	2 Mos. 31 13-16d.	90s. 1d.
December 9	31 3/4d.	31 9-16d.
December 11	31 13-16d.	90s. 3d.
December 12	31 7-16d.	89s. 7d.
December 13	30 15-16d.	89s. 5d.
Average	31.625d.	31.302d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and forward delivery are each 1 7-16d. below those fixed a week ago

We have also received this week the circular written under date of Dec. 20 1922:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue was £125,620,695 on the 13th inst., as compared with £125,619,160 on the previous Wednesday. A fair amount of gold has been on offer, and with the exception of a few small purchases on Indian account, has been taken for New York.

The speculative character of gold mining in Ontario is shown by a recent report that one of the chief producing mines encountered a small pocket containing some of the richest ore yet found in that country. The first 500 lbs. of ore is said to have borne gold at the rate of £8,000 the ton. The whole pocket is expected to yield £10,000 worth of gold.

SILVER.

The market has continued to show a weak tendency, mainly on account of easier rates in China and the appreciation of sterling in the United States of America. The Indian Bazaars have been buying for shipment, but to a large extent sales of silver have been made at the same time for two months' delivery. Bear covering has been carried out rather reluctantly in view of the doubtful outlook ahead. The substantial discount at which the price for forward delivery stands indicates the little confidence which obtains as to the future. The Continent has sold and supplies are fairly ree, notwithstanding the lower level of prices.

The cash price quoted on the 15th inst.—30 3/4d.—is the lowest fixed since July 29 1916, while that for forward delivery—30 1-16d.—is the lowest since May 9 1919; on that date quotations for two months' delivery were resumed for the first time since July 30 1914.

The coinage of silver dollars is very active at the U. S. Mints. During the last three months the following numbers were coined: September, 8,310,000; October, 11,660,000; November, 13,860,000; total, 33,830,000.

It is probable that no subsidiary coins will be struck during the current year.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In Lacs of Rupees.)	Nov. 30.	Dec. 7.	Dec. 15.
Notes in circulation	17730	17647	17557
Silver coin and bullion in India	8972	8889	8799
Silver coin and bullion out of India	-----	-----	-----
Gold coin and bullion in India	2432	2432	2432
Gold coin and bullion out of India	-----	-----	-----
Securities (Indian Government)	5742	5742	5742
Securities (British Government)	584	584	584

No silver coinage was reported during the week ending 15th inst. The stock in Shanghai on the 16th inst. consisted of about 32,000,000 ounces in sycee, 35,000,000 dollars and 370 silver bars, as compared with 34,000,000 ounces in sycee, 36,000,000 dollars and 400 silver bars on the 9th inst.

The Shanghai exchange is quoted at 3s. 0d. the tael.

Quotations—	Bar Silver per Oz. Std.—	Bar Gold per Oz. Fine.
December 14	Cash. 30 15-16d.	88s. 10d.
December 15	30 3/4d.	88s. 6d.
December 16	30 7-16d.	-----
December 18	30 3/4d.	30 1-16d.
December 19	30 3/4d.	30 3-16d.
December 20	30 3/4d.	30 5-16d.
Average	30.645d.	30.208d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and forward delivery are, respectively, 1-16d. and 1/4d. below those fixed a week ago.

We have also received this week the circular written under date of Dec. 27 1922:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue was £125,623,140 on the 20th inst., as compared with £125,620,695 on the previous Wednesday. Owing to the Christmas holidays, gold will not be available this week until Thursday.

The following figures, in lacs of rupees, include bullion and rupee paper movements, and show the Indian monthly balance of trade:

("+" denotes balance in favor of India and "-" adverse balance.)

	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.
April	+1387	-685	+417	October	-1032	-865
May	+574	-200	-348	November	-1107	-922
June	-82	-167	-111	December	-902	-255
July	-314	+135	+32	January	-897	-712
August	-936	+234	+296	February	-705	-59
September	-469	+93	+10	March	-486	+142

SILVER.

The market has naturally suffered from the proximity of the holidays, though that can hardly be held responsible for the price for forward delivery creating a fresh low record for the year, namely 29 15-16d. on the 22d inst. This quotation is the lowest since May 9 1919; on that date quotations for two months' delivery were resumed for the first time since July 30 1914.

During the month of November exports of silver from San Francisco to China amounted to 4,154,096 ounces.

In our Bullion Letter of Oct. 26 last we referred to a statement by the American Mining Congress of a discovery of silver near Fitzgerald, Alberta. The Canadian authorities, however, inform us that this discovery is of small importance.

No fresh Indian currency returns have come to hand. The stock in Shanghai on the 23d inst. consisted of about 28,300,000 ounces in sycee, 26,000,000 dollars, and 10 silver bars, as compared with about 32,000,000 ounces in sycee, 35,000,000 dollars, and 370 silver bars on the 16th inst.

The Shanghai exchange is quoted at 3s. the tael.

Quotations—	Bar Silver per Oz. Standard.	Bar Gold per Oz. Fine.
Dec. 21	Cash. 30 3/4d.	89s. 1d.
22	30 3/4d.	29 15-16d.
27	30 15-16d.	30 1-16d.
Average of the above three days	30.770d.	30.041d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and forward delivery are respectively 1-16d. above and 1/4d. below those fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

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

London,	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Week ending Jan. 12.	Jan. 6.	Jan. 8.	Jan. 9.	Jan. 10.	Jan. 11.	Jan. 12.
Silver, per oz.	31 1/2d.	32 3/4d.	31 1/2d.	31 1/2d.	31 1/2d.	31 1/2d.
Gold, per fine ounce	89	89	89	89	89	89
Consols, 2 1/2 per cents	55 1/2	55 1/2	56	56	56 1/2	56 1/2
British, 5 per cents	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
British, 4 1/2 per cents	95	95	95	95	95 1/2	95 1/2
French Rentes (in Paris) fr.	58.75	58.45	58.45	58.50	58.30	58.30
French War Loan (in Paris) fr.	76.35	76.20	76.20	76.50	76.20	-----

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

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%
Domestic	65 1/2	66	65 1/2	64 3/4	65 1/2	65 1/2
Foreign	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

TREASURY CASH AND CURRENT LIABILITIES.

The cash holdings of the Government as the items stood Dec. 30 1922 are set out in the following. The figures are taken entirely from the daily statement of the United States Treasury for Dec. 30 1922.

CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
	\$		\$
Gold coin	309,443,630 82	Gold certs. outstanding	708,130,329 00
Gold bullion	2,974,981,344 41	Gold fund, F. R. Board	-----
		(Act of Dec. 23 1913,	-----
		as amended June 21 1917)	235,460,674 65
		Gold reserve	152,979,025 63
		Gold in general fund	187,854,945 95
Total	3,284,424,975 23	Total	3,284,424,975 23

NOTE.—Reserved against \$346,881,016 of U. S. notes and \$1,484,883 of Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding. Treasury notes of 1890 are also covered by silver dollars in the Treasury.

SILVER DOLLARS.		LIABILITIES.	
ASSETS.	\$		\$
Silver dollars	373,561,620 00	Silver certs. outstanding	344,286,693 00
		Treasury notes of 1890	1,484,883 00
		Silver dollars in gen. fund	27,790,044 00
Total	373,561,620 00	Total	373,561,620 00

GENERAL FUND.		LIABILITIES.	
ASSETS.	\$		\$
Gold (see above)	187,854,945 95	Treasurer's checks outst.	2,854,897 07
Silver dollars (see above)	27,790,044 00	Deposits of Govt. off'rs:	
United States notes	3,853,756 00	P. O. Department	10,782,285 79
Federal Reserve notes	2,636,090 00	Board of trustees	
Fed'l Res. bank notes	1,190,306 00	Postal Savings System—5% reserve, lawful money	6,670,992 80
National bank notes	17,553,571 04	Other deposits	76,636 21
Subsidiary silver coin	12,876,642 81	Comptroller of the Currency, agent for creditors of insolvent banks	1,783,740 71
Minor coin	2,812,162 40	Postmasters, clerks of courts, disbursing officers, &c.	36,080,124 55
Silver bullion	27,539,135 89	Deposits for:	
Unclassified (unsorted currency, &c.)	3,045,673 67	Redemption of F. R. notes (5% fund, gold)	186,495,302 09
Dep. in Fed. Land Banks	500,000 00	Redemption of F. R. bank notes (5% fd., lawful money)	2,115,026 55
Deposits in F. R. banks	34,162,029 14	Redemption of nat'l bank notes (5% fd., lawful money)	30,028,776 15
Deposits in special depositaries account of sales of Treas'y bonds		Retirement of additional circulating notes, Act of May 30 1908	24,130 00
Treasury notes, and certif. of Indeb'tness	469,557,000 00	Exchanges of currency, coin, &c.	8,780,727 88
Deposits in foreign dep.: To credit Treas. U. S.	88,762 76	Net balance	285,692,639 80
To credit other Government officers	228,917 94		537,861,121 73
Deposits in Nat. banks: To credit Treas. U. S.	8,469,056 17	Total	823,553,761 53
To credit other Government officers	22,311,750 84		
Deposits in Philippine Treasury: To credit Treas. U. S.	1,083,917 32		
Total	823,553,761 53		

NOTE.—The amount to the credit of disbursing officers and agencies to-day was \$764,695,958 27. Book credits for which obligations of foreign Governments are held by the United States amount to \$33,236,629 05.

Under the Acts of July 14 1890 and Dec. 23 1913 deposits of lawful money for the retirement of outstanding national bank and Federal Reserve bank notes are paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, and these obligations are made under the Acts mentioned a part of the public debt. The amount of such obligations to-day was \$65,993,907 50.

\$356,265 in Federal Reserve notes, \$1,027,229 in Federal Reserve Bank notes, and \$17,521,571 in national bank notes are in the Treasury in process of redemption and are charges against the deposits for the respective 5% redemption funds.

GOVERNMENT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES.

Through the courtesy of the Secretary of the Treasury we are enabled to place before our readers to-day the details of Government receipts and disbursements for December 1922 and 1921, and the six months of the fiscal years 1922-23 and 1921-22.

Receipts.	Dec. 1922.	Dec. 1921.	6 Mos. 1923.	*6 Mos. 1922.
Customs	37,502,446	26,155,151	248,924,389	147,008,361
Internal revenue:				
Income and profits tax	279,092,227	523,973,741	672,891,941	1,239,416,131
Miscell. internal revenue	69,345,290	106,733,180	497,538,718	688,745,603
Miscellaneous receipts:				
Proceeds Govt. owned secs.: Foreign obligations:				
Principal	480,004		997,822	450,500
Interest	357,682		115,362,437	13,174,635
Railroad securities	32,747,126		79,128,229	
All others	4149,650	41,286	30,153,159	25,464,552
Trust fund receipts (re-appropriated for invest)	1,736,590	3,656,473	13,639,527	20,471,603
Proceeds sale of surp. prop.	4,179,371	6,495,875	35,848,789	41,965,361
Panama Canal tolls, &c.	1,273,060	891,429	6,982,838	6,037,530
Receipts from misc. sources credited direct to app'rs	4,017,138		37,378,807	
Other miscellaneous	35,692,269	272,345,666	132,803,233	131,728,780
Total ordinary	466,273,493	740,292,801	1,871,049,949	2,314,463,057
Expenditures.				
Ordinary (Checks and warrants paid, &c.)				
General expenditures	176,088,459	172,839,867	1,002,759,008	1,123,956,221
Interest on public debt	98,484,627	144,169,239	472,808,890	508,238,058
Refund of receipts:				
Customs	1,919,482	2,167,923	21,996,925	15,689,772
Internal revenue	3,799,441	5,304,923	49,500,620	15,784,488
Postal deficiency			22,201,089	33,115,893
Panama Canal	312,304	298,355	1,639,597	2,039,310
Operations in special accounts:				
Railroads	13,056,698	627,812,389	67,748,463	1,905,090
War Finance Corporation	68,152,107	19,750,387	663,359,946	19,343,452
Shipping Board	3,473,257	8,957,530	26,460,327	80,146,218
Allen property funds	8453,150	433,592	190,137	217,327
Grain Corporation				25,000,000
Sugar Equalization Board				
Purchase of obligations of foreign governments	400,000		4,183,587	
Loans to railroads				
Investment of trust funds				
Govt. Life Insurance Fund	1,715,579	3,616,504	12,957,976	12,083,367
Civil Service Retire' Fund	6721,673		9,053,426	283,274
District of Columbia Teachers' Retirement Fund	21,011	39,969	81,551	104,962
Total ordinary	289,943,929	329,765,751	1,628,230,650	1,837,907,433
Public debt retirements chargeable against ordinary receipts:				
Sinking fund	48,947,950	52,802,700	223,460,750	228,046,700
Purchases from foreign repayments	386,000	15,614,850	953,400	16,147,350
Received for estate taxes	895,150	1,823,200	1,829,700	12,316,650
Purchases from franchise tax receipts (Fed. Res. Bank)		2,619,000		2,619,000
Forfeitures, gifts, &c.	2,500	5,000	15,800	22,000
Total	50,231,600	72,864,750	226,259,650	259,151,700
Total expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts	340,175,529	402,630,501	1,854,490,300	2,097,059,133

* Receipts and expenditures for June reaching the Treasury in July are included. a Counter entry (deduct). b Excess of credits. c Includes \$10,850,605 received from Federal Reserve banks as franchise tax, Dec. 30 1922. d Includes \$59,974,466 received from Federal Reserve banks as franchise tax, Dec. 31 1921.

NOTE.—The analysis of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year 1923 is on the same basis as the Budget, with necessary adjustments to cover receipts credited to appropriations, including particularly proceeds of railroad securities. The analysis for the fiscal year 1922 is on the Budget basis, without adjustment. The figures given for operations in special accounts are net figures and make allowance for receipts and deposits credited to the account concerned.

PRELIMINARY DEBT STATEMENT OF U. S. DEC. 30 1922.

The preliminary statement of the public debt of the United States for Dec. 30 1922, as made up on the basis of the daily Treasury statement, is as follows:

Bonds:			
Consols of 1930	\$599,724,050 00		
Loan of 1925	118,489,900 00		
Panama's of 1916-1936	48,954,180 00		
Panama's of 1918-1938	25,947,400 00		
Panama's of 1961	50,000,000 00		
Conversion bonds	28,894,500 00		
Postal Savings bonds	11,851,000 00		
First Liberty Loan of 1932-1947	\$1,951,812,350 00	\$883,861,030 00	
Second Liberty Loan of 1927-1942	3,239,148,800 00		
Third Liberty Loan of 1928	3,443,273,900 00		
Fourth Liberty Loan of 1933-1938	6,330,860,300 00		
Treasury bonds of 1947-1952		15,000,095,350 00	
Total bonds		763,861,100 00	
Notes:			
Victory Liberty Loan—4 1/4 %, maturing May 20 1923		\$16,647,817,480 00	
Treasury notes:			
Series A-1924	\$311,191,600 00		
Series B-1924	390,706,100 00		
Series A-1925	601,599,500 00		
Series B-1925	335,134,500 00		
Series C-1925	435,740,209 46		
Series A-1926	617,769,700 00		
Series B-1926	461,933,900 00		
Treasury Certificates:			
Tax	\$1,073,485,900 00		
Special issue	17,000,000 00		
War Savings securities (net cash receipts)	\$594,132,476 31	1,090,485,900 00	
Treasury Savings securities (net redemption value of certificates outstanding)	135,593,858 49		
Total interest-bearing debt		\$22,476,470,624 26	
Debt on which interest has ceased		\$248,101,000 26	
Non-interest-bearing debt		261,746,393 57	
Total gross debt		\$22,986,318,018 09	
* Includes \$236,526,800, principal amount, of 4 1/4 % Victory notes called for redemption Dec. 15 1922.			

TREASURY MONEY HOLDINGS.—The following compilation made up from the daily Government statements, shows the money holdings of the Treasury at the beginning of business on the first of October, November and December, 1922, and January 1923.

Holdings in U. S. Treasury.	Oct. 1 1922.	Nov. 1 1922.	Dec. 1 1922.	Jan. 1 1923.
Net gold coin and bullion	356,044,945	351,021,212	373,538,557	340,833,972
Net silver coin and bullion	53,733,589	55,196,922	60,270,205	55,329,180
Net United States notes	2,141,595	3,695,423	2,769,917	3,853,756
Net national bank notes	17,481,690	21,465,128	19,383,499	17,553,571
Net Fed'l Reserve notes	2,099,710	2,875,198	2,406,913	2,636,090
Net Fed'l Res. bank notes	1,334,943	1,072,587	833,491	1,190,306
Deposit in Fed'l Land bks.				500,000
Net subsidiary silver	18,584,585	16,831,701	15,152,103	12,876,643
Minor coin, &c.	10,628,030	19,450,428	5,240,392	5,857,837
Total cash in Treasury	462,049,087	471,608,599	479,595,077	440,631,355
Less gold reserve fund	152,979,026	152,979,026	152,979,026	152,979,026
Cash balance in Treasury	309,070,061	318,629,573	326,616,051	287,652,329
Dep. in spec. depositaries:				
Act. certs. of indet.	164,851,000	287,384,000	220,933,000	469,557,000
Dep. in Fed'l Res. banks	33,477,959	59,207,901	56,410,445	34,162,029
Dep. in national banks:				
To credit Treas. U. S.	9,323,372	8,203,540	8,556,545	8,469,056
To credit disb. officers	17,434,872	19,355,873	19,208,691	22,311,750
Cash in Philippine Islands	1,463,129	1,091,912	1,286,584	1,083,917
Deposits in foreign depts.	920,060	394,550	338,417	317,680
Net cash in Treasury and in banks	536,540,453	694,267,349	633,347,733	823,553,761
Deduct current liabilities:	279,700,723	281,921,809	294,437,453	285,692,640
Available cash balance	256,839,730	412,345,540	338,910,280	537,861,122

* Includes Jan. 1, \$27,539,135 99 silver bullion and \$2,812,162 40 minor coins, &c., not included in statement "Stock of Money."

TRADE AND TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS.

STEEL PRODUCTION IN DECEMBER.—The American Iron & Steel Institute has issued a statement from which it appears that the production of steel in December 1922 by 30 companies, which in 1921 made 87.50% of the steel ingot production in that year, amounted to 2,779,890 tons. This contrasts with only 1,427,093 tons for the same month in 1921. The production for the 12 months of 1922 aggregated 29,116,453 tons, as against 16,826,946 tons for the calendar year 1921. By processes the output for 1921 and 1922 was as follows:

Months 1921.	Open Hearth, Gross Tons.	Bessemer, Gross Tons.	All Other, Gross Tons.	Total, Gross Tons.
January 1921	1,591,281	608,276	3,629	2,203,186
February	1,295,863	450,818	2,796	1,749,477
March	1,175,591	392,983	2,404	1,570,978
April	1,000,053	211,755	2,150	1,213,958
May	1,047,810	216,497	1,543	1,265,850
June	808,286	193,644	1,476	1,003,406
July	689,489	113,312	575	803,376
August	915,334	221,116	1,621	1,138,071
September	908,381	265,152	1,207	1,174,740
October	1,269,945	345,837	1,028	1,616,810
November	1,294,371	363,912	1,718	1,660,001
December	1,129,174	296,380	1,539	1,427,093
Total	13,125,578	3,679,682	21,686	16,826,946
1922.				
January 1922	1,260,809	331,851	822	1,593,482
February	1,395,835	348,571	616	1,745,022
March	1,918,570	451,386	795	2,370,751
April	1,997,465	445,939	1,109	2,444,513
May	2,214,774	494,893	1,474	2,711,141
June	2,143,708	487,851	2,918	2,634,477
July	2,020,572	464,047	2,485	2,487,104
August	1,807,310	404,379	2,893	2,214,582
September	1,911,147	460,127	2,505	2,373,779
October	2,352,207	518,010	2,198	2,872,415
November	2,360,903	525,945	2,449	2,889,297
December	2,241,104	539,214	2,572	2,779,890
Total	23,624,404	5,469,213	22,836	29,116,453

UNFILLED ORDERS OF STEEL CORPORATION.—The U. S. Steel Corporation on Wednesday, Jan. 10, issued its regular monthly statement showing unfilled orders on the books of the subsidiary corporations as of Dec. 31 1922 to the amount of 6,745,703 tons. This is a decrease of 94,539 tons from the unfilled tonnage on hand Nov. 30 last, and contrasts with 4,268,414 tons on hand at the close of December 1921. In the following we give comparisons with previous months:

Tons.		Tons.		Tons.	
Dec. 31 1922	6,745,703	May 31 1919	4,282,310	Oct. 31 1915	6,165,452
Nov. 30 1922	6,840,242	Apr. 30 1919	4,800,685	Sept. 30 1915	5,317,618
Oct. 31 1922	6,902,287	Mar. 31 1919	5,430,572	Aug. 31 1915	4,908,455
Sept. 30 1922	6,691,607	Feb. 28 1919	6,010,787	July 31 1915	4,928,540
Aug. 31 1922	5,950,105	Jan. 31 1919	6,684,268	June 30 1915	4,678,196
July 31 1922	5,776,161	Dec. 31 1918	7,379,152	May 31 1915	4,264,598
June 30 1922	5,635,531	Nov. 30 1918	8,124,663	Apr. 30 1915	4,162,244
May 31 1922	5,254,228	Oct. 31 1918	8,353,298	Mar. 31 1915	4,255,749
Apr. 30 1922	5,096,917	Sept. 30 1918	8,297,905	Feb. 28 1915	4,345,371
Mar. 31 1922	4,494,148	Aug. 31 1918	8,759,042	Jan. 31 1915	4,248,571
Feb. 28 1922	4,141,069	July 31 1918	8,883,801	Dec. 31 1914	3,826,643
Jan. 31 1922	4,241,678	June 30 1918	8,918,566	Nov. 30 1914	3,324,592
Dec. 31 1921	4,268,414	May 31 1918	8,337,623	Oct. 31 1914	3,461,097
Nov. 30 1921	4,259,542	Apr. 30 1918	8,741,882	Sept. 30 1914	3,787,667
Oct. 31 1921	4,286,829	Mar. 31 1918	9,056,404	Aug. 31 1914	4,213,331
Sept. 30 1921	4,560,670	Feb. 28 1918	9,288,453	July 31 1914	4,158,589
Aug. 31 1921	4,531,926	Jan. 31 1918	9,477,853	June 30 1914	4,032,857
July 31 1921	4,930,324	Dec. 31 1917	9,381,718	May 31 1914	3,998,166
June 30 1921	5,117,868	Nov. 30 1917	8,897,106	Apr. 30 1914	4,277,068
May 31 1921	5,482,487	Oct. 31 1917	9,009,675	Mar. 31 1914	4,653,825
Apr. 30 1921	5,845,224	Sept. 30 1917	9,833,477	Feb. 28 1914	5,026,440
Mar. 31 1921	6,284,765	Aug. 31 1917	10,407,049	Jan. 31 1914	4,613,640
Feb. 28 1921	6,933,867	July 31 1917	10,844,164	Dec. 31 1913	4,282,105
Jan. 31 1921	7,573,164	June 30 1917	11,383,287	Nov. 30 1913	4,396,347
Dec. 31 1920	8,148,122	May 31 1917	11,886,591	Oct. 31 1913	4,513,767
Nov. 30 1920	9,021,481	Apr. 30 1917	12,183,083	Sept. 30 1913	5,003,785
Oct. 31 1920	9,836,852	Mar. 31 1917	11,711,644	Aug. 31 1913	5,223,468
Sept. 30 1920	10,374,804	Feb. 28 1917	11,576,697	July 31 1913	5,399,356
Aug. 31 1920	10,805,038	Jan. 31 1917	11,474,054	June 30 1913	5,807,317
July 31 1920	11,118,468	Dec. 31 1916	11,547,286	May 31 1913	6,324,322
June 30 1920	10,978,817	Nov. 30 1916	11,058,542	Apr. 30 1913	6,978,762
May 31 1920	10,940,466	Oct. 31 1916	10,015,260	Mar. 31 1913	7,466,956
Apr. 30 1920	10,359,747	Sept. 30 1916	9,522,584	Feb. 28 1913	7,556,714
Mar. 30 1920	9,992,075	Aug. 31 1916	9,660,357	Jan. 31 1913	7,827,368
Feb. 28 1920	9,502,081	July 31 1916	9,593,592	Dec. 31 1912	7,932,164
Jan. 31 1920	9,285,441	June 30 1916	9,640,458	Nov. 30 1912	7,852,883
Dec. 31 1919	8,265,366	May 31 1916	9,937,798	Oct. 31 1912	7,594,381
Nov. 30 1919	7,128,330	Apr. 30 1916	9,829,551	Sept. 30 1912	6,551,507
Oct. 31 1919	6,472,668	Mar. 31 1916	9,331,001	Aug. 31 1912	6,163,378
Sept. 30 1919	6,284,638	Feb. 29 1916	8,568,968	July 31 1912	5,957,073
Aug. 31 1919	6,109,103	Jan. 31 1916	7,922,767	June 30 1912	5,807,346
July 31 1919	5,578,061	Dec. 31 1915	7,806,220	May 31 1912	5,750,986
June 30 1919	4,892,855	Nov. 30 1915	7,189,489	Apr. 30 1912	5,664,885

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 Jan. 6 1923.	Since July 1 1922.	Week Jan. 6 1923.	Since July 1 1922.	Week Jan. 6 1923.	Since July 1 1922.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
United Kingdom	100,450	3,007,214	2,246,430	59,931,035	404,182	19,239,000
Continent	92,795	3,464,689	3,527,894	140,790,189	596,592	34,832,600
So. & Cent. Amer.	1,000	293,332	—	110,000	—	34,000
West Indies	18,000	681,800	7,000	28,000	48,000	901,700
Brit. No. Am. Colon.	—	2,000	—	—	—	3,700
Other countries	24,780	441,910	—	1,049,973	—	13,500
Total 1923	237,025	7,890,945	5,781,324	201,909,197	1,048,774	55,024,610
Total 1922	165,471	7,629,947	4,829,034	183,351,205	2,402,032	60,560,903

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange for the week ending Friday, Jan. 5 1923, and since July 1 1922 and 1921 are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.		Corn.			
	1922-23.		1921-22.			
	Week Jan. 5.	Since July 1.	Week Jan. 5.	Since July 1.		
North Amer.	9,252,000	269,750,000	254,398,000	2,020,000	58,714,000	65,445,000
Russ. & Dan.	224,000	3,447,000	2,832,000	25,000	3,601,000	10,440,000
Argentina	1,568,000	47,304,000	17,359,000	3,108,000	78,324,000	69,065,000
Australia	640,000	11,356,000	41,992,000	—	—	—
India	328,000	3,820,000	712,000	—	—	—
Oth. countr's	—	—	—	—	3,365,000	7,640,000
Total	12,012,000	335,737,000	317,293,000	5,153,000	144,064,000	162,690,000

BANK NOTES—CHANGES IN TOTALS OF, AND IN DEPOSITED BONDS, &c.—We give below tables which show all the monthly changes in national bank notes and in bonds and legal tenders on deposit therefor.

	Amt. Bds. on Deposit to Secure Circulation for—		National Bank Circulation Afloat on—		
	National Bank Notes.	Fed. Res. Bank Notes.	Bonds.	Legal Tenders.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Dec. 30 1922	738,257,440	7,968,700	735,281,275	26,846,812	762,128,087
Nov. 30 1922	739,018,690	31,468,700	736,065,365	25,433,762	761,499,127
Oct. 31 1922	737,660,690	46,468,700	734,520,475	26,158,712	760,679,187
Sept. 30 1922	737,501,940	56,768,700	734,465,283	26,285,914	760,751,197
Aug. 31 1922	735,460,600	67,518,700	733,623,525	26,082,024	759,705,549
June 30 1922	734,546,300	84,218,700	732,585,640	25,616,387	758,202,027
May 31 1922	733,876,590	87,218,700	730,203,870	25,696,832	755,900,702
April 30 1922	731,693,690	95,568,700	729,526,135	25,096,414	754,622,549
Mar. 31 1922	730,016,940	102,393,700	727,838,900	24,840,522	752,679,422
Feb. 28 1922	729,702,240	110,359,700	727,465,523	24,569,959	752,035,482
Jan. 31 1922	729,425,740	126,393,700	724,480,758	25,130,609	749,611,367
Dec. 31 1921	728,523,240	126,393,700	724,235,815	25,932,109	750,167,924
Nov. 30 1921	728,351,240	139,393,700	723,023,965	26,283,132	749,307,097
Oct. 31 1921	727,512,490	149,768,600	716,304,820	26,084,017	743,288,847
Sept. 30 1921	727,002,490	185,768,700	795,836,355	27,402,759	743,239,113
Aug. 31 1921	724,770,490	208,355,200	711,000,205	24,148,669	739,148,874

\$43,913,965 Federal Reserve bank notes outstanding Dec. 30 (of which \$4,638,784 secured by United States bonds and \$39,275,181 by lawful money), against \$116,670,400 Dec. 30 1921.

The following shows the amount of each class of United States bonds and certificates on deposit to secure Federal Reserve Bank notes and national bank notes on Dec. 30:

Bonds on Deposit Dec. 30 1922.	U. S. Bonds Held Dec. 30 to Secure—		
	On Deposit to Secure Federal Reserve Bank Notes.	On Deposit to Secure National Bank Notes.	Total Held.
2s, U. S. Consols of 1930	\$ 5,813,400	\$ 581,827,700	\$ 587,641,100
4s, U. S. Loan of 1925	1,768,000	82,994,900	84,762,900
2s, U. S. Panama of 1936	257,000	47,894,240	48,151,240
2s, U. S. Panama of 1938	130,300	25,540,600	25,670,900
Totals	7,968,700	738,257,440	746,226,140

The following shows the amount of national bank notes afloat and the amount of legal tender deposits Dec. 1 and Jan. 1 and their increase or decrease during the month of December:

National Bank Notes—Total Afloat—		
Amount afloat Dec. 1 1922	—	\$761,499,127
Net increase during December	—	429,929,960
Amount of bank notes afloat Jan. 1 1923	—	\$762,128,087
Legal Tender Notes—		
Amount on deposit to redeem national banks Dec. 1 1922	—	\$25,433,762
Net amount of bank notes retired in December	—	1,413,050
Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes Jan. 1 1923	—	\$26,846,812

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:

Shares. Stocks.	Price.	Shares. Stocks.	Price.
98 Lake Side Mfg. & Storage	\$25 lot	750 United West Indies	1¼ per share
200 N. Y. Plate Glass Insurance	—	Bonds.	—
\$25 each	\$50 per sh.	\$3,400 West Virginia Metal Pro-	—
37½ Textile By-Products Corp.	\$20 lot	ucts Corp. 1st M. bonds	\$360 lot
510 Gero Aircraft Construction,	—	2,000 General Mines Corp. of	—
common, \$10 each	\$10 lot	Bolivia, \$25 each	\$26,000
1,150 Mojave Tungsten, common,	—	\$52,000 General Mines Corp. of	—
\$2 each	4c. per sh.	Bolivia 7% gold bonds	lot
1 Open Stair Dwellings	\$80 lot	—	—

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Shares. Stocks.	Price.	Shares. Stocks.	Price.
5 First National Bank	316½	8 Quissett Mill	210
8 Commonwealth Trust Co.	180	5 Great Falls Mfg. Co.	77½
1 Wampanoag Mills (1-3 share)	35	16 Lowell Electric Light Corp.	184
20 U. S. Worsted Co., 1st pref.	4½	1 American Fig. Co., pref.	85
26 Nashua Mfg. Co., 1st pref.	102¼	2 Griffin Wheel Co., pref.	100

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 193.—The statements below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
Chicago	285,000	645,000	4,221,000	1,528,000	244,000	179,000
Minneapolis	—	3,907,000	190,000	617,000	430,000	522,000
Duluth	—	934,000	1,000	10,000	9,000	644,000
Milwaukee	22,000	81,000	479,000	381,000	164,000	143,000
Toledo	—	97,000	77,000	28,000	—	8,000
Detroit	—	34,000	66,000	130,000	—	—
Indianapolis	—	95,000	518,000	192,000	—	—
St. Louis	69,000	862,000	837,000	788,000	32,000	11,600
Peoria	35,000	37,000	571,000	430,000	9,000	16,000
Kansas City	—	2,033,000	355,000	209,000	—	—
Omaha	—	560,000	615,000	240,000	—	—
St. Joseph	—	258,000	242,000	24,000	—	—
Total wk. '23	411,000	9,564,000	8,172,000	4,575,000	888,000	1,523,000
Same wk. '22	307,000	2,498,600	7,305,000	2,550,000	244,000	176,000
Same wk. '21	236,000	4,646,000	4,677,000	2,464,000	481,000	66

Table with 2 columns: Shares, Price. Includes Jones, McDuffee & Stratton Corp., Bates Mfg. Co., Lowell Bleachery, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Shares, Price. Includes 500 U. S. Worsted Co., 1 unit Charles Weeshman, 200 Ludlow Mfg. Assoc'n rights, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Shares, Price. Includes By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston: Bates Mfg. Co., Peppereil Mfg. Co., Lowell Bleachery, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Shares, Price. Includes 6 Library Bureau, 6 Haverhill Electric Co., 5 Washington Water Power Co., etc.

Table with 2 columns: Shares, Price. Includes By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia: 12 1/2 Van Blerck Motor Service, 30 Philadelphia Traction, 10 Nat. Bank of Royersford, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Shares, Price. Includes 10 Victory Insurance, 20 German Theatre Realty, 2 Chestnut Hill RR, etc.

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

Table with 2 columns: Capital, Description. Includes Jan. 2—The First National Bank of Carney, Okla., Jan. 2—The First National Bank of North Girard, Pa., etc.

Table with 2 columns: Capital, Description. Includes Jan. 2—Cordell National Bank, Cordell, Okla., Jan. 2—State National Bank in Cordell, Okla., etc.

Table with 2 columns: Capital, Description. Includes Jan. 5—First National Bank in Quanah, Texas, Conversion of the First Guaranty State Bank of Quanah, Tex.

Table with 2 columns: Capital, Description. Includes CHARTERS ISSUED: Jan. 2—12,288—The American National Bank of Pontiac, Mich., Jan. 2—12,289—State National Bank of Alpine, Texas, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Capital, Description. Includes CHANGE OF TITLE: Jan. 2—3,923—The Commercial National Bank of Boston, Mass., etc.

Table with 2 columns: Capital, Description. Includes VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS: Jan. 2—5,318—The Lowry National Bank of Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 3—11,186—The Farmers' National Bank of St. Marys, Kan., etc.

CERTIFICATE ISSUED AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL OFFICE. Jan. 2—36—The American-First National Bank of Findlay, Ohio, Permit No. 52, at southwest corner Main and West Crawford Streets, Findlay, O.

Table with 2 columns: Capital, Description. Includes CONSOLIDATIONS: Jan. 2—4,965—The Union National Bank of Huntington, Pa., Jan. 2—36—The First National Bank of Findlay, Ohio, etc.

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ESTABLISH AN ADDITIONAL OFFICE. Jan. 2—1,918—The Second National Bank of Saginaw, Mich., at No. 115 North Hamilton Street, Saginaw, West Side, Mich.

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 with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed. Includes Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, Banks, Fire Insurance, Miscellaneous, etc.

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list *Does not* include dividends announced this week.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam).			
Alabama Great Southern, pref.	3 3/4	Mar. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 19
Aitch, Topeka & Santa Fe, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 26
Preferred	2 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Baltimore & Ohio, preferred.	2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 13
Boston Revere Beach & Lynn (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	
Canada Southern	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Central RR. of N. J. (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 9
Chicago & North West, common.	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Preferred	3 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Chic. St. P. Minn. & Omaha, common.	2 1/2	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Preferred	3 1/2	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Cleve. Cin. Chic. & St. L., common	1	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Cuba RR., preferred.	3	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 6
Delaware Lackawanna & Western (qu.)	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 8
Detroit River Tunnel (quar.)	3	Jan. 15	Jan. 1 to Jan. 14
Georgia RR. & Bkg. (quar.)	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Great Northern, preferred.	2 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 2
Illinois Central, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 2
Preferred	3	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 2
Kansas City Southern, pref. (quar.)	1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Little Schuylkill Nav. RR. & Coal	\$1.25	Jan. 15	Dec 19 to Jan. 15
Louisville & Nashville	3 1/4	Feb. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Mahoning Coal RR., common.	\$10	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Michigan Central	4	Jan. 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Extra	6	Jan. 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
New York Central RR. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Norfolk & Western, adj. pref. (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Northern Pacific (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Pere Marquette, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Preferred (acct. of accum. div.)	2 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Prior preference (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	\$2.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Pittsburgh & West Virginia, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Reading Company, com. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 8	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Toledo St. L. & West., com. & pref.	4	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 30
Troy Union		Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Public Utilities.			
All-America Cables, Inc. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Amer. Gas & Elec., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Amer. Light & Traction, com. (quar.)	1	Feb. 1	Jan. 13 to Jan. 25
Common (payable in common stock)	1	Feb. 1	Jan. 13 to Jan. 25
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 13 to Jan. 25
American Telephone & Telegraph (quar.)	2 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Quarterly	2 1/4	Apr. 16	Holders of rec. Mar. 16
Quarterly	2 1/4	J'y 16	Holders of rec. June 20
Appalachian Power, pref. (quar.) (No. 1)	2 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Bangor Ry. & Elec., com. (quar.)	1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Bell Telep. of Canada (quar.)	1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 28
Boston Consol. Gas, pref.	3 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
California-Oregon Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Carolina Power & Light, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Central Ills. Public Serv. pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Central Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Chesapeake & Potomac Telep., pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Commonwealth-Edison Co. (quar.)	*2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 13
Commonwealth Power Corp., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Consolidated Traction of N. J.	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Detroit Edison (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Dominion Power & Transmission, pref.	3 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec 16 to Dec. 31
Duquesne Light, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 1
East Bay Water (Oakland, Cal.) pf. A. (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Preferred class B (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Edison Elec. Ill. (Boston) (quar.)	3	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Electrical Securities Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19
Electrical Utilities Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Kentucky Gas & Elec. Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Lancaster Co. Ry. & L., com.	96c.	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 28
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 28
Laurentide Power (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Louisville Gas & Elec. of Ky., pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Manchester Trac., Lt. & Pr. (quar.)	2	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Manufacturers' Lt. & Ht. (Pittsb.) (qu.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Extra	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Massachusetts Ltg. Cos. 6% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
8% preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Michigan Gas & Elec., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Prior lien stock (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Milwaukee Elec. Ry. & L., pref. (qu.)	2	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Montreal Telegraph (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Jan. 1 to Jan. 15
Mountain States Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Nevada Gas & El. Serv., prior lien (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Missouri-Pacific Elec., pref.	1 1/4	Jan. 30	Dec. 31 to Jan. 7
New York Telephone, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Niagara Falls Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
North Shore Gas, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	April 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Northern States Power, com. (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Ottumwa Ry. & L., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Pacific Gas & Electric, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Philadelphia Co., pref. (quar.)	\$1.25	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Philadelphia Rapid Transit (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Philadelphia & Western Ry., pref. (qu.)	62 1/2c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Pub. Service Corp. of No. Ill., com. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Public Service Co. of Quebec (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Puget Sound Power & Lt., com. (qu.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Prior preference (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Southern Canada Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Southern Wisconsin Elec., pref. (qu.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
United Gas Impt., common (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Preferred (quar.)	87 1/2c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
United Gas & Electric Co., preferred.	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
United Light & Rys., common (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Common (extra)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Virginia Ry. & Power, preferred.	3	July 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred	3	July 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Washington Water Pow., Spokane (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Extra	1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Western Power Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Western States Gas & Elec., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Western Union Telegraph (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
West Penn Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
West Penn Power Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Wisconsin Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
York Railways, com.	50c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Preferred	62 1/2c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Banks.			
Commonwealth	5	Jan. 15	Jan. 1 to Jan. 14
Corn Exchange (quar.)	5	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Miscellaneous.			
Abitibi Power & Paper, com. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Ame Coal Mining	2	Feb. 5	Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Air Reduction (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Alliance Realty (quar.)	2	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 28
Allis-Chalmers Mfg., Inc., com. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 24
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 28
Amer. Art Works, com. & pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 28
American Bank Note, common (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Continued).			
American Can, common (quar.) (No. 1)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
American Cigar, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
American (oil) (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Jan. 12 to Feb. 1
American Glue, pref. (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Jan. 14 to Jan. 17
American Ice, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Preferred (oil)	1 1/2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Amalgamated Oil (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Amer. La France Fire Eng., com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Feb. 15	Feb. 2 to Feb. 15
Amer. Laundry Machinery, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Jan. 6 to Jan. 15
Amer. Rolling Mill, common (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
American Sales Book, common	8	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Amer. Seeding Machine, common (quar.)	1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
American Shipbuilding, common (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Common (quar.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 14
Common (quar.)	2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
American Steel Foundries, com. (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Amer. Type Founders, com. (quar.)	1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
American Woolen, com. and pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 16 to Dec. 26
Anglo-American Oil (Interim)	23 1/2c.	Jan. 15	Holders of coup. No. 24
Art Metal Construction, com. (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 12
Asbestos Corp. of Canada, com., (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Associated Dry Goods, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Associated Industrial, 1st pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 13
Associated Oil (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Atlantic Refining, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Atlas Brick, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
A. L. Powder, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Austin, Nichols & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Barnhart & Wilcox (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 2	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Barnhart Bros & Spin—1st & 2d pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 26
Bayuk Bros., 1st & 2d pref., (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Beach Royalties (monthly)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Beacon Oil, pref. (quar.)	\$1.27 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Bechtel Packing, pref. B (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Borden Co., com.	4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1
British-Amer. Tobacco, ordinary	9	Jan. 18	Holders of coup No 93(8)
Ordinary (Interim)	4	Jan. 18	Holders of coup No 94(8)
British Empire Steel, pref. B (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 13
Brown Shoe, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Burns Bros., prior pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Bush Terminal, common	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 8
Preferred	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 8
Canada Cement (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Canadian Explosives, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Canadian Fairbanks-Morse, preferred	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Canadian Industrial Alcohol (quar.)	1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Canadian Oil, com.	1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Carder, Inc., preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 31	Jan. 16 to Jan. 31
Central Coal & Coke, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Charlton Mills (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Dec. 8 to Dec. 14
Chicago Pneumatic Tool (quar.)	1	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Cities Service—			
Common (monthly, pay. in cash scrip)	*0 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Common (payable in com. stk. scrip)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Pref. and Pref. B (payable in cash)	*1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 8
Cincinnati Coal Corp., com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Cluett-Resabaly & Co., com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Colochem Co. (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 12
Consolidated Coal (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Consolidated Car-Heating (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Consolidated Royalty Oil (quar.)	3	Jan. 20	Jan. 16 to Jan. 20
Continental Can, common (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5
Continental Motors, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Jan. 4 to Jan. 17
Corn Products Refining, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Common (extra)	3	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Cosden & Co., common (quar.)	*1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 3
Cuba Company, preferred	*3 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Davis Coal & Coke	\$1.25	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Miami Copper (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Michigan Limestone & Chem., pf.(qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Michigan Stamping (quar.)	*2 1/4	Jan. 25	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Extra	*1	Jan. 25	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Midway Gas, common (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.40	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Midwest Oil, com. & pref. (quar.)	4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a
Moon Motor Car, common (quar.)	37 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Common (extra)	12 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Morris Canal & Bkg., Consolidated	2	Feb. 6	Jan. 16 to Feb. 5
Preferred	2	Feb. 6	Jan. 16 to Feb. 5
Motor Products Corp. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Mullins Body Corp., pref. (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
National Blsuet, new common (quar.)	75c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
National Fuel Gas (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 15	(6) Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
National Paper & Type, com. & pf. (qu.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
New Fl tion Publishing Corp., pf. (qu.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
New Jersey Zinc (quar.)	2	Feb. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
New Orleans Cold Storage & Warehouse	5	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 13
New York Dock, preferred	2 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
New York Transit	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 6
New York Transportation	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a
Nipissing Mines (quar.)	3	Jan. 20	Dec. 31 to Jan. 17
Extra	3	Jan. 20	Dec. 31 to Jan. 17
Nova Scotia Steel & Coal, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 31a
Ohio Brass, com. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Ohio Fuel Supply (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Extra (in 4 1/2% Liberty bonds)	12	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Oklahoma Natural Gas	1	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 26a
Otis Elevator, com. (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Packard Motor Car, com. (quar.)	2	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Pacific Oil	\$1.50	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Pan Amer. Pet. & Transp., com. A & B.	e20	Feb. 8	Holders of rec. Dec. 29a
Pan-Am. Petrol. & Transp., com. A&B(qu.)	\$2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Penmans, Ltd., com. (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Pennsylvania Salt Mfg. (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Phillips-Jones Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Phila. Insulated Wire	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Extra	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Pittsburgh Coal, common	1	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
Pittsburgh Plate Glass (extra)	5	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
Stock dividend	*e30	Subj. to	stk'rs meeting Jan. 29
Plymouth Cordage (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Plymouth Cordage (stock div.)	*e100	Subj. to	stkholders meet'g Jan 20
Potomaska Mills	25	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 11a
Prairie Oil & Gas (quar.)	2	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. (6) 30a
Prairie Pipe Line (quar.)	*2	Jan. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. (6) 27
Procter & Gamble, 8% pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Pullman Company (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a
Quaker Oats, common (quar.)	2 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Realty Associates	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5
Extra	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5
Rickenbacker Motor Co. (No. 1)	*5	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Salt Creek Producers (quar.)	*30c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
St. Joseph Lead (quar.)	25c.	Mar. 20	Mar. 10 to Mar. 20
Extra	25c.	Mar. 20	Mar. 10 to Mar. 20
Santee Cotton Mills	*5	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Stock dividend	*e50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Securities Company	2 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Shafter Oil & Ref., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Smith (Howard) Paper Mills, com. (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Southern States Oil (monthly)	2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Southern States Oil (payable in stock)	e8	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Spalding (A. G.) & Bros., com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 6
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
Second preferred (quar.)	2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Spanish Riv. Pulp & Paper Mills (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Steel Co. of Canada, com. & pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 9
Stetson (J. B.) Co., com.	*15	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 31
Preferred	*4	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 31
Sullivan Machinery (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 15	Jan. 1 to Jan. 15
Superior Steel, 1st & 2d pref. (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5a
Thompson (John R.) Co., com. (monthly)	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 23a
Common (monthly)	25c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 23a
Tobacco Products, class A (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a
Truscon Steel, common (quar.)	(9)	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
Tucketts Tobacco, com. (quar.)	1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Tucketts Tobacco, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Turman Oil (monthly)	1	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Union Bag & Paper (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 12a
Union Natural Gas (quar.)	2 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 16 to Jan. 1
United Drug, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
United Fruit (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Extra	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
United Profit Sharing (quar.)	15c.	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 3a
United Verde Extension Mining (qu.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a
U. S. Can, common (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
U. S. Industrial Alcohol, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
U. S. Radiator, pref. (acc. accum. divs.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
U. S. Realty & Impt. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 8a
U. S. Rubber, 1st pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
U. S. Smelt. & Ref. & Min., pref. (qu.)	87 1/2c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
Ventura Consolidated Oil Fields (qu.)	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Victor Talking Machine, com. (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 15	Jan. 1 to Jan. 5
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Jan. 1 to Jan. 5
Vulcan Detinning, pref. & pref. A	1 1/4	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 9a
Wahl Co., com. (monthly)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Common (monthly)	*50c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 21
Common (monthly)	*50c.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 22
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 22
Warner (Chas.) Co. of Del., com. (qu.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
1st & 2nd pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Weber & Hellbrosen, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 25a
Western Grocers, Ltd. (Canada) pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Jan. 1 to Jan. 5
Westinghouse Air Brake (quar.)	\$1.75	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Stock dividend	*e35	Subj. to	stockholders' meet. Mar. 2
Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg., com. (qu.)	\$1	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 29a
Preferred (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 29a
White Eagle Oil & Ref. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Wuriltzer (Rudolph) Co.			
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 19 '23
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 22 '23
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 22
Wyoming Associated Oil (quar.)	*2	Jan. 12	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15

* From unofficial sources. † The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice. ‡ Transfer books not closed for this dividend. § Less British income tax. ¶ Correction.
 a Payable in stock. / Payable in common stock. g Payable in scrip. h On account of accumulated dividends. † Payable in Liberty or Victory Loan bonds.
 j Payable in New York funds.
 ‡ Payable in new class "B" common stock.
 ¶ The New York Curb Market Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on these dates and not until further notice.
 (6) N. Y. Curb Market has ruled the following stock shall be ex-dividend on the dates mentioned: National Fuel Gas, Jan. 16; Prairie Oil & Gas and Prairie Pipe Line, Jan. 10; Union Oil of Calif., Jan. 10.
 (7) Subj. to stockholders' meeting Jan. 16.
 (8) Transfers received in London up to Jan. 2 will be in time to enable transferees to receive dividend.
 (9) Dividend of 2% rescinded and a cash dividend of 1 1/4% declared instead.

Weekly Return of New York City Clearing House Banks and Trust Companies.

The following shows the condition of the New York City Clearing House members for the week ending Jan. 6. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of the grand totals, we also show the actual figures of condition at the end of the week.

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.
 (Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers (000) omitted.)

Week ending Jan. 6 1923. (000 omitted.)	New Capital		Profits, State, Nov. 15 Tr. Cos. Nov. 15	Loans, Discounts, Invest-ments, etc.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depositories.	Net Demand Deposits.	Time Deposits.	Bank Circulation.
	Nat'l.	Sept. 15							
Members of Fed. Reserve Bank	1. Res.	Bank.	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Avge. \$
Bank of N Y & Trust Co.	4,000	11,841	67,466	704	7,110	50,456	6,453	---	---
Bk of Manhattan	10,000	12,500	133,220	2,492	15,712	112,235	17,025	---	---
Mech & Met Nat	10,000	17,847	175,352	4,563	20,881	160,099	5,239	992	---
Bank of America	5,500	4,551	138,556	1,555	9,877	71,758	2,750	---	---
Nat City Bank	40,000	50,929	539,052	6,705	66,630	*595,112	55,741	2,120	---
Chem Nat Bank	4,500	16,004	125,728	1,251	13,476	102,732	11,148	348	---
Nat Butch & Dr	500	214	4,843	96	607	3,911	10	298	---
Am Exch Nat	5,000	7,846	112,155	1,384	12,684	95,155	7,479	9,955	---
Nat Bk of Com.	25,000	37,778	351,084	883	34,154	262,128	13,424	---	---
Pacific Bank	1,000	1,701	24,006	1,363	3,637	24,453	962	---	---
Chat & Phen Nat	10,500	9,810	149,849	5,959	19,777	124,367	23,905	1,960	---
Hanover Nat Bk	5,000	20,529	124,481	421	15,706	112,384	---	---	---
Corn Exchange	9,075	11,920	169,938	7,416	23,665	156,147	25,509	---	---
Imp & Trad Nat	1,500	8,627	36,500	482	3,801	28,264	966	---	---
First National	10,000	23,757	166,547	1,093	18,095	136,700	4,693	5,663	---
Nat'l. Sept. 15	1,000	834	13,809	361	2,044	12,148	2,142	50	---
Irving National	10,000	47,398	373,609	494	23,386	173,301	28,299	7,426	---
Continental Bk	1,000	920	7,828	132	915	6,207	365	---	---
Chase National	20,000	21,787	327,909	4,495	43,211	301,540	28,715	1,086	---
Fifth Avenue	500	2,430	23,077	726	3,186	22,212	---	---	---
Commonwealth	400	975	9,086	523	1,321	8,927	137	---	---
Garfield Nat	1,000	1,621	14,524	474	2,285	14,080	26	397	---
Fifth National	1,200	1,058	17,165	275	2,118	16,659	842	248	---
Seaboard Nat.	4,000	6,934	76,435	1,161	10,165	74,726	1,605	64	---
Coal & Iron Nat	1,500	1,339	15,377	615	1,940	13,151	827	421	---
Bankers Trust	20,000	25,039	289,180	1,065	33,928	*266,202	18,253	---	---
U S Mtge & Tr	3,000	4,419	56,596	1,001	6,032	48,770	3,792	---	---
Guaranty Trust	25,000	17,654	373,043	1,292	40,677	*388,426	30,170	---	---
Fidel-InterTrust	1,500	1,866	19,758	385	2,694	19,564	677	---	---
Columbia Trust	5,000	8,003	80,062	892	10,470	77,159	5,852	---	---
N Y Trust Co.	10,000	17,695	139,763	449	16,231	123,878	9,869	---	---
Metropolitan Tr	2,000	3,804	39,047	493	4,508	33,322	3,753	---	---
Farm Loan & Tr	5,000	15,065	132,065	498	13,669	*96,931	25,088	---	---
Columbia Bank	2,000	2,145	30,402	818	3,592	29,540	2,287	---	---
Equitable Trust	12,000	15,754	189,970	1,607	22,897	*198,284	13,011	---	---
Total of averages	280,175	443,636	4,674,298	58,297	538,205	*3,933,337	355,791	30,079	---
Totals, actual condition	Jan. 6	4,633,774	59,978	480,146	*3,900,890	348,825	30,447	---	---
Totals, actual condition	Dec. 30	4,665,500	58,942	547,373	*3,940,338	359,746	30,437	---	---
Totals, actual condition	Dec. 23	4,525,097	67,459						

	Actual Figures.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve banks.....	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks.....	5,685,000	4,070,000	9,755,000	9,372,240	382,760
Trust companies.....	2,331,000	5,210,000	7,541,000	7,802,250	33,750
Total Jan. 6.....	8,316,000	489,426,000	497,742,000	534,754,940	-37,012,940
Total Dec. 30.....	8,136,000	556,760,000	564,896,000	539,952,870	24,943,130
Total Dec. 23.....	8,325,000	527,903,000	536,228,000	517,338,930	18,889,070
Total Dec. 16.....	8,037,000	549,553,000	557,590,000	517,239,970	40,350,030

* 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: Jan. 6, \$10,464,750; Dec. 30, 10,792,380; Dec. 23, \$10,821,660; Dec. 16, \$11,164,770.

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.

	Jan. 6.	Differences from previous week.
Loans and investments.....	\$770,284,400	Dec. \$193,400
Gold.....	4,206,600	Inc. 35,500
Currency and bank notes.....	20,132,900	Dec. 970,100
Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York.....	69,305,500	Dec. 3,181,400
Total deposits.....	834,799,600	Inc. 17,157,700
Deposits, eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City exchanges and U. S. depositories.....	766,559,700	Inc. 9,971,700
Reserve on deposits.....	133,272,500	Inc. 4,765,600
Percentage of reserve, 21.3%.		

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on Jan. 6 was \$39,305,500.

Banks and Trust Companies in New York City.—The averages of the New York City Clearing House banks and trust companies combined with those for the State banks and trust companies in Greater New York City outside of the Clearing House are as follows:

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.

Week ended—	Loans and Investments.	Demand Deposits.	*Total Cash in Vaults.	Reserve in Depositories.
Sept. 16.....	\$ 5,297,399,200	\$ 4,615,833,300	\$ 99,326,700	\$ 625,919,600
Sept. 23.....	5,333,205,100	4,641,919,500	83,359,200	680,815,100
Sept. 30.....	5,317,017,500	4,634,695,500	83,271,200	616,428,800
Oct. 7.....	5,326,359,700	4,649,378,900	83,018,300	624,721,000
Oct. 14.....	5,305,281,600	4,628,334,800	90,381,200	623,583,900
Oct. 21.....	5,397,918,900	4,699,067,600	89,798,300	642,922,400
Oct. 28.....	5,402,995,200	4,650,020,500	88,434,300	616,222,400
Nov. 4.....	5,394,373,600	4,623,416,200	87,350,900	623,119,700
Nov. 11.....	5,348,725,300	4,573,740,400	91,034,000	614,915,700
Nov. 18.....	5,331,639,900	4,569,953,000	89,248,900	617,659,300
Nov. 25.....	5,314,688,500	4,562,416,100	87,309,000	613,970,600
Dec. 2.....	5,327,903,200	4,592,129,500	88,954,800	612,035,200
Dec. 9.....	5,309,488,800	4,542,829,600	91,414,200	609,230,700
Dec. 16.....	4,793,475,400	4,545,721,000	93,839,300	609,293,500
Dec. 23.....	5,523,709,500	4,594,948,100	100,766,600	618,154,200
Dec. 30.....	5,519,496,000	4,733,584,900	100,243,100	632,127,800
Jan. 6.....	5,630,574,400	4,802,407,700	90,677,500	656,380,000

New York City Non-Member Banks and Trust Companies.—The following are the returns to the Clearing House by clearing non-member institutions and which are not included in the "Clearing House Returns" in the foregoing:

RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.

(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

CLEARING NON-MEMBERS	Net Profits.		Loans Discounts.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depositories.	Net Demand Deposits.	Net Time Deposits.	Nat'l Bank Circulation.
	Capital.	Profits.						
Week ending Jan. 6 1923.	Nat. bks. Sept. 15	State bks. Nov. 15	Investments &c.					
Members of Fed'l Res. Bank.	\$	\$	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average
Battery Park Nat. W. R. Grace & Co.	1,500	1,219	11,502	162	1,232	8,278	444	195
Total.....	2,000	2,559	20,081	185	1,679	9,940	6,033	195
State Banks	Not Members	of Fed. Res. Bank.						
Bank of Wash. Hts. Colonial Bank.....	200	329	5,493	829	295	4,920	817	---
Total.....	1,000	2,208	24,008	3,229	1,532	24,520	817	---
Trust Companies	Not Members	of Fed. Res. Bank.						
Mech. Tr., Bayonne	200	667	9,013	405	141	3,513	5,564	---
Total.....	200	667	9,013	405	141	3,513	5,564	---
Grand aggregate.....	3,200	5,435	53,102	3,819	3,352	37,973	12,414	195
Comparison with previous week.....			+354	+16	-5	+839	-121	-3
Gr'd aggr., Jan. 6	3,200	5,435	52,748	3,803	3,357	37,134	12,535	198
Gr'd aggr., Dec. 23	3,200	5,435	52,726	3,689	3,509	36,962	12,600	197
Gr'd aggr., Dec. 16	3,200	5,435	55,494	3,797	3,682	37,550	14,982	198
Gr'd aggr., Dec. 9	3,200	5,290	56,622	3,791	3,827	38,034	16,358	---

a U. S. deposits deducted, \$237,000.
 Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$2,417,000.
 Excess reserve, \$91,170 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.				
	Jan. 10 1923.	Changes from previous week.	Jan. 3 1922.	Dec. 27 1922.
Capital.....	\$59,470,000	Dec. \$100,000	\$59,100,000	\$9,100,000
Surplus and profits.....	84,176,000	Dec. 848,000	85,024,000	85,928,000
Loans, discs & investments.....	851,584,000	Dec. 1,160,000	852,753,000	850,468,000
Individual deposits, incl. U. S. Due to banks.....	330,915,000	Dec. 8,323,000	639,243,000	815,751,000
Time deposits.....	443,657,000	Inc. 10,320,000	132,837,000	119,001,000
United States deposits.....	112,184,000	Inc. 625,000	111,659,000	110,563,000
Exchanges for Clearing House Due from other banks.....	9,729,000	Dec. 4,936,000	14,665,000	19,770,000
Reserve in Fed. Res. Bank.....	28,743,000	Dec. 9,882,000	38,625,000	22,308,000
Cash in bank and F. R. Bank Reserve excess in bank and Federal Reserve Bank.....	73,430,000	Dec. 9,794,000	83,224,000	72,145,000
	73,878,000	Inc. 1,527,000	72,351,000	69,968,000
	10,658,000	Dec. 285,000	10,943,000	12,524,000
	2,914,000	Dec. 830,000	3,444,000	2,158,000

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Jan. 6, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is 10% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositories" and "Cash in vaults."

Two Ciphers (00) omitted.	Week ending Jan. 6 1923.			Dec. 30 1922.	Dec. 23 1922.
	Members of F. R. System	Trust Companies	Total.		
Capital.....	\$35,375.0	\$5,000.0	\$40,375.0	\$40,175.0	\$40,175.0
Surplus and profits.....	100,855.0	14,117.0	114,972.0	113,103.0	113,056.0
Loans, discs & investm'ts.....	658,666.0	41,898.0	700,564.0	696,493.0	700,914.0
Exchanges for Clear. House.....	35,482.0	1,282.0	36,764.0	35,377.0	30,575.0
Due from banks.....	112,927.0	32.0	112,959.0	106,880.0	100,498.0
Bank deposits.....	132,580.0	725.0	133,305.0	126,292.0	122,199.0
Individual deposits.....	545,561.0	28,626.0	574,187.0	560,919.0	553,958.0
Time deposits.....	22,139.0	582.0	22,721.0	21,972.0	21,626.0
Total deposits.....	700,280.0	29,933.0	730,213.0	709,183.0	697,783.0
U. S. deposits (not incl.).....	12,398.0	12,398.0	16,474.0	2,965.0	---
Res've with legal deposit's.....	4,428.0	4,428.0	3,295.0	3,077.0	---
Reserve with F. R. Bank.....	57,170.0	57,170.0	55,895.0	54,619.0	---
Cash in vault*.....	10,510.0	1,397.0	11,907.0	12,942.0	---
Total reserve and cash held.....	67,680.0	5,825.0	73,505.0	72,131.0	---
Reserve required.....	56,645.0	4,234.0	60,879.0	59,342.0	---
Excess res. & cash in vault.....	11,035.0	2,988.0	14,023.0	14,252.0	---

* Cash in vault not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve members.

Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

—The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business Jan. 10 1922 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

	Jan. 10 1923.	Jan. 3 1923.	Jan. 11 1922.
Resources—	\$	\$	\$
Gold and gold certificates.....	123,104,921	117,647,650	289,021,000
Gold settlement fund—F. R. Board.....	204,557,498	198,385,959	134,751,000
Total gold held by bank.....	327,662,420	316,033,609	423,772,000
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent.....	658,705,728	658,892,328	682,628,000
Gold redemption fund.....	8,059,538	9,588,200	15,000,000
Total gold reserves.....	994,427,786	984,514,958	1,121,400,000
Reserves other than gold.....	30,823,811	29,055,079	51,058,000
Total reserves.....	1,025,251,597	1,013,570,037	1,172,458,000
* Non-reserve cash.....	12,854,843	11,529,883	---
Bills discounted:			
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	154,575,110	169,694,810	128,965,000
All other.....	13,277,034	15,888,806	35,311,000
Bills bought in open market.....	37,723,540	51,795,573	22,676,000
Total bills on hand.....	205,575,684	237,380,189	186,952,000
U. S. bonds and notes.....	33,683,950	44,163,450	888,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness—			
One-year certificates (Pittman Act).....	109,795,000	77,205,000	35,400,000
All other.....	---	---	29,427,000
Total earning assets.....	352,054,634	358,748,639	252,637,000
Bank premises.....	10,100,625	10,100,592	6,619,000
5% redemp. fund agst. F. R. bank notes.....	---	---	1,622,000
Uncollected items.....	123,188,465	178,108,214	114,749,000
All other resources.....	2,043,901	2,088,301	1,495,000
Total resources.....	1,525,295,018	1,574,145,639	1,549,610,000
Liabilities—			
Capital paid in.....	28,690,400	28,688,450	27,114,000
Surplus.....	59,799,523	59,799,523	60,197,000
Deposits.....			
Government.....	375,688	241,010	2,426,000
Member banks—Reserve account.....	762,803,571	741,929,357	708,588,000
All other.....	11,821,007	12,284,305	12,575,000
Total.....	775,000,255	754,454,673	723,587,000
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	585,213,139	597,350,378	626,329,000
F. R. bank notes in circun—net liability.....	---	---	20,759,000
Deferred availability items.....	94,252,721	131,992,299	88,349,000
All other liabilities.....	2,338,928	1,860,314	3,273,000
Total liabilities.....	1,525,295,018	1,574,145,639	1,549,610,000
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	76.5%	75.0%	86.9%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.....	12,465,851	12,130,376	12,036,481

* Not shown separately prior to January 1923.

CURRENT NOTICES.

- Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed Transfer Agent for the Capital stock of Lamont, Corliss & Co.
- The New York Trust Co. has been appointed Transfer Agent of the Textile Banking Co.'s stock.
- Sjostrom & Cryan, dealers in high-grade investment bonds, have moved into larger offices at 63 Wall St., N. Y. City.
- Ogilby & Austin announce that Harold McGay has become associated with them in their trading department.

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Jan. 11, and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve Banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the system as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year. The second table shows the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve banks. The Federal Reserve Agents' Accounts (third table following) gives details regarding transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Comptroller and Reserve Agents and between the latter and Federal Reserve banks. The Reserve Board's comment upon the return for the latest week appears on page 124, being the first item in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 10 1923.

	Jan. 10 1923.	Jan. 3 1923.	Dec. 27 1922.	Dec. 20 1922.	Dec. 13 1922.	Dec. 6 1922.	Nov. 29 1922.	Nov. 22 1922.	Jan. 11 1922.
RESOURCES.									
Gold and gold certificates	\$ 281,390,000	\$ 272,504,000	\$ 273,825,000	\$ 291,081,000	\$ 304,810,000	\$ 298,094,000	\$ 303,219,000	\$ 289,750,000	\$ 322,138,000
Gold settlement fund, F. R. Board	543,338,000	550,128,000	509,580,000	582,494,000	596,851,000	616,574,000	644,959,000	651,862,000	502,910,000
Total gold held by banks	824,638,000	822,630,000	783,405,000	873,575,000	901,661,000	914,668,000	948,178,000	941,612,000	884,148,000
Gold with Federal Reserve agents	2,188,194,000	2,185,627,000	2,198,848,000	2,117,888,000	2,103,069,000	2,045,210,000	2,048,084,000	2,077,582,000	1,910,561,000
Gold redemption fund	51,873,000	61,194,000	58,188,000	54,647,000	55,493,000	55,914,000	76,596,000	69,131,000	109,880,000
Total gold reserves	3,062,705,000	3,049,451,000	3,040,439,000	3,045,910,000	3,061,223,000	3,045,792,000	3,072,858,000	3,088,325,000	2,895,589,000
Reserves other than gold	124,509,000	113,442,000	108,398,000	110,799,000	123,665,000	127,189,000	129,952,000	130,358,000	145,705,000
Total reserves	3,187,214,000	3,162,893,000	3,148,837,000	3,156,709,000	3,184,888,000	3,172,981,000	3,202,810,000	3,218,683,000	3,041,294,000
*Non-reserve cash	92,165,000	94,442,000							
Bills discounted:									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	281,996,000	351,483,000	316,495,000	314,851,000	344,793,000	374,409,000	315,280,000	307,976,000	427,476,000
Other bills discounted	230,053,000	276,162,000	313,390,000	300,707,000	314,965,000	330,538,000	334,816,000	306,215,000	569,018,000
Bills bought in open market	225,760,000	255,182,000	246,293,000	251,728,000	262,572,000	266,827,000	259,226,000	257,405,000	86,754,000
Total bills on hand	737,809,000	882,827,000	876,178,000	867,286,000	922,330,000	971,772,000	909,322,000	871,595,000	1,074,248,000
U. S. bonds and notes	175,709,000	182,315,000	179,192,000	174,958,000	170,020,000	169,413,000	162,336,000	151,731,000	152,150,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness:									
One-year certificates (Pittman Act)			12,000,000	14,000,000	18,500,000	21,500,000	23,500,000	28,500,000	113,000,000
Other certificates	332,467,000	274,239,000	266,691,000	242,282,000	118,718,000	120,889,000	118,625,000	114,888,000	54,040,000
Municipal warrants	24,000	39,000	40,000	26,000	34,000	26,000	24,000	27,000	385,000
Total earning assets	1,245,009,000	1,339,420,000	1,334,101,000	1,298,552,000	1,229,602,000	1,283,600,000	1,213,807,000	1,166,742,000	1,293,823,000
Bank premises	45,521,000	45,281,000	47,227,000	47,181,000	46,455,000	46,394,000	46,282,000	46,204,000	35,121,000
5% redemp. fund agst. F. R. bank notes	911,000	2,097,000	2,520,000	2,625,000	2,680,000	2,780,000	3,130,000	3,410,000	7,939,000
Uncollected items	609,541,000	770,070,000	757,500,000	759,392,000	709,289,000	660,119,000	599,806,000	684,519,000	548,436,000
All other resources	14,894,000	15,508,000	15,226,000	14,840,000	15,729,000	15,379,000	15,050,000	14,605,000	12,709,000
Total resources	5,193,255,000	5,429,709,000	5,305,411,000	5,279,299,000	5,188,643,000	5,181,253,000	5,080,905,000	5,134,163,000	4,939,322,000
LIABILITIES.									
Capital paid in	107,455,000	107,450,000	107,256,000	107,261,000	107,244,000	107,285,000	107,207,000	106,495,000	103,204,000
Surplus	218,369,000	218,369,000	215,398,000	215,398,000	215,398,000	215,398,000	215,398,000	215,398,000	215,398,000
Deposits—Government	6,193,000	6,630,000	7,809,000	6,715,000	23,136,000	48,976,000	33,449,000	45,198,000	15,289,000
Member bank—reserve account	1,990,346,000	1,942,749,000	1,861,281,000	1,840,205,000	1,817,744,000	1,843,601,000	1,807,631,000	1,829,069,000	1,735,563,000
Other deposits	53,337,000	75,394,000	31,165,000	35,039,000	20,230,000	19,527,000	19,143,000	20,721,000	26,055,000
Total deposits	2,019,876,000	2,024,773,000	1,900,255,000	1,881,959,000	1,861,110,000	1,910,104,000	1,860,223,000	1,894,988,000	1,776,997,000
F. R. notes in actual circulation	2,312,674,000	2,411,058,000	2,464,121,000	2,456,711,000	2,379,185,000	2,361,222,000	2,329,814,000	2,299,391,000	2,293,799,000
F. R. bank notes in circulation—net liab.	2,866,000	2,947,000	10,632,000	12,499,000	16,497,000	19,259,000	20,868,000	26,220,000	83,977,000
Deferred availability items	521,667,000	655,532,000	578,502,000	576,997,000	580,833,000	540,233,000	520,497,000	564,796,000	449,455,000
All other liabilities	10,338,000	9,580,000	29,247,000	28,474,000	28,326,000	27,772,000	26,898,000	26,875,000	16,582,000
Total liabilities	5,193,255,000	5,429,709,000	5,305,411,000	5,279,299,000	5,188,643,000	5,181,253,000	5,080,905,000	5,134,163,000	4,939,322,000
Ratio of gold reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	70.6%	68.7%	69.6%	70.2%	72.1%	71.7%	73.3%	73.6%	71.1%
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	73.6%	71.3%	72.1%	72.8%	75.1%	74.3%	76.4%	76.7%	74.7%
Distribution by Maturities—									
1-15 days bills bought in open market	\$ 72,452,000	\$ 97,524,000	\$ 83,210,000	\$ 72,811,000	\$ 73,985,000	\$ 71,874,000	\$ 60,451,000	\$ 61,797,000	\$ 32,210,000
1-15 days bills discounted	353,518,000	443,297,000	436,465,000	419,329,000	462,861,000	499,882,000	445,401,000	418,313,000	569,318,000
1-15 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	145,787,000	100,385,000	103,595,000	76,670,000	225,000	2,558,000	3,484,000	2,471,000	2,009,000
1-15 days municipal warrants	17,000	26,000	14,000		8,000				
16-30 days bills bought in open market	48,561,000	45,049,000	50,737,000	65,693,000	56,344,000	53,195,000	44,747,000	42,734,000	25,621,000
16-30 days bills discounted	34,678,000	43,826,000	48,609,000	49,405,000	54,663,000	58,631,000	56,419,000	50,636,000	95,071,000
16-30 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness				500,000	1,720,000	720,000	1,007,000	507,000	
16-30 days municipal warrants	1,000		18,000	23	23				184,000
31-60 days bills bought in open market	61,891,000	68,309,000	69,056,000	70,654,000	78,029,000	83,830,000	88,869,000	92,365,000	16,773,000
31-60 days bills discounted	51,690,000	61,389,000	63,372,000	66,519,000	65,992,000	69,028,000	73,103,000	74,195,000	152,155,000
31-60 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness			76,000			1,000,000	1,720,000	4,220,000	17,377,000
31-60 days municipal warrants	5,000	6,000	8,000			26,000	24,000	27,000	150,000
61-90 days bills bought in open market	35,375,000	37,180,000	38,083,000	34,461,000	45,649,000	47,247,000	47,121,000	49,385,000	12,147,000
61-90 days bills discounted	43,339,000	49,550,000	50,059,000	48,794,000	45,942,000	48,689,000	45,218,000	42,694,000	110,092,000
61-90 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	81,919,000	66,616,000	62,670,000	62,383,000	76,000	576,000	76,000	76,000	21,223,000
61-90 days municipal warrants	1,000	6,000							
Over 90 days bills bought in open market	7,481,000	7,120,000	5,207,000	8,109,000	8,246,000	10,681,000	18,038,000	11,127,000	3,000
Over 90 days bills discounted	28,824,000	29,573,000	31,380,000	31,511,000	30,619,000	28,715,000	29,955,000	28,348,000	69,858,000
Over 90 days cert. of indebtedness	104,761,000	107,238,000	112,350,000	113,729,000	135,197,000	137,835,000	135,835,000	136,114,000	126,440,000
Over 90 days municipal warrants		1,000							51,000
Federal Reserve Notes—									
Outstanding	2,747,705,000	2,810,254,000	2,835,092,000	2,818,805,000	2,775,320,000	2,730,882,000	2,718,471,000	2,694,644,000	2,732,861,000
Held by banks	435,031,000	399,196,000	370,971,000	362,094,000	396,135,000	369,660,000	388,657,000	395,253,000	439,062,000
In actual circulation	2,312,674,000	2,411,058,000	2,464,121,000	2,456,711,000	2,379,185,000	2,361,222,000	2,329,814,000	2,299,391,000	2,293,799,000
Amount chargeable to Fed. Res. Agent in hands of Federal Reserve Agent	3,650,303,000	3,683,657,000	3,679,280,000	3,666,113,000	3,640,536,000	3,606,113,000	3,609,182,000	3,583,482,000	3,611,486,000
Issued to Federal Reserve banks	902,598,000	873,403,000	844,168,000	847,308,000	865,216,000	875,231,000	890,711,000	888,838,000	878,675,000
How Secured—									
By gold and gold certificates	352,462,000	353,462,000	353,657,000	346,292,000	346,292,000	346,292,000	346,317,000	376,017,000	349,013,000
By eligible paper	561,511,000	644,627,000	636,240,000	701,117,000	672,251,000	685,692,000	670,387,000	617,082,000	822,309,000
Gold redemption fund	122,876,000	130,431,000	133,090,000	137,454,000	131,365,000	131,716,000	131,660,000	128,489,000	120,434,000
With Federal Reserve Board	1,710,856,000	1,681,734,000	1,712,099,000	1,633,942,000	1,625,412,000	1,567,202,000	1,570,207,000	1,572,776,000	1,441,114,000
Total	2,747,705,000	2,810,254,000	2,835,092,000	2,818,805,000	2,775,320,000	2,730,882,000	2,718,471,000	2,694,644,000	2,732,861,000
Eligible paper delivered to F. R. Agent	2,186,194,000	850,760,000	836,933,000	832,130,000	887,347,000	924,788,000	867,683,000	835,535,000	1,027,469,000

*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. 10 1923

Two ciphers (00) omitted. Federal Reserve Bank of—	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland	Richmond	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
RESOURCES.													
Gold and gold certificates	\$ 16,731,000	\$ 123,104,000	\$ 19,928,000	\$ 13,625,000	\$ 5,925,000	\$ 5,742,000	\$ 51,130,000	\$ 2,990,000	\$ 7,575,000	\$ 2,735,000	\$ 11,552,000	\$ 20,663,000	\$ 281,300,000
Gold settlement fund—F. R. Board	29,122,000	204,557,000	15,826,000	72,153,000	20,843,000	19,771,000	51,933,000	22,760,000	23,789,000	37,991,000	10,409,000</		

RESOURCES (Concluded)— Two ciphers (00) omitted.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland	Richmond	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Bank premises.....	\$ 4,434.0	\$ 10,101.0	\$ 640.0	\$ 7,202.0	\$ 2,617.0	\$ 1,964.0	\$ 8,288.0	\$ 911.0	\$ 946.0	\$ 4,702.0	\$ 1,937.0	\$ 1,779.0	\$ 45,521.0
5% redemption fund against F. R. bank notes.....							665.0			200.0	46.0		911.0
Uncollected items.....	53,409.0	123,186.0	50,390.0	56,882.0	54,186.0	23,797.0	75,039.0	38,647.0	15,301.0	41,604.0	28,407.0	45,693.0	606,541.0
All other resources.....	344.0	2,043.0	416.0	673.0	455.0	305.0	724.0	460.0	1,831.0	996.0	1,918.0	4,729.0	14,894.0
Total resources.....	401,084.0	1,525,294.0	393,020.0	485,098.0	222,593.0	219,949.0	792,824.0	220,575.0	139,977.0	220,156.0	136,505.0	436,180.0	5,193,255.0
LIABILITIES.													
Capital paid in.....	8,127.0	28,690.0	9,327.0	11,716.0	5,597.0	4,310.0	14,778.0	4,830.0	3,533.0	4,617.0	4,195.0	7,745.0	107,465.0
Surplus.....	16,312.0	59,800.0	18,749.0	23,495.0	11,288.0	8,942.0	30,398.0	9,665.0	7,473.0	9,488.0	7,496.0	15,263.0	218,369.0
Deposits: Government.....	362.0	761.0	761.0	656.0	82.0	516.0	888.0	424.0	342.0	1,181.0	452.0	155.0	6,193.0
Member bank—reserve acc't.....	129,267.0	762,804.0	113,878.0	151,715.0	63,290.0	59,306.0	276,817.0	73,758.0	49,372.0	83,377.0	55,227.0	141,535.0	1,960,346.0
Other deposits.....	3,466.0	11,820.0	2,478.0	8,094.0	814.0	3,012.0	2,448.0	1,655.0	5,578.0	7,709.0	1,810.0	4,453.0	53,337.0
Total deposits.....	133,095.0	775,000.0	117,117.0	160,465.0	64,186.0	62,834.0	280,151.0	75,837.0	55,202.0	92,267.0	57,489.0	146,143.0	2,019,876.0
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	201,717.0	565,213.0	204,617.0	238,215.0	93,899.0	122,950.0	406,086.0	89,533.0	58,742.0	68,532.0	36,782.0	226,388.0	2,312,674.0
F. R. bank notes in circulation— net liability.....													
Deferred availability items.....	41,571.0	94,253.0	42,879.0	50,413.0	47,179.0	20,274.0	60,346.0	40,005.0	14,113.0	2,092.0	774.0	—	2,866.0
All other liabilities.....	262.0	2,338.0	331.0	794.0	444.0	639.0	1,065.0	705.0	824.0	481.0	1,472.0	983.0	521,667.0
Total liabilities.....	401,084.0	1,525,294.0	393,020.0	485,098.0	222,593.0	219,949.0	792,824.0	220,575.0	139,977.0	220,156.0	136,505.0	436,180.0	5,193,255.0
Memoranda.													
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities com- bined, per cent.....	69.3	76.5	73.9	73.4	68.1	76.0	67.8	72.8	73.0	61.7	49.6	69.7	73.6
Contingent liability on bills pur- chased for foreign correspond'nts	2,474.0	12,466.0	2,711.0	2,773.0	1,661.0	1,257.0	4,033.0	1,593.0	915.0	1,627.0	881.0	1,559.0	33,950.0

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JANUARY 10 1923.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleve.	Richm'd	Atlanta	Chicago.	St. Louis	Minn.	K. City.	Dallas.	San Fr.	Total.
Resources— (In Thousands of Dollars)													
Federal Reserve notes on hand.....	\$ 84,900	\$ 398,690	\$ 47,520	\$ 34,140	\$ 29,250	\$ 80,744	\$ 87,960	\$ 26,540	\$ 9,065	\$ 21,360	\$ 18,344	\$ 64,075	\$ 902,598
Federal Reserve notes outstanding.....	219,839	770,251	239,771	235,573	107,313	128,299	461,155	108,535	63,510	76,421	41,489	265,549	2,747,705
Collateral security for Federal Reserve notes outstanding													
Gold and gold certificates.....	15,300	283,184	7,000	13,275	—	2,400	—	11,780	13,052	—	6,471	—	352,462
Gold redemption fund.....	11,152	34,521	14,115	14,301	1,519	4,724	16,016	4,390	1,372	3,785	2,709	14,272	122,876
Gold Fund—Federal Reserve Board.....	143,000	341,000	163,889	165,000	64,795	100,500	395,644	63,500	33,000	49,306	9,500	181,668	1,710,856
Eligible paper—Amount required.....	50,387	111,548	54,767	72,997	40,999	20,675	49,495	28,365	16,086	23,276	22,309	69,609	561,511
Excess amount held.....	7,751	17,917	807	1,981	11,717	—	30,988	69	2,789	1,881	15,870	301	152,105
Total.....	532,329	2,015,109	527,899	567,267	245,920	349,059	1,041,258	243,679	138,874	176,083	117,192	595,474	6,550,113
Liabilities—													
Net amount of Federal Reserve notes received from Comptroller of the Currency.....	304,739	1,168,941	287,291	299,713	136,573	209,043	549,115	135,075	72,575	97,781	59,823	329,624	3,650,303
Collateral received from Gold.....	169,452	658,705	185,004	192,576	66,314	107,624	411,660	69,670	47,424	53,145	18,680	195,940	2,186,194
Federal Reserve Bank (Eligible paper).....	58,138	187,493	55,574	74,078	43,033	32,392	80,483	28,934	18,275	25,157	35,679	69,910	713,616
Total.....	532,329	2,015,109	527,899	567,267	245,920	349,059	1,041,258	243,679	138,874	176,083	117,192	595,474	6,550,113
Federal Reserve notes outstanding.....	219,830	770,251	239,771	235,573	107,313	128,299	461,155	108,535	63,510	76,421	41,489	265,549	2,747,705
Federal Reserve notes held by banks.....	18,122	205,038	35,154	27,358	13,414	5,349	55,069	19,002	4,768	7,889	4,707	39,161	435,031
Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation.....	201,717	565,213	204,617	238,215	93,899	122,950	406,086	89,533	58,742	68,532	36,782	226,388	2,312,674

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 783 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 124

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business January 3 1922. Three ciphers (000) omitted.

Federal Reserve District.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richm'd	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Number of reporting banks.....	40	106	56	84	78	41	109	37	30	79	52	60	783
Loans and discounts, gross:													
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	16,741	106,358	20,324	31,886	12,157	8,075	49,290	19,732	8,408	10,460	6,278	16,196	305,905
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	247,259	1,858,419	251,320	364,038	125,941	56,286	544,665	138,757	45,931	73,503	49,466	153,807	3,909,392
All other loans and discounts.....	592,989	2,298,977	323,060	642,497	316,376	341,649	1,079,348	295,253	189,500	359,448	206,098	729,762	7,374,957
Total loans and discounts.....	856,989	4,263,754	594,704	1,038,421	454,474	406,010	1,673,303	453,742	243,839	443,411	261,842	899,765	11,500,254
U. S. pre-war bonds.....	12,475	48,878	11,493	47,183	30,491	13,859	23,424	15,412	8,939	12,364	19,056	31,706	275,280
U. S. Liberty Notes.....	80,323	486,784	47,428	118,635	30,629	13,236	108,089	26,189	18,538	45,191	15,180	93,664	1,083,886
U. S. Treasury Notes.....	8,608	50,924	4,931	11,076	4,794	2,244	27,686	10,511	3,410	5,264	7,229	14,147	146,324
U. S. Victory notes & Treas' notes.....	28,497	458,188	41,050	48,860	6,294	6,204	87,153	20,067	15,099	18,755	13,374	37,792	781,333
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness.....	5,315	113,301	3,577	14,764	3,010	7,091	34,079	5,269	1,642	4,792	6,583	15,005	214,428
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	173,284	766,779	183,650	299,772	55,500	36,435	368,029	89,536	30,042	61,987	9,111	165,177	2,239,502
Total loans & disc'ts & investm'ts.....	1,165,491	6,188,608	886,833	1,678,711	585,192	485,079	2,321,763	620,726	321,509	591,764	327,875	1,257,256	16,330,807
Reserve balance with F. R. Bank.....	95,934	668,380	74,059	121,351	37,510	35,882	198,277	44,237	24,665	51,535	24,274	91,847	1,457,931
Cash in vault.....	21,164	92,364	17,653	36,813	16,045	12,082	64,670	10,349	6,874	13,254	11,018	23,967	326,250
Net demand deposits.....	849,079	5,048,206	704,381	877,421	346,281	284,412	1,493,962	375,142	208,885	445,346	237,040	657,245	11,527,358
Time deposits.....	240,037	769,864	63,657	569,781	146,992	164,084	746,107	179,973	85,451	123,619	76,953	581,690	3,748,208
Government deposits.....	16,137	183,161	21,580	26,673	7,279	8,672	39,877	8,830	4,759	5,845	10,025	18,535	351,373
Bills payable and rediscounts with Federal Reserve Bank:													
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	9,248	148,809	16,778	13,114	12,451	72	18,247	7,256	1,398	14,904	400	11,107	253,784
All other.....	23,746	10,458	6,079	19,654	17,017	11,593	12,728	9,069	2,900	7,550	2,738	12,879	136,411

2. Data of reporting member banks in Federal Reserve Bank and branch cities and all other reporting banks.

Three ciphers (000) omitted.	New York City.		City of Chicago.		All F. R. Bank Cities.		F. R. Branch Cities.		All Other Report. Bks.		Total.		
	Jan. 3.	Dec. 27.	Jan. 3.	Dec. 27.	Jan. 3.	Dec. 27.	Jan. 3.	Dec. 27.	Jan. 3.	Dec. 27.	Jan. 3 '23.	Dec. 27 '22	Jan. 4 '22.
Number of reporting banks.....	63	63	50	50	261	262	209	209	311	311	783	782	808
Loans and discounts, gross:													
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	96,920	85,602	40,282	37,499	213,672	197,818	51,344	51,010	40,889	41,433	305,905	290,261	498,405
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	1,683,639	1,544,413	409,345	408,470	2,915,114	2,773,958	539,084	544,217	455,194	456,600	3,909,392	3,774,775	3,184,299
All other loans and discounts.....													

Bankers' Gazette

Wall Street, Friday Night, Jan. 12 1923

Railroads and Miscellaneous Stocks.—Wall Street has been little if any disturbed this week by what some well informed writers regard as a very serious situation in Western Europe. In Stock Exchange circles the opinion seems to prevail that Germany is playing a game of bluff, so to speak, that France by sending troops into the Ruhr has called the bluff and that a compromise will be the outcome. Other-wise how could the renewed advance in sterling exchange be maintained at or near the highest quotations in several years past, and the prices of French and Belgian bonds advance as they have here this week? True, Germany has recalled her ambassadors from London and Paris, but this may be only another step in the game. Business at the Stock Exchange has been exceptionally limited in volume throughout the week. The amount of bonds traded in daily averaged less than \$13,000,000 and only about 700,000 shares of stock changed ownership. A considerable list of the latter have declined about a point, but the market for bonds has been strong, suggesting that the seasonal investment demand is beginning to make itself felt.

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. 12, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range for Year 1922 (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stocks like Bangor & Aroos, Ches & Ohio, etc.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Table showing weekly and yearly transactions at the New York Stock Exchange, including columns for Week ending Jan. 12 1923, Stocks (Shares, Par Value), Railroad, etc., State, Mun. and Foreign Bonds, and U. S. Bonds.

Table showing sales at the New York Stock Exchange, comparing weekly sales (1923, 1922) and sales from Jan. 1 to Jan. 12, 1923, for various categories like Stocks, Government bonds, etc.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table showing daily transactions at the Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore exchanges, with columns for Week ending Jan. 12 1923, Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore (Shares, Bond Sales).

Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices.

Table showing daily record of U.S. bond prices for various series like First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, etc., with columns for Jan. 6, Jan. 8, Jan. 9, Jan. 10, Jan. 11, Jan. 12.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Small table showing transactions in registered bonds for various dates and series.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table showing quotations for U.S. Treasury certificates of indebtedness, including columns for Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, and Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange ruled quiet but firm and slightly higher. The Continental exchanges, on the other hand, were irregular and weak, with new low records established in marks and francs.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling were 4 65/8 @ 4 66 for sixty days, 4 67 1/2 @ 4 68 1/2 for checks and 4 67 1/2 @ 4 68 1/2 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4 67 @ 4 67 1/2; sixty days, 4 64 1/2 @ 4 65 1/2; ninety days, 4 63 1/2 @ 4 64 1/2, and documents for payment (sixty days) 4 64 1/2 @ 4 65 1/2. Cotton for payment, 4 67 @ 4 67 1/2, and grain for payment, 4 67 @ 4 67 1/2.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 6.92 @ 7.02 1/2 for long and 6.95 @ 7.05 1/2 for short. Germany bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 39.20 @ 39.25 for long and 39.51 @ 39.56 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 66.65 fr.; week's range, 66.65 fr. high and 69 fr. low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Table showing the range for foreign exchange for the week, including Sterling Actual, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, and Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$8 75 per \$1,000 discount. Cincinnati, par.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 146.

OCCUPYING FOUR PAGES

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Jan. 6 to Friday Jan. 12), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, Industrial & Miscellaneous), PER SHARE (Lowest, Highest), PER SHARE Range for Year 1922 (Lowest, Highest), PER SHARE Range for Year 1921 (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stocks like Ann Arbor, A.T. & T., and American Bank Note.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-rights. ‡ Less than 100 shares. § Ex-dividend and rights. ¶ Ex-dividend. Ⓢ Ex-rights (June 15) to subscri...

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For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		PER SHARE Range for year 1922. On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for Year 1921	
Saturday, Jan. 6.	Monday, Jan. 8.	Tuesday, Jan. 9.	Wednesday, Jan. 10.	Thursday, Jan. 11.	Friday, Jan. 12.		Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest		
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares	Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	
*70 1/4 75	*72 1/4 73 1/2	72 1/4 72 1/2	*70 3/4 72	70 3/4 71	72 1/4 75	1,100	Am Brake Shoe & F...No par	51 Jan 4	88 1/2 Sept 12	42 Jan	56 1/2 Dec	
*108 1/2 109 3/4	108 1/2 108 1/2	108 1/2 108 1/2	*108 1/2 109 1/4	*108 1/2 109	*108 1/2 109	300	Do prof.....100	98 1/2 Jan 18	113 Oct 16	88 1/2 Jan	100 Dec	
79 1/2 82 1/4	79 1/2 82 1/4	80 83	80 3/4 81 1/2	80 3/4 83 1/4	81 1/4 83	94,600	American Can.....100	32 1/2 Jan 5	110 Sept 1	23 1/2 June	35 1/2 Dec	
112 112	*112 112 1/2	112 1/2 112 1/2	*112 1/2 112 1/2	112 1/2 112 1/2	*112 1/2 112 1/2	1,000	Do prof.....100	93 1/2 Jan 3	113 Dec 13	76 1/2 June	97 Dec	
*180 1/4 180 1/4	*178 182	181 1/2 181 1/2	*181 181 1/2	182 182 1/4	182 183	200	American Car & Foundry...100	141 Jan 10	201 Oct 16	115 1/2 June	151 1/2 Dec	
122 125	*122 125	122 1/2 125	123 123	*123 126	123 124	200	Do prof.....100	115 1/2 Jan 6	126 1/2 Nov 6	108 May	116 1/2 Dec	
6 1/2 6 1/2	*6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	*6 1/2 6 1/2	7 7 1/2	1,000	American Chile.....No par	5 Nov 14	14 May 5	6 1/2 Nov	29 Jan	
18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	*18 1/2 18 1/2	18 18 1/2	1,300	American Cotton Oil.....100	14 1/2 Nov 22	30 1/2 May 31	15 1/2 June	24 Nov	
36 1/2 38	*35 38	35 38	*34 38	34 38	35 38	900	Do prof.....100	33 1/2 Nov 27	61 May 31	35 1/2 July	67 Apr	
6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	*6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	14,600	Amer Drug & Syndicate...10	4 1/2 Jan 13	7 1/4 Aug 15	4 June	8 1/2 Jan	
*136 140 1/2	141 1/2 141 1/2	*138 141	*137 141	137 1/2 137 1/2	*137 140	200	American Hide & Leather...100	126 Jan 23	162 Oct 13	114 July	137 Dec	
11 11	*11 11 1/2	11 11 1/2	*11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	*11 1/2 11 1/2	600	Do prof.....100	10 1/2 Dec 18	17 1/2 Apr 13	8 Apr	18 Dec	
*66 67 1/2	67 1/2 67 1/2	67 67	*66 68	66 67	67 67 1/2	500	Do prof.....100	58 Jan 3	74 1/2 Sept 8	42 Jan	63 Dec	
105 105 1/2	104 104 1/2	*103 106 1/4	*102 1/2 102 1/2	102 1/2 102 1/2	102 1/2 103	3,000	American Ice.....100	72 Jan 12	122 Sept 8	42 Jan	72 Dec	
*86 1/4 87 1/2	*87 87 1/2	87 87 1/2	*85 87 1/2	*85 87	*85 87	100	Do prof.....100	78 Jan 13	95 1/2 Aug 4	57 Jan	73 Nov	
25 26	25 1/2 26 1/2	26 1/2 26 1/2	25 1/2 26 1/2	26 1/2 26 1/2	26 1/2 26 1/2	4,300	Amer International Corp...100	24 1/2 Dec 23	50 1/2 June 2	21 1/4 Aug	53 1/2 May	
11 11 1/2	11 11 1/2	11 11 1/2	11 11 1/2	11 11 1/2	11 11 1/2	1,100	American La France F E...10	9 1/2 Jan 16	14 July 26	7 1/2 Aug	11 1/2 Apr	
30 30 1/2	*30 30	29 3/4 30 1/2	*29 1/2 30 1/2	*30 31	30 1/2 30 1/2	900	American Linseed.....100	28 Nov 23	42 1/2 Oct 14	17 1/4 Aug	62 1/2 Jan	
53 53	*52 53	51 53	51 53	*51 53	51 51	400	Do prof.....100	48 Nov 25	64 1/2 Oct 16	39 1/2 Aug	93 Jan	
125 126 1/2	123 1/2 125 1/2	123 1/2 125 1/2	121 1/2 124 1/2	124 125 1/2	124 1/2 125 1/2	17,000	American Locomotive...100	102 Jan 5	136 1/4 Oct 14	73 1/2 June	110 Dec	
120 120	*119 1/2 120 1/2	119 1/2 119 1/2	*119 1/2 119 1/2	119 1/2 119 1/2	*119 1/2 120 1/2	600	Do prof.....100	112 Jan 12	122 1/2 Dec 7	95 1/2 June	115 Dec	
83 83 1/2	82 83	81 83 1/4	81 81	81 81	80 1/2 80 1/2	2,400	American Radiator.....25	82 Jan 30	129 Oct 11	66 1/2 Jan	91 Nov	
6 7 1/2	6 7 1/2	6 7 1/2	6 7 1/2	6 7 1/2	6 7 1/2	37,700	American Safety Razor...25	3 1/2 Jan 31	8 1/2 Oct 23	3 1/2 Aug	10 Jan	
20 21	20 20 1/2	19 1/2 20 1/2	19 1/2 19 1/2	19 1/2 19 1/2	19 1/2 20	7,700	Am Ship & Comm...No par	5 1/2 Jan 3	24 1/2 May 31	4 1/4 Aug	14 Jan	
55 56	55 55 1/2	55 55 1/2	54 1/2 55 1/2	54 1/2 55 1/2	55 1/2 55 1/2	3,600	Amer Smelting & Refining...100	4 3/4 Jan 6	67 1/2 May 19	29 1/2 Aug	47 1/2 Dec	
99 99 1/2	98 98 1/2	99 1/2 99 1/2	99 1/2 99 1/2	*99 99 1/2	*99 99 1/2	700	Do prof.....100	86 1/2 Jan 4	104 1/2 Oct 23	63 1/2 Aug	90 Dec	
*100 103	*100 103	100 103	*100 103	100 103	100 103	100	Am Smelt Secur pref ser A...100	87 Feb 8	101 1/2 Nov 9	63 Jan	88 Dec	
*142 143 1/2	*140 143 1/2	140 143 1/2	*140 143 1/2	140 143 1/2	140 143 1/2	6,200	Amer Snuff.....100	109 1/2 Jan 3	159 Sept 5	95 Jan	114 1/2 Dec	
36 37	*36 37	36 1/2 36 3/4	36 36 1/2	36 36 1/2	36 36 1/2	300	Do prof.....100	30 1/2 Jan 26	4 1/2 Sept 11	18 Aug	35 Dec	
*103 104	*103 104	103 103	*103 103 1/2	103 103 1/2	*103 104 1/2	3,800	American Sugar Refining...100	91 Feb 8	108 1/4 Oct 21	78 Aug	95 1/2 Dec	
78 1/2 78 1/2	*77 1/2 79 1/2	77 1/2 78 1/2	*77 1/2 77 1/2	77 1/2 77 1/2	77 1/2 77 1/2	100	Do prof.....100	54 Jan 4	85 1/2 Aug 21	47 1/2 Oct	96 Jan	
*108 109 1/2	108 108 1/2	108 108	*107 108	*107 108	*107 107 1/2	400	Amer Sumatra Tobacco...100	23 1/2 Jan 12	47 May 29	23 1/2 Dec	88 Mar	
28 28	28 28 1/2	*27 1/2 28	27 1/2 27 1/2	*27 1/2 28	28 28 1/2	400	Do prof.....100	52 1/2 Feb 13	71 Jan 16	64 1/2 Jan	65 1/2 Feb	
*55 58	*55 58	55 58	*55 58	55 58	55 58	10,800	Amer Telephone & Teleg...100	114 1/2 Jan 4	133 1/2 May 23	95 1/2 Jan	119 1/2 Nov	
123 123 1/2	123 123 1/2	123 123 1/2	123 123 1/2	122 1/2 123 1/2	122 1/2 123 1/2	3,800	American Tobacco.....100	129 1/2 Jan 5	169 1/2 Sept 1	111 1/2 June	136 1/2 Dec	
152 153 1/2	153 153 1/2	151 153 1/2	151 151 1/2	152 1/2 153 1/2	152 1/2 153 1/2	500	Do prof (new).....100	96 1/2 Jan 3	108 1/2 Oct 23	80 Aug	99 1/2 Dec	
*103 104	103 103 1/2	103 103 1/2	103 103	*102 1/2 103	102 1/2 103	2,100	Do common Class B...100	126 Jan 3	165 1/2 Sept 5	110 Jan	131 1/2 Dec	
150 150 1/2	150 150 1/2	148 150 1/2	148 148 1/2	149 1/2 149 1/2	149 1/2 149 1/2	500	Am Wat Wks & El v t c...100	6 Jan 7	33 1/4 Nov 3	4 Sept	6 1/2 Oct	
*27 1/2 28 1/4	28 1/2 28 1/4	27 1/2 28 1/4	*27 1/2 28 1/4	27 1/2 28 1/4	28 28 1/4	2,100	Do 1st pref (7%) v t c...100	67 Jan 4	93 1/2 Sept 13	48 Sept	68 1/2 Dec	
86 87 1/4	87 1/4 87 1/4	87 1/4 87 1/4	87 1/4 87 1/4	87 1/4 87 1/4	87 1/4 87 1/4	2,900	Do 2nd pref (6%) v t c...100	17 1/4 Jan 4	55 1/2 Oct 19	8 1/2 Sept	20 Dec	
95 97	94 1/2 95 1/4	94 1/2 95 3/4	94 94 1/4	94 1/2 94 3/4	94 3/4 97 1/4	8,000	Amer Woolen.....100	78 1/4 Jan 10	111 Oct 5	57 Feb	83 1/2 Dec	
*110 112	*110 112	110 111 1/2	*110 112	110 112	111 1/4 111 1/4	400	Do prof.....100	99 1/4 Oct 19	111 1/4 Dec 13	93 Feb	104 1/2 Dec	
28 1/4 28 1/4	*27 28	28 28 1/2	*27 28	27 1/2 27 1/2	27 1/2 27 1/2	1,200	Amer Writing Paper pref...100	22 1/2 Feb 18	55 1/2 Dec 25	20 1/2 Aug	39 1/2 Jan	
*16 1/4 17	*15 1/2 17	16 16 1/2	*16 1/2 17	16 1/2 16 1/2	*15 1/2 16	100	Amer Zinc, Lead & Smelt...25	12 1/2 Jan 3	21 Sept 20	6 1/2 Sept	14 1/2 Dec	
48 48 1/2	48 52	48 52	*48 52	48 52	48 52	100	Do prof.....100	36 Jan 18	57 Sept 20	22 1/2 Aug	40 1/2 Dec	
62 62 1/2	63 63 1/4	63 63 1/4	63 63 1/4	63 63 1/4	63 63 1/4	13,400	Anaconda Copper Mining...50	45 Nov 27	57 May 31	31 1/4 Aug	50 1/2 Dec	
*80 84	*82 84	84 84	*81 84	83 84	83 85	16,900	Associated Dry Goods.....100	43 Jan 5	70 1/2 Dec 15	24 Jan	50 1/2 Dec	
*87 90	*88 90	88 90	*88 90	88 90	88 90	500	Do 2d pref.....100	75 Jan 6	86 Oct 5	55 1/2 Jan	76 Dec	
125 125 1/2	124 125	124 125	124 130 1/2	128 1/2 134	128 133	14,700	Associated Oil.....100	76 Jan 17	91 1/2 Oct 6	45 Jan	78 Dec	
17 1/2	2 1/2 2 1/4	1 1/2 1 1/2	2 1/2 2 1/2	1 1/4 2 1/4	1 1/2 2 1/4	1,100	Atlantic Fruit & W I S S Line...100	99 Jan 13	135 1/2 May 3	61 Sept	107 1/2 Mar	
*22 22 1/2	22 22 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	*21 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	1,000	Do prof.....100	19 1/2 Dec 27	31 1/2 May 29	18 June	76 Jan	
17 17	16 18	16 16 1/2	*16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	1,900	Do prof.....100	15 Dec 27	31 1/2 May 29	18 June	76 Jan	
131 132	132 140	142 160	149 1/2 153 1/2	148 1/2 148 1/2	147 147	5,310	Atlantic Refining.....100	117 Dec 30	157 1/2 Oct 10	82 1/2 June	112 1/2 Nov	
*119 119 1/4	119 119 1/4	119 119 1/4	119 119 1/4	*119 120	*119 120	400	Do prof.....100	113 Jan 9	119 1/2 Dec 29	103 1/2 July	112 1/2 Nov	
18 19	18 19 1/2	19 19 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 19	18 1/2 19	2,200	Atlas Tack.....No par	13 1/2 Feb 28	22 1/2 May 4	12 1/2 Dec	20 Apr	
32 32 1/4	32 32	31 1/2 32	31 1/2 32	32 1/2 35	34 1/2 35 1/2	13,200	Austin Nichols & Co...No par	9 1/4 Jan 5	40 1/2 Sept 20	8 1/2 June	13 1/2 Jan	
*88 90 1/2	89 89	88 90 1/2	*88 90 1/2	88 90 1/2	87 90 1/2	30	Do prof.....100	68 Jan 9	91 Sept 12	50 1/2 Aug	70 Jan	
*11 1/4 15	*11 1/4 15	12 15	*12 15	12 15	12 15	50	Auto Sales Corp.....50	2 Nov 14	7 Mar 17	2 1/2 Sept	5 1/4 Dec	
133 136	133 134 1/4	131 1/4 134 1/4	131 1/4 133 1/2	132 1/4 135 1/4	132 1/4 135 1/4	126,100	Baldwin Locomotive Wks...100	10 1/2 July 27	15 1/2 Mar 16	10 Apr	15 Jan	
*112 117	*112 117	114 116 1/2	*113 116 1/2	114 116 1/2	*114 116 1/2	100	Do prof.....100	93 1/2 Jan 13	145 1/2 Sept 13	62 1/2 June	100 1/2 Dec	
*42 50	*42 50	42 48	*42 48	42 48	44 47	600	Barnet Leather.....No par	104 Jan 13	118 Oct 19	95 June	105 Dec	
*94 100	*94 100	95 100	*95	95	*94 1/2	3,200	Do prof.....100	40 Jan 19	67 1/2 Sept 11	29 Jan	41 Aug	
32 1/2 33 1/4	32 1/2 32 1/2	31 1/2 32 1/4	31 1/2 31 1/4	31 1/2 32 1/2	31 1/2 32 1/2	100	Barnsdall Corp, Class A...25	19 1/2 Jan 16	56 1/4 Apr 28	20 Dec	27 May	
*19 20 1/2	*18 20 1/2	18 1/2 19	*18 19	19 19	*19 21	25	Do Class B.....25	17 Nov 17	39 Apr 27	14 1/2 June	35 Jan	
*12 15	*12 15	12 15	*12 15	12 15	12 15	1,600	Batoplas Mining.....20	14 Dec 14	1 1/2 Mar 23	1 1/2 Aug	1 Jan	
63 64	63 64	63 64	63 64	63 64	63 64	1,600	Batholomew Steel Corp...No par	51 Jan 10	79 May 12	39 1/2 June	62 1/2 May	
*62 63 1/2	*62 63 1/2	60 62	*60 62 1/2	60 62 1/2	61 63	100	Do Class B common...100	55 1/2 Jan 3	82 1/2 May 12	41 1/2 June	65 May	
62 64	62 64											

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 (Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par); PER SHARE Range for year 1922. (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. a Ex-dividend and rights. s Ex-dividend. ** Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fourth page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Saturday, Jan. 6.	Monday, Jan. 8.	Tuesday, Jan. 9.	Wednesday, Jan. 10.	Thursday, Jan. 11.	Friday, Jan. 12.
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
*113 15	*12 14	*12 14	*11 12	*12 14	*12 14
46 48 1/2	46 47	46 47 1/2	46 48	46 47 1/2	47 47 1/2
85 86 1/2	84 85	86 87	86 87	86 87	86 87
79 81 1/2	79 81 1/2	80 82 1/2	80 81 1/2	81 82 1/2	82 83 1/2
*4 5	*4 5	*4 5	*4 5	*4 5	*4 5
*12 14	*12 14	*12 14	*12 13	*12 13	*12 13
3 1/2 3 3/4	3 1/2 3 3/4	3 1/2 3 3/4	3 1/2 3 3/4	3 1/2 3 3/4	3 1/2 3 3/4
9 1 1/4	9 1 1/4	9 1 1/4	9 1 1/4	9 1 1/4	9 1 1/4
42 44 1/2	43 43 1/2	43 43 1/2	43 43 1/2	43 43 1/2	43 43 1/2
*7 7 1/2	*7 7 1/2	*7 7 1/2	*7 7 1/2	*7 7 1/2	*7 7 1/2
47 48 1/2	47 48 1/2	48 50 1/2	49 51 1/2	51 52 1/2	51 52 1/2
13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	14 1 1/4	14 1 1/4	14 1 1/4
32 32	31 3 1/4	31 3 1/4	33 3 1/4	33 3 1/4	33 3 1/4
4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4
42 43	42 43	43 44 1/2	43 44 1/2	43 44 1/2	43 44 1/2
55 55	55 56 1/2	56 57	56 57	56 57	56 57
59 59	59 59	59 59 1/2	59 59 1/2	59 59 1/2	59 59 1/2
*98 99 1/2	*98 1/2	*98 1/2	*98 1/2	*98 1/2	*98 1/2
39 40	40 40 1/2	40 41	40 41	40 41	40 41
113 113	113 113	114 116	113 121 1/2	122 126 1/2	121 125 1/2
*11 73	*11 72	*11 71	*11 71	*11 71	*11 71
*95 99 1/2	*95 99 1/2	96 96	96 96	96 96	96 96
48 50 1/2	48 49	47 48	47 48	47 48	47 48
93 94	95 95 1/2	95 96	95 95 1/2	95 96	96 97
130 131 1/2	130 130 1/2	129 130 1/2	129 130 1/2	130 130 1/2	130 130 1/2
46 46 1/2	45 46 1/2	46 46 1/2	45 46 1/2	45 46 1/2	45 46 1/2
29 29 1/2	28 29	28 29 1/2	27 28 1/2	28 28 1/2	28 28 1/2
*99 100	*99 100	99 99 1/2	99 99 1/2	99 100	99 99 1/2
114 114 1/2	117 117 1/2	114 114 1/2	114 114 1/2	114 114 1/2	114 114 1/2
*33 33 1/2	*33 33 1/2	*31 3 1/4	*33 3 1/4	*33 3 1/4	*33 3 1/4
14 14 1/4	14 14 1/4	14 14 1/4	14 14 1/4	14 14 1/4	14 14 1/4
37 37 1/2	36 1 3/4	36 1 3/4	35 3 1/2	35 3 1/2	35 3 1/2
*101 103	*95 103	*98 102	*98 102	*98 102	*98 102
*75 83 1/2	*75 85	*78 82	*78 82	*78 82	*78 82
27 27 1/2	27 28 1/2	26 28 1/2	27 28 1/2	27 28 1/2	27 28 1/2
49 50 1/4	49 50 1/4	47 49 1/2	47 49 1/2	48 48 1/2	48 48 1/2
89 90	90 90	89 89	89 90	90 90	89 90
47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
*116 51 1/2	*116 50	*112 50 1/2	*112 51 1/2	*112 51 1/2	*114 52 1/2
18 1/2	18 1/2	18 18 1/2	18 18	18 18	18 18 1/2
*2 1/4	*2 1/4	*2 3/4	*2 3/4	*2 3/4	*2 3/4
*18 1/2	*19 20 1/2	19 20 1/2	20 20 1/2	20 20 1/2	20 20 1/2
87 88 1/2	86 87	86 87 1/2	85 86 1/2	85 87 1/2	86 87 1/2
*107 112	*108 111 1/2	*108 111	*108 111	*108 111	*108 111
8 8	8 8	7 7 1/2	8 8	7 7 1/2	7 7 1/2
37 1/4	37 1/4	37 1/4	37 1/4	38 38	38 38 1/2
33 1/4	32 3/4	33 1/4	33 1/4	33 1/4	33 1/4
10 1/8	10 1/8	10 1/8	10 1/8	10 1/8	10 1/8
42 42 1/2	42 42	42 42	42 42	42 42	42 42
60 69	70 70	65 70	66 66	66 66	66 66
*40 43	*40 42 1/2	40 43	40 43	40 43	40 43
20 20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
*88 94	*88 94	*88 93 1/2	*88 93 1/2	*88 93 1/2	*88 93 1/2
*85 87 1/2	*85 87 1/2	*85 87 1/2	*85 87 1/2	*85 87 1/2	*85 87 1/2
58 1/4	58 60	58 60	58 60	58 60	58 60
40 1/2	40 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2
116 117 1/2	117 117 1/2	116 117 1/2	117 117 1/2	117 117 1/2	117 117 1/2
96 98 1/4	97 100	100 104	101 102 1/2	104 107 1/2	104 107 1/2
61 61	61 1/4	61 1/4	61 1/4	63 64	62 63 1/2
*115	*115	*115 116 1/2	*115 115	*114 120	*114 120
79 1/2	79 1/2	81 82 1/2	81 83 1/2	83 85 1/2	83 85 1/2
63 64	63 65 1/2	63 65 1/2	62 64 1/2	64 68 1/2	64 68 1/2
113 116 1/2	113 115 1/2	113 116 1/2	113 115 1/2	115 117 1/2	115 117 1/2
*110 116	*112 116	*112 116	*112 116	*112 116	*112 116
7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4
5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
29 1/2	29 1/2	30 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
47 1/2	47 1/2	48 1/2	47 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2
20 1/2	20 1/2	21 20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	52 53 1/2	52 53 1/2	53 1/2
81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	80 1/2	81 1/2	82 82 1/2
*103 109	*106 109	*104 109	*103 107 1/2	*103 107 1/2	*103 107 1/2
132 137 1/2	132 137 1/2	132 137 1/2	132 137 1/2	132 137 1/2	132 137 1/2
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*83 1/4	*84 84 1/2	*80 84	*84 84	*82 83 1/2	*83 83
*109 110	*109 110	*110 110	*109 110	*110 110	*110 110
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80 80	79 81	79 80	79 80	80 82 1/2	80 81 1/2
47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
153 155 1/2	154 154 1/2	153 154 1/2	153 154 1/2	153 155	153 155
75 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2
30 30 1/2	30 30 1/2	30 30 1/2	30 30 1/2	30 30 1/2	30 30 1/2
*70 72	*69 70	*69 70	*69 70	*69 70	*69 70
*6 1/2	*6 1/2	*6 1/2	*6 1/2	*6 1/2	*6 1/2
4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
*20 21 1/2	*20 21 1/2	*21 21	*20 21 1/2	*20 21 1/2	*20 21 1/2
66 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	64 1/2	65 1/2	67 68 1/2
97 100	97 99	96 99 1/2	96 99 1/2	98 98 1/2	97 98 1/2
93 94	93 94 1/2	91 93 1/2	92 94 1/2	93 94 1/2	93 94 1/2
55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 56 1/2	56 57 1/2	57 58 1/2
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	101 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	103 104	103 104
*39 40	*40 40 1/2	*40 40 1/2	*39 40 1/2	*39 40 1/2	*39 40 1/2
106 107	106 106 1/2	106 106 1/2	106 106 1/2	106 106 1/2	106 106 1/2
*122 122 1/2	*122 122 1/2	*122 122 1/2	*122 122 1/2	*122 122 1/2	*122 122 1/2
64 64	64 64 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	64 64 1/2	64 64 1/2
17 1/4	17 1/4	16 16 1/2	16 16 1/2	16 16 1/2	16 16 1/2
36 37 1/2	35 1/2	36 36 1/2	36 36 1/2	36 36 1/2	36 36 1/2
*95 1/2	*95 1/2	*85 1/2	*90 98	*90 98	*90 98
25 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
*62 1/4	*63 63 1/2	*62 64	*62 64	*62 64	*62 64
*54 57	*54 57	*53 57	*54 57	*54 57	*54 57
*79 83	*80 85	*80 85	*80 85	*80 85	*80 85
16 16 1/4	15 1/4	15 1/4	15 1/4	15 1/4	15 1/4
12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
92 92	92 95	93 95 1/2	94 94 1/2	94 94 1/2	94 94 1/2
111 111 1/2	110 110 1/2	110 110	110 110 1/2	110 111 1/2	111 111 1/2
110 110	108 110	108 109	108 108	109 110	109 110
60 60 1/2	59 60 1/2	59 60 1/2	59 60 1/2	60 60 1/2	60 60 1/2
26 26	25 25 1/2	25 26	25 25 1/2	25 26	25 26
60 50 1/2	50 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	51 52	51 52
3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2
11 11	11 11 1/2	11 11 1/2	11 11	11 11 1/2	11 11 1/2
7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
44 46 1/2	46 47 1/2	45 46	45 47 1/2	46 47 1/2	47 47 1/2
*36 37	*37 37	*37 37	*36 37	*36 37	*36 37
*87 87	*80 87	*80 87	*80 87	*80 87	*80 87
219 221	220 223 1/2	216 1/4	217 218 1/2	221 222 1/2	222 223
33 1/4	33 33 1/2	33 33	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
*84	*84	*84	*84	*84	*84
*69 81 1/2	*68 81 1/2	*67 81 1/2	*67 81 1/2	*67 81 1/2	*67 81 1/2

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE	PER SHARE Range for year 1922. On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for Year 1921	
	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par				
Pacific Mail SS..... 5	11 Jan 18	19 June 3	8 Aug 17 1/2	48 Dec 17 1/2
Pacific Oil..... 5	42 1/2 Nov 23	69 1/2 May 4	27 1/2 Mar 50 1/2	50 Dec 50 1/2
Pan-Am Pet & Trans..... 50	48 1/2 Jan 11	10 1/2 Dec 7	3 1/2 Apr 7 1/2	7 1/2 Dec 7 1/2
Do Class B..... 50	40 1/2 Feb 8	95 1/2 Dec 7	34 1/2 Apr 71 1/2	71 1/2 Dec 71 1/2
Panhandle Prod & Ref. No par	3 Dec 28	12 1/2 Jan 4	6 Aug 13 1/2	13 1/2 Dec 13 1/2
Pen-Seaboard SH v t c No par	7 1/2 Nov 18	17 Apr 12	9 1/2 Apr 15 1/2	15 1/2 Apr 15 1/2
People's G. L. & C (Chlo)..... 100	5 1/2 Jan 4	13 1/2 May 24	6 1/2 June 17	17 Jan 17
Philadelphia Co (Pittsb)..... 50	31 1/2 Jan 4	49 1/2 Sept 15	33 1/2 Jan 64 1/2	64 1/2 Dec 64 1/2
Phillips-Jones Corp..... No par	73 1/4 Oct 30	105 1/2 Jan 3	26 1/2 Jan 35 1/2	35 1/2 Dec 35 1/2
Phillips Petroleum..... No par	2 1/4 Jan 11	59 1/2 June 7	16 June 95 1/2	95 1/2 Dec 95 1/2
Pierce-Arrow M Car..... No par	8 July 24	24 1/2 Apr 25	9 1/4 Aug 42 1/2	42 1/2 May 42 1/2
Do pref..... 100	18 1/2 July 24	49 Apr 15	21 Oct 88	88 Nov 88
Pierce Oil Corporation..... 25	3 1/2 Dec 28	12 Jan 12	5 1/4 Aug 14 1/2	14 1/2 Nov 14 1/2
Do pref..... 100	32 Sept 27	71 Jan 3	30 1/2 Aug 78	78 Jan 78
Pligg Wigg Stor Inc "A" No par				

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now—"and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

Main table containing bond listings for U.S. Government, Foreign Government, and State and City Securities. Columns include Bond Name, Interest Period, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range (Low/High), Range Year 1922, and various other details.

*No price Friday; †at bid and asked. ‡Due Jan. §Due April. ¶Due May. ††Due June. ‡‡Due July. §§Due Aug. †††Due Oct. ‡‡‡Due Nov. §§§Due Dec. ¶¶¶Option sale.

Table with columns: BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ending Jan 12, Interest Period, Price Friday Jan 12, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Year 1922. Includes entries like Cleve Clin Ch & St L gen 4s, 20-year deb 4 1/2s, etc.

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* No price Friday; latest bid and asked this week. a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due June. d Due July. e Due Sept. f Due Oct. g Option sale.

BONDS										BONDS									
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE										N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE									
Week ending Jan 12										Week ending Jan 12									
Interest Period	Price Friday Jan 12	Week's Range or Last Sale		Bonds Sold	Range Year 1922		Interest Period	Price Friday Jan 12	Week's Range or Last Sale		Bonds Sold	Range Year 1922							
		Bid	Ask		Low	High			Low	High		Bid	Ask	Low	High				
N O Texas & Mexico 1st 6s	100 1/2	100 3/4	100 1/8	100 1/2	33	95 1/2	101 1/2	95	95	Dec 22	95	95							
Non-conv deb 5s	100 1/2	100 3/4	100 1/8	100 1/2	33	95 1/2	101 1/2	95	95	Dec 22	95	95							
N Y Cent RR conv deb 6s	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	105 3/8	414	98	108 1/2	96	97 1/2	Nov 21	96	97 1/2							
Consol 4s Ser A	80 1/2	80 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	39	78 1/2	86 1/2	97 1/2	104	Dec 15	97 1/2	104							
Ref & Imp 4 1/2s "A"	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	88 3/8	33	83 1/2	92 1/2	90 1/2	96 1/2	Feb 12	90 1/2	96 1/2							
Ref & Imp 6s	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	98 3/4	702	93 1/2	99 1/2	81 1/2	90 1/2	Dec 12	90 1/2	90 1/2							
N Y Central & Hudson River																			
Mortgage 3 1/2s	76 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	77	14	74 1/2	83 1/2	84 1/2	88 1/2	Dec 22	84 1/2	87							
Registered	78	78	78	77	14	74 1/2	83 1/2	84 1/2	88 1/2	Dec 22	84 1/2	87							
Debenture gold 4s	91	91	91	91 1/4	14	84	93	90 1/2	93 1/2	Dec 22	90 1/2	93 1/2							
Registered	91	91	91	91 1/4	14	84	93	90 1/2	93 1/2	Dec 22	90 1/2	93 1/2							
30-year debenture 4s	86 1/2	89 1/2	88 1/2	89 1/2	4	83 1/2	91 1/2	83 1/2	91 1/2	Dec 22	83 1/2	91 1/2							
Lake Shore coll gold 3 1/2s	71 1/2	74 1/2	73 1/2	74	4	69 1/2	79 1/2	70 1/2	74 1/2	Dec 22	70 1/2	74 1/2							
Registered	71 1/2	74 1/2	73 1/2	74	4	69 1/2	79 1/2	70 1/2	74 1/2	Dec 22	70 1/2	74 1/2							
Mich Cent coll gold 3 1/2s	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75	1	72	78	72	78	Dec 22	72	78							
Registered	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75	1	72	78	72	78	Dec 22	72	78							
Battle Cr & Stur 1st gu 4s	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60	1	60	62	60	62	Dec 22	60	62							
Beech Creek 1st gu 4s	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	1	84 1/2	91 1/2	84 1/2	91 1/2	Dec 22	84 1/2	91 1/2							
Registered	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	1	84 1/2	91 1/2	84 1/2	91 1/2	Dec 22	84 1/2	91 1/2							
2d guar gold 5s	134	134	134	134	1	134	134	134	134	Dec 22	134	134							
Beech Cr Ext 1st g 3 1/2s	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	1	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	Dec 22	91 1/2	91 1/2							
Cart & Ad 1st gu 4s	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	1	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	Dec 22	81 1/2	81 1/2							
Ka & G R 1st gu 6s	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	1	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	Dec 22	95 1/2	95 1/2							
Lake Shore gold 3 1/2s	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	1	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	Dec 22	72 1/2	72 1/2							
Registered	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	1	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	Dec 22	72 1/2	72 1/2							
Debenture gold 4s	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	1	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Dec 22	92 1/2	92 1/2							
25-year gold 4s	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	1	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Dec 22	92 1/2	92 1/2							
Registered	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	1	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Dec 22	92 1/2	92 1/2							
Moh & Mal 1st gu 4s	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	1	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	Dec 22	83 1/2	83 1/2							
Mahon C R RR 1st 5s	100	100	100	100	1	100	100	100	100	Dec 22	100	100							
Michigan Central 5s	99	99	99	99	1	99	99	99	99	Dec 22	99	99							
Registered	99	99	99	99	1	99	99	99	99	Dec 22	99	99							
4s	88	88	88	88	1	88	88	88	88	Dec 22	88	88							
Registered	88	88	88	88	1	88	88	88	88	Dec 22	88	88							
J L & S 1st gold 3 1/2s	81	81	81	81	1	81	81	81	81	Dec 22	81	81							
1st gold 3 1/2s	81	81	81	81	1	81	81	81	81	Dec 22	81	81							
20-year debenture 4s	91	91	91	91	1	91	91	91	91	Dec 22	91	91							
N Y June RR guar 1st 4s	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	1	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	Dec 22	77 1/2	77 1/2							
N Y & Harlem 3 1/2s	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	1	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	Dec 22	99 1/2	99 1/2							
N Y & Northern 1st g 5s	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	1	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	Dec 22	82 1/2	82 1/2							
N Y & Pu 1st cons gu 4s	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	1	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	Dec 22	80 1/2	80 1/2							
Rutland 1st con g 4 1/2s	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	1	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	Dec 22	69 1/2	69 1/2							
Og & L Cham 1st gu 4s	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	1	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	Dec 22	69 1/2	69 1/2							
Rut-Canada 1st gu 4s	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	1	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	Dec 22	69 1/2	69 1/2							
St Lawr & Adir 1st g 5s	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	1	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	Dec 22	96 1/2	96 1/2							
2d gold 6s	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	1	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	Dec 22	96 1/2	96 1/2							
Pitts & L Erie 2d g 5s	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	1	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	Dec 22	101 1/2	101 1/2							
Pitts McK & Y 1st gu 6s	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	1	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	Dec 22	99 1/2	99 1/2							
2d guaranteed 6s	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	1	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	Dec 22	82 1/2	82 1/2							
West Shore 1st 4s guar	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	1	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	Dec 22	78 1/2	78 1/2							
Registered	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	1	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	Dec 22	78 1/2	78 1/2							
N Y C Lines eq tr 5s	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	1	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	Dec 22	88 1/2	88 1/2							
Equip trust 4 1/2s	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	1	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	Dec 22	88 1/2	88 1/2							
N Y Chic & St L 1st g 4s	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	1	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	Dec 22	86 1/2	86 1/2							
Registered	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	1	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	Dec 22	86 1/2	86 1/2							
Debenture 1st 4s	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	1	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	Dec 22	88 1/2	88 1/2							
N Y Connect 1st gu 4 1/2s	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	1	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	Dec 22	88 1/2	88 1/2							
N Y N H & Hartford																			
Non-conv debent 4s	51	51	51	51	1	51	51	51	51	Dec 22	51	51							
Non-conv debent 3 1/2s	47	47	47	47	1	47	47	47	47	Dec 22	47	47							
Non-conv debent 3 1/2s	44	44	44	44	1	44	44	44	44	Dec 22	44	44							
Non-conv debent 4s	48	48	48	48	1	48	48	48	48	Dec 22	48	48							
Non-conv debent 4s	50	50	50	50	1	50	50	50	50	Dec 22	50	50							
Non-conv debent 4s	50	50	50	50	1	50	50	50	50	Dec 22	50	50							
Conv debenture 3 1/2s	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	1	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	Dec 22	45 1/2	45 1/2							
Conv debenture 6s	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	1	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	Dec 22	72 1/2	72 1/2							
Cons Ry non-conv 4s	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	1	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	Dec 22	51 1/2	51 1/2							
Non-conv debent 4s	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	1	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	Dec 22	51 1/2	51 1/2							
Non-conv debent 4s	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	1	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	Dec 22	51 1/2	51 1/2							
4 1/2 debentures	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	1	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	Dec 22	78 1/2	78 1/2							
Harlem R Co 1st 4s	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	1	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	Dec 22	57 1/2	57 1/2							
B & N Y Air Line 1st 4s	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	1	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	Dec 22	56 1/2	56 1/2							
Cent New Eng 1st gu 4s	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	1	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	Dec 22	56 1/2	56 1/2							
Housatonic Ry cons 5s	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	1	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	Dec 22	83 1/2	83 1/2							
Naugatuck RR 1st 4s	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	1	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	Dec 22	68 1/2	68 1/2							
N Y Prov & Boston 4s	70	70	70	70	1	70	70	70	70	Dec 22	70	70							
N Y Wches & B 1st Ser 1 1/2s	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	1	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	Dec 22	4 1/2	4 1/2							
New England cons 5s	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	1	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	Dec 22	85 1/2	85 1/2							
Consol 4s	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	1	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1										

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Quotations for Sundry Securities

Table of quotations for sundry securities. Columns include: Bid, Ask, and various security descriptions like Standard Oil Stocks, RR. Equipments, Public Utilities, and Tobacco Stocks.

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*Per share. b Basis. c Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. e New stock. f Flat price. g Last sale. h Ex-special dividend of \$15. i Nominal. j Ex-div. k Ex-rights. l Ex-stock div. m Ex cash and stock dividends. n Ex-100% stock dividend.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week	STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE	Range for Year 1922		PER SHARE Range for Year 1921							
Saturday, Jan. 6.	Monday, Jan. 8.	Tuesday, Jan. 9.	Wednesday, Jan. 10.	Thursday, Jan. 11.	Friday, Jan. 12.			Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest						
148 148	149 149	148 148	148 148	148 148	148 148	184	Boston & Albany	130 1/4	Jan 4	152	May 22	119	Apr	133	Nov		
82 82 1/4	82 82 1/2	82 82	81 82	81 1/2	82	270	Boston Elevated	73 1/2	Feb 20	89 1/2	Sept 12	61 7/8	Jan	79	Nov		
*97 1/2 98 1/2	98 98	97 97	*120	*97 1/2	*97 1/2	34	Do pref.	94 1/4	Mar 1	105	Sept 13	78	Jan	100	Dec		
103 103	120 120	*120	102 102	103 103	103 103	131	Do 1st pref.	116	June 22	126	June 27						
*17 1/2	*17 1/2	17 1/4	*22 1/2	*17 1/4	*17 1/4	10	Do 2d pref.	101 1/2	Nov 20	109	Sept 13						
25 25	*24 30	*22 1/2	*23	*22 1/2	*22 1/2	123	Boston & Maine	14	Jan 10	31 1/2	May 20	13 1/4	Dec	25 1/4	Feb		
*45	*45	45 45	45 45	45 45	45 45	43	Do pref.	20	Jan 9	37	Apr 8	16 1/2	Nov	30	Jan		
*40	*40	41 41	40 40	40 40	40 40	123	Do Series A 1st pref.	22	Jan 5	44 1/2	Apr 26	19	Aug	33	Jan		
*58	*58	58 58 1/4	58 58	58 58	58 58 1/4	63	Do Series B 1st pref.	30	Jan 17	62	May 20	27	Nov	47	Feb		
*159 1/2	160 160	*160	*160	*160	*160	33	Do Series C 1st pref.	40	Jan 12	77 1/2	May 1	36	Nov	58	Jan		
21 1/2	20 1/4	21 21	21 21	21 21	21 21	2	Do Series D 1st pref.	125	Jan 12	163	July 17	110	June	133	Jan		
71 71 1/2	71 1/2 71 1/2	71 71	71 71	71 71	71 71	101	East & Providence	18	July 13	26 3/8	July 31						
61 1/2	60 60 1/8	*59 1/2	61 61	*59 60	60 60	615	East Mass Street Ry Co.	66	Aug 14	77	July 14						
*38 41	*38 39	*36 40	*36 40	*37 40	40 40	5	Do 1st pref.	51	July 13	60	Nov 16						
*20 20 1/2	*20 1/2 20 3/8	20 3/8 20 3/4	*20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	725	Do pref B.	28	July 14	47	Aug 17						
82 82	*98 1/2 98 3/8	*98 98	*98 98	*98 98	*98 98	24	Maine Central	27 1/2	Jan 30	55	Oct 21	30	Dec	43 1/2	Feb		
99 99	*98 1/2 98 3/8	*98 98	*98 98	*98 98	*98 98	725	N Y N H & Hartford	12 1/4	Jan 3	34 3/8	May 22	12	Dec	23 1/4	Jan		
77 1/4	78 1/4 78 1/4	*78 80	*78 79	79 79 1/2	78 78 1/2	13	N Y N H & Hampshire	69	Jan 10	96	July 19	60	Apr	75 1/2	Feb		
*96 96 1/2	*96 98	*96 98	*96 98	*96 98	*96 98	13	Norwich & Worcester pref.	58	Jan 17	103 3/4	Dec 22	51	Nov	76	Jan		
						113	Old Colony	57	Jan 6	98 1/4	May 23	50	Oct	75	Jan		
						55	Rutland pref.	15	Jan 20	52 3/8	June 5	15	Apr	21	Jan		
							Vermont & Massachusetts	78	Jan 23	100	Aug 7	69	Nov	78	Dec		
							Miscellaneous										
						586	Amer Pneumatic Service	25	2 1/2	Dec 29	4 1/4	Jan 27	2	Jan	5 1/4	Dec	
						1,312	Do	50	13	Feb 20	20 1/4	Aug 10	8 1/2	Jan	15 1/2	Nov	
						2,625	Amer Telephone & Teleg	100	114 3/8	Jan 3	128 1/4	Aug 31	98 1/8	Jan	119 1/2	Nov	
						3,081	Amoskeag Mfg	No par	104	Jan 10	121	Dec 18	74	Jan	109	Mar	
						118	Do pref.	No par	80	Nov 6	91	Aug 24	78	Feb	84 1/2	Dec	
							Art Metal Construc Inc	10	14	Nov 16	20 1/2	May 19	12	Jan	16	Sept	
						150	Atlas Tack Corp	No par	13	Jan 7	22	May 14	12 1/2	Dec	20	Apr	
							Beacon Chocolate	10	.05	Dec 12	.75	Feb 21	15	Dec	4	Jan	
						2,330	Boston Mex Pet Trus	No par	10	Sept 14	.50	May 4	15	July	.95	Jan	
							Century Steel of Amer Inc	10	.05	Jan 20	.20	July 17	.08 1/2	Oct	1 1/8	Jan	
						45	Connor (John T)	10	15 3/4	Jan 4	30 7/8	Dec 26	9 1/2	July	17 1/2	Dec	
						50	East Boston Land	10	3	Jan 4	4	Apr 21	3	Oct	4 1/2	Feb	
						650	Eastern Manufacturing	5	7	Dec 6	14 1/4	Feb 10	9 1/2	Oct	23	Jan	
							Edison SS Lines Inc	25	38 1/2	Jan 4	89 1/2	Oct 21	16	Jan	42	Dec	
						414	Edison Electric Illum	100	42	Jan 7	48	Sept 1	42	Nov	45	Dec	
						12	Elder Corporation	No par	3	Mar 14	185	Sept 1	142 1/2	Oct	165 1/2	Jan	
							Galveston-Houston Elec	100	28	Dec 19	39	Aug 15	3	Nov	17	Dec	
						1,315	Gardner Motor	No par	9	Nov 27	16 1/4	Apr 6	9 3/8	Sept	23 1/4	Apr	
						770	Greenfield Tap & Die	25	17	Dec 29	27 1/4	Feb 27	19 1/4	Dec	29	Nov	
						4,070	Hood Rubber Corp	No par	43	Mar 9	54 1/2	Dec 30	41 1/2	Dec	58	Mar	
						737	Internat Cement Corp	No par	26	Jan 20	33 3/8	May 6	19	July	28 1/2	Dec	
						40	Internat Cotton Mills	50	20	Nov 1	32	Jan 27	32	Dec	41 1/2	Feb	
						206	Do pref.	100	60	Aug 5	85	Dec 1	72	Sept	86	Jan	
							Internat Products	No par	1 1/2	Dec 26	6 1/2	Mar 25	7	Sept	13	Jan	
						50	Do pref.	100	5 1/2	Dec 4	17	Apr 1	5	Nov	32	Jan	
						930	Island Oil & Transp Corp	10	.62	Apr 15	3	Jan 24	2	Sept	4 7/8	Mar	
						319	Libby, McNeill & Libby	10	1 1/8	Apr 24	1 1/2	June 3	5 1/2	Dec	13	Jan	
						142	Loew's Theatres	25	8	July 1	13	Jan 16	8 1/4	Dec	18	June	
						192	Massachusetts Gas Cos	100	63	Jan 3	90 1/8	Nov 9	53 3/4	Sept	85	Jan	
						90	Do pref.	100	62	Jan 3	74	Oct 19	58 1/2	Oct	64	May	
						405	Mergenthaler Linotype	100	130	Jan 3	181	Oct 13	117	Sept	136	Nov	
						20	Mexican Investment Inc	100	11	Dec 29	27 3/8	June 26	13 1/2	Sept	35 1/4	Apr	
						20	Do stamped pref.	100	7 1/2	Jan 6	34	Aug 31	11	Sept	14 1/2	Mar	
						1,512	National Leather	10	1	Jan 8	85 1/2	Oct 6	60	Jan	84	Apr	
						364	New England Oil Corp	10	.22	Dec 6	5	Jan 28	21	Dec	9 1/4	Jan	
						106	New England Telephone	100	109	Jan 4	125	Sept 19	95 1/2	Jan	112 1/2	Dec	
							Ohio Body & Blower	No par	5 1/4	Nov 23	14	Mar 16	7	July	11 1/4	Dec	
						1,595	Orpheum Circuit Inc	1	13	Jan 10	28	Oct 5	14 1/2	Dec	30 1/4	Apr	
						2,839	Pacific Mills	100	154 3/4	Oct 4	192	Dec 26	146	Jan	171	Dec	
						155	Reece Button Hole	10	12 1/2	Apr 18	16	July 17	12 1/2	Apr	14	Jan	
						576	Simms Magneto	100	.50	Nov 17	7 1/4	Apr 5	3	Dec	9 1/4	Mar	
						305	Swift & Co	100	92 1/4	Jan 3	110 1/2	Sept 12	88 1/2	July	105 1/4	Mar	
						50	Torrington	25	.69	July 3	81 1/2	June 5	47	June	61	Feb	
						43,331	Union Twist Drill	5	8	Mar 29	14 1/4	Feb 3	10	Dec	22	Jan	
						522	United Shoe Mach Corp	25	37	Jan 4	45	Mar 24	33	Sept	39 1/4	Jan	
						10,249	Do pref.	25	25	Jan 3	27 1/2	July 15	22 1/4	Apr	25 1/2	Dec	
						4,556	Ventura Consol Oil Fields	5	2 1/8	Jan 27	33 1/2	June 2	16 1/4	July	24 1/2	Dec	
						2,267	Waldorf System Inc	10	26 1/2	Jan 4	39	Dec 30	16 1/2	Jan	29 1/2	Dec	
						370	Walworth Watch	100	2 1/4	Nov 29	14 3/4	Apr 26	6	Dec	17	Jan	
						395	Do pref.	100	11	Nov 29	49	Apr 25	36	Sept	75	Jan	
						615	Warren Bros	50	17 1/2	Jan 3	35 1/4	Sept 25	11	Apr	22 1/2	Apr	
						85	Do 1st pref.	50	30 1/2	Jan 4	38 1/4	Oct 9	17	Aug	33 1/2	Dec	
							Do 2d pref.	50	31	Feb 10	44 1/2	July 12	16	Oct	35 1/2	Dec	
							Wickwire Spence	Steel	5	8 1/2	Nov 17	21	May 13	8	July	18 1/4	Jan
							Mining										
							Adventure Consolidated	25	.50	Jan 31	1	Apr 15	4	Mar	75	Mar	
						170	Ahmeek	25	56	Nov 15	66	May 29	40	Apr	63	Dec	
						110	Algomah Mining	25	.03	Sept 25	.50	Apr 17	15	July	.50	Apr	
						485	Arizona Consolidated	25	19	Dec 15	32 1/2	Jan 26	16	Apr	24 1/2	Nov	
						1,010	Arcon Commercial	5	2	Mar 10	4 3/4	May 23	1 1/2	Sept	3 1/4	Jan	
						5	Bingham Mines	10	13	Jan 5	18 1/2	Sept 8	8	Mar	14	Oct	
						122	Calumet & Hecla	25	248	Nov 14	301	Aug 25	210	Apr	280	Dec	
						453	Carson Hill Gold	1	5 1/2	Nov 20							

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Jan. 6 to Jan. 12, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for Year 1922 (Low, High).

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange Jan. 6 to Jan. 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for Year 1922 (Low, High).

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange Jan. 6 to Jan. 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for Year 1922 (Low, High).

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for Year 1922 (Low, High).

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Jan. 6 to Jan. 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for Year 1922 (Low, High).

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Jan. 6 to Jan. 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for Year 1922 (Low, High).

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale, Price, Week's Range of Prices, Low, High, Sales for Week, Shares, Range for Year 1922, Low, High. Includes stocks like Mitchell Motor Co, National Leather, People's Gas Lt & Coke, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concl.)— Par., Friday Last Sale, Price, Week's Range of Prices, Low, High, Sales for Week, Shares, Range for Year 1922, Low, High. Includes stocks like Patten Typewriter, Peerless Truck & Motor, Perfection Tire & Rubber, etc.

New York Curb Market.—Official transactions in the New York Curb Market from Jan. 6 to Jan. 12, inclusive:

Table with columns: Week ending Jan. 12, Friday Last Sale, Price, Week's Range of Prices, Low, High, Sales for Week, Shares, Range for Year 1922, Low, High. Includes categories like Indus. & Miscellaneous, Aeme Coal Mining, Aeme Packing, etc.

Table with columns: Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries, Friday Last Sale, Price, Week's Range of Prices, Low, High, Sales for Week, Shares, Range for Year 1922, Low, High. Includes subsidiaries like Anglo-American Oil, Buckeye Pipe Line, Chesapeake Pipe Line, etc.

Other Oil Stocks Par.	Friday Last Sale. Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range for Year 1922.		Bonds (Concluded)	Friday Last Sale. Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range since Jan. 1.		
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.			Low.	High.		Low.	High.	
Willcox Oil & Gas	6 1/2	6 1/4	6 5/8	14,700	2 1/4	Jan 7	Cities Ser 7s Ser C	93 1/2	92	93 1/2	\$3,000	87	Feb 98	
Woodburn Oil Corp.	5	25c	25c	8,000	15c	Nov 1	7s, Series D	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	3,000	85	Mar 92 1/2	
W. Oil & Gas	1	10c	10c	28,500	7c	Aug 38c	Jan	28	28	28	2,000	22 1/2	Jan 49	
Mining Stocks.														
Alaska Brit-Coi Metals	10	2 1/2	2	300	1 1/4	Jan 5 1/2	Colum Graphophone 8s '25	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	21,000	99 1/2	June 107 1/2	
Arizona Globe Copper	10	27c	20c	137,000	10c	Dec 18c	Cons G E L & P Balt 6s '49	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	49,000	98 1/2	Nov 97 1/2	
Belcher Extension	10c	4c	6c	8,000	2c	Mar 9c	Consol Textile 8s	1941	100	98	100 1/2	64,000	94	Feb 100 1/2
Big Ledge Copper Co.	5	3c	2c	70,000	4c	Dec 29c	Copper Export Assn 8s '24	101 3/4	101 3/4	101 3/4	3,000	101 1/2	Nov 103 1/2	
Bison Gold Inc.	10c	25c	25c	7,000	14c	Nov 27c	8s	1925	102 1/2	102 1/2	11,000	101 1/2	Nov 105	
Boston-Montana Corp.	25	12c	12c	121,000	12c	Dec 5	Cudaly Packing 7s	1933	100 1/2	100 1/2	4,000	100 1/2	Jan 102	
Calaveras Copper	2 1/2	2 1/2	3	2,800	2 1/2	Dec 3	Deers & Co 7 1/4s	1931	102 1/2	102 1/2	12,000	95	Feb 103	
Caledonia Mining	1	8c	8c	4,000	4c	Feb 20c	Detroit City Gas 6s	1947	101	101	31,000	99 1/2	Nov 103	
Calumet & Jerome Cop.	1	13c	13c	1,000	8c	Jan 30c	Detroit Edison 6s	1952	103 1/2	102 1/2	245,000	100	Dec 105	
Canada Copper Co.	5	2c	2c	6,000	1c	Sept 65c	Dunlop T & R of Am 7s	1942	96 1/2	96 1/2	150,000	95 1/2	Dec 97 1/2	
Canadaria Silver	10	2 1/2	2 1/2	10,900	1 1/2	July 3 1/2	Federal Land Bk 4 1/4s	1942	100 1/2	100 1/2	5,000	100	May 101 1/2	
Cash Boy Consolidated	1	11c	12c	12,000	4c	Feb 13c	Gair (Robert) Co 7s	1937	98 1/2	99	21,000	95	Feb 100	
Combination Fraction	5	5c	5c	6,000	1c	July 5c	Galena-Signal Oil 7s	1930	104 1/2	104 1/2	3,000	100 1/2	Jan 107	
Consol Copper Mines new	3 1/2	3 1/4	4	4,100	3	Nov 4c	General Asphalt 8s	1930	105	104	14,000	100	Nov 107	
Consol Nevada Utah Cop.	14c	12c	12c	14,000	2c	Feb 14c	Grand Trunk Ry 6 1/2s	1936	103 1/2	103 1/2	39,000	102	Jan 108 1/2	
Continental Mines, Ltd.	4 1/2	4 1/2	5	4,100	4 1/2	Oct 5 1/2	Gulf Oil Corp 7s	1937	96 1/2	96 1/2	10,000	102 1/2	Jan 104 1/2	
Copper Range Co.	1	36	36	100	38 1/2	Dec 43	Gulf Oil of Pa 6s	1937	96 1/2	96 1/2	15,000	96 1/2	Nov 97 1/2	
Cork Province Mines	1	13c	15c	3,000	12c	Dec 22c	Hood Rubber 7 1/2 notes	'36	101 1/2	101	49,000	95	Jan 102 1/2	
Cortez Silver	1	1 1/4	1 1/2	16,800	84c	Jan 1 1/2	Inter R T 8 1/2 P m reets.		96	96 1/2	24,000	72	Jan 98 1/2	
Crackerjack Mining	2c	2c	2c	1,000	2c	Dec 5c	Certificates of deposit		95	94 1/2	16,000	89 1/2	July 98 1/2	
Cresson Con Gold M & M I	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,800	2 1/2	Oct 3	Kansas City Pow & Lt 6 1/2	'52	91 3/4	91 3/4	150,000	90	Nov 93 1/2	
Davis-Daly Mining	10	1 1/2	2 1/2	400	2 1/2	Nov 8 1/2	Kansas City Term 6s	1923	101	101	1,000	99 1/2	Jan 101 1/2	
Dean Consolidated Corp.	1	71c	63c	75c	26,600	36c	Aug 77c	Kennecott Copper 7s	1930	105 1/2	105 1/2	22,000	101 1/2	Jan 106 1/2
Divide Extension	1	12c	12c	6,000	10c	Aug 21c	Laclede Gas Light 7s		101	101	101 1/2	63,000	94 1/2	Feb 103
Dolores Esperanza	5	1 1/2	2 1/2	2,500	82c	Feb 3 1/2	Libby McNeill & Libby's '31		99 1/2	100	13,000	98 1/2	Apr 102 1/2	
Dryden Gold Corp	73c	65c	77c	27,900	54c	Dec 65c	Louis Gas & Elec 6s	1952	91	90	91	75,000	90	Dec 91 1/2
El Salvador Silver Mines	1	2c	3c	11,000	1c	Dec 22c	Manitoba Power 7s	1941	97	97	97 1/2	16,000	89	Jan 100
Emma Silver	1	2c	3c	23,000	1c	Dec 5c	Morris & Co 7 1/4s	1930	105 1/2	106 1/2	22,000	102 1/2	Jan 107	
Eureka Croesus	1	29c	35c	48,000	18c	Jan 41c	Nat Acme Co 7 1/4s	1930	106 1/2	105 1/2	32,000	92	Mar 100	
Fortuna Con Mining	54c	35c	54c	354,400	5c	Oct 34c	Nat Clow & Sult 8s	1925	101 1/2	101 1/2	3,000	95 1/2	Jan 102	
Forty-nine Mining	1	6c	7c	27,000	5c	Dec 30c	National Leather 8s	1925	101 1/2	101 1/2	3,000	95 1/2	Jan 102	
Gadsden Copper	1	60c	60c	200	59c	Mar 1.38	Ohio Power 5s	1952	91 1/2	91	92	405,000	89 1/2	Dec 93 1/2
Goldfield Consol Mines	10	8c	8c	7,000	3c	Jan 12c	Penn Pow & Lt 5s B	1952	90 1/2	90 1/2	29,000	87 1/2	Dec 93	
Goldfield Deep	10c	9c	10c	146,500	3c	Jan 12c	Phila Elec 6 1/2s	1947	102	102 1/2	21,000	99	Jan 103	
Goldfield Development	9c	5c	9c	4,600	3c	June 60c	6s	1941	105 1/2	105 1/2	20,000	100 1/2	Jan 106 1/2	
Goldfield Florence	1	47c	36c	40c	141,000	9c	July 30c	Phillips Petrol 7 1/4s	1931	120	120	5,000	101	Feb 126
Goldfield Oro	2c	1c	2c	6,000	1c	June 4c	Without warrants		102 1/2	103	8,000	99	Feb 104 1/2	
Gold Zone Divide	1	9c	11c	2,000	7c	May 10c	Public Serv Corp 7s w 1941	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	40,000	96 1/2	Feb 105 1/2	
Hard Shell Mining	1	10c	3c	198,000	3c	Dec 48c	Sears, Roebuck & Co 7s '25	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	14,000	97	Jan 102	
Harmill Divide	10c	5c	6c	4,000	5c	Dec 18c	Shawheen Mills 7s	1931	104 1/2	104 1/2	15,000	101	Jan 106 1/2	
Hecla Mining	25c	8 1/2	8 1/2	400	4 1/2	Jan 9	Sheffield Farms 6 1/4s	1942	100 1/2	100 1/2	13,000	100	Dec 101 1/2	
Hennetta Silver	1	40c	40c	28,000	30c	Aug 1 1/2	Sloss-Sheffield C & I 6s '29		97 1/2	97 1/2	17,000	93 1/2	Mar 99 1/2	
Hilltop-Nevada Mining	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,000	75c	June 1 1/2	Solvay & Cie 8s	1927	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	25,000	102 1/2	Jan 107 1/2
Hollinger Cons Gold Min	5	12 1/2	12 1/2	900	7 1/2	Jan 14 1/2	South Calif Edison 5s	1925	102 1/2	103	44,000	100 1/2	Jan 104 1/2	
Howe Sound Co.	1	2 1/2	3	5,200	2 1/2	Jan 3 1/2	Stand Oil of N Y deb 6 1/2s '33	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	67,000	105 1/2	Mar 109 1/2	
Independence Lead Mining	1	33c	31c	35c	60,000	6c	7 1/2 serial gold deb	1925	104 1/2	104 1/2	8,000	103	Oct 108	
Iron Blossom Com M.	100	29c	31c	3,200	16c	Mar 38c	7 1/2 serial gold deb	1926	105 1/2	105 1/2	17,000	104	Jan 106 1/2	
Jerome Verde Devel.	1	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,700	2	Dec 5	7 1/2 serial gold deb	1927	105 1/2	105 1/2	7,000	104 1/2	Feb 107	
Jim Butler Tonopah	1	5c	5c	1,000	4c	July 10c	7 1/2 serial gold deb	1928	106 1/2	107	8,000	105	Feb 108	
Kerr Lake	5	4 1/2	3 1/2	1,100	3	Mar 4 1/2	7 1/2 serial gold deb	1929	107 1/2	107 1/2	5,000	105	Mar 109	
Knob Divide	10c	2c	2c	10,000	2c	Dec 7c	7 1/2 serial gold deb	1930	108 1/2	109 1/2	4,000	106	Apr 109 1/2	
La Rose Consol	5	25c	25c	1,000	19c	Dec 63c	7 1/2 serial gold deb	1931	109 1/2	109 1/2	26,000	107 1/2	Mar 111	
Lone Star Consol	1	6c	5c	6c	43,000	1c	Jan 14c	Sun Co 6s	1929	98 1/2	98 1/2	5,000	94	Feb 100
MacNamara Devel	1	6c	7c	3,000	4c	Dec 14c	Swift & Co 7s Aug 15 1931	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	31,000	101	Jan 103 1/2	
MacNamara Mining	1	10c	11c	3,000	4c	Jan 31c	5s, when issued	1932	93 1/2	93 1/2	161,000	92 1/2	Dec 96 1/2	
Marsh Mining	1	10c	11c	3,000	4c	Jan 31c	Tidal-Ossage Oil 7s	1931	100 1/2	100 1/2	18,000	99 1/2	Jan 106	
Mason Valley Mines	5	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,000	1 1/2	Oct 3 1/2	United Oil Produce 8s	1931	100 1/2	100 1/2	17,000	90	Feb 110	
McKinley Cons Sav	18c	15c	18c	5,000	8c	June 40c	Vacuum Oil 7s	1936	107 1/2	107 1/2	13,000	100	Jan 108	
Mohican Copper	1	18c	15c	4,000	14c	Nov 47c	Valvoline Oil 6s	1937	103 1/2	103 1/2	2,000	98 1/2	July 102	
Nabob Consol M.	1	5c	6c	12,000	2c	Dec 11c	Wayne Coal 6s	1937	73 1/2	73 1/2	1,000	60	Jan 76	
National Tin Corp.	50c	22c	20c	24c	48,000	14c	Dec 67c	Foreign Government and Municipalities						
Nevada Ohhr	1	15c	15c	1,000	8c	Nov 52c	Argentina Nation 7s	1923	100 1/2	100 1/2	124,000	97	Jan 101 1/2	
Nevada Silver Horn	1	2c	2c	5,000	1c	Nov 14c	Bremen 4 1/2s		16	16	910,000	30c	Oct 1 1/2	
New Cornelia	17	17	17	100	15c	Oct 20c	Hamburg 4 1/2s		15	16	225,000	20c	Oct 5 1/2	
New Dominion Copper	5	2 1/2	3 1/2	3,000	2	Jan 3 1/2	Mexico 4s	1945	38	37 1/2	40 1/2	178,000	34 1/2	Apr 52 1/2
New Jersey Zinc	100	170	171	85	141	Jan 175	6s 10-year series B		54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	7,000	50	July 57
Nipissing Mines	5	5 1/2	5 1/2	2,700	5 1/2	July 6 1/2	Netherlands (Kings) 6s B	1932	98 1/2	98 1/2	232,000	94	Sept 99 1/2	
Ohio Copper	10	53c	47c	60c	92,950	6c	Aug 60c	Peru (Republic) 8 1/2 B	1932	98 1/2	98 1/2	23,000	96	Nov 100 1/2
Park Utah Mining	1	4 1/2	4 1/2	100	4 1/2	Dec 5 1/2	Russian Govt 6 1/2s	1919						
Ray Hercules, Inc	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	17,400	1c	Feb 2 1/2	Certificates		10	10 1/2	20,000	9 1/2	Dec 26 1/2	
Red Hills Florence	3c	3c	3c	14,000	1c	July 8c	Russian Govt 5 1/2s	1921	10	10	2,000	9 1/2	Dec 23	
Rex Consolidated Mining	1	6c	6c	7,000	5c	Jan 12c	Switzerland Govt 5 1/2s	1929	103 1/2	104	56,000	95 1/2	Jan 107 1/2	
Richmond Cop M & Dev.	24c	21c	26c	43,000	20c	Dec 30c	New York City Banks and Trust Companies.							
Rocheater Silver Corp	1	17c	17c	2,000	12c	June 21c	All prices dollars per share.							
Ruby Rand Mines	1	20c	20c	1,000	24									

Investment and Railroad Intelligence.

RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS

The following table shows the gross earnings of various STEAM roads from which regular weekly or monthly returns can be obtained. The first two columns of figures give the gross earnings for the latest week or month, and the last two columns the earnings for the period from Jan. 1 to and including the latest week or month. The returns of electric railways are brought together separately on a subsequent page.

ROADS.	Latest Gross Earnings.		Jan. 1 to Latest Date.		ROADS.	Latest Gross Earnings.		Jan. 1 to Latest Date.			
	Week or Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.		Previous Year.	Week or Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Alton Canton & Y'n	November	188,800	137,152	2,010,653	1,528,968	Mississippi Central.	November	138,370	113,949	1,369,623	1,080,674
Alabama & Vicksb.	November	289,604	306,576	2,760,129	3,124,111	Mo & North Ark.	November	343,915	2,153,402	19,952,405	25,004,681
American Ry Exp.	September	13,019,822	14,794,005	111,862,591	145,410,878	Missouri Kan & Tex	November	2,995,789	2,810,564	28,935,079	30,939,850
Ann Arbor	4th wk Dec	139,760	121,650	5,043,414	5,122,111	Mo K & T Ry of Te.	November	1,991,156	2,153,402	19,952,405	25,004,681
Atch Topelka & S Fe	November	22,245,314	20,264,795	202,447,769	212,635,439	Mo Kan & Tex Syst	November	5,142,552	5,161,689	49,892,258	58,521,537
Atlantic & S Fe	November	861,576	837,825	7,317,386	8,550,235	Missouri Pacific.	November	8,884,393	9,294,690	91,194,536	102,919,816
Gulf Coll & S Fe	November	2,542,300	2,220,272	21,701,157	27,276,814	Columbus & Greenv	November	149,625	164,257	1,420,009	1,440,882
Atlanta Birm & Atl.	November	283,516	302,014	3,625,378	2,895,431	Monongahela	November	415,826	484,724	3,315,918	4,006,782
Atlanta & West Pt.	November	268,499	196,974	2,364,352	2,299,018	Monongahela Conn.	November	167,910	107,114	1,512,598	1,727,267
Atlantic City	November	261,691	215,900	4,367,727	4,379,101	Montour	November	187,718	89,404	997,342	1,319,539
Atlantic Coast Line.	November	6,162,691	6,374,153	63,746,153	60,701,315	Nashv Chatt & St L	November	2,066,580	1,790,856	20,352,901	19,381,706
Baltimore & Ohio.	November	19,845,040	15,901,054	142,873,343	144,271,743	Nevada-Cal-Oregon	4th wk Dec	9,099	9,000	331,590	431,298
B & O Ch Term.	November	301,310	252,387	2,846,886	2,419,939	Nevada Northern	November	179,919	184,942	1,766,984	1,352,780
Bangor & Aroostook	November	619,064	700,510	6,929,294	6,710,685	Newburgh & South Sh	November	212,027	204,342	2,323,731	2,355,149
Bellefonte Central	November	9,773	6,811	98,468	69,459	New Or Great Nor.	November	1,035,892	1,079,482	11,336,472	13,135,010
Belt Ry of Chicago.	November	612,709	469,056	5,590,547	5,059,257	N O Texas & Mex.	November	785,463	394,523	7,377,505	3,931,019
Bessemer & L Erie.	November	1,662,570	880,156	13,395,146	12,831,152	Beaum S L & W.	November	190,059	148,140	1,867,776	1,978,752
Birmingham & Atl	November	7,338	12,938	208,091	166,912	St L Browns & M	November	356,098	423,982	4,690,775	5,494,548
Boston & Maine	November	7,057,448	6,786,976	73,006,493	72,032,853	New York Central.	November	36,389,112	29,023,063	328,143,397	312,071,193
Buff Roch & Pittsb.	November	140,674	111,121	1,450,450	1,211,014	Ind Harbor Belt.	November	905,535	730,030	9,377,808	8,351,154
Buffalo & Susq.	November	395,330	301,528	3,128,888	3,128,888	Mich Can Central.	November	7,999,188	5,961,073	75,619,347	67,054,847
Canadian Nat Rys.	1st wk Jan	222,082	182,147	1,435,202	1,888,960	Clev O & St L.	November	7,696,012	6,392,387	76,791,593	73,762,984
Canadian Pacific.	1st wk Jan	2,267,922	1,874,215	14,327,343	14,327,343	Cincinnati, N. O.	November	8,300	245,833	3,159,698	3,544,656
Caro Clinch & Ohio.	November	665,930	670,005	6,959,605	6,889,058	Pitts & Lake Erie	November	3,577,555	2,045,705	25,825,793	21,317,913
Central of Georgia.	November	2,165,649	1,744,525	21,078,853	20,579,686	N Y Chic & St Louis	November	3,386,177	3,055,853	35,723,635	33,184,393
Central RR of N J.	November	4,797,187	4,176,304	44,902,859	48,524,262	N Y N H & Harf.	November	250,480	253,536	2,709,719	3,081,925
Cent New England.	November	666,304	789,935	6,205,504	7,753,574	N Y Ont & Western	November	1,035,892	1,079,482	11,336,472	13,135,010
Central Vermont.	November	860,933	636,293	6,867,845	6,569,500	N Y Susq & West.	November	785,463	394,523	7,377,505	3,931,019
Charleston & W Car	November	265,776	275,890	2,953,837	3,027,508	Norfolk Southern.	November	6,716,216	6,939,700	83,353,970	73,379,696
Ches & Ohio Lines.	November	6,801,070	6,612,125	75,999,770	78,174,051	Norfolk & Western.	November	9,433,995	8,919,928	87,733,885	87,037,247
Chicago & Alton.	November	2,575,120	2,546,952	24,711,937	28,575,703	Northern Pacific.	November	6,041,015	6,506,406	74,251,541	8,040,270
Chicago & Burlington	November	156,190	136,031	1,498,519	1,532,975	Northwestern Pac.	November	604,015	6,506,406	74,251,541	8,040,270
Chicago & East Ill.	November	2,271,849	2,252,235	22,208,348	25,078,253	Penns RR & Co	November	594,107	525,443	5,889,075	5,678,965
Chicago Great West.	November	1,151,536	1,245,118	12,173,188	12,588,248	Balt Ches & Atlan	November	109,767	100,877	1,464,395	1,504,906
Chic Ind & Louisv.	November	1,414,719	1,296,135	14,526,700	13,952,614	Long Island	November	2,377,497	2,150,873	28,573,099	26,711,527
Chic Milw & St Paul	November	14,549,839	11,808,316	142,983,970	135,417,884	Mary Del & Va.	November	87,818	88,573	1,084,514	1,161,785
Chic & North West.	November	12,587,937	10,860,644	134,095,112	134,196,688	Tol Peor & West.	1st wk Dec	28,302	25,514	1,054,299	1,445,965
Chic, Peoria & St L.	November	180,934	177,699	1,928,379	1,916,058	W Jersey & Seash	November	985,365	802,665	13,047,997	12,205,947
Chic, River & Ind.	November	619,741	3,710,667	12,222,852	12,222,852	Pennsylvania System	November	63,190,909	59,960,544	635,401,583	611,664,658
Chic, R I & Pacific.	November	10,756,785	10,475,637	109,198,522	122,228,852	Peoria & Pekin Un.	November	3,420,756	148,082	1,679,380	1,547,590
Chic R I & Gulf.	November	516,936	564,373	5,330,541	7,040,325	Pere Marquette.	November	3,420,756	148,082	35,007,603	35,655,935
Chic St M & Om.	November	2,278,351	2,247,142	25,425,179	25,941,370	Perkiomen	November	104,769	120,826	1,176,418	1,176,418
Chic Ind. & Western	November	418,633	336,745	3,957,191	3,395,038	Phila & Reading	November	8,521,783	7,393,366	73,076,325	78,099,949
Colo & Southern.	November	1,131,997	1,226,651	11,951,036	12,199,990	Phila & Western	November	70,664	66,033	752,566	744,059
Col W & Den City.	November	955,070	1,035,401	8,803,826	10,506,917	Pittsb & Shawmut	November	110,469	122,231	945,947	1,182,174
Trinity & BrazVal	November	215,658	464,646	2,567,808	3,040,332	Pittsb Shaw & North	November	145,634	94,600	1,122,560	1,085,618
Wichita Valley	November	169,868	194,450	1,225,588	1,596,105	Pittsb & West Va.	November	253,557	247,078	2,353,136	2,591,016
Delaware & Hudson	November	3,856,931	3,626,202	34,289,239	41,983,269	Port Reading.	November	189,547	173,681	1,651,811	2,073,488
Del Lack & Western	November	6,866,909	7,192,455	68,112,454	79,623,440	Pullman Company.	November	4,877,861	4,421,745	59,291,039	59,280,404
Denver & Rio Gr West	November	9,114,926	8,282,226	80,320,175	90,316,118	Quincy Om & K C.	November	1,151,908	116,998	1,127,335	1,201,431
Denver & Salt Lake	November	2,285,374	3,074,834	1,497,512	2,739,866	Rich, Fred & Potom.	November	558,039	717,131	9,908,382	9,130,413
Detroit & Mackinac	November	164,747	172,815	1,745,427	1,745,427	Rutland	November	512,920	463,084	5,392,893	5,373,759
Detroit Tol & Iron.	November	775,081	704,971	8,242,863	6,116,289	St Jos & Grand Isl.	November	306,217	257,337	2,900,458	3,104,965
Det & Tol Shore L.	November	333,020	315,710	3,262,852	2,686,390	St Louis San Fran.	November	7,166,574	7,079,721	75,242,844	79,310,828
Dul & Iron Range.	November	354,869	93,767	6,671,911	4,876,000	Ft Worth & R G.	November	139,083	168,060	1,263,427	1,618,889
Dul Missabe & Nor.	November	1,126,291	153,404	14,813,541	12,239,439	St L-San F of Tex.	November	144,718	166,288	1,853,427	1,618,889
Duluth So Sh & Atl.	4th wk Dec	159,874	133,839	4,467,760	4,475,962	St Louis Southwest.	4th wk Dec	876,275	694,410	26,055,953	25,140,164
Duluth Winn & Pac	November	168,823	180,919	1,811,530	2,169,652	St L S W of Tex.	November	727,229	683,396	6,882,975	7,079,917
East St Louis Conn.	November	195,878	121,566	1,893,854	1,481,911	Total system.	2d wk Dec	594,790	502,668	25,185,040	24,546,314
Eastern S S Lines.	October	548,465	495,889	5,141,941	4,661,058	St Louis Transfer.	November	68,420	77,331	683,108	1,030,425
Elgin Joliet & East.	November	2,182,032	1,556,952	19,322,228	17,743,921	San Ant & Aran Pass	November	514,408	535,128	5,307,190	5,841,391
El Paso & San West	November	962,383	773,092	10,219,646	10,123,057	San Ant Uv lie & G	November	73,384	71,686	962,670	1,088,564
Erie Railroad.	November	9,714,735	8,520,387	85,303,149	95,815,443	Seaboard Air Line.	November	4,223,461	3,608,176	41,161,595	39,143,753
Chicago & Erie.	November	1,169,393	1,023,958	10,434,642	10,046,176	Southern Pacific Co	November	16,617,029	14,698,665	167,930,320	176,749,357
N. J. & N Y RR.	November	123,693	119,538	1,272,519	1,272,519	Atlantic S S Lines.	November	1,149,671	1,057,650	10,908,189	9,769,554
Florida East Coast.	November	1,005,217	960,836	12,152,657	12,337,720	Arizona Eastern.	November	285,416	193,871	2,878,000	2,508,850
Fonda Johns & Glov	November	119,826	111,525	1,279,179	1,242,062	Galv Har & San A.	November	1,989,397	2,089,180	20,117,305	23,123,085
Ft Smith & Western	November	178,640	150,798	1,257,346	1,637,259	Hals & Tex Cent.	November	1,451,496	1,571,655	13,687,440	13,067,576
Galveston Wharf.	November	167,060	188,154	1,462,445	2,471,663	Houston E & W T	November	287,654	272,689	2,882,201	2,745,297
Georgia Railroad.	November	499,189	400,738	4,725,349	4,839,106	Louisiana West.	November	413,942	337,941	3,961,511	4,055,407
Georgia & Florida.	November	126,065	103,513	1,237,648	1,273,992	Morg, La & Texas	November	934,477	843,685	7,511,244	8,103,837
Grand Trunk Syst.	1st wk Jan	1,833,889	1,429,337	14,101,937	14,101,937	Texas & New Or.	November	790,135	742,434	7,961,837	7,926,492
At & St Lawrence	November	281,393	237,411	2,538,469	2,521,404	Southern Railway.	3d wk Dec	5,319,273	4,400,229	16,531,161	16,739,542
Del Can Gt Wct	November	245,884	151,897	2,083,311	1,795,969	Ala Great South.	November	850,618	859,561	7,657,939	8,713,292</

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the first week of January. The table covers 10 roads and shows 2.35% increase over the same week last year.

First week of January.	1923.	1922.	Increase.	Decrease.
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh.	395,331	301,528	93,803	—
Canadian National Ry.	2,207,922	1,874,216	333,706	—
Canadian Pacific.	2,968,000	2,426,000	542,000	—
Grand Trunk Ry System.	—	—	—	—
Canada National.	1,833,889	1,429,337	404,552	—
Detroit Gr Hav & Milw.	—	—	—	—
Grand Trunk Western.	—	—	—	—
Minneapolis & St Louis.	320,161	263,806	56,355	—
Iowa Central.	—	—	—	—
St Louis Southwestern.	551,373	404,042	147,331	—
Total (10 roads).	8,276,676	6,698,929	1,577,747	—
Net increase (2.35%).	—	—	1,577,747	—

In the following we also complete our summary for the fourth week of December.

Fourth Week of December.	1922.	1921.	Increase.	Decrease.
Previously reported.	8,366,882	7,565,662	801,220	—
Ann Arbor.	139,760	121,650	18,110	—
Duluth South Shore & Atlantic.	159,874	133,839	26,035	—
Mineral Ry & T. & P.	14,769	5,922	8,847	—
Amer Wat Wks Elec.	9,099	9,000	99	—
St. Louis Southwestern.	876,275	694,410	181,865	—
Texas & Pacific.	941,373	941,853	—	480
Western Maryland.	469,879	401,167	68,712	—
Total (14 roads).	10,977,911	9,873,503	1,104,488	480
Net increase (1.02%).	—	—	1,104,488	—

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross and net earnings with charges and surplus of STEAM railroad and industrial companies reported this week:

	Gross from Railway		Net from Railway		Net after Taxes	
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
Louisiana Ry & Navigation—						
November	380,058	272,918	72,836	27,011	46,786	10,908
From Jan 1	3,269,840	3,615,415	565,025	768,284	376,125	591,197

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY CO'S.

Name of Road or Company.	Week or Month.	Latest Gross Earnings.		Jan. 1 to Latest Date.	
		Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Adirondack Pow & Lt	November	557,786	458,887	\$5,610,166	\$4,773,846
Alabama Power Co.	November	641,490	414,161	\$5,593,473	\$4,504,954
Amer Pow & Light Co.	November	2592,267	2227,660	\$27,837,695	\$27,226,412
American Ry & P.	November	5755,222	4985,041	59,463,547	53,123,388
Amer Wat Wks Elec	October	273,300	1632,392	—	—
Amer Wat Wks & Sub	November	2550,142	1691,544	23,404,182	19,824,936
Appalachian Pow Co.	November	265,184	230,206	\$2,898,941	\$2,475,954
Arkansas Lt & Power	November	98,899	85,177	\$1,278,391	\$1,113,097
Asheville Pow & Lt.	November	76,284	70,605	\$896,448	\$851,354
Associated Gas & Elec	October	174,672	146,408	\$1,922,575	\$1,694,931
Bangor Ry & Electric	November	136,363	129,057	\$1,484,078	\$1,417,059
Barcelona Tr. Lt & P	November	4478,246	3661,205	42,193,291	33,880,037
Beaver Rouge Elec Co	November	49,691	46,508	579,435	554,213
Baton Valley Trac.	November	54,115	50,390	579,983	607,646
Binghamton Lt H&P	November	100,856	90,255	1,007,844	904,235
Blackstone Val G & E	November	371,976	346,964	\$3,951,027	\$3,593,346
Boston "L" Railway.	November	13,488,700	19,759,589	145,667,570	133,591,897
Brazillan Tr. Lt & P.	November	1735,000	1455,000	17,987,600	15,462,000
Bklyn Rapid Transit.	November	2943,069	2738,946	21,508,327	14,242,424
Bklyn City RR (Rec)	September	1001,309	968,124	8,349,170	8,502,504
Bklyn Heights (Rec)	September	7,415	5,924	66,183	53,239
Bklyn Qu Co & Sub	September	215,827	212,307	1,913,888	1,699,639
Coney Isl & Bklyn.	September	249,265	248,766	2,112,407	2,142,686
Coney Isl & Graves	September	15,178	18,057	120,675	134,888
Nassau Electric.	September	446,844	419,589	3,848,648	3,554,605
N Y Consolidated.	September	1904,583	1816,972	17,597,357	16,647,009
South Brooklyn.	September	101,395	97,317	889,373	762,600
Cape Breton El Co, Ltd	November	61,213	63,426	\$625,024	\$699,596
Carolina Power & Lt.	November	197,782	164,444	\$1,961,842	\$1,666,468
Cent Miss Val El Co	November	48,427	46,995	\$542,189	\$519,182
Cities Service Co.	November	1183,019	1176,893	11,456,749	11,409,814
City Gas Co. Norfolk	November	77,801	77,887	825,578	826,300
Citizens Trac Co & Sub	October	72,748	57,351	\$790,591	\$791,535
Cleve Painesv & East	September	64,259	65,368	551,155	589,522
Colorado Power.	November	89,877	70,579	\$1,023,374	\$1,011,403
Columbia Gas & Subs	November	1716,407	1473,126	16,615,967	13,710,799
Columbus Electric.	November	188,697	167,020	\$1,961,341	\$1,761,996
Com'w'lth Pow Corp.	November	2186,785	1999,391	21,327,180	20,411,241
Com'w'lth Pr Ry & Lt	November	2932,075	2726,494	29,243,806	28,476,063
Conn Power Co.	November	166,009	148,575	\$1,710,599	\$1,518,228
Consumers Power Co	November	1389,097	1240,054	\$14,835,852	\$14,105,815
Cumb Co Pow & Lt.	November	284,069	273,127	\$3,456,872	\$3,266,582
Dayton Power & Lt.	July	311,857	295,485	2,508,362	2,380,500
Detroit Edison Co.	November	2466,557	2163,304	23,643,063	21,012,304
Duluth Superior Trac	September	146,659	143,220	1,293,941	1,340,580
Duquesne Lt Cosubst	October	1620,539	1290,012	13,771,551	13,275,154
East St. Louis & Sub	September	333,243	287,201	\$3,611,154	\$4,130,690
East Texas Elec Co	October	45,682	40,458	\$496,704	\$453,568
Edis El III of Brock'n	November	130,749	115,998	\$1,368,752	\$1,240,856
Eighth Avenue.	September	100,591	105,256	906,675	901,656
El Paso Electric Co.	November	191,292	192,317	\$2,283,212	\$2,289,946
Elec Lt & Pow Co of	November	37,152	32,219	\$374,705	\$345,551
Abington & Rockl'd	November	118,334	96,135	1,042,988	901,965
Fall River Gas Works	November	88,821	83,810	\$1,002,139	\$1,009,184
Federal Lt & Trac Co	November	458,316	437,854	4,517,039	4,391,718
Fort Worth Pow & Lt	November	234,815	225,676	\$2,504,045	\$2,646,757
Galv-Hous Elec Co.	November	282,511	278,253	\$3,305,202	\$3,738,615
Gen G & El & Sub Cos	November	1183,891	1013,489	12,276,344	11,676,561
Georgia Ry & Power.	November	1341,989	1330,328	\$14,817,677	\$14,367,442
Great West Pow Sys.	November	778,464	710,977	\$7,618,577	\$7,368,480
Havana El Ry, Lt & Pr	November	1092,363	1148,168	11,780,735	11,734,928
Haverhill Gas Light.	November	49,827	45,620	\$542,450	\$513,074
Honolulu Rap Trans.	November	81,837	78,059	884,805	858,908
Houghton Co Elec Lt	November	51,436	51,421	\$547,391	\$567,350
Hudson & Manhattan	November	938,391	901,167	\$10,013,037	\$9,550,295
Hunt'g'n Dev & Gas.	November	109,486	98,512	\$1,191,367	\$1,071,442
Idaho Power Co.	November	199,406	196,733	\$2,432,747	\$2,288,226
Illinois Traction.	November	2095,594	1951,046	20,433,196	20,257,439
Indiana Power Co.	June	58,632	60,590	846,303	763,318
Inter R T System—	September	2704,209	2609,056	33,670,459	25,614,246
Elevated Division.	September	1553,872	1582,589	13,962,011	14,696,140
Kansas City Pr & Lt.	November	760,856	661,648	\$7,742,801	\$6,783,558
Keokuk Electric Co.	November	34,648	33,488	\$384,978	\$373,416
Kentucky "Trac Term	November	129,275	114,381	\$1,613,326	\$1,627,218
Keystone Telep Co.	December	168,833	164,277	\$1,703,274	\$1,739,043
Koy West Electric.	November	22,223	22,834	\$248,365	\$267,857
Lake Shore Electric.	September	230,855	219,201	\$1,866,400	\$1,979,426
Lexingt'n Util Co & Sub	November	91,704	82,393	\$1,112,838	\$1,092,730

Name of Road or Company.	Week or Month.	Latest Gross Earnings.		Jan. 1 to Latest Date.	
		Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Long Island Electric.	September	\$36,200	\$36,306	\$300,667	\$295,258
Lowell El & Lt Corp.	November	148,900	110,615	\$1,320,041	\$1,170,502
Manh Bdge 3-Cent L.	September	23,659	23,337	212,197	213,194
Manhattan & Queens	September	34,786	30,537	286,413	252,696
Market Street Ry.	November	803,710	—	8,744,615	8,774,814
Metropolitan Edison	November	311,332	231,408	2,915,842	2,874,814
Milw Elec Ry & Light	November	1782,534	1612,237	\$19,187,068	\$18,801,165
Miss River Power Co.	November	241,685	233,076	\$2,897,887	\$2,761,581
Munic Serv Co & Subs	October	395,534	198,529	\$3,201,422	\$2,518,018
Nashville Ry & Lt Co	June	325,355	310,554	\$3,975,128	\$3,743,143
Nebraska Power Co.	November	334,683	254,5,4	\$3,447,852	\$3,100,859
Nevada Calif Electric	November	218,962	215,185	\$3,327,976	\$3,178,382
New Bedford G & Lt.	October	283,598	—	2,687,320	—
New Eng Power Sys.	September	477,377	455,221	\$5,596,282	\$5,439,828
New Jersey Power.	November	71,756	55,682	672,911	489,896
Newpt News & Hamp	—	—	—	—	—
Ry, Gas & El Co.	November	165,435	163,561	1,910,213	2,379,604
N Y & Harlan City Co.	November	280,623	343,269	\$3,549,916	4,772,189
N Y & Queens County	September	121,632	—	1,146,411	—
New York & Long Isl	September	52,632	56,704	497,376	454,679
N Y & Queens County	September	59,460	113,465	967,686	961,988
New York Railways.	September	819,151	843,598	7,043,472	7,210,910
Ninth Avenue.	September	41,538	45,484	380,729	404,929
N Y & Queens (Rec)	September	34,786	30,537	286,413	252,696
N Y & Harlem (Rec)	September	121,639	—	1,146,411	—
N Y & Long Island.	September	52,752	56,704	437,378	454,679
Nor Caro Public Serv	November	110,075	101,158	\$1,220,417	\$1,126,723
Northern Ohio.	November	820,109	704,940	8,474,839	7,911,068
Nor Ohio Elec Corp.	November	820,109	704,940	\$9,235,849	\$8,764,730
Nor Ohio Trac & Lt.	October	814,834	694,002	7,569,543	7,144,204
Nor West Ohio Ry & Pr	November	45,008	36,279	476,342	471,491
North Texas Elec Co.	November	256,055	270,870	\$3,071,620	\$3,604,968
Pacific Gas & Elec Co	November	3280,274	3035,040	35,748,172	34,272,147
Pacific Power & Light	November	272,709	258,916	\$3,003,039	\$2,852,627
Paducah Electric.	November	50,265	45,831	\$567,145	\$526,557
Palmetto Pow & Lt Co	November	49,033	51,958	\$579,689	\$578,193
Penn Central Lt & S.	October	242,454	191,809	\$2,397,857	\$2,239,978
Power Co & Sub.	November	263,764	219,743	2,611,769	2,491,531
Phila Co Subs and	—	—	—	—	—
Natural Gas Cos.	November	1076,326	890,626	12,245,135	9,041,149
Philadelphia Oil Co.	November	65,116	93,319	835,048	986,065
Philadelphia & West.	November	70,664	66,033	752,596	744,505
Phila Rapid Transit.	November	3694,545	3487,908	38,647,717	38,619,508
Pine Bluff Co.	October	83,164	69,679	\$82,908	\$78,721
Portland Gas & Elec.	November	280,803			

		Gross Earnings.	Net after Taxes.	Fixed Charges.	Balance, Surplus.
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Bangor Ry & Elec	Nov '22	136,363	61,409	24,469	36,940
	'21	129,057	52,542	24,004	28,538
12 mos end Nov 30	'22	1,484,078	601,777	285,014	316,763
	'21	1,417,059	540,958	280,878	260,080
Consumers Power Co	Nov '22	1,389,098	626,587	202,418	424,169
	'21	1,240,055	557,991	207,720	350,271
12 mos end Nov 30	'22	14,835,853	6,675,607	2,449,030	4,226,577
	'21	14,105,816	5,619,648	2,342,751	3,276,897
Commonwealth Power, Ry & Lt	Nov '22	2,932,075	1,042,778	667,816	374,962
	'21	2,726,495	989,150	641,556	347,594
12 mos end Nov 30	'22	32,077,002	11,097,372	7,886,457	3,210,915
	'21	31,459,015	10,365,866	7,496,613	2,569,253
Cumberland County Power & Lt	Nov '22	284,069	79,307	63,546	15,761
	'21	273,127	84,478	59,055	25,423
12 mos end Nov 30	'22	3,456,872	1,265,627	714,823	550,804
	'21	3,266,582	1,016,037	695,293	320,744
Federal Light & Traction Co	Nov '22	458,316	173,702	61,020	112,682
	'21	437,854	143,511	54,758	88,753
11 mos ending Nov 30	'22	4,517,039	1,535,101	618,549	916,552
	'21	4,391,718	1,324,511	606,939	717,572
Havana Elec Ry & Light & Power	Nov '22	1,092,363	596,287	93,301	502,986
	'21	1,142,168	576,312	89,059	487,253
11 mos ending Nov 30	'22	11,780,735	6,144,901	994,191	1,510,710
	'21	11,734,928	5,021,030	922,070	4,098,960
Huntington Devel & Gas Co	Nov '22	109,486	35,031	19,012	16,019
	'21	98,512	26,379	17,963	8,416
12 mos end Nov 30	'22	1,191,367	410,339	234,974	175,365
	'21	1,071,442	391,003	206,043	184,960
Kentucky Traction & Terminal	Nov '22	129,275	47,645	24,004	23,640
	'21	114,381	40,463	23,551	16,911
12 mos ending Nov 30	'22	1,613,326	618,570	285,873	332,696
	'21	1,627,218	606,574	263,722	342,852
Lexington Utilities Co	Nov '22	91,704	37,428	12,255	25,173
	'21	82,393	37,610	12,255	25,355
12 mos end Nov 30	'22	1,112,838	493,878	147,060	346,818
	'21	1,092,730	486,206	147,060	339,146
Newport News & Hampton Ry G & El	Nov '22	165,435	57,612	21,145	36,466
	'21	163,561	43,754	28,280	15,473
11 mos ending Nov 30	'22	1,910,213	639,429	276,417	373,505
	'21	2,379,604	660,595	315,596	349,298
North Carolina Public Service	Nov '22	110,075	32,845	14,862	17,983
	'21	101,158	30,858	13,995	16,863
12 mos end Nov 30	'22	1,220,417	324,622	172,948	151,673
	'21	1,126,723	317,253	149,757	149,757
Northern Ohio Electric Corp	Nov '22	820,109	248,994	165,267	83,727
	'21	704,941	192,982	157,914	35,068
12 mos end Nov 30	'22	9,235,849	2,423,632	1,964,691	458,941
	'21	8,764,730	2,114,011	1,889,395	224,616
Pacific Gas & Elec Co	Nov '22	3,280,274	1,411,757	476,626	935,131
	'21	3,035,040	1,065,235	440,122	658,113
11 mos ending Nov 30	'22	35,748,172	14,430,859	5,111,632	9,319,227
	'21	34,272,147	12,324,817	4,725,454	7,499,363
Portland Ry, Lt & Power	Nov '22	882,197	299,203	182,772	116,431
	'21	820,146	250,658	180,453	70,205
12 mos end Nov 30	'22	10,084,228	3,052,222	2,130,813	921,509
	'21	9,949,281	2,954,884	2,097,327	857,557
Southern Calif Edison	Nov '22	1,443,498	864,089	310,521	553,568
	'21	1,397,113	758,104	353,148	404,956
12 mos end Nov 30	'22	16,754,458	9,905,173	3,929,116	5,976,057
	'21	16,440,571	9,645,337	3,764,039	5,881,298
Tennessee Elec Power Co	Oct '22	706,779	296,239	148,141	148,098
	'21	646,659	1,229,435	588,820	640,615

FINANCIAL REPORTS.

Financial Reports.—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, street railway and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the last Saturday of each month. This index will not include reports in the issue of the "Chronicle" in which it is published. The latest index will be found in the issue of Dec. 30. The next will appear in that of Jan. 27.

The Manhattan Shirt Co., New York.

(Annual Report—Year ended Nov. 30 1922.)

President Abram L. Leeds Jan. 8 said in brief:

Dividends of \$3 a share per ann. now are being paid, and the increase in the volume of business justifies the expectation that this rate will be continued. This increased business, which continues to expand from year to year, is due not alone to the splendid attitude of the consumer toward our manufactured merchandise, but also in great measure to the excellent results which have been achieved at our subsidiary, the Solway Dyeing & Textile Co., Pawtucket, R. I., which has reached a position of eminence in the field of dyeing and weaving textile fabrics. It has developed an extensive fast color dyeing business and now weaves fabrics for women's wear. The new finishing plant recently constructed at Solway will be in operation after the first of January 1923.

CONSOL. INCOME & SURPLUS ACCT. FOR YEARS ENDING NOV. 30.

	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.	1918-19.
Net profits	\$1,949,696	\$1,445,869	\$838,473	\$1,688,811
Divs. on investments	deb. 52,995	6,948	7,423	6,291
Interest (net)	deb. 52,995	deb. 97,823	deb. 156,800	deb. 43,799
Net income	\$1,896,700	\$1,354,994	\$689,096	\$1,651,303
Reserve for income and excess profits taxes	265,000	329,617	115,000	526,000
Preferred divs. (7%)	107,026	112,000	112,000	112,000
Common divs. (7%)	502,567	350,002	350,002	312,501
Balance, surplus	\$1,022,107	\$563,375	\$112,094	\$700,802
Previous surplus	2,192,385	1,625,647	1,479,494	791,785
Adjustments	Cr. 3,709	Cr. 3,363	Cr. 34,059	deb. 13,093
Stock div. (37½%)	2,090,173			
Total profit & loss surp	\$1,128,028	\$2,192,385	\$1,625,646	\$1,479,494

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET NOV. 30.

	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets—				
Land, bldgs., mach. &c., less deprec.	1,327,251	1,259,250		
Trade name, goodwill & patterns	5,000,000	5,000,000		
Investments	213,141	68,822		
Cash	830,710	620,928		
Notes & accounts receivable	1,650,943	1,358,062		
Inventories	4,826,055	3,475,644		
Deferred charges	72,477	74,042		
Total	13,920,577	11,856,748		
Liabilities—				
Preferred stock	1,600,000	1,600,000		
Common stock	7,090,173	5,000,000		
Notes & accts. pay. & accrued accts.	2,437,376	1,334,747		
Applied to retiring Preferred stock	1,400,000	1,400,000		
Reserve for Federal and N. Y. State taxes	265,000	329,616		
Profit and loss	1,128,028	2,192,385		
Total	13,920,577	11,856,748		

a Includes Manhattan Shirt Co. Preferred and Common stock purchased partly for retirement and partly for the accommodation of employees.
b After redemption of \$1,400,000 for retirement of Preferred stock.
c Consists of \$9,099,553 outstanding Nov. 30 and \$1,180,620 issued Dec. 1 1922 as a 20% stock dividend.—V. 115, p. 2275.

Nash Motors Company.

(Annual Report, Year ended Nov. 30 1922.)

President Charles W. Nash says in part:

Production and Sales.—Although operations the first three months were not profitable, owing to the uncertainty of conditions, we experienced during the following nine months a good demand for our product and our factories ran practically to capacity, so that we produced and sold more than 40,000 automobiles for the fiscal period. This volume of business in dollars totaled more than \$40,000,000 and the average number of employees was in excess of 4,000.

Our four-cylinder plant at Milwaukee produced approximately 15,000 automobiles. This plant was built and operations begun during the depression, but now we find it on an excellent basis.

Orders.—Orders on hand to-day are much larger than a year ago and we look forward to a greater volume of business during 1923 than we secured in 1922.

Prices, &c.—We believe that the prices of automobiles can be considered at the bottom point and that the cost of producing them will increase. Nearly every element entering into the manufacture of automobiles is higher in cost to-day than a few months ago and there are indications that this upward trend will continue for a while. At this juncture we wish to point out that the automobile business, due to stiffening competition, will be necessarily conducted on a much smaller margin of profit.

Expenditures.—Throughout the year there has been expended \$760,177 for new buildings, machinery and equipment at the Kenosha and Milwaukee plants. Also a considerable expenditure has been required for renewals, replacements and upkeep of plant and equipment, which has been charged to operating expense.

Retirement of Pref. Stock.—During the year the company has retired through sinking fund 5,000 shares of Pref. stock. It has, in addition, made other purchases of Pref. stock for temporary investment, so that the total outstanding as of Nov. 30 in the hands of investors was \$2,123,100. The balance of this stock has been called for retirement as of Feb. 1 1923 at 110 and div. [For further changes in capital see below and V. 115, p. 2802].

Control of Lafayette Motors Co.—During the year the company acquired a large majority of the First Preferred and Common stock of the Lafayette Motors Corp. and a new factory has just reached completion, located in immediate proximity to the Nash four cylinder plant at Milwaukee. This new Lafayette plant will be in active production by the end of the present month.

INCOME ACCOUNT YEARS ENDED NOV. 30.

	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.	1918-19.
Net income	y\$8,845,509	1,232,263	Not stated	
Prov. for Federal taxes	1,232,263			
Net income after expenses, res'ves & taxes	\$7,613,246	\$2,226,078	\$7,007,471	\$5,089,036
Preferred dividends	262,500	288,750	315,000	336,000
Com. divs. (\$16 per sh.)	873,600	873,600	872,000	832,000
Balance, surplus	\$6,477,146	\$1,063,728	\$5,820,471	\$3,921,036
Adjustments	Cr. 231,931	Dr. 177,471		283,500
Previous surplus	13,418,095	12,531,837	6,711,366	2,503,831
Profit & loss surplus	\$20,127,172	\$13,418,095	\$12,531,837	\$6,711,366

x About \$17,472,000 has since been transferred to capital account through stock div. payments (see V. 115, p. 2802). y Net income after deducting expenses of mfg., selling, administration and local taxes, but before Federal taxes.

BALANCE SHEET NOV. 30.

	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets—				
Real estate, equipment, &c.	x5,124,403	5,037,353	Preferred stock	3,500,000
Investments	3,813,624	1,940,564	Common stock	5,100,000
Liberty bonds	1,200,902	1,200,802	Accounts payable	2,586,970
Mat'l & supplies	4,484,027	2,642,169	Res.—Fed. taxes	3,333,420
Notes receivable	72,500	392,600	Other taxes	1,057,194
Accts. receivable	2,486,788	1,613,985	Losses in accts. receivable	128,405
Cash	10,383,984	13,275,966	Miscellaneous	578,728
U. S. certificates	7,002,500		Contingencies	2,729,466
Prepaid expenses	2,626	7,381	Surplus	20,127,172
Total	34,551,357	29,110,822	Total	34,551,357

x Real estate, plant and equipment at cost, \$8,349,212, less depreciation, \$3,224,809. y Common stock, 54,600 shares, no par value (but see following).

[The stockholders on Dec. 16 reclassified the authorized capital stock as follows: (a) Pref. A stock, \$22,500,000 (par \$100). (b) Pref. stock, \$5,000,000 (which will be retired Feb. 1). (c) Common stock, 300,000 shares without par value. Of the stock, the stockholders authorized the issuance of \$16,380,000 Pref. A stock, par \$100, in consideration of the capitalization of surplus equal to the total par value thereof, and 218,400 shares of Common stock, no par value, in consideration of the capitalization of surplus equal to \$1,092,000 (\$5 per share) of Common stock so issued. All the stock so issued, both Pref. A and Common stock, was distributed pro rata to mon stock then held 3 shares of Pref. A stock and 4 shares of Common stock at that time receiving on account of each share of Common account, this \$17,472,000 of the existing surplus was transferred to capital account, this being the consideration for the issuance of the stock to be issued.]—V. 115, p. 2802, 2912.

Northern Securities Co.

(Report for Year ended Dec. 31 1922.)

Pres. E. T. Nichols, Jan. 10, reports in substance:

During 1922 company received dividends aggregating 10% on the stock of Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR. and 6% on the stock of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. The coal company during the year suffered during the period when its mines were under operation, and with the reserves previously accumulated to meet such emergencies, has been able to pay its usual dividends. The mines are now in operation and the prospects for business are satisfactory.

The customary semi-annual dividend of 4% and an extra dividend of 2% payable on this date was declared by the directors last December (V. 115, p. 2694).

INCOME ACCOUNT, YEARS ENDING DEC. 31.

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Total receipts	x\$405,905	\$778,472	\$289,498	\$288,297
Taxes	16,477	17,736	18,126	15,739
Administration expenses	13,727	13,852	12,804	12,789
Interest on loans, &c.	1,687	17,921	6,258	3,149
Dividends	(14%) 553,532	(8) 316,304	(7) 276,766	(7) 276,766
Prem. on cost of U. S. Cert. of indebtedness	194	25	54	
Balance, sur. or def.	def\$179,711	\$412,634	def.\$24,510	def.\$20,146

x Total receipts in 1922 include dividends from C. B. & Q. RR., \$230,630; dividends from Crow's Nest Pass Co. (as in year 1921) (6%), \$165,812; and interest \$9,963, against \$6,659 in 1921.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Manati Sugar Company.

(Report for Fiscal Year ended Oct. 31 1922.)

President R. Truffin, N. Y., Dec. 26, wrote in substance:

Operations.—Grinding operations started on Jan. 8 and finished on Aug. 14 1922. The disposal of the crop was made gradually month by month, and there were no sugars unsold on Oct. 31 except 600 bags which were reserved for local consumption at the Estate. The average price obtained for the crop was 2.496c. per lb. f. o. b.

Readjustment Period Over.—The past year has seen the readjustment of the sugar situation the world over. Having reached normal levels, both as to cost of production and price, there is a smooth road ahead for the industry, without the violent ups and downs of the market such as we had during the past three years when prices reached a high as 22½c. per lb. c. & f. and dropped as low as 1¼c. last December. While not doing as well as could have been expected under normal conditions, your company made comparatively good profits during the trying period of readjustment.

The 162,144 bags that were left unsold, as reported in the last annual report, were finally disposed of at 2.12c. per lb. c. & f., so that the entire reserve set aside to cover further decrease in value, was not used.

Tariff.—The duty on Cuban sugar under the permanent tariff bill is now \$1.7648 per 100 lbs., compared with 60c. per 100 lbs. under the Emergency Tariff Bill.

1922-23 Season.—Company has plenty of cane and the mill is in the best of condition. Grinding for the crop 1922-23 was begun Nov. 29 1922, and a large output is in prospect.

Lands.—Total area owned, leased and controlled now stands as follows (in acres): Owned, 207,000; leased, 38,000; controlled by the company, 37,700.

Railroads.—The railroad now consists of 23½ kilometers (14½ miles) of 36-inch gauge and 23 kilometers (14 miles) of standard gauge, connecting the mill with the company's dock at tidewater and extending in all directions into the company's cane fields.

In addition to this, the Ferrocarril de Tunas (all of whose shares are owned by the company) has completed 63 kilometers (39 miles) of standard gauge railroad through the lands of the company, which in conjunction with existing railroad lines, connect Manati Bay with Victoria de las Tunas on the Cuba RR. This railroad will haul cane to your mill as well as transport merchandise from the Port of Manati to the inland portions of this section of the Island of Cuba.

Rolling Stock.—Consists of: 29 locomotives, 600 cane cars, 25 tank cars, 10 box cars, 163 flat cars, 6 passenger cars, 4 auxiliary cars, 4 cabooses, all 36-inch gauge.

The equipment of Ferrocarril de Tunas consists of 8 locomotives, 250 cane cars, 50 flat cars, 50 box cars and 1 Pullman car, all standard gauge.

Property and Plant Account.

Property and plant account, Oct. 31 1921, \$17,023,625; advances against contracts for material not yet delivered, \$77,184; total Oct. 31 1921.....	\$17,100,809
Expenditure during 1922: Sugar mill and equipment, \$29,958; shipyard, \$22,250; misc. improvements, \$4,252; total.....	56,460
Extensions and improvements to plant & equip. under construc. Approp. for completion of ext. & impts. to plant & equip.....	559,801
Advances against contracts for material not yet delivered.....	626,928
	34,935
Total.....	\$18,378,935

Less standard gauge rolling stock transferred to Ferrocarril de Tunas.....	40,580
Total.....	\$18,338,355
Deduct—Reserve for depreciation.....	2,830,000

Net book value of property and plant.....	\$15,508,355
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Valuation.—A physical valuation of the factory and appurtenances as of Jan. 1 1922 and a valuation of the company's lands as of March 9 1922 shows: Fair physical value of plant—including narrow-gauge railway lines.....

Lands—207,000 acres owned outright.....	\$10,051,000
	5,200,000
Total appraisal of property and plant.....	\$15,251,000

Reserves.—At the close of the year 1920-21 a special reserve of \$225,000 was set aside to cover the possible decline in price from 2½c. per lb., at which the 162,144 bags of sugar unsold on Oct. 31 1921 had been inventoried. Of this amount \$102,910 remained unused, and was accordingly restored to the surplus account. On the other hand, after taking a physical inventory, it was found necessary to increase by \$14,236 the reserve of \$150,000 which had been provided to take care of the depreciation in value of the materials and supplies on hand. It was also deemed advisable to increase the reserve for colonos accounts by \$50,000 to a total of \$300,000.

Dividends.—Regular quarterly dividends of 1¼% have been paid on the Preferred Stock since Jan. 1 1915. Since June 1 1921, owing to the low price of sugar, dividends on the Common stock have been discontinued.

New Financing, &c.—During the year the company sold \$8,000,000 First (Closed) Mtge. 20-Year 7½% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, dated April 1 1922 and maturing April 1 1942. (V. 114, p. 1414.) The proceeds of this issue were applied to the reimbursement of the company's treasury for expenditures for extensions and improvements, including the Tunas RR., and for the purpose of increasing the company's working capital.

Capitalization Oct. 31 1922—	Authorized.	Issued.
First Mtge. 20-Year 7½%.....	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
7% Cumulative Preferred Stock (par \$100).....	5,000,000	3,500,000
Common Stock (par \$100).....	15,000,000	10,000,000

The company now has a fixed interest charge of \$600,000 payable in semi-annual installments April 1 and Oct. 1 each year on the issue of \$8,000,000 First Mtge. 7½% Bonds. Beginning with 1924, when the sinking fund provisions take effect, this interest charge will be correspondingly reduced. At the close of the fiscal year the company had net working assets of \$4,764,442.

The usual comparative income table was given in V. 116, p. 73.

BALANCE SHEET OCTOBER 31.

	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Prop'ty & plant.....	18,226,235	17,023,625	7% cum. pref. stk.....	3,500,000
Adv. agst. contr'ts for material not yet delivered.....	112,120	77,184	Common stock.....	10,000,000
Inv. in Fer. de T.....	2,273,264	1,277,934	1st M. 20-yr. 7½% S. F. Bds.....	8,000,000
Inv. in Anglo-Sax. Realty bds. (par).....	3,000	—	Purch. money mtg.....	900,317
Material & supplies.....	1,081,921	1,354,475	Accept. agst. crop.....	1,037,205
Adv. to Colonos.....	3,289,609	3,076,269	Drafts outstanding.....	244,387
Adv. agst. mtges. on Colonos' land.....	282,300	242,814	Accts. payable.....	230,855
Accts. receivable.....	153,333	106,461	1st mortgage bond.....	—
Cuba Sugar F. & R. Corp. cap. stock.....	50,000	100,000	Interest payable.....	37,223
Sugar on hand.....	5,700	1,580,190	Acct. int. on bds.....	50,000
Sugar shipped pending liquid'n.....	42,920	191,553	Sal. & wages acer.....	49,963
Molasses unliq. (est.).....	28,000	40,000	Approp. for compl. of ext. & impts.....	867,808
Equity in sugar sold & retained by Sug. F. Com. Bond interest.....	17,480	177,946	Notes payable.....	350,708
Cash.....	1,608,252	400,117	Colonos' accts. pay.....	—
Deposits with Cuban est. houses.....	19,308	19,949	Adv. agst. sugar.....	1,149,367
Deferred charges.....	649,614	90,992	Other current liab.....	1,355
			Deprec. reserve.....	2,830,000
			Colonos' accts. res.....	300,000
			Other reserves.....	394,729
			Surplus.....	514,665
Total.....	27,877,279	25,762,510	Total.....	27,877,279
				25,762,510

Note.—Contingent liability: Face value of notes guaranteed by the company on various accounts, \$35,000.—V. 116, p. 73.

Santa Cecilia Sugar Corporation.

(Annual Report—Year ended July 31 1922.)

President C. B. Goodrich, 115 Broad St., New York, Dec. 27 1922, reports in brief:

Grinding began Jan. 5 1922 and ended June 10 1922. The factory ground 95,930 Spanish tons of cane of 2,500 lbs. each, producing 88,334 bags of sugar of 320 lbs. each, totaling 28,249,600 lbs.

Capital expenditures for the year amounted to \$9,385, covering the cost of various minor improvements. While production costs were reduced over 50% from those of the previous year, financial requirements made it imperative to sell the sugars practically as soon as made, even though extremely low prices then prevailed. These low prices were due to the large stock of Cuban sugar carried over from the previous year, being thrown on the market during the early months of 1922 in direct competition with the new crop sugars then being produced. This hold-over stock of 1,250,000 tons, as well as the sugars produced during the crop last past, amounting to nearly 4,000,000 tons, has, however, been practically absorbed. As a result sugar prices have recovered. For the coming crop a reasonable margin between production costs and selling price seems assured.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING JULY 31.

	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.	1918-19.
Output—Sugar (bags).....	88,334	59,960	56,750	93,346
Molasses (gals.).....	(?)	(?)	455,268	647,000
Gross revenue.....	\$695,988	\$702,026	\$1,640,688	\$1,786,303
Operating expenses.....	670,201	1,132,184	1,299,510	1,341,442
Interest & current debt.....	172,181	103,332	63,236	85,141
Depreciation.....	166,929	74,466	104,481	79,677
Taxes.....	—	—	9,684	—
Preferred dividends.....	(1¼%)14,875	(7%)59,500	(7%)60,137	—
Common dividends.....	—	26,250	96,250	—
Balance.....	def\$313,323	def\$649,080	sur\$8,026	sur\$219,907
Profit and loss surplus.....	def\$873,408	def\$430,709	\$264,202	\$312,535

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET JULY 31.

	1922.	1921.		1922.	1921.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Plantation.....	2,377,439	2,377,439	7% cum. pref. stock.....	1,000,000	1,000,000
Equip., mfg. plant, bldgs., RR., &c.....	1,361,585	1,361,959	Common stock.....	1,750,000	1,750,000
Work animals.....	38,580	44,315	1st M. 6% S. F. Bds.....	500,000	500,000
Inv. in oth. cos. (cost).....	4,150	4,150	1st ref. M. 8% red.....	115,500	115,500
Advances to Colonos and contractors.....	120,526	191,262	Notes payable.....	—	—
Materials & supplies.....	35,773	42,628	Secured.....	2,669,938	879,938
Sug. & molas. on hand.....	63,783	104,657	Unsecured.....	484,953	326,870
Accts. receivable.....	10,684	271,512	Accounts payable.....	33,648	127,209
Cash.....	31,251	53,369	Accrued interest and wages.....	58,963	16,701
Price equaliz. dep.—Sugar Fin. Comm.....	15,565	10,995	Reserve for contingencies.....	50,000	50,000
Pref. treasury stock.....	x11,446	11,446	Reserve for depreciation.....	307,514	215,866
Deferred charges.....	26,324	33,895			
Profit and loss.....	873,408	430,710			
Total.....	4,970,516	4,982,084	Total.....	4,970,516	4,982,084

a Preferred dividends in arrears since Nov. 1 1920. b Sinking fund requirement of Nov. 1 1921 not fulfilled. x 1,297½ shares pledged as part security for \$648,937 notes payable. y Common stock, 105,000 shares of no par or nominal value. z Secured notes payable (1) \$648,938, secured by \$734,500 1st Ref. M. 8% gold bonds and 1,297½ shares of Preferred stock. (2) \$21,000 secured by equipment lease on \$47,996 RR. rolling stock.—V. 115, p. 1542.

United Paperboard Co.

(Semi-Annual Report for Six Months Ending Nov. 25 1922.)

RESULTS FOR SIX MONTHS ENDING

	Nov. 25 '22.	Nov. 26 '21.	Nov. 27 '20.	Nov. 29 '19.
Gross earns. (incl. oth. inc.).....	\$227,719	def.\$906	\$1,157,794	\$266,752
Taxes and insurance.....	39,351	29,707	58,298	45,152
Administration expenses.....	67,219	65,503	51,747	50,089
Net earnings.....	\$121,149	loss\$96,116	\$1,006,749	\$171,511
Interest charges.....	—	—	\$3,764	\$5,704
Preferred dividends.....	See note.	—	(1½)23,661	(3)47,315
Common dividends.....	—	—	(2)183,638	—
Balance, surplus.....	\$121,149	def.\$96,116	xy\$795,686	x\$118,493

x No deduction has been made for plant depreciation and income taxes. y Net profit before deducting unmaturing dividends, viz., 4½% on the Pref. stock, \$64,476, 2% on the Common stock, \$183,640. Note.—The last dividends paid were: On Common stock, 2% Jan. 10 1921, on Preferred stock, 1½% July 15 1921.

BALANCE SHEET NOV. 25 1922 AND NOV. 26 1921.

	1922.	1921.		1922.	1921.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Plant & equipm't.....	10,359,426	10,295,292	Preferred stock.....	1,500,000	1,500,000
Treasury stock.....	2,117,129	2,058,529	Common stock.....	12,000,000	12,000,000
Sundry securities.....	67,218	486,868	Accounts payable.....	203,438	260,162
Cash.....	237,994	364,422	Contr'ts for imps. & replacements.....	180,857	325,551
Accts., &c., receiv.....	751,480	626,856	Reserve for accrd' int., taxes, &c.....	157,417	110,363
Mdse. & supplies.....	847,860	876,780	Surplus.....	456,583	690,455
Deferred charges.....	108,320	156,864			
Suspended assets.....	8,869	20,919			
Total.....	14,498,295	14,886,530	Total.....	14,498,295	14,886,530

a Treasury stock represents 1,721,29 shares Pref. stock, \$172,129, and 19,450 shares Common stock, \$1,945,000.—V. 115, p. 864.

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."

Noteworthy Annual (1922) Articles in "Railway Age" of Jan. 6.—(a) The revival of railroad development, p. 1. (b) Conditions necessary to improved transportation (A. I. Smith, Pres. N. Y. Central Lines), p. 8. (c) Railroads can handle 15% more traffic than in 1920 (L. F. Loree, Pres. Delaware & Hudson Co.), p. 10. (d) Railways will make many improvements in 1923 (E. T. Howson), p. 15. (e) Status of railroad accounts with the Government, p. 35. (f) I. C. C. shows figures of rail facilities expansion, p. 44. (g) Valuation work makes progress during 1921 (E. T. Howson), p. 49. (h) Freight claim adjustments decreased (R. A. Doster), p. 51. (i) 17 articles on foreign railways (English, French, Canadian, Australian, Italian, South African, Polish, Russian, Indian, Japanese, German, Chinese, Mexican, &c.), p. 54 to 107. (j) Analysis of railway statistics for 1922 by Julius H. Parmelee, p. 112 to 115. (k) New construction in 1922, p. 116 to 121. (l) Receiverships and foreclosure sales, p. 122 to 124. (m) Dividend charges, p. 140.

Electric Railway Improvements.—The "Electric Railway Journal" for Jan. 6 estimates that more than \$240,000,000 will be spent by the electric railways in 1923 in new plant and equipment.

G. J. MacMurray, News Editor, states: In every branch of the statistical studies is the greatly improved financial condition evident. During 1922 the electric railways built and rebuilt 900 miles of track—more than in any year since before the war. New cars to the number of 3,538 were purchased, which is nearly three times as many as in 1921 and practically the equal of any year since 1913. In addition, very large sums of money were spent in rebuilding 1,579 cars.

The number of receiverships occurring during 1922 (14) is the smallest in any year since 1909, except 1910, when 11 roads failed, and 1914, when the number was 10. Furthermore, increased earnings enabled 6 companies to lift themselves out of receivership during 1922, and there is every indi-

cation that the receivers of several large companies will be discharged early in 1923. While the mileage of new track added to the electric rail systems has been small, the very large amounts of money that have been put back into the properties in rebuilding 740 miles of track representing an exceedingly important pursuit in re-establishing the railways' financial standing and insuring the continuance of their position of first importance in providing local transportation.

The interesting articles thus summarized appear on pages 1 to 64, incl. **Electric Railways Carry More Passengers in 1922.**—C. D. Emmons, President of American Electric Railway Association, reports total of 15,000,000 carried in 1922. Sees improved conditions in the industry. "Times" Jan. 11, p. 35.

Railroads Withdraw from U. S. RR. Labor Board Their Applications for Hearings on Wage Cuts.—Many of the more important roads have taken this step after completing individual agreements with workers. See "Times" Jan. 8, p. 21.

Railways Will Make Many Improvements in 1923.—By E. T. Howson, in "Railway Age" Jan. 6, p. 15-18 inclusive.

Roads Oppose I.-S. C. C. Order Granting New England Lines 15% Increase in Division of Joint Freight Rates.—"Times" Jan. 11, p. 44.

U. S. Payments on Six Months' Guaranty.—I.-S. C. C. had paid on Jan. 1 (2 years 4 months after end of 6 months' guaranty period following Federal control during war) \$452,455,954, exclusive of \$5,614,268 on reimbursement to short line roads on account of deficits during Federal control. Commission estimates \$83,544,046 is still due. "Wall St. J." Jan. 10, p. 9.

Supreme Court Opinion in Railroad Tax Cases.—U. S. Supreme Court rules against roads in contention as to property and franchise taxes for 1921. "The News and Observer," Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 5.

Locomotive Repairs.—There were 46,648 serviceable locomotives on American railroads on Dec. 15, as compared with 46,525 on Dec. 1 (see Dec. 23 RR. index). During the first two weeks in December 13,381 engines were repaired. Locomotives in need of repair on Dec. 15 1922 totaled 17,883, a decrease of 126, as compared with Dec. 1.

Car Shortage Decreases.—Requisitions for freight cars in excess of current supply totaled 82,927 cars on Dec. 31. This was a decrease of 16,981 cars since Dec. 23, at which time the total was 99,908 cars.

The shortage in box cars amounted to 38,397, a decrease in approximately a week of 5,300, while the shortage in coal cars totaled 36,525, or a decrease of 7,139; in stock cars, 1,627 cars, decrease 588; in coke cars, 421, decrease 40; in refrigerator cars, 2,441, decrease 2,236, within the same period.

Car Surplus.—The decrease in the car shortage is bringing an increase in the number of surplus cars in good repair reported in various parts of the country. On Dec. 31 last 14,981 surplus freight cars of all descriptions were reported. This was an increase of 5,418 since Dec. 23. Surplus box cars amounted to 5,062, which was an increase of 3,311 in slightly more than a week, while an increase within the same period of 1,119 was reported in the number of surplus coal cars in good condition, which brought the total surplus to 3,651. An increase in the number of surplus freight cars of other classes was also reported.

Car Loadings.—A new high record for the Christmas holidays in the number of cars loaded with revenue freight was made during the recent holiday week, for which time the total was 711,200 cars. This was an increase of 182,644 cars over the corresponding week in 1921, and an increase of 108,832 cars over the corresponding week in 1920. The total for the week, however, was a decrease, owing to the observance of Christmas Day, of 123,391 cars compared with the week before. The average daily loading for the 5-day week, which excluded Christmas Day, was 142,000 cars, compared with 139,000 cars for the preceding week which contained six working days.

Loading of every commodity during the week exceeded the corresponding week in 1921, while every one except or, which fell slightly below, exceeded the corresponding week in 1920.

Principal changes compared with week ended Dec. 22 were: Grain and grain products, 45,931 cars, decrease 4,871 (but an increase of 16,110 cars over the same week in 1921 and 17,158 cars above the same week in 1920); in the Western districts alone 31,618 cars were loaded with grain and grain products, 12,136 above the same week in 1921). Live stock, 26,188 cars, decrease 4,746; coal, 173,378 cars, decrease 7,947; r merchandise and miscellaneous freight, which includes manufactured products, 400,567 cars, decrease 90,143; coke, 12,108 cars, decrease 1,135; forest products, 44,913 cars, decrease 13,783; ore, 8,175 cars, decrease 766.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Jan. 6 1923.—(a) James Speyer on importance of railroad credit, p. 29.

Akron Canton & Youngstown Ry.—Sale of Stock.—Half of the Common stock of the company and half of the Common stock of the East Akron Land Co. will be sold at public auction at the Court House at Akron, O., Feb. 10, by the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. The sale is to be held under the terms of an agreement between F. A. Seiberling and the Goodyear company covering certain indebtedness of Seiberling to the company.—V. 115, p. 2266.

Alabama Traction Lt. & Pow. Co.—To Pay Back Divs.—The holders of the \$1,000,000 6% Preference stock are informed that the directors have had under consideration a plan for funding the accrued dividends in order to permit of the payment of future dividends in cash. They propose to pay the accumulated dividends in Preference stock, with the provision that any shareholders entitled to such dividends who may be unwilling to accept payment in stock will receive an undertaking from the company to pay such dividends in cash at a future date.

A dividend of 48% has accordingly been declared upon the Preference stock covering the cumulative dividends to Dec. 31 1922, payable to shareholders of record on that date on surrender of the warrants, either immediately in Preference stock at par, or on or before Dec. 31 1923, in cash without interest. Option of exchange must be exercised prior to Aug. 1 1923.

All new stock issued in payment of dividends to shareholders exercising this option will be entitled to 6% dividends cumulative from the date of issue thereof.—V. 115, p. 1530.

American Railways Co.—Refinancing—Bonds Called.—The directors are working on a plan of refinancing, but we are informed that there is nothing for publication at this time.

Fifty (\$50,000) 7½% 3-year Secured (Extended) gold notes, due Feb. 1 1925, have been called for payment Feb. 1 at 110 and int. at the Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances, &c., 517 Chestnut St., Phila., Pa.—V. 115, p. 2158.

Atlantic Shore Line Ry.—Reorganization Plan.—Howard Bayne, Fred P. Holt, Charles F. Stone and A. H. Bickmore, the committee acting under bondholders' protective agreement dated Dec. 1 1916, for First Consolidated Mortgage bonds, have adopted a plan of reorganization. A copy of the plan has been lodged with the depository, Columbia Trust Co., 60 Broadway, New York City.—V. 115, p. 2683.

Atlanta Water & Electric Power Co.—Tenders.—The Columbia Trust Co., trustee, 60 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Jan. 18 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 5% gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1943, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$14,424.—V. 102, p. 1539.

Bangor & Aroostook RR.—Equip. Trusts Offered.—First National Bank, Bangor, Me., and Beyer & Small, Portland, Me., are offering at prices to yield 5.40%, \$250,000 5½% Equip. Trust gold certificates, series "H."

Dated Jan. 15 1923. Due serially, \$25,000 each Jan. 15 1924 to 1933 incl. Dividends payable J. & J. without deduction for any normal Federal income tax up to 2% at First National Bank, Bangor, Me., trustee, or First National Bank, Boston, Mass. Denom. \$1,000.

The equipment securing this issue consists of 300 box cars of 60,000 lbs. capacity, rebuilt by the American Car & Foundry Co. at a total cost of \$409,230. Title to the equipment will be vested in the trustee, which will lease to the company at a rental sufficient to pay the certificates and dividend warrants as they mature.

Issuance.—Approved by I.-S. C. Commission.—V. 115, p. 2476.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Equipment Trusts Sold.—Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Speyer & Co., and National City Co. announce the sale of \$13,875,000 5% Equip. Trust Certificates on a 5.20% basis. The equipment trusts were sold to the bankers, subject to the approval of the I.-S. C. Commission.

Dated Feb. 1 1923; due \$925,000 annually each Feb. 1 from 1924 to 1938, inclusive. Dividends payable F. & A. at agency of the trustee in New York, in gold coin of the United States of America or of equal to the presens standard of weight and fineness and without deduction for any tax or taxte

(other than Federal income taxes) which the company or the trustee may be required to pay or to retain therefrom under any present or future law of the United States of America or of any State, county, municipality or other taxing authority therein. Denom. \$1,000 (c*).

Certificates are to be issued by Girard Trust Co., Phila., trustee. There will be vested in the trustee title to new equipment costing not less than \$18,500,000, including the following: 2 steel dining cars, 2 electric locomotives, 50 Mikado locomotives, 1,000 70-ton steel coke cars, 4,000 55-ton steel hopper cars, 1,000 70-ton drop-end 46-ft. steel gondola cars, and 2,000 40-ton steel underframe box cars.

Pending the delivery of the equipment, cash equal to the principal amount of the certificates is to be deposited under the equipment trust agreement, to be withdrawn from time to time as equipment is delivered to the extent of 75% of the cost thereof.

Principal and dividends will be unconditionally guaranteed by endorsement by the Baltimore & Ohio RR.—V. 116, p. 74.

Birmingham Ry. Lt. & Pow. Co.—Funds to Pay Taxes.—Federal Judge W. I. Grubb has issued an order authorizing the company to borrow \$275,000 to pay county and city taxes.—V. 115, p. 2476.

Brazil Railway.—Interest Payments.—It is announced that 1¼% is now payable against coupons 25 and 26, due Jan. 1 and July 1 1922, in respect of the "International" bonds (formerly 4½% 1st Mtge. 60-year gold bonds), at the Bank of Scotland, 30 Bishopsgate, E.C.2, London.—V. 113, p. 2818.

Brooklyn City RR.—Abandonment of Line.—The stockholders on Jan. 8 approved the resolution providing for the abandonment of the company's line beginning at the intersection of Furman St. with Fulton St., along the former to Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.—V. 115, p. 2158.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.—Reorganization.—It is stated that a tentative plan for the reorganization of B. R. T. System, formulated by the protective committees for the \$74,520,000 Capital stock and the \$57,230,000 gold notes of 1921, has been submitted for consideration to the several committees representing the other B. R. T. securities.

The new plan, it is said, calls for an assessment of \$35 a share on the \$74,520,000 stock, for which the shareholders will receive new collateral trust 6% bonds, while holders of the \$57,230,000 7% notes which have been in default of back interest since Jan. 1 1919, amounting to 31¼%, will receive cash payments amounting to one-third of this interest and new preferred stock for the balance. This preferred stock probably will bear 6% interest.

If the tentative plan is adopted, the new 6% collateral trust bonds, it is understood, will be secured by New York Municipal Ry. 1st 5s, which are at present pledged under the notes. The \$6,970,000 Brooklyn Rapid Transit 5s of 1945, it is believed, will be replaced by the new 6s, but the amounts of cash payments to the holders of other bonds such as the Brooklyn Rapid Transit 6s and 4s, have not yet been accurately determined.—V. 115, p. 2904.

Canadian Pacific Ry.—Tentative Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$7,069,079 on the company's property (directly owned in the U. S.) as of June 30 1916.—V. 115, p. 1729.

Central Arkansas Ry. & Light Corp.—Tenders.—The Columbia Trust Co., trustee, 60 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Jan. 19 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Lien 15-year 5% sinking fund gold bonds, due March 1 1928, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$57,838.—V. 113, p. 2718.

Central of Georgia Ry.—Final Settlement.—A certificate directing payment of \$298,924 to the company in final settlement on account of the guaranty for the 6 months following Federal operation was issued by the I.-S. C. Commission Jan. 5 to the Secretary of the Treasury. When payment of that sum is made the carrier will have received a total of \$3,923,924 on account of that guaranty.—V. 116, p. 68.

Charlottesville (Va.) & Albemarle Ry.—Extra Div.—The company on Dec. 21 last paid a dividend of 5% and an extra of 1% on its \$500,000 Common stock, par \$100. This compares with 4% paid in June last; 4% in Dec. 1921 and 3% in June 1921.—V. 107, p. 2289.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Van Sweringen Control.—O. P. Van Sweringen has announced that the Van Sweringen interests have secured from the Huntingtons and their associates contracts for delivery of their stock holdings in these properties.

O. P. Van Sweringen, Cleveland, has applied to the I.-S. C. Comm. for authority to hold the position of director of Chesapeake & Ohio Ry., Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. of Indiana, Covington & Cincinnati Elevated RR. & Transfer & Bridge Co., Cincinnati Inter-Terminal RR. and Hocking Valley Ry., in addition to the positions he now holds as Chairman and director of the New York Chicago & St. Louis, Lake Erie & Western and Toledo St. Louis & Western RR. companies, director of Chicago & State Line RR. and the Port Wayne Cincinnati & Louisville RR., and director and president Union Terminal Co.

At the same time M. J. Van Sweringen, C. L. Bradley, J. R. Nutt, J. J. Bernet and Otto Miller, all of Cleveland, also applied to the Commission for authority to hold similar positions on the lines for which O. P. Van Sweringen made application.—V. 116, p. 74.

Chicago Terre Haute & Southeastern Ry.—Bonds Sold.—Harper & Turner, Philadelphia, have sold at 80 and int. \$713,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5% gold bonds of 1910, due Dec. 1 1960 (see advertising pages).

The bonds are callable as a whole only on 60 days' notice at 107½ and int. Auth. \$20,000,000. Now outstanding, \$5,267,000. Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee. Normal Federal income tax of 2% assumed by company. The bonds are listed on the New York Stock Exchange and are guaranteed principal and interest under terms of lease by Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.

Properties.—Properties of the company consist of a system of about 361 miles of standard gauge main line steam railroad extending from Blue Island (near Chicago), Ill., southerly to Terre Haute, Ind., and thence easterly to Westport, Ind., where connection is made with New York Central Lines. It consists, in addition, 210 miles of yard tracks, sidings, &c. The properties consist, in general, of two chief divisions, separated at Terre Haute, the one division, consisting of about 115 miles of main line, with branches, extending from Chicago southerly to the coal districts of western Indiana (near Terre Haute). The other division extends easterly from Terre Haute to Westport, Ind., passing through more coal area as well as the building stone district of Bedford, a total of about 246.26 miles of main line with branches.

The function of the railroad is chiefly the movement of coal from the mines northerly to Chicago for use of the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul and other railroads, for utilization in the city and its district, and for transportation into the territory northwest of Chicago in which no coal of any sort is mined.

Securities.—Bonds are secured by first mortgage on the mileage lying between Chicago and the Indiana-Illinois State line north of Terre Haute; and, subject to about \$7,537,000 first mortgage bonds, they have also a lien on the mileage to Westport. Also subject to only \$55,000 Equip. Trust Certificates, the bonds have lien on 70 locomotives and 6,677 cars.

Valuation.—Properties have been tentatively valued by the I.-S. C. Commission at \$19,856,000, or nearly \$7,828,000 in excess of all bonds of the company holding first mortgage on any portion of its lines outstanding at the time of valuation.

Control.—During July 1921 Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul acquired control and leased its properties for 999 years, assuming, under terms of the lease, the payment of principal and interest of all bonds of the South-eastern system.—V. 115, p. 2579.

Columbus Ry. Power & Light Co.—Special Div.—A special dividend of 2½% has been declared on the outstanding Common stock, payable Jan. 20 to holders of record Jan. 10. Quarterly dividends of 1¼% each were paid on the Common stock from May 1914 to Nov. 1917; none since.—V. 115, p. 1837.

Delaware & Hudson Co.—Company Will Probably Fall Short by \$500,000 of Earning Fixed Charges in 1922.—Dividend Policy to Remain Unchanged.—Pres. L. F. Loree says:

On the basis of the actual figures for the 11 months, and estimating the results for the month of Dec., 1922, the company will probably fall short by about \$500,000 of the amount necessary to meet its operating expenses and fixed charges. These results are directly attributable to the decrease in the volume of traffic and the extraordinary expenses resulting from the strike in the coal mines and the strike of our shop employees.

In view of the established earning capacity of the property and the temporary nature of the conditions which reduced the earnings during the year 1922, it is the opinion of the Board of Managers of the company, that no change in its dividend policy should be made at this time, especially as the company has a large accumulated surplus created in former years, the use of which to meet emergencies such as confronted the company during 1922 is one of the purposes for which it has been conserved.

[Miller & Co. are offering at market, to yield about 4.80%, a block of \$1,250,000 First & Ref. Mtge. 4% Gold Bonds of 1908, due May 1 1943. Authorized, \$50,000,000; outstanding, \$32,204,000. Redeemable only as a whole at 107½ and interest. Listed on New York Stock Exchange].—V. 116, p. 75.

Des Moines City Ry.—Franchise Valid.—

The Iowa Supreme Court on Dec. 15 held the Des Moines franchise valid. The case went to the Supreme Court upon appeal by the City of Des Moines and the Des Moines City Ry. from the decision of Judge James C. Hume of the Polk County District Court, who held that the franchise election held in Nov., 1921, which granted the city railway a sliding scale service-at-cost-franchise, was illegal. Suit against the franchise was brought by the North Des Moines Improvement League with Grant Van Horn as the principal. The Supreme Court held that the franchise was not a perpetual nor exclusive grant but that the publication clause, which was one of the points particularly aimed at by Van Horn, was entirely adequate. See terms of franchise in V. 114, p. 1764.—V. 115, p. 182.

Florida East Coast Ry.—Obituary.—

J. P. Beckwith, Vice-President in charge of traffic and operations, died in Miami, Fla., Jan. 4.—V. 114, p. 2577.

Hannibal Ry. & Electric Co.—Bond Issue.—

The issue of \$150,000 1st Mtge. 7% bonds recently authorized by the Missouri P. S. Commission (V. 115, p. 2379) will be for the following purposes: \$100,000 to be used for refunding purposes, \$20,000 for retiring present floating indebtedness and \$30,000 to be used for extension of service and improvements.—V. 115, p. 2379.

Huntington & Broad Top Mtn. RR. & Coal Co.—

The directors on Jan. 9 took no action on the semi-annual dividend usually paid Feb. 1 on the 7% Non-cumul. Pref. stock. In February and August 1922 semi-ann. dividends of 1% each were paid.—V. 114, p. 198.

Indiana Service Corporation.—New Bond Issue.—

The Indiana P. S. Commission has authorized the corporation to issue \$750,000 of 1st Mtge. bonds to cover capital expenditures.—V. 115, p. 2477.

Indianapolis Columbus & Southern Traction Co.—

Bonds Offered.—Fletcher American Co., Indianapolis, and Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, recently offered at 100 and int. \$973,000 25-Year 1st Mtge. 6% gold bonds. A circular shows:

Dated Feb. 1 1923. Due Feb. 1 1948. Int. payable F. & A. without deduction for 2% normal Federal income tax at Fletcher American National Bank, Indianapolis, trustee, and Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (*). Callable on any int. date upon 60 days' notice at 105 and int. on or before Feb. 1 1928; from Feb. 1 1928 to Feb. 1 1933 at 104 and int.; from Feb. 1 1933 to Feb. 1 1938 at 103 and int.; from Feb. 1 1938 to Aug. 1 1946 at 102 and int., and thereafter at par and int.

Company.—Owns 58 miles of main line interurban track between Indianapolis and Seymour through Greenwood, Franklin, Edinburg, Columbus and other smaller Indiana towns. At Seymour it connects with another traction line owned and controlled by the Interstate Public Service Co. These connecting properties under the same management, constitute an important high speed modern electric railway connecting the cities of Indianapolis, Ind., and Louisville, Ky.

Leased to Insull Interests.—The 999-year lease to the Interstate Public Service Co. constitutes virtual ownership of the property by that company, which not only becomes responsible for interest on these bonds by guarantee, but in addition pays a cash rental equivalent to 5% on the \$1,540,000 capital stock of the company. The Interstate company is a subsidiary of the Middle West Utilities Co.

Purpose.—To refund an issue of 1st Mortgage 5% bonds due Feb. 1 1923.

Earnings (of Property on which Bonds are Secured)—Calendar Years.

	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.*
Gross.....	\$581,103	\$677,325	\$767,551	\$728,098	\$748,450
Net, after taxes.....	233,727	260,293	308,074	236,870	244,257
x Two months estimated.—	V. 115, p. 2905.				

Indianapolis Union Ry.—Application To Issue Bonds.—

The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$4,000,000 5% Gen. & Ref. Mtge. bonds, the proceeds to be used to retire \$4,000,000 3-Year 6% gold notes due Feb. 1 1923. The new bonds will be guaranteed by the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis and the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis.—V. 113, p. 1360.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—New Board to Aid in Settling Transit Problem.—

A move in the direction of co-operation between the city authorities and officials of the company was announced Jan. 9 by Grayson M.-P. Murphy, Chairman of the Executive Committee, after the first meeting of the new board of directors. Pointing to the approaching crisis which the city faces, with continuous and rapid growth, unless new subway construction is begun, Mr. Murphy said it was the aim of the company to help in working out a plan acceptable to all interests; a plan that perhaps involves the best features of the plans already drawn by the city and by the Transit Commission.

Declaring that the board was committed to continuance of the 5-cent fare, Mr. Murphy stated the company was in a particularly favorable position to assist in effecting a settlement of transit difficulties in consequence of the recently adopted readjustment plan which averted Interborough receivership.

The statement said in part: "The present board of directors represents no dominant financial interest. The security holders in the reorganized company number some 35,000, a large number of whom are women, estates, trustees, savings banks, trust companies, insurance companies and educational and charitable institutions. The largest stockholder of all in the reorganized company is not an individual, but an estate.

"We feel that all public authorities, persons and agencies, who have co-operated to avert the disintegration of the Interborough-Manhattan System and insure the continued operation of the subway and elevated lines as a single system with a 5-cent fare, should be heartily congratulated.

"The saving of the Interborough System from dissolution makes possible immediately the active co-operation by the company with all public authorities in working out plans which must be made, and made promptly, to insure adequate transit for this city.

"The I. R. T. Co. will bend its every effort to work with every public authority in seeking to obtain the rapid and convenient transportation which the people of this city so urgently need.

"I have been deeply impressed with the earnestness of Governor Smith's purpose to promote a solution of the local transit situation [Rapid Transit in N. Y. City in V. 116, p. 77]. I am equally certain that Mayor Hylan wishes to see this problem worked out effectively. The present management of this company has the same aim, and is unfettered by any obligations which will prevent its accomplishment.

"We venture to suggest that there has been too much working at cross purposes in the past, and that the time has now come when everybody concerned may devote whole-hearted efforts toward securing an amelioration of existing conditions and a long-distance plan to provide for the future.

"The problem is one of extreme difficulty and complexity, but public convenience is vitally at stake. We, therefore, invite public co-operation in our task. Its successful realization is of supreme importance to the health, comfort and happiness of the people of this city."—V. 116, p. 76.

International-Great Northern RR.—Protests Sale.—

Formal protest against the proposed merger of the company with the St. Louis-San Francisco has been forwarded to the I.-S. C. Commission

by Attorney-General Keeling, acting for the State of Texas. The protest is based on the ground that the consolidation of the properties would be in violation of the State Constitution. The application of the Frisco to the Commission is for authority to acquire the Capital stock of the I.-G. N. and not to consolidate the two corporations.—V. 116, p. 76.

Interstate RR.—Stock Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Jan. 4 authorized the company to issue \$380,000 capital stock, to be sold to the Virginia Coal & Iron Co. at not less than par, and the proceeds used for the purposes of making a cash payment on 1,000 55-ton all-steel coal cars, to be procured under an equipment trust agreement, and the remainder to be issued from time to time in amounts of \$40,000 semi-annually from July 1 1923, and the proceeds used for the purpose of paying semi-annually, at maturity, equipment trust certificates.—V. 115, p. 2684.

Interstate Railways.—Stricken Off List.—

The Philadelphia Stock Exchange on Jan. 2 struck off the regular list \$75,000 Coll. Tr. Certificates 4s, due 1943, reported acquired and canceled, leaving amount of said trust certificates listed \$10,270,000.—V. 115, p. 1837.

Jersey Central Traction Co.—Fares Cut.—

The company will cut the fare in each zone from 10 cents to 8 cents and will discontinue the sale of low-rate commutation tickets.—V. 114, p. 1890.

Lake Erie & Western RR.—Consolidation.—

The stockholders will vote Mar. 14 upon the adoption or rejection of the Agreement and Articles of Consolidation entered into Dec. 28 1922, by and between the New York Chicago & St. Louis RR., the Chicago & State Line RR., Lake Erie & Western RR., Fort Wayne Cincinnati & Louisville RR. and Toledo St. Louis & Western RR. See V. 116, p. 76.

Lima City Street Ry.—Fares.—

The new rate of fare, 7 cents cash and four tickets for 25 cents, went into effect Nov. 26.—V. 115, p. 2046.

Louisiana & Northwest RR.—Explanation as to Removal of Bonds from N. Y. Stock Exchange.—

In reference to action of the Stock Exchange listing committee in asking for a wider distribution of the Louisiana & Northwest 1st Mtge. 5% gold bonds due April 1 1935, before allowing further trading in them, President W. M. Cannon says: "The bonds were taken from the New York Stock Exchange list solely because it was considered that there was an insufficient distribution thereof among investors. The Committee has indicated that it will restore the bonds upon a satisfactory showing of distribution. The Committee's action is no reflection on the intrinsic value of the bonds themselves."—V. 115, p. 2684.

Manhattan Railway.—Scrip Listed.—

The New York Stock Exchange has admitted to the trading list \$3,150,000 scrip certificates to be traded in units, each unit to represent one share of stock.—V. 115, p. 2580.

Market Street Ry.—Tenders.—

The Union Trust Co., trustee, 741 Market St., San Francisco, Calif., and the Equitable Trust Co., co-trustee, 37 Wall St., N. Y. City, will until Jan. 25 receive bids for the sale to it of 5-year 6% Coll. Trust Gold notes, dated April 1 1919, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$160,971 at a price not exceeding 102 and interest.—V. 115, p. 2159.

Mesaba Ry.—Tenders.—

The American Trust Co., trustee, 50 State St., Boston, Mass., will until Jan. 15 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 5% bonds dated Mar. 1 1912 to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$42,055.—V. 99, p. 120.

Midi RR. Co.—Interim Dividend.—

The directors have declared an interim dividend of 22.50 francs per share on Common stock, payable on and after Jan. 2 1923. This amount will be distributed to holders of registered stock, while the unregistered stock will receive a payment of 20.74 francs per share.—V. 115, p. 2478.

Mississippi Export RR.—Operation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Jan. 5 issued a certificate authorizing the operation of a line of railroad extending from Pascagoula, Jackson County, Miss., in a northerly direction to Evanston, George County, a distance of 42 miles. The line in question is the southerly portion of the railroad formerly owned and operated by the Alabama & Mississippi RR., whose entire line was abandoned in October 1921. The above company was incorporated Nov. 15 1922 in Mississippi with an authorized capital of \$150,000. It proposes to purchase, rehabilitate and operate the 42 miles of track above referred to. This road connects with the Louisville & Nashville RR. at Pascagoula and with the Gulf, Mobile & Northern RR. at Evanston. [The northern portion of the Alabama road, about 17 miles, was recently authorized by the Commission to be leased to the Mississippi & Alabama RR., see V. 115, p. 1836.]

Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry.—Deposit Extension.—

J. W. Seligman & Co. and Hallgarten & Co., reorganization managers, announce that the time for the deposit of assignments of claims and guaranteed bonds in accordance with offers on file at the Columbia Trust Co., New York, and the Mercantile Trust Co., St. Louis, has been extended to and including Feb. 3 1923.—V. 116, p. 77.

Montgomery Light & Traction Co.—New Control.—

See Alabama Power Co. below.—V. 113, p. 731.

New York Central Lines.—Equip. Trusts Sold.—

J. P. Morgan & Co., First National Bank, National City Co., Guaranty Co. of New York, and Harris, Forbes & Co., New York, have sold at prices ranging from 94.85 and div. to 99.68 and div., according to maturity, to yield 5%, \$12,660,000 4½% Equip. Trust Gold Certificates (Equip. Trust of 1922), issued under the Philadelphia plan.

Dated Sept. 1 1922. Serial maturities of \$844,000 per annum, Sept. 1 1923 to Sept. 1 1937, both incl. Dividends payable M. & S. at Guaranty Trust Co., New York, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (*).

Issuance.—Authorized by the I.-S. Commerce Commission. The certificates are to be issued for not exceeding 75% of the cost of the equipment to be included in the trust, the remainder of the cost to be paid by the railroad companies. The equipment is standard new equipment, consisting of 240 locomotives, costing approximately \$16,915,000. The title to the equipment is to be vested in the trustee, and the equipment is to be leased by the trustee to the following railroad companies which are jointly and severally to covenant to pay rentals sufficient to discharge the certificates and dividend warrants as they mature: N. Y. Central RR., Michigan Central RR. and C. O. C. & St. L. Ry. See V. 115, p. 2379, 2268.

New York Central RR.—Sub. Co. Stock Increase.—

The Merchants Despatch Transportation Co. (all of whose stock is owned by the New York Central RR.) recently increased its authorized capital stock from \$2,400,000 to \$4,000,000.

James B. Forgan, President of the Union Trust Co. of Chicago, has been elected a director to succeed the late William Rockefeller.—V. 115, p. 2478.

New York & North Shore Traction Co.—Sale.—

The property of the company, outside of the limits of the city of New York, comprising tracks, power plant, cars and other appurtenances, has been sold to David Ziskind & Co., Lowell, Mass., for \$125,000, subject to claims against the company for taxes. The purchaser, it is stated, has started dismantlement. On the part of the property within the city there remains a question to be settled—whether the claims of the city against the company come ahead of those of the bondholders.—V. 115, p. 1210.

Norfolk & Western Ry.—Equip. Trusts Offered.—

Elkins, Morris & Co., Edward B. Smith & Co., Janney & Co. and Girard Trust Co., Philadelphia, are offering at prices to yield 4¾%, according to maturity, \$6,030,000

4 1/2% Equip. Trusts, series of 1922. Issued under the Philadelphia plan. (See advertising pages.)

Commercial Trust Co., Philadelphia, trustee. Dated May 1 1922. Serial maturities of \$670,000 per annum, May 1 1924 to May 1 1932 incl. Dividends payable M. & N. at the office of the trustee. Denom. \$1,000. Guaranteed by endorsement, as to payment of principal and dividends by the Norfolk & Western Ry.

Issuance.—Authorized by the I.-S. C. Commission. Certificates are specifically secured by pledge of the following standard new equipment consisting of: 7 steel dining cars and 4,000 all-steel hopper cars (140,000 lbs. capacity). These certificates are issued for approximately 80% of the cost of the equipment, the remainder of the cost having been paid in cash.—V. 115, p. 2159.

Northern Pacific Ry.—Bond Application.—The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$14,756,500 5% Ref. and Impt. Mtge. 5s, maturing July 1 2047, proceeds to be used to reimburse the treasury for money spent in paying off obligations of subsidiaries.—V. 115, p. 2379.

Pennsylvania RR.—Orders 300 New Locomotives.—The directors on Jan. 10 authorized the placing of orders for 300 new locomotives to be constructed and delivered during the present year. They will be assigned for use on various parts of the system as required. Of the total number 125 will be constructed at the company's Altoona works and will consist of 42 heavy passenger, 40 medium weight passenger engines and 43 switching engines.

The remainder of the authorization covers 175 heavy freight engines. Arrangements for the construction of 100 of these has been made with the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia. The allotment of the other 75 will be determined later.

It is planned to have many of the 300 new engines delivered and ready for use by spring and all by next fall. They will be utilized in the replacement of other engines to be retired from service.—V. 115, p. 2906.

Philadelphia Co.—New Officer.—Andrew W. Robertson has been elected as Vice-President and General Attorney of this company and its affiliated corporations.—V. 115, p. 2047.

Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis RR.—Declares Dividend of 2%.—The directors have declared a dividend of 2%, payable Jan. 20 to holders of record Jan. 10.

Semi-annual dividends of 2% each were paid from July 1918 to Jan. 1921, incl.; none other until Aug. 15 1922, when a dividend of 6% was paid.—V. 115, p. 2379.

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Rys.—To Reconstruct Tracks.—The receivers recently petitioned the U. S. District Court for permission to reconstruct the street car tracks in Shaler Township, Allegheny County, Pa., at a cost of \$126,372. Judge Robert M. Gibson has placed the matter in the hands of Special Master Henry G. Wasson.—V. 115, p. 2686.

Reading Co.—Segregation Plan.—The Philadelphia "News Bureau" Jan. 4 says in part:

Although the modified segregation plan has practically been completed in tentative form, it has not yet been presented to the board for final action as efforts are being made to reconcile the views of the bondholders with those of the committee which drew up the changes ordered by the Supreme Court. It is possible that some of the bondholders will hold out to the end for a cash payment to compensate them for injuries which they believe will follow the severance of the joint liability of the Reading Co. and the Coal Company under the mortgage, and in some quarters it is thought that this point will have to go to the District Court for adjudication.

The stockholders will probably oppose a cash payment to the bondholders, contending that no real injury will be done by the splitting of the mortgage into two mortgages, and that if any injury will follow the way to remedy it is to reduce the amount of the mortgage rather than make a cash outlay. The position of the stockholders is that by reducing the amount of the mortgage the same end is attained and the Reading Co. will be relieved of further payment of interest on the \$4,236,000 bonds which would be retired; while a cash payment, according to the views of the stockholders, would reduce the company's assets without a compensating decrease in fixed charges, and consequently would lessen its earning power.

The tentative segregation plan provides for a reduction in the outstanding general mortgage bonds from \$94,236,000 to \$90,000,000 and the assumption of \$60,000,000 bonds by the Reading Co. and of \$30,000,000 by the Coal Company. Under this plan the Reading Co. will be relieved of paying 4% annual interest on the \$30,000,000 bonds to be assumed by the Coal Company amounting to \$1,200,000, and further interest payments on the \$4,236,000 bonds to be retired, being \$169,440, or a total saving in interest payments of \$1,369,440 per annum.

The Reading Co. will retire these bonds from the proceeds of the \$5,600,000, which it is to receive from the new holding company which is to take over the Coal properties. In addition, it is to receive \$10,000,000 from Coal Company, between \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000 in dividends from Reading Iron Co. being transfer of liquid surplus from Reading Iron to Reading Co., and approximately \$7,500,000 from Coal Company which is to purchase the Reading Iron Co. after transfer of surplus has been effected.—V. 115, p. 2906.

Rutland RR.—New Directors.—George F. Baker and Edward Milligan have been elected directors, succeeding William Rockefeller and Thomas De Witt Cuyler, both dead.—V. 115, p. 2268.

St. Louis El Reno & Western Ry.—To Abandon Line.—The receiver has applied to I.-S. C. Commission for authority to abandon line of road of about 42 miles.—V. 115, p. 1211.

St. Louis Iron Mountain & Southern Ry.—Bonds Offered.—Brown Brothers & Co. and Marshall Field, Glorie, Ward & Co., New York, are offering at 89 1/4 and int., \$3,500,000 Unifying & Ref. Mtge. 4% gold bonds of 1899. Due July 1 1929. A circular shows:

Outstanding, \$30,551,000 (closed mortgage). Not redeemable prior to maturity. Interest payable J. & J. without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to and including 2%. Metropolitan Trust Co., New York, trustee. Listed on New York Stock Exchange.

The St. Louis Iron Mountain & Southern Ry. was merged with the Missouri Pacific RR. Co. in 1917. These bonds are not directly guaranteed by the Missouri Pacific RR. Co., but provision is made for refunding all mortgage bonds of the Iron Mountain System in the mortgage securing the 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds of the Missouri Pacific.

Earnings of the Iron Mountain are not reported separately, but those of the entire Missouri Pacific System for the first 7 months of 1922 show that net operating income of the road was substantially in excess of that for the corresponding period of 1921. Chiefly as a result of the difficult operating conditions occasioned by the coal and shopmen's strikes, net earnings since that time have suffered and it is probable that net earnings for the current year will not exceed fixed charges.

The Missouri Pacific RR. Co. is in strong cash position. As of Sept. 30 1922 it had current assets totalling \$33,436,712, as compared with total current liabilities of only \$14,422,839. Of the total current assets, \$6,053,982 represented cash and bank deposits, and \$11,195,000 consisted of U. S. Treasury obligations and N. Y. City Warrants. On the Iron Mountain lines these bonds rank prior to \$113,241,500 system bonds of the Missouri Pacific RR.—V. 104, p. 452.

Sharon Ry. (of Pa.)—New President, &c.—R. S. Henderson has been elected President, succeeding Samuel McClure. Branton H. Henderson has been elected a director, succeeding Mr. McClure.

The directors have declared a dividend at the rate of 5 1/2%, payable during 1923 on March 1 and Sept. 1.—V. 114, p. 948.

South Carolina Gas & Elec. Co.—Service Discontinued.—The company on Dec. 31 last discontinued all car service without notice. The company stated that "it has become imperative to discontinue operating the railway, at least for a time."—V. 116, p. 78.

Southern Pacific RR.—Equipment Orders.—The company has placed orders for 4,650 new cars, including 3,700 box cars, 500 stock cars and 350 flat cars, to be delivered during the current year.—V. 115, p. 1733.

Tidewater Power Co.—Earnings.—

The Pitkin Public Utility Properties, which includes the Tidewater Power Co., report for the year ended Nov. 30 1922, gross earnings, including other income of \$3,916,464, against \$1,650,945 in 1921, and net earnings of \$1,421,646, against \$538,334 the previous year.—V. 115, p. 2268.

Toledo St. Louis & Western.—Proposed Consolidation.—

The stockholders will vote March 16 on the proposed consolidation of the company with the New York Chicago & St. Louis RR., Chicago & State-Line RR., Lake Erie & Western RR. and Fort Wayne Cincinnati & Louisville RR.—V. 116, p. 78.

United Light & Railways.—Bonds Offered.—Bonbright & Co., Inc., are offering, at 90 and int. to yield about 6.70%, \$2,500,000 Gold Debenture Bonds, Series "A" 6%. (See advertising pages).

Dated Jan. 1 1923. Due Jan. 1 1973. Interest payable J. & J. at agency of company in New York. Redeemable, all or part, on 60 days' notice at 110 during first 15 years (ending Jan. 1 1938); thereafter at 1% less during each succeeding 5-year period to and including the 45th year; thereafter at 1% less during each succeeding year to and including the 48th year, and thereafter at 100 and interest. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 in \$1,000 and multiples. Company will pay normal Federal income tax deductible at the source, up to 2%, and will refund Pennsylvania and Connecticut 4 mills tax, New York Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Data from Letter of President Frank T. Hulswit, Chicago, Jan. 8.

Company.—Controls and operates properties furnishing a diversified public utility service in prosperous and growing communities located in the heart of the Middle West. These are situated principally in Iowa and Illinois. In all, 77 communities are served with electric power and light, gas, street railway or interurban service. Combined population of territory served has grown from 340,000 in 1900 to over 600,000 at present.

Nearly 80% of the net earnings are derived from the electric and gas business. The city railway lines furnish about 12% and the interurban lines about 9% of the net earnings.

Plants and Operation.—Physical properties include 10 electrical central stations, total generating capacity of 103,650 h. p., of which 7,215 h. p. is water power; 659 miles of high tension transmission lines; 3,653 miles of distributing lines with substations of ample capacity; 11 gas plants, 9 of which are equipped with coal gas and water gas apparatus permitting operation of whichever is more advantageous under prevailing conditions. The gas plants with their holders are of ample capacity for the annual output of over 2,500,000,000 cu. ft. Distributing mains are 750 miles in length.

The street railway properties include 147 miles of track; are well equipped with modern rolling stock and have car barns of ample capacity together with exceptional shop facilities. The high speed interurban lines which have a trackage totaling 123 miles are located on private right of way.

Purpose.—Proceeds will provide funds for the retirement of the 8% bond-secured gold notes, due Nov. 1 1930, which will be called for redemption forthwith.

Combined Capitalization Outstanding with Public as at Nov. 30 1922 (Adjusted to Recent and Present Financing).

Gold Debs. (this issue)	\$2,500,000	7% Prior Pref. (Del. Co.)	\$2,000,000
Convertible Debs., 1926	2,000,000	6% Preferred Stock	10,133,100
1st & Ref. M. 5s, 1932	x11,000,000	7% Cum. Particip'g Pref.	
1st Lien & Cons. 6s, 1952	7,969,500		3,407,300
Div. bonds & secs. on portions of property	y9,887,098	Common stock (5% and extras)	3,453,100

x Not including bonds pledged with the trustee of the First Lien & Consol. Mtge. Bonds. y Not including bonds and securities pledged with the trustee of First & Ref. Mtge. or underlying mortgages.

Of the issued securities of the subsidiary companies, the United Light & Railways Co. owns over 70% of bonds and notes, over 84% of Pref. and Common stocks combined, and over 99% of the Common stocks.

Consolidated Earnings Twelve Months Ended November 30.

	1920.	1921.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$11,868,576	\$11,407,983	\$11,648,359
Net. after oper. exp., maint. & taxes	3,343,775	3,263,034	3,689,437
Total annual charges prior to interest on funded debt of U. S. Lt. & Rys. Co.			538,714
Total annual charges on funded debt prior to deb. bonds			1,148,170
Annual interest charges on \$2,500,000 Gold Debenture bonds (this issue)			150,000

Balance \$1,852,553

The company has elected to redeem and pay off on Feb. 10 at 106 1/2 int. all of the outstanding 10-year 8% bond-secured gold notes, dated Mar. 1 1920. Payment will be made at the New York Trust Co., 100 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 115, p. 2582.

Winona Interurban Ry., Warsaw, Ind.—Franchises.—

The company has filed notice with the Indiana P. S. Commission of its intention to surrender local franchises and permits and operate under an indeterminate permit under the jurisdiction of the Commission. The company holds franchises in 4 counties and 6 cities of Indiana.—V. 115, p. 75.

Wisconsin & Michigan Ry.—Tentative Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$2,209,333 on the company's property as of June 30 1916.—V. 111, p. 2522.

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. 11 said in brief:

Orders.—The Carnegie Steel Co. is to furnish 122,000 tons of steel for 3,500 B. & O. cars and for 3,700 Southern Pacific cars. Various Pennsylvania plate mills have found business coming to them which better-filled mills further West could not take.

"In the Central West the activity in steel bars has been noteworthy and the diversified character of the orders indicates that manufacturing consumers in a number of lines are busier. Orders from the General Motors Corporation in the past week included 9,000 tons of carbon steel and 6,000 tons of alloy steel bars.

"Two Lake freighters, each taking 5,000 tons of plates, are to be built at once. One is for the Bradley Transportation Co. and the other for the Reiss Steamship Co.

"Including 21,500 tons of oil tank work for three companies, about 43,000 tons of fabricated steel construction has appeared. Awards reported in the week call for 23,650 tons.

"To take care of the heavier ore traffic expected this year, the Great Northern RR. will build another ore dock at Superior, Wis., and its inquiry has just come out for 15,000 tons of steel for this work.

"The new year in car buying opens with contracts for 4,500 cars and inquiries for 6,300. To the 1922 locomotive business may now be added 165 placed in the last days of December.

Prices.—"The firmer stand on prices taken by a number of steel companies has extended to semi-finished steel. At Cleveland considerable sales of sheet bars, billets and slabs have been made, including one 10,000-ton lot of sheet bars, all at \$38 50, to which the market there was recently advanced. Pittsburgh reports semi-finished steel \$1 a ton higher, with basis for first quarter established early in December.

"It does not appear that the chance of a coal strike has figured in any of the current buying of steel. The view gains ground that union mines will not stop on April 1.

"From a 2-cent market for major finished products, as generally established at the opening of the year, some sellers have now gone \$2 a ton higher on plates. In the Chicago district an advance of \$2 has become effective, bringing bars to 2.10c. and plates and shapes to 2.20c.

"Pig iron is stronger and advances are general in leading Northern centers. At Philadelphia, basic has been marked up \$1 50 and at Chicago malleable, foundry and basic have advanced \$1. Although December

production in the South was the largest for any month in the year, stocks declined 2,000 tons, from 76,000 to 74,000 tons. The prevailing price for Alabama iron is still \$23, but one company, which has the benefit of a low rail-and-water rate, has sold about 25,000 tons in the Chicago district at \$27, delivered, or \$2 below the price of iron shipped by rail.

"Recent high prices for coal and coke in western Pennsylvania having been built on Eastern demand for domestic use, the railroad embargoes of the past week have caused declines at Pittsburgh. Blast furnace coke lately \$9, is now \$7 75, and coal has dropped to \$3 25 for mine run steam grade.

"British makers of ferromanganese have advanced their price \$2 50 a ton, or to \$102 50 Atlantic seaboard. Before this was done some fairly good lots were booked at \$100.

"The scrap market has shown a great deal of life since the year opened and nearly all grades have advanced by 50c. to \$1 50 steel.

"Germany sold 15,000 tons of rails to the Far East recently at very low prices, but deliveries on these are uncertain. For use when needed, Japan buys rails in this country, but pays more. Argentina was reported to have bought German steel wheels—10,000 to 12,000 tons—last February, but deliveries were not made and new bids will be taken this month."

Coal Production, Prices, &c.

The United States Geological Survey on Jan. 6 estimated average production as follows:

"Revised estimates for the last week of 1922 (Dec. 25-30) show a total output of 9,974,000 net tons of soft coal. On Christmas Day production ceased. Recovery thereafter was prompt and a high rate of output was maintained, the average for the five working days of the week being 1,995,000 tons. The improvement shown in comparison with the two preceding weeks was largely due to the opportunity which the holiday afforded the carriers for relieving traffic difficulties.

"Preliminary reports of cars loaded during the first four days of the present week (Jan. 1-6) indicate that production on New Year's Day was equal to nearly 30% of the output on recent Mondays. The production on Tuesday was large and the average daily rate of output for the full week will, apparently, be about the same as in the week before. Thus the output in the first week of 1923 is expected to be about 10,500,000 net tons.

"The weekly estimates of soft coal production in 1922, based on reports of car loadings, shows a total for the year of 407,712,000 net tons. This figure nearly equals the preliminary estimate made on the same basis for the year 1921, and it is expected that final returns from the mines for 1922 will show that the total output for the year will approximate that of the year before.

"Observance of the Christmas holiday was responsible for a sharp decline in production of anthracite during the final week of 1922. The total output was estimated at 1,541,000 net tons, a decrease of 24% from the record for the week preceding.

"Preliminary reports for New Year's week show practically no production on the holiday and only a partial resumption of work on Tuesday. The indicated output for the week is in the neighborhood of 1,700,000 net tons.

"The total output for 1922, as estimated from reports of cars loaded by the anthracite carriers, was 52,465,000 net tons. In comparison with 1921, this was a decrease of 38,009,000 tons, or 42%, which may be attributed to the 23-weeks' miners' strike.

Estimated United States Production in Net Tons.

	1922		1921	
	Week.	Cal. Yr. to Date.	Week.	Cal. Yr. to Date.
Bituminous—				
Dec. 16.....	10,518,000	387,452,000	7,063,000	391,661,000
Dec. 23.....	10,286,000	397,738,000	7,468,000	399,129,000
Dec. 30.....	9,974,000	407,712,000	5,960,000	*415,922,000
Anthracite—				
Dec. 16.....	2,197,000	48,896,000	1,637,000	88,490,000
Dec. 23.....	2,028,000	50,924,000	1,316,000	89,626,000
Dec. 30.....	1,541,000	52,465,000	848,000	*90,474,000
Beehive Coke—				
Dec. 16.....	298,000	7,489,000	126,000	5,286,000
Dec. 23.....	281,000	7,770,000	149,000	5,435,000
Dec. 30.....	260,000	8,030,000	103,000	5,538,000

* Revised to conform with operators' annual reports.

The "Coal Trade Journal" Jan. 10 reported market conditions as follows: "A number of factors enter into the present activity. The shortage of domestic anthracite brings new customers to the bituminous mines and this demand has been quickened in the past few days by snow storms that have blanketed the greater part of the anthracite coal consuming territory. Moreover, in those States where domestic consumption of bituminous coal is a novelty, the supply must be drawn from producing fields that are suffering more sharply from transportation disabilities than are some mining regions further west.

"It would appear, too, that the holiday lull in industry has been shortened this year as industrial buying in a number of sections has recovered headway at a much more rapid pace than is customary at this season of the year. The fact that the outcome of the wage negotiations at Chicago last week were so inconclusive undoubtedly spurred the desires of the industrial purchasers and procrastinating steam buyers are now gazing upon their stock piles with apprehension.

"The result of these developments has been an uneven spot market. Some sharp reductions have taken place, particularly in pool prices, over the holiday period, but the general tendency is upward. Comparing the quotations listed below with those for the week ended Dec. 30 1922, 58.15% of the figures are unchanged. Of the changes, however, 64.4% represent advances ranging from 5 cents to \$1 per ton and averaging 34 cents. The reductions ranged from 10 cents to \$1 75 and averaged 57 cents.

"The demands placed upon the beehive coke ovens for their product for domestic purposes have temporarily upset market trends in the Connellsville region.

Friction Causes Wage Conference to Break Up.—After 2-day session, during which no real progress was made, conference adjourns. Philadelphia "News Bureau" Jan. 5, p. 3.

Southern Illinois Coal Co. to Sue United Mine Workers of America for \$1,000,000 as Result of Herrin (Ill.) Riot. Boston "News Bureau" Jan. 9, p. 3

Oil Production, Prices, &c.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Jan. 6 as follows:

(In Barrels.)	Jan. 6 '23.	Dec. 30 '22.	Dec. 23 '22.	Jan. 7 '23.
Oklahoma.....	410,050	410,000	406,500	319,450
Kansas.....	84,950	85,600	86,800	86,000
North Texas.....	58,750	59,000	59,100	60,300
Central Texas.....	124,800	123,750	124,400	209,025
North Louisiana.....	77,900	78,350	79,300	89,500
Arkansas.....	118,650	116,600	95,600	43,250
Gulf Coast.....	127,650	123,550	118,300	111,125
Eastern.....	113,500	114,000	115,000	115,500
Wyoming & Montana.....	121,250	120,350	106,750	59,300
California.....	515,000	510,000	500,000	320,000

Total..... 1,752,500 1,741,200 1,691,750 1,413,450

Crude Oil Price Reduced.—Standard Oil Co. of California announces reductions in price of crude ranging from 1c. to 50c. per gallon, according to gravity, effective Jan. 6.

Crude Oil Price Advanced.—Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana increased price of Smackover crude to 75c. a bbl. for 26 gravity or higher, and to 40c. a bbl. for less than 26 gravity. Previous price 30c. a bbl. ungraded. "Boston News Bureau" Jan. 6, p. 4.

Inquiry on Oil Industry Continues.—Hearings before Senate Committee on prices and conditions in the industry still taking place. "Times" Jan. 7, p. 16.

Concession in Mexican Oil Lands Lost Through Defaulted Payment.—Los Angeles group fails to make first payment and Mexican Government declares concession void. "Times" Jan. 6, p. 26.

Standard Oil of New Jersey Employees Ask Wage Increase.—Also restoration of general store to sell to employees at cost as during war, and carrying out of plan to build houses to be sold to employees on easy terms. "Times" Jan. 6, p. 20.

Prices, Wages and Other Trade Matters.

Refined Sugar Prices—The following companies reduced price 10 points, to 6 90c a lb.—Arbuckle Bros., American Sugar Refining, Revere Refinery and Warner Sugar Refining.

Price of Lead Advanced.—American Smelting & Refining Co. advances price of 7 25 to 7.40c. a lb., and again to 7.50c. a lb. "Engineering & Mining Journal-Press" Jan. 13, p. 81.

National Lead Co. increased prices 3/4c. to 1 3/4c. a lb. for white lead in oil and to 9c. a lb. for dry white lead, owing to rising price of pig lead cited above. "Wall St. Journal" Jan. 11, p. 4.

Canadian Auto Tire Price Advances.—Prices have been advanced 15% in Canada. "Boston Financial News" Jan. 9, p. 3.

Automobile Prices Reduced.—Chandler Motor Car Co. has reduced prices from \$50 to \$100 on certain models. See that company below.

Cole Motor Car Co. has reduced prices from \$600 to \$800. Touring car is now \$1,885, formerly \$2,685, and sedan, \$2,685, formerly \$3,385. "Wall St. Journal" Jan. 8, p. 9.

Automobile Price Advanced.—Lexington Motor Co. advanced prices \$100 on all models due to steady advance in prices of materials. "Financial America" Jan. 11, p. 2.

Shoe Prices to be Higher.—Predicted at National Shoe Retailers' Association convention that prices will range from \$8 to \$15 for low and from \$9 to \$15 for high shoes. "Philadelphia News Bureau" Jan. 11, p. 3.

Cambridge (Mass.) Gas Light Co. Cuts Price from \$1 30 to \$1 25 per Thousand Cubic Feet.—Effective Feb. 1. "Financial America" Jan. 8, p. 2.

Merchandise Prices Rise.—Montgomery-Ward & Co.'s new catalogue shows slightly higher prices on textiles generally and but a slight decrease on metal articles. "Wall St. Journal" Jan. 6, p. 1.

Sears-Roebuck & Co.'s catalogue shows increases averaging about 10%. "Wall Street Journal" Jan. 6, p. 7.

Shoe Industry.—J. H. Manning Shoe Co. (Haverhill, Mass.) will go out of business at end of month, because of slack business. "Boston Financial News" Jan. 8, p. 3.

New Hampshire Shoe Manufacturers' Ass'n develops scheme of pooling shipments by which shoe manufacturers of southern New Hampshire will save 15 cents on each case of shoes shipped from State. Plan affects more than two-thirds of shoe manufacturers in State. "Boston News Bureau" Jan. 8, p. 3.

Production of 15 factories in Haverhill (Mass.) still tied up because of \$3 per week wage cut as of Jan. 1. Present wage in toplift industry is \$25 per week. Union says members will stay out until \$28 per week wage is restored. "Boston Financial News" Jan. 8, p. 3.

Textile Industry in New England.—Only 4 new cotton mills have been erected in Mass. since 48-hour week law went into effect in 1919, while in North Carolina 37 mills have been erected in same length of time. "Boston News Bureau" Jan. 12, p. 3.

Indications are that Weavers' Progressive Association of Fall River, Mass., may join United Textile Workers of America in demanding immediate 29% wage increase. "Boston News Bureau" Jan. 12, p. 3.

Sagamore Mfg. Co. (Fall River, Mass.) contemplates buying Southern mill near Charlotte, N. C. "Boston Financial News" Jan. 5, p. 3.

Paper Co. Advances Wages.—Holyoke Paper Mills advances wages of 6,000 employees 5 to 8 cts. an hour, effective Jan. 15. "Financial America" Jan. 12, p. 7.

Dutch Printers' Strike.—Began in The Hague, now spreading throughout Holland. Union is strong, demands closed shop. Employers propose new contract reducing wages 6% and increasing hours per week from 45 to 48. "Times" Jan. 6, p. 15.

Demand of Pressmen, Feeders and Handlers in book and job shops of New York City was for wage increases from \$6 50 to \$9. The N. Y. E. P. Ass'n offered feeders an immediate increase of \$4 a week with \$2 additional next September; pressmen, \$4 immediately and \$3 next September; handlers, \$2 immediately and \$1 next September. The feeders' union accepted compromise. "Times" Jan. 7, Sec. 1, p. 22.

Bricklayers in Mass. Demand 12 1/2 Cents an Hour Increase.—Would bring daily wage to \$10. "Boston Financial News" Jan. 6, p. 3.

Pearl Button Workers Strike.—Manufacturers refuse 25% wage increase demand and 1,500 workers strike in N. Y. City and surrounding district. "Times" Jan. 6, p. 14.

Garment Trade in New York Unsettled.—Industry faces two strikes: (1) to force unionization of all shops, and (2) to force abolition of piecework system and introduce week work. "Times" Jan. 6, p. 9.

Associated Dress Industries of America (representing largest dress manufacturing firms) decide to name chief arbiter for industry, with duties similar to those of W. H. Hays in motion picture, A. Thomas in theatrical and K. M. Landis in baseball fields. "Times" Jan. 12, p. 1.

Massachusetts Supreme Court Decides Company Hiring Men Can Demand They Drop Membership in Unions.—"Times" Jan. 10, p. 25.

Hydro-Electric Development.—See "Electrical World" Jan. 6, p. 37.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Jan. 6 1923.—Editorials. (a) National Industrial Conference Board reports increased industrial activity and increased wages, p. 12. (b) Building operations, present and prospective, p. 13. (c) Automobile industry, p. 13. (d) Automobile production maintained in Nov., p. 13. (e) Reviews of 1922 and forecasts of 1923, p. 14 and 15. (f) Current Events and Discussions. (g) Subscriptions to Dutch loan being taken by Zimmermann & Forshay, p. 25. (h) New issue of \$75,000,000 Federal Land Bank bonds, p. 26. (i) Offering of \$5,000,000 Agricultural Joint Stock Land Bank bonds, p. 26. (j) Offering of \$1,000,000 5% bonds of Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank, p. 26. (k) Offering of \$1,000,000 5% bonds of First Joint Stock Land Bank of Cheyenne, Wyo., p. 27. (l) Organization of New York and New Jersey Joint Stock Land Bank of Newark, N. J. (m) Advances approved by War Finance Corp., p. 29. (n) Repayments received by War Finance Corp., p. 29. (o) Treasury Department to redeem all Victory Notes in advance of maturity, May 20, p. 29.

Aberthaw Construction Co., Boston.—Stock Dividend.

The company has filed a notice with the Massachusetts Commission of Corporations showing an increase in authorized capital stock from \$300,000 (all outstanding) to \$1,000,000, par \$25, the new stock to be distributed as a 23 1/3% stock dividend. The surplus Dec. 1 1922 was \$718,116.

Alabama Power Co.—Acquisition, &c.—

The company, subject to the approval of the Alabama P. S. Commission, has purchased the properties of the Montgomery Light & Traction Co., Montgomery Light & Water Power Co., the Power Transmission Co., and two other small public utility companies controlled by the Cities Service Co. The Traction company has been in receivership since Jan. 1919.

The purchase was made, it is stated, subject to liens of \$300,000 First preference 5s of 1947 and \$32,800 non-preference 5s of Montgomery Light & Power Co.; \$1,531,800 1st mtge. 5s of Montgomery Light & Water Power Co., and \$350,000 Montgomery Street Ry. 6s of 1923. All other outstanding funded debts of the companies taken over, including \$1,000,000 7% notes of the Traction Company, due Feb. 1 1923, will be eliminated in the consolidation. The notes are to be paid in cash at maturity.

These acquisitions, it is said, will give Alabama Power Co. practically all the public utility business of the State outside Birmingham and are due largely to the request of city officials and Chamber of Commerce of Montgomery.

An official statement states: It is expected the Mitchell Dam on the Coosa River will be put in operation in March 1923. Upwards of \$7,000,000 will have been spent on this development since 1920. Practically all the hydro-electric power that will be generated has been contracted for, and to meet increasing demands the company is planning other developments on Tallapoosa River capable of generating 140,000 h. p. Some \$12,000,000 will be expended on the projects after Federal Power Commission licenses are received.

These new developments will consist of 4 dams and 90 miles of transmission lines will be built connecting with Mitchell Dam and running through Opelika and Lanett, affording unbroken connection with all the company's lines. When completed the company will have total generating capacity in excess of 500,000 h. p.

The site of Wilson Dam at Muscle Shoals, disposition of which has caused so much controversy, was owned by the company, which had expended upwards of \$500,000 in preliminary work prior to entrance of the United States into the war. When the War Department was looking for a suitable site for its nitrate plants, the late James Mitchell, then President of the company, offered the site to the Government for \$1. It was accepted by Secretary Baker in Feb. 1918. The company also owns site of proposed Dam No. 3 at Muscle Shoals, on which it has spent several hundred thousand dollars in borings and engineering work and several other undeveloped sites.—V. 115, p. 2706.

Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.—Business, &c.—

President Otto H. Falk, commenting on operations, stated that business had been good the past few months though unfilled orders are not gaining to any great extent. Operations have been accelerated and are now between 80 and 85% and keeping pace with incoming business. The usual quarterly dividend of 1% has been declared on the Common stock, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 24.—V. 115, p. 2161.

American Blower Co., Detroit.—To Retire 2nd Pref.—

The stockholders will vote Jan 16 on reducing the authorized capital stock from \$3,750,000 to \$3,000,000, par \$100, by retiring the \$750,000 5% Cumul 2nd Pref stock, which is all in the treasury. The company,

at present, also has an authorized issue of \$1,500,000 7% Cumul. 1st Pref. stock and \$1,500,000 of Common stock, par \$100.—V. 115, p. 1734.

American Brake Shoe & Foundry Co.—Sub. Co.—
The Dominion Brake Shoe Co., Ltd., a subsidiary, has filed a certificate decreasing its authorized Capital stock from \$500,000, par \$100, to \$400,000, par \$80, by the repayment to stockholders of \$20 per share.—V. 115, p. 2583.

American Car & Foundry Co.—Equipment Order.—
See Union Tank Car Co. below.—V. 115, p. 2161.

American Cotton Oil Co.—To Close Mills.—
President Lyman N. Hines announces that 8 of the company's mills in the South will be closed, and the divisional headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., transferred to Memphis, Tenn.—V. 115, p. 2688.

American Cyanamid Co.—Shipments—Sales, &c.—
Net value of shipments of the various products for Oct. 1922 totaled \$669,839 (against \$583,483 for Sept. 1922). Sales of the various products for Oct. represented a value of approximately \$1,098,000, against \$491,000 for Sept.

The company has in hand as of Oct. 31 1922 contracts for various products for delivery prior to June 30 1923 of a sales value of approximately \$4,450,000.—V. 111, p. 1944.

American Druggists Syndicate.—Status and Outlook.—
In the circular to stockholders discussing the operations of the past year and the outlook for 1923, President C. H. Goddard says:

The financial statement on Dec. 31 should show assets of \$6,767,092, approximately as follows: Cash on hand, \$700,000; Government bonds, \$600,000; First Mtge. real estate bonds, \$275,000; accounts receivable, \$1,000,000; inventory, \$1,350,000; free and unencumbered real estate and equipment, \$2,300,000; formulae, trade marks, good will, \$542,092. As against this, we will have current accounts payable only of approximately \$150,000. The only other liability of any character will be covered by the Common stock issue aggregating a total of 678,321 shares, par \$10.

Our sales have shown a steady increase in volume from the beginning of the year. The last six months of the present 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, which has permitted us to rent to responsible tenants on from three to five-year leases, space which is yielding us now in rentals, approximately \$100,000 a year.

A number of these leases, however, were only made within the last few weeks, and that total sum will not show in this year's earnings, but in future we can expect this amount of fixed income to swell the earnings coming from the sale of our merchandise, and we still have our Newark plant, which has been idle for a year, which will either be turned into a profit producer, or will be rented for from \$50,000 to \$100,000 additional, as it has 75,000 feet of most excellent factory space, 17 acres of ground, with deep water dock, which is easily rentable, if the chemical market does not improve so that we can again operate it profitably.

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 a dividend basis. Before doing so, however, it might be advisable to make an important change in our constitution or articles of incorporation by changing the par value of the stock from \$10 to \$50 per share, and exchanging one share of the new stock for each five shares now outstanding. Those holding less than five shares could either buy additional shares to make an aggregate of five, which at the present market would mean approximately \$6 a share, or a maximum additional investment of \$24, or they could dispose of the one share they have. This proposed change in par value is in the interest of economy in the distribution of dividends.—V. 116, p. 79.

American Ice Co.—Common Stock Increased—Authorized Bond Issue of \$10,000,000 Created—New Director.—

The stockholders on Jan. 9 increased the authorized Common stock from \$7,500,000 to \$15,000,000 and created a \$10,000,000 bond issue to run for forty years, bear 6% int. and be known as "Consolidated Gold Bond" issue. No issue of bonds or the additional stock is contemplated at this time. (Compare V. 115, p. 2908).

Daniel T. Mallett has been elected a director, succeeding Samuel McRoberts, who resigned to become Chairman of Armour & Co. finance committee.—V. 115, p. 2907, 2902.

American Locomotive Co.—Locomotive Orders.—

The Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. Co. announced Jan. 11 that it had placed an order with the American Locomotive Co. for 40 new locomotives at an estimated cost of \$2,500,000.

During the last two weeks of 1922 the company received orders for 133 engines from the following companies: Chicago & North Western Ry., 18 Mikado type, 12 Pacific type and 20 switching type; Union Pacific, 18 Santa Fe and 5 Mallets; Grand Trunk Ry., 8 Mikado type; Lehigh & New England RR., 3 consolidation type; Canadian National Rys., 35 Mikado type; Central RR. of New Jersey, 5 switching type; miscellaneous, 2 Mikado type, 4 switching type, 2 rotary snow plows and one 8-wheeler.—V. 115, p. 2270.

American Oil & Engineering Corp.—Stricken From List.

The Boston Stock Exchange has stricken from the list the capital stocks of the American Oil & Engineering Corp. and of the Industrial Oil & Gas Co.—V. 111, p. 2044.

American Radiator Co.—\$1 Common Dividend—

A quarterly dividend of \$1 per share has been declared on the Common stock, par \$25, payable Mar. 31 to holders of record Mar. 15. This equivalent to \$1 50 per share on the Common stock outstanding before payment on Dec. 30 last, of the 50% stock dividend. A quarterly cash dividend of \$1 per share was also paid Dec. 30 last, on the Common stock.—V. 115, p. 1734, 2688.

American Rolling Mill Co.—Pref. Stock Sold.—Guaranty Co. of New York, Kidder, Peabody & Co., W. E. Hutton & Co. and Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co., have sold at par and div. \$7,000,000 Cumul. 7% Pref. (a. & d.) stock (see advertising pages).

Dividends cumulative and payable Q-J. Red. all or part on any dividend on 60 days' notice at 110 and divs. The balance of authorized Pref. stock may be issued at varying dividend rates and redemption prices. Annual redemption fund, beginning on or before May 1 1924, of 10% of net earnings of preceding calendar year after payment of Preferred dividends, but not to exceed in any year 2 1/2% of amount of Preferred stock then outstanding, for purchase of Preferred stock at not exceeding the redemption prices and divs., upon tender by stockholders; any portion of fund not so used to revert to company. Transfer agent, Guaranty Trust Co., New York; registrar, National Bank of Commerce, New York.

Listing.—Stock on the New York Stock Exchange "when listed."
Purpose.—Proceeds of this stock, \$7,000,000 6% Notes (V. 116, p. 80) 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.

Preferred Stock Provisions.—Subject to the existing \$6,882,600 7% Debenture Pref. stock which the company will call for redemption on July 1 1923, and to the remaining \$117,400 non-callable 6% Pref. stock (for the purchase and retirement of which funds will be set aside), this issue is to be preferred as to both assets and dividends, and in the event of involuntary dissolution it is to be entitled to par and dividends, and in the event of voluntary dissolution to \$110 and dividends, before any distribution is made on the Common stock.

The remainder of the authorized Pref. stock may be issued with such dividend rate (but not less than 5% nor more than 8% per annum) and may be redeemable at such premium (but not to exceed 120%) as may be determined by the directors. Will have no voting power unless 4 quarterly dividends are in arrears.

No dividends will be paid on the Common stock which will reduce net assets to below twice the par value of Pref. stock then outstanding.

Except with the consent of 75% of the outstanding Pref. stock, company shall not: (a) Create any mortgage (excepting purchase money mortgage); (b) issue any additional stock having rights equal or prior to this issue, or

increase the amount of this authorization; (c) reduce the amount of Common stock outstanding. Without said assent or submitting the same to said vote of Preferred stockholders, the company may (1) decrease the par value of the Common stock if in so doing it does not decrease the total par value of such stock outstanding; and (2) it may change its Common stock to non-par-value stock.

Earnings.—Net earnings, after depreciation, interest and all taxes for the past 10 calendar years have been as follows (including earnings of Columbus Iron & Steel Co. prior to consolidation of 1917, but excluding all earnings of the Ashland properties):

1914	\$288,881	1917	\$3,788,954	1920	\$3,319,064
1915	1,439,204	1918	2,644,183	1921	def. x2,408,973
1916	3,882,316	1919	2,274,334	1922	y2,271,000

x After deducting \$1,444,023 in 1920 and \$2,253,884 in 1921 for adjustment of inventory and \$836,793 in 1921 for idle time expense. y Dec. est. Balance Sheet as of Nov. 30 1922 (After Proposed Financing).

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Real est., bldgs., &c.	\$42,877,345	Common stock	\$19,852,550
Sinking fund for pref. stock	58,800	Preferred stock	14,700,000
Investments	2,307,365	15-year 6% gold notes	7,000,000
Inventory	11,212,955	Employees' stock pur. plan	977,000
Accounts receivable	2,616,341	Accounts payable	2,959,003
Notes and acceptances	1,741,723	Accrued pay rolls, taxes, &c.	747,765
Marketable securities	4,999,571	Accrued Preferred dividends	81,507
Cash	2,068,977	Deferred credits	80,056
Deferred charges	377,446	Depreciation reserves	8,535,286
		Current operations reserve	403,245
		Ashland Div. (special) reserve	453,438
		Reserve for contingencies	238,618
Total (each side)	\$68,260,523	Surplus	12,222,055

Note.—Company has guaranteed principal and interest of \$425,000 Portsmouth By-Product Coke Co. 1st Mtge. 6% bonds. Compare description of property, capitalization, &c., in connection with offering of \$7,000,000 15-Year 6% notes in V. 116, p. 79.

American Safety Razor Corp.—Earns. 11 Mos. 1922.

Period	Month of	11 Mos. end.	Period	Month of	11 Mos. end.
	November,	Nov. 30 '22.		November,	Nov. 30 '22.
Net sales	\$450,247	\$4,099,160	Total income	\$109,547	\$1,045,525
Expenses, &c.	346,588	3,129,118	Deductions	18,159	150,496
Operat'g profit	\$103,659	\$970,042	Net profit	\$91,388	\$895,029
Other income	5,888	75,483			

—V. 115, p. 2796.

American Sugar Refining Co.—Suits, &c.—

The company has started seven suits, to recover an aggregate of more than \$95,000, in the U. S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern parts for certain sugars, against defendants who have refused to accept and during the spring and summer of 1920.

The company has, it is stated, sold all its \$5,159,200 Great Western Sugar Co. 7% Preferred stock. The 68,000 shares of Great Western Preferred recently sold by local bankers at 108 and dividend (V. 115, p. 2911) included the stock previously owned by the Refining company, it is said.—V. 115, p. 2270.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Listing.

The Boston Stock Exchange has authorized for the list 62,787 additional shares capital stock. The additional shares have been offered for subscription to employees of the company and of its subsidiary corporations.—V. 115, p. 2908, 2480.

American Woolen Co.—Experiment in Auto Carpets.

According to a statement made by the company, Jan. 11, it is carrying on experiments in the manufacture of carpets for the automobile trade at the Riverina Mills located at Medford, Mass. This industry is expected to reach large proportions because of the steady expansion in the motor trade.—V. 115, p. 2480.

Ames Holden Tire Co., Ltd.—Successor Company.

See Ames Holden Tire & Rubber Co., Ltd., below.—V. 115, p. 1734.

Ames Holden Tire & Rubber Co., Ltd.—Organized.

Incorporated under the laws of the Dominion of Canada, Dec. 26 1922, with an authorized capital of \$225,000 7% Cumul. Pref. stock, par \$100, and 20,000 no par value shares of Common stock. Company is successor to Ames—Holden Tire Co., Ltd., per reorganization plan in V. 115, p. 1734.

Amoskeag Mfg. Co., Boston.—Smaller Dividend.

A quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share has been declared on the Common stock, no par value, payable Feb. 2 to holders of record Dec. 9. This stock from May, 1920 to Nov., 1922, inclusive. The directors have also declared the regular semi-ann dividend of \$2 25 per share on the Pref. stock, payable Feb. 2 to holders of record Jan. 9.—V. 115, p. 1636.

Anaconda Copper Mining Co.—Deal for Acquisition of Large Interest in Chile Copper Reported Nearing Completion—Bond Issue of \$130,000,000 To Be Floated.

According to reports this week, bankers associated with the company are working out the financial details for the acquisition of 2,000,000 shares of the Chile Copper Co. from the Guggenheim family. Officials of the Anaconda company and the bankers, it was said, are arranging the necessary financing, involving approximately \$70,000,000, for the acquisition of the stock alone, which is being taken over at \$35 a share, the price agreed upon. The matter now receiving attention, it is said, is the underwriting of a bond issue, the proceeds of which will be used to pay for the stock and for other purposes. It is stated that a public announcement of the floating supply of stock in the open market.

The transaction will require an entirely new mortgage upon the property of the Anaconda Copper Co. The bonds which will be secured by the new mortgage will aggregate \$130,000,000, according to the reports. Of this amount \$70,000,000 will be used to pay for the Chile stock to be taken over from the Guggenheim family and between \$48,000,000 and \$50,000,000 will be used to retire the present outstanding \$23,080,100 10-Year Series B 7s and \$24,669,000 6s of the Anaconda company. The balance of \$10,000,000 from the sale of the bonds will be used for working capital. V. 116, p. 80.

Anglo-Persian Oil Co., Ltd., England.—Stock.

An issue of £50,000 new stock is being issued in London at £3 15s. a share.—V. 115, p. 2583.

Anso Co. of Binghamton, N. Y.—Capital Changes, &c.

A stockholders' meeting has been called to authorize the issuance of 10,000 shares of no par Class A stock and 50,000 shares no par Class B stock in place of the present capital. For each of the 10,000 shares of common outstanding (par \$100), there will be issued one share of Class A and one-half share of Class B stock. The remainder of Class B will be sold to a syndicate. The stockholders will also vote on authorizing the issuance of \$2,160,000 5-year notes, consisting of \$660,000 Series A 7% notes and \$1,500,000 Series B 6% notes, the proceeds to be used to fund present debt and provide additional working capital.—V. 112, p. 2086.

Arco Co., Cleveland, O.—Stock Dividend, &c.—

Stockholders of record Dec. 8 have received a 50% stock dividend, bringing the outstanding stock to \$672,000. The authorized capital was recently increased from \$500,000 to \$1,500,000, par \$100. There is no Preferred stock, authorized or outstanding.

The company is also reported to have issued \$400,000 of bonds, which have been completely subscribed.

Armour & Co. of Delaware.—Guaranteed Bonds Sold.

The bankers named below have sold at 96 and int., to yield about 5.85%, \$50,000,000 1st Mtge. 20-Year 5 1/2% Guaranteed gold bonds, Series A. Guaranteed as to principal and int. by Armour & Co. of Ill. (see advertising pages).

Bankers Making Offering.—Blair & Co., Inc.; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Kidder, Peabody & Co., Equitable Trust Co., Bankers Trust Co., New York; Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh; Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; E. H. Rollins & Sons; Spencer Trask & Co.; Cassatt & Co.; Old Colony Trust Co.; Clark, Dodge & Co.; Redmond & Co.; Dominick & Dominick; Graham, Parsons, & Co.; Wm. R. Compton Co.; W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc.; A. G. Becker & Co.; Mitchell, Hutchins & Co., Inc.; Mercantile Securities Co., San Francisco; Federal Securities Corp., Chicago; Blyth, Witter & Co.; Cleveland Trust Co.; Anglo-London Paris Co., San Francisco; Cyrus Peirce & Co.; Manufacturers' Trust Co., New York, and Pierson & Co., Amsterdam, Holland.

Dated Jan. 1 1923, due Jan. 1 1943. Int. payable J. & J. in New York or Chicago without deduction of Federal income tax deductible at the source, not in excess of 2%. Penna. 4-mill tax refundable. Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank and Chase National Bank, New York, corporate trustees. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c* & r*) \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000. Red., all or part, on 60 days' notice at 105 and int.

Control.—All of the Common stock will be owned by Armour & Co. of Illinois, which will receive the proceeds of the \$50,000,000 1st Mtge. 5½% Guaranteed gold bonds, Series A, and of the \$60,000,000 1st Mtge. 7% Guaranteed Preferred stock (V. 116, p. 80).

Purpose.—Proceeds of this issue of \$50,000,000 1st Mtge. 20-Year 5½% Guaranteed gold bonds, Series A, and of the \$60,000,000 7% Guaranteed Pref. stock will be received by Armour & Co. of Illinois and used by it for the retirement of its \$59,968,000 7% 10-Year Convertible gold notes and its \$3,697,200 6% Serial Convertible gold debentures, for the reduction of its floating debt and for its other corporate purposes.

Security.—Upon completion of the present financing, these bonds, by direct mortgage of the new company and through the pledge of first mortgage bonds or obligations of subsidiaries, will be secured by a first mortgage upon lands, buildings, machinery, fixed equipment and properties appurtenant thereto, appraised at sound values exceeding \$85,000,000.

Earnings.—Based upon the earnings of the properties to be acquired by the new company, the net earnings available for interest for the 6-year period ending Oct. 29 1921, after appropriate adjustments and after depreciation and Federal taxes at present rates, average approximately \$14,923,000, or more than 5 times the annual interest requirements on the \$50,000,000 First Mortgage 20-Year 5½% Guaranteed gold bonds, Series A, to be presently issued.

For the first 11 months of the calendar year 1922, notwithstanding the adverse conditions prevailing during the first half of the year, the net earnings of these properties on the same basis applicable to interest on said \$50,000,000 of bonds amount to approximately \$7,900,000, or more than 2 2-3 times the annual interest requirements thereon.

During the recent period of depression in the industry, Armour & Co. of Illinois suffered severe losses, but operations during the past few months have resulted in substantial profits, thus indicating a return toward normal conditions.

Assets.—The consolidated balance sheet of the new company as of Aug. 26 1922, after giving effect to the issuance of its \$60,000,000 Pref. stock and \$50,000,000 1st Mtge. 5½% Guaranteed gold bonds, Series A, and the receipt of the proceeds thereof by Armour & Co. of Illinois, shows, after deducting all indebtedness except the bonds of this issue, net tangible assets of \$178,359,000. Net current assets alone are \$60,424,000. For statement of properties to be acquired, capitalization, earnings, balance sheet &c., see V. 116, p. 80.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Offer to Exchange Collateral Trust 5s for New York State Gas & Electric 1st Mtge. 5½s.

The company, desiring to finance the present and future requirements of its properties in New York State through the securities of the New York State Gas & Electric Corp., offers to deliver to the holders of its 1st Mtge. bonds and Collateral Trust 5s, in exchange therefor, par for par, 1st Mtge. 5½% gold bonds of New York State Gas & Electric Corp., maturing in 1962.

All bondholders desiring to accept this offer must deposit their Coll. Trust 5s with July 1 1923 and subsequent coupons attached, with the Philadelphia Trust Co., depository, on or before Jan. 15. The Jan. 1 1923 coupons should be detached and collected in the usual manner.

Holders of at least 90% of the outstanding Coll. Trust 5s must accept this offer by the deposit of their bonds within the period mentioned, unless a less percentage shall be agreed to in writing by the bondholders' committee and the Associated company. If the required percentage of Coll. Trust 5s are not deposited the bonds deposited will be returned to the depositors without expense to them.

The Philadelphia Trust Co., as depository, will issue its certificates of deposit to the depositing bondholders. These certificates will provide for the delivery on April 1 1923 of 1st Mtge. 5½% Gold bonds, due 1962, of New York State Gas & Electric Corp. with the Oct. 1 1923 and subsequent coupons attached, and payment in cash of interest at 5½% from Jan. 1 1923 to April 1 1923, if the plan is consummated.

If the required percentage is deposited within the required period the Coll. Trust 5s deposited will be canceled, and a like principal amount of the pledged 1st Mtge. 5½% Gold bonds of the New York State Gas & Electric Corp. will be released from the Coll. Trust agreement and canceled, so that the new 1st Mtge. 5½% Gold bonds, due 1962, can be issued in exchange therefor.

There are \$2,645,000 1st Mtge. Gold bonds of New York State Gas & Electric Corp. outstanding as follows: 1st Mtge. 5s, due 1947, \$1,295,000; (pledged with Philadelphia Trust Co. as part collateral for outstanding \$1,295,000 Coll. Trust 5s bonds of the Associated company); 1st Mtge. 6s, due 1952, \$700,000; 1st Mtge. 5½s, due 1962, \$650,000. These latter two issues are outstanding in hands of the public.

The net earnings of the New York State Gas & Electric Corp. for the 12 months ending Oct. 31 1922, available for interest charges on these bonds, were 3.38 times the annual interest charges thereon, plus the annual interest charges on \$89,500 divisional liens on property acquired after the date of the mortgage.

The mortgage securing the 1st Mtge. bonds permits the issue of additional 1st Mtge. 5½s, due 1962, in exchange, par for par, for, and upon the cancellation of, the 1st Mtge. 5s, due 1947; and if the entire amount is so exchanged, there will be outstanding and secured by the mortgage \$1,945,000 1st Mtge. 5½% gold bonds, due 1962, and \$700,000 1st Mtge. 6% Gold bonds, due 1952.—V. 115, p. 2382, 311.

Associated Oil Co., California.—Tenders.

The Union Trust Co. of San Francisco, trustee, will until noon Jan. 15 1923 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Ref. Mtge. 5% gold bonds of 1910 at not exceeding par and int. to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$922,125 now in the sinking fund.—V. 115, p. 1213, 303.

(William C.) Atwater & Co., N. Y.—Stock Dividend, &c.

A 1300% stock dividend, increasing the authorized and outstanding capital stock from \$100,000 to \$1,400,000 was paid Dec. 30 last.

The company is engaged as mine agents with exporters and bunker suppliers of high volatile gas and by-product coal, with production of 3,000,000 tons, annually.

Baldwin Locomotive Works.—Equipment Orders.

See Pennsylvania R.R. above.—V. 116, p. 80.

Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.—Bonds Sold.—J. P.

Morgan & Co.; Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; Kidder, Peabody & Co.; First National Bank; National City Co.; Bankers Trust Co.; Guaranty Co.; Harris, Forbes & Co., and Lee, Higginson and Co. have sold at 98½ and int. to yield over 5.10%, \$35,000,000 25-Year 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5% gold bonds, series B. The 1st & Ref. Mtge. 7% bonds, series A, with all unmatured coupons attached, will be accepted in payment at 107.78% and interest to Jan. 24 1923, which price is equivalent to a 5% interest basis from Jan. 24 to April 1 1923, computed on the redemption price of 107½%.

Dated Jan. 1 1923. Due Jan. 1 1948. Not redeemable before 1944. Interest payable J. & J. in New York without deduction for the Penna. 4-mills tax. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c* & r*) \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. Redeemable as a whole only on Jan. 1 1944, or on any interest date thereafter, upon 60 days' notice, at 100 and interest. Bankers Trust Co., N. Y., trustee.

Data from Letter of Pres. L. H. Kinnard, Jan. 10 1923.

Company.—Organized in 1879 in Pennsylvania as Bell Telephone Co. of Philadelphia. Name changed to the present title in 1907. Owns and operates a comprehensive system of exchange and toll lines located entirely in Pennsylvania. Connects, for the interchange of traffic, with all other companies of the Bell System throughout the U. S. and with telephone systems in Canada and Cuba. On Dec. 31 1922 there were 766,457 telephone stations directly owned and operated by the company within Pennsylvania, of which 393,683 stations were located within the metropolitan centres of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used in redeeming and retiring the \$24,405,700 25-Year 1st & Ref. Mtge. 7s, Series A, now outstanding and in reimbursing the company in part for money expended for additions and betterments made subsequently to Oct. 1 1920.

Security.—A first lien on the entire physical property with the exception of the property serving Pittsburgh and certain counties west of the Allegheny Mountains, on which property the mortgage is subject to the closed mortgage securing \$9,344,500 Central District Telephone Co. 1st Mtge. 5s due 1943.

Earnings—Years ended Dec. 31.

	Gross Revenues.	Net Avail. for Int.	Interest Charges.	Balance.
1913	\$16,759,000	\$4,835,900	\$15,000	\$4,820,900
1915	18,889,000	5,733,700	692,800	5,040,900
1917	22,688,000	4,887,100	763,500	4,123,600
1918	x	4,197,800	593,600	3,604,200
1919	x	4,514,600	533,300	3,981,300
1920	32,314,000	3,980,200	1,040,600	2,939,600
1921	37,305,000	8,189,400	2,320,500	5,868,900
1922 (Dec. est.)	40,130,000	8,403,600	2,295,600	6,108,000

x Property under Federal control during portion of year.

During 1922 net earnings available for interest amounted to more than 3½ times the annual interest charges, including the interest on this issue, but excluding the interest on the Series A bonds to be retired. The issuance of the Series B bonds and the retirement of the Series A bonds will provide the company with approximately \$7,000,000 cash available for corporate purposes, without increasing interest charges.

Capital.—Has now outstanding \$60,000,000 Common stock, all of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by American Telephone & Telegraph Co. Dividends on the stock, as outstanding from time to time, have been paid at the rate of at least 6% per annum in every year since 1880. Present rate, 8%.

Valuation.—On Nov. 30 1922, the book cost of the real estate and plant (excluding working assets) was over \$122,000,000, which amount is considerably less than their present value. In addition company owns other assets of a book cost of more than \$18,000,000. Present value of the property is considerably in excess of book cost.

Listing.—Series B bonds listed on N. Y. and Philadelphia Stock Exchanges when issued.—V. 115, p. 2796.

Black & White Cab Co., Inc.—Bankruptcy.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed Jan. 5 in the Federal Court by creditors. Liabilities are estimated at \$400,000 and the assets \$20,000. The principal claimant is Kenneth M. Spence, receiver, for the Terminal & Town Tax Corp., which owns the cabs and leased them to the Black & White Cab Co.—V. 105, p. 1804.

Boston Consolidated Gas Co.—Gas Output.

Month of—	Dec. 1922	Nov. 1922	Oct. 1922
Gas output—	866,173,000	796,558,000	804,895,000

—V. 115, p. 2908, 2584.

Brier Hill Steel Co.—Terms of Acquisition.

See Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. below.—V. 115, p. 2796.

British Controlled Oilfields, Ltd.—Grants Concessions.

The company announces that it has completed negotiations with the Royal Dutch-Shell Group whereby the latter group will acquire what is known as the Central Division of the Buchivacoca concession granted by the Government of Venezuela.—V. 114, p. 2473.

British Empire Steel Corp.—Production.

The company's mines in 1922 produced 648,618 tons of coal, an increase of approximately 28,000 tons over 1921.—V. 115, p. 1842.

Brown Shoe Co., Inc.—Pref. Stock Retired.

The company, since Oct. 31 1922, has retired \$275,000 of Pref. stock, par \$100. This is in accordance with Pref. stock provisions and reduces the outstanding Pref. stock to \$4,987,500. For report for year ended Oct. 31 1922, see V. 115, p. 2475.

Butterworth-Judson Corp.—Government Files Suit.

Assistant U. S. District Attorney Victor House for the Government, Jan. 9, brought an equity suit in the Federal District Court at New York against this company; Henry G. Atha, James O'Grady and Thomas G. Haight, receivers, and other defendants. The action is to recover \$1,151,450 out of \$1,500,000 which was advanced to the company in 1918 for the purpose of building a picric acid chemical plant at Brunswick, Ga. This plant had not been completed when the war ended and the Government now claims that the amount sued for remains unaccounted for. Certain banks are made the defendants of the suit because the Government claims wrongful conversion of the trust funds belonging to it and that amounts appropriated were wrongfully retained by those banks. The Court is, therefore, asked to direct repayment of those accounts to the Government. See also V. 115, p. 1214.

Caddo Central Oil & Refining Co.—Dec. Earnings.

Net earnings for the month of December 1922, after interest and taxes, are reported as \$89,575.—V. 115, p. 2383.

Calaveras Copper Co.—Capital Changes, &c.

The stockholders on Dec. 18 changed the authorized capital stock from \$2,500,000 Common (par \$5), of which \$1,858,750 outstanding and \$300,000 Pref. (par \$5) none outstanding, to \$4,000,000 Common stock (par \$5).

The stockholders also approved an authorized amount of \$2,000,000 1st Mtge. 6% Income Convertible gold bonds, dated Jan. 1 1923, due Jan. 1 1953. Denom. \$1,000 (c* & r). Interest payable annually from net income for each fiscal year, as determined by the directors, at the rate of 6% per annum if such income is sufficient therefor, or at such rate less than 6% per annum as such net income suffices to pay. Such interest is not to be cumulative. Bonds are callable at any time all or part, at par. Bonds are convertible at any time into Common stock on the basis of one share of Common stock, par \$5, for each \$5 of bonds without adjustment for interest or dividends.

The holders of the bonds will have the right to vote to the same extent and in the same manner as stockholders, having one vote for each \$5 of bonds held.

It is proposed that the cash received from the subscription by stockholders to the bonds at par, or the bonds themselves, shall be used to pay and discharge the outstanding First Mortgage 6% Serial gold bonds and interest due and unpaid thereon. Similarly, the outstanding 6% debentures and interest due and unpaid thereon, and floating debt to the extent of \$651,111 principal and \$78,745 interest thereon, will be paid.

The stockholders were given the right to subscribe to the bonds in cash at par on or before Dec. 30 1922. Subscriptions must be paid on or before Jan. 10 1923.

The attorneys for the company, writing to the "Chronicle," say in subst.: Bonds are to the extent of substantially \$1,624,000 being used to pay the principal and to provide ultimately to pay for accrued interest on the old First Mortgage bonds and other debts of the company, the holders of such bonds and debts, in the meantime forbearing the collection of interest thereon. Arrangements have been made whereby the sum of \$220,000 will in substance be donated to the company on or before Aug. 1 1923.

Under date of Dec. 29 1922 the directors authorized the execution of a contract already signed by the officers of the Oakdale Irrigation District and the South San Joaquin Irrigation District, both of California, for the sale by the company to both of the Districts of the dam-site and certain other lands belonging to the company on and along the Stanislaus River for the sum of \$112,500.

The voters of the two irrigation districts will vote next spring on approving this contract. If the sale is made the \$112,500 will be paid over to the company next summer and will thus provide the company with a considerable amount of additional cash.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Oct. 31 1922.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash in Boston.....	\$9,511	6% First Mortgage bonds.....	\$450,000
Inventory.....	36,813	Int. thereon to Dec. 31 1915.....	147,510
Current accounts at mine.....	1,153	Interest accrued on mortgage debt, Jan. 1 1916 to date.....	244,979
Mining property, &c.....	1,837,067	6% Debenture notes.....	44,000
Permanent Improvements.....	482,738	Int. accrued on debentures.....	18,040
Mine development.....	234,894	Notes payable at mine.....	45,000
New constr. & equip., 1923.....	43,567	Current loans.....	622,161
Deficit.....	813,905	Current accounts.....	19,180
		Capital stock.....	1,868,750
Total (each side).....	\$3,459,618		

California-Oregon Power Co.—To Issue Pref. Stock.—The California RR. Commission has authorized the company to issue and sell on or before Dec. 31 1923, \$500,000 of 7% Pref. stock. The proceeds are to be used to finance extensions, additions and betterments.—V. 115, p. 2383.

Callahan Zinc-Lead Co.—Shipments.—Shipments in Dec. 1922 amounted to 3,400,000 lbs. of zinc concentrates, 2,340,000 lbs. of lead concentrates and 22,200 ozs. of silver. In Nov. 1922 the shipments were 2,063,524 lbs. of zinc concentrates, 785,243 lbs. of lead concentrates and 6,800 ozs. of silver. See V. 115, p. 2797, 2689.

Cambria Steel Co.—To Vote On Sale to Bethlehem Steel.—The stockholders will vote Mar. 12 on approving the sale of the property to the Bethlehem Steel Co. A. C. Dinkey, Chairman, in a letter to the stockholders Jan. 8 says in substance:

"The officers and directors have been convinced for a long time that the company ought to have a larger steel tonnage and a wider diversification of products, in order to effect the economies in mining ore, coal and limestone, and the savings in manufacturing, selling and distributing costs for the contract of sale will give the stockholders of Cambria Steel Co. an interest in a corporation amply qualified to obtain these results.

"All the debts and liabilities of the company will be assumed or guaranteed by the Bethlehem Steel Co., and \$97,681,400 of the Common stock of Bethlehem Steel Corp., will be delivered to Cambria Steel Co. for distribution among its shareholders.

"More than 97% of the outstanding capital stock of the Cambria Steel Co. is owned by Midvale Steel & Ordnance Co. That company has advised that as a stockholder of this company it favors the sale and that it intends to vote for the approval and performance thereof, but that it will vote said stock to rescind said vote unless the contract of sale shall be finally closed at the same time that a contract which Midvale Steel & Ordnance Co. has made with the Bethlehem Steel Corp., providing for the sale to the latter of all property, assets, rights and privileges of Midvale Steel & Ordnance Co., except the stock of this company which it owns and certain of the properties relating to its so-called Nicetown Plant, shall be closed, and that it will vote to hold open said special meeting of stockholders of Cambria Steel Co. for that purpose." See also V. 115, p. 2481.

Cambridge (Mass.) Gas Light Co.—Gas Rates.—Effective Feb. 1, the company will reduce the price of gas from \$1 30 to \$1 25 per 1,000 cu. ft.—V. 115, p. 2383.

Canadian Industrial Alcohol Co.—Initial Div.—An initial quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share had been declared on the outstanding capital stock, par \$25, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 31.

The company was incorporated in Canada in Oct. last, with a total authorized capital of \$10,000,000.

Caracas Sugar Co.—Annual Report.

	1921-22.	1920-21.
Earnings—Years ended June 30—		
Estimated net earnings from sugar sales.....	\$1,114,966	Not Stated
Operating cost.....	1,386,221	
Operating loss.....		\$607,314
Loss on cane plantations.....	\$271,254	126,227
Depreciation on plant and equipment.....	230,100	
Interest and discounts.....	207,804	95,801
Organization expense, proportion written off.....	6,840	
Miscellaneous.....		16,549
Loss for year.....	\$715,999	\$845,892
Adjustments on previous crops.....	155,070	
Balance, deficit.....	\$871,070	\$845,892
Previous surplus.....	199,189	1,045,081
Profit and loss June 30.....	def\$671,880	sur\$199,189

x Final liquidation of the sugars will give about \$70,000 more than was estimated at June 30 1922, and the loss on the crop will be reduced to this extent.—V. 112, p. 261.

Carbon Steel Co.—Resignations.

C. F. Blue, Jr., has resigned as President and director, and W. W. Noble has resigned as Secretary and Director and Manager of Sales.—V. 115, p. 2264.

(J. I.) Case Plow Works Co.—Shipments, &c.

Shipments for the last quarter of 1922, it is reported, totaled \$261,412, against \$129,482 for 1921. Orders received totaled \$484,347, as against \$282,367 in 1921. Tractors sold approximate \$55,436, as against \$176,778. Implements, \$427,420, as against \$103,303; and merchandise, \$1,490, against \$2,186.—V. 115, p. 2792, 2797.

Chandler Motor Car Co.—Price Reductions.

The company has reduced prices on 1923 models as follows: Touring cars, to \$1,395 f.o.b. Cleveland, a cut of \$100; 4-pass. roadster, to \$1,595, a cut of \$50; and 5-pass. sedan to \$2,195, a cut of \$100. Other models were reduced proportionately.—V. 115, p. 649.

Charlestown Gas & Electric Co.—New Bond Issue.

The company invites proposals on or before Jan. 19 for the purchase at a price not less than par of \$200,000 of its Series A 1st Mtge. 6% gold bonds, to be dated Jan. 2 1923, due Jan. 1 1943. Payment is to be made at the American Trust Co., Boston, Mass., on Jan. 30. The issue of said bonds has been approved by the Department of Public Utilities. Proposals should be addressed to Alexander Macomber, Treasurer of the company, at 27 Main St., Charlestown, Mass.—V. 115, p. 2482.

Chile Copper Co.—Production—Reported Merger.

The company in December last produced 15,251,000 lbs. of copper at a cost of 5.85 cents per pound delivered in New York, including selling charges and commissions, but exclusive of depreciation and interest. In November last the company produced 15,011,000 lbs. of copper at a cost of 6.05 cents per pound figured on the same basis. In October last approximately 14,500,000 lbs. of copper were produced. See Anaconda Copper Mining Co. above.—V. 115, p. 2690.

Cincinnati Gas Transportation Co.—Tenders.

The Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., trustee, Cincinnati, O., will until Jan. 16 receive bids for the sale to it of 5% bonds to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$21,774.—V. 115, p. 2690.

Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co.—Capital Increase, &c.

The stockholders on Dec. 29 amended the articles of incorporation by increasing "the stated common capital from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000." The company in 1922 shipped 2,600,446 tons of iron ore from its mines in the Lake Superior region. Of this amount 1,846,583 tons went from the Marquette Range, 718,740 tons from the Mesabi and 35,123 tons from the Menominee. Total iron ore shipped in 1921 was 987,424 tons.—V. 115, p. 1537.

Cleveland Drop Forge Co.—Sale.

See Columbian Hardware Co. below.—V. 110, 468.

Coca-Cola Co.—Holding Company Formed.

See Coca-Cola International Corp. below.—V. 115, p. 2909, 2482.

Coca-Cola International Corp.—Holding Company.

The Guaranty Trust Co., New York, has been appointed transfer agent for the Common stock of this company, consisting of 251,000 shares of no

par value. This company was organized by certain Southern interests representing more than 250,000 of the 500,000 Common shares of the Coca-Cola Co. outstanding, with a view to perpetuate control of the Coca-Cola company in the South. It is understood that more than 250,000 of the Coca-Cola Co.'s shares have been deposited with the International Co. as trustee, which has issued voting trust certificates for the same, share for share. The Chase National Bank has been appointed registrar for the 251,000 shares of no par value common stock. Compare Coca-Cola Co. in V. 115, p. 1842.

Cohn-Hall-Marx Co.—New Financing.

Ames, Emerich & Co. have purchased an issue of \$1,000,000 preferred stock of this company, cotton converters, and will make a public offering soon. Purchasers of the preferred stock will have the privilege of subscribing for the common. The bankers place the earnings of the corporation in 1922 at \$850,000.

Columbian Hardware Co., Cleveland.—Acquisition.

This company recently purchased the equipment and inventory of the Cleveland Drop Forge Co., which will be removed to its present plant. The site occupied by the Forge Co. has been purchased by the W. S. Tyler Co., which occupies adjoining property. The Columbian Co. will engage in a general commercial drop forging business, in addition to the manufacture of its regular line of products, which includes vises and anvils. The Cleveland Drop Forge Co. was organized in 1919 and took over the Cleveland plant of the Wyman & Gordon Co. (V. 110, p. 468). The men who have been largely interested in the company will have a small stock holding interest in the Columbian Hardware Co. and will have one representative on the board of directors. The Columbian Hardware Co. was organized in 1922 by H. F. Seymour, Pres., who purchased the plant of the Consolidated Iron-Steel Mfg. Co. of Cleveland. (V. 111, p. 1086.)

Columbian Mfg. Co., Boston.—Stock Dividend, &c.

The authorized Capital stock has been increased from \$500,000 to \$700,000 and the par value changed from \$1,000 to \$100 a share. A 100% stock dividend has been declared on the outstanding \$350,000 stock, payable to holders of record Dec. 29.

Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1922 (Giving Effect to Stock Dividend.)

Assets—		Liabilities—	
a Real estate & machinery.....	\$335,668	Capital stock.....	\$700,000
a Autos and equipment.....	3,758	Surplus.....	526,691
a Inventory.....	380,205	b Accounts payable.....	149,693
a Accounts receivable.....	359,573		
Liberty bonds.....	278,749		
Cash.....	18,429	Total (each side).....	\$1,376,384

a Reserve deducted. b Includes reserve for Federal taxes.—V. 106, p. 926.

Commercial Credit Co., Baltimore.—Acquires Continental Guaranty.

See Continental Guaranty Corp. above.—V. 115, p. 1735, 1637.

Commonwealth Hotel Construction Corp., N. Y.

The stockholders on Jan. 9 approved a plan calling for the immediate completion of the new Hotel Commonwealth. The plan calls for an increase in the capital by the issuance of \$5,000,000 7% Cumul. Pref. stock, retireable at \$110, or convertible at par into Common stock. Proceeds from the sale of the Preferred stock will cancel the present mortgage liens on the hotel property aggregating \$2,694,000. Directors were empowered to complete the hotel as soon as possible.—V. 115, p. 2271.

Community Power & Light Co.—Bonds Offered.—Wm. L. Ross & Co., Inc., Whitaker & Co. and Liberty Central Trust Co., St. Louis, are offering at 97 and int., to yield about 6.80%, \$725,000 1st Mtge. Collateral Sinking Fund 6 1/2% gold bonds, Series "B."

A circular shows: Due Jan. 1 1923. Due Jan. 1 1938. Int. payable J. & J. at Liberty Central Trust Co., St. Louis, trustee, or Central Trust Co. of Ill., Chicago, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c*). Red. all or part on 60 days' notice after being reduced 1/4% per annum.

Capitalization Outstanding Upon Completion of Present Financing.
1st (Closed) Mtge. Coll. Sink. Fd. 7 1/2% Ser. "A" (V. 114, p. 2829) \$500,000
1st Mtge. Coll. Sink. Fd. 6 1/2% Ser. "B" (this issue) 725,000
7 1/2% Serial (Short Term) Convertible notes 325,000
7% Cumulative Pref. stock, authorized 1,000,000
Common stock 650,000

Company.—Through its subsidiaries, serves without competition entire electric light and power business in Ft. Scott, Kan., Helena, Ark., and 7 other communities in Arkansas. Total population over 50,000. In addition 25,000 population in these communities is furnished gas service and 8,000 population water service.

Purpose.—To provide funds to acquire the Helena Gas & Electric Co. **Security.**—In opinion of counsel these bonds will be secured by first mortgage lien on all properties of the company's subsidiaries through pledge of first mortgage bonds of subsidiaries, the value of which properties has been appraised in excess of the entire funded debt. Deposited first mortgage bonds of subsidiaries are to be approved by the Kansas Court of Industrial Relations and by the Arkansas Railroad Commission.

Earnings.—Net earnings for calendar year 1922 were \$196,188, or over 2 1/2 times annual interest charges of \$84,625 on entire funded debt.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture provides an annual sinking fund, beginning Jan. 1 1926, to purchase Series "B" bonds if offered at or under par and int. of 2 1/2% of amount of bonds then certified, any balance to be used to redeem bonds or to finance additions. See V. 114, p. 2829; V. 115, p. 441.

Congoleum Co., Inc.—Listing.

The Philadelphia Stock Exchange on Jan. 6 listed 60,000 additional shares of Common stock, no par value, making 100,000 shares of said stock listed at Jan. 6, of an authorized issue of 240,000 shares. (See V. 115, p. 2555)—V. 116, p. 81.

(John T.) Connor Co., Boston.—Gross Sales.

Quarter Ended—	Dec. 31.	Sept. 30.	June 30.	Total 9 mos.
1922	\$3,276,260	\$2,748,692	\$2,746,475	\$8,771,427
1921	2,778,955	2,365,247	2,466,226	7,610,428

Pres. C. F. Adams says that the company is at present operating 355 stores and has outstanding leases for about 25 more, which are being opened as rapidly as possible, and that gross profit and operating policy of the company are back practically to a pre-war normal basis.—V. 115, p. 2909, 2797.

Consolidated Gas Co. of New York.—Pref. Stock For

The company is offering to its employees and customers for subscription at par, (\$50) \$15,000,000 6% Cumul. Participating Pref. stock. Applications will be received up to the close of business on Jan. 15. The stock will receive 50 cents a share per annum additional dividend for each \$1 a share paid on the Common stock above \$4 a share annually. The company is arranging the distribution of the Preferred stock in such a manner that purchasers must give it the opportunity to buy back such stock as the customer or employee may desire to sell. Such purchase price would depend on dividend payments.

Subscriptions may be paid for in full at time of subscription, in which event it will carry interest at 6% per annum; payments may also be extended over a period of ten months, with the company paying 5% per annum interest on installments and no premium above par being charged to purchasers on installment basis.—V. 115, p. 2690, 2586.

Consolidated Iron-Steel Mfg. Co.—Sale.

See Columbian Hardware Co. below.—V. 111, p. 1086.

Consolidated Water Power & Paper Co.—Stock Div.

This company, it is stated, has declared a 300% stock dividend, increasing its outstanding capital stock from \$1,600,000 to \$6,400,000, par \$100.—V. 115, p. 1842.

Continental Guaranty Corp.—Reorganized.

The reorganization of the Continental Guaranty Corp. has been completed, it was announced Jan. 6 by A. E. Duncan, Chairman of the Commercial

Credit Co., which recently purchased the capital stock of the Continental corporation.

The new directors of the Continental Co. are: Samuel McRoberts, E. C. Delafield, H. M. Walker, Charles P. Howland, H. L. Wynegar, D. R. Mills, A. E. Duncan, William H. Grimes, S. F. Rosson, R. Walter Graham and J. C. Fenhagen.—V. 115, p. 1538.

Continental Motors Corp.—Pref. Stock Redemption.

Payment of the outstanding Pref. stock will be made Jan. 15 at the Security Trust Co., Detroit, at 107 and divs.—See V. 115, p. 2272, 2690.

Continental Oil Co.—Sub. Co. Increase, &c.

Denver dispatches state that the company's producing subsidiary, the Inland Oil & Refining Co., will change its name to Continental Oil Producing Co. and will increase its authorized capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$6,000,000.—V. 116, p. 81.

(George J.) Cooke Co., Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—Pearsons-Taft Co., Chicago, recently offered at par and int. \$500,000 1st Mtge. 6½% Serial gold bonds, unconditionally guaranteed, principal and interest, by George J. Cooke. A circular shows:

Dated Nov. 1 1922, maturing serially Nov. 1 1923 to Nov. 1 1932, incl. Int. payable M. & N. without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c*). Callable in whole or in blocks of not less than \$100,000 on 60 days' notice, up to Nov. 1 1927, at 105 and int., and after Nov. 1 1927 at 105 and int. less ½ of 1% for each 6 months to maturity.

Security.—Secured by a closed first mortgage on the entire real estate and improvements thereon owned by the company and located at Nos. 14 to 32 North Green St. and 21 North Peoria St., Chicago, occupying 23,040 sq. ft. of land owned in fee simple, which, together with improvements has a present valuation of \$898,000.

Upon the completion of extensions now in process the improvements will consist of a 9-story and basement brick and mill construction cold storage warehouse having an aggregate storage capacity of 1,500,000 cu. ft. and a 4-story brick, steel and concrete power plant.

Earnings.—Net income on completion of present additions to the property is conservatively estimated at \$200,000 per annum, or more than 6 times maximum annual interest requirements of this issue.

Company.—Does a general cold storage business, including cooling and freezing of perishable products.

Cosden & Co.—Listing—Earnings—Bonds Colled.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 36,170 additional shares of Common stock, no par value, making the total amount applied for \$1,398,314 shares.

The above 36,170 shares will be issued in consideration of the transfer to the company of the interest of the Burbank Oil Co., in leases located in Osage County, Okla., aggregating 640 acres, on which there are 14 wells. This purchase includes also the casing head rights of the Burbank Oil Co. in the leases.

Consolidated Income Account for 10 Months ending Oct. 31 1922.

Gross sales, &c.	\$36,676,237	Int. & discount	\$636,309
Int. on bonds, &c., to subsidiary companies	780,794	Other interest	780,794
Miscellaneous income	462,428	Total	\$27,134,678
Total	\$37,919,460	Net earnings	\$10,784,782
Expenses		Dividends paid	2,584,466
Cost of ref., prod. & transportation	24,584,957	Balance, surplus	\$8,200,315
Gen. & admin. exp.	1,132,617		

All of the outstanding (\$35,500) 1st Mtge. 6% bonds of Cosden & Co. (Okla.) due Oct. 1 1926, which have been called for payment April 1 at 105 and int., (see V. 115, p. 1946) will be paid at the Equitable Trust Co., 37 Wall St., N. Y. City.—V. 115, p. 2797.

Crowell & Thurlow Steamship Co.—Preferred Stock.

The stockholders are to vote on authorizing a new issue of \$2,000,000 8% Preferred stock which is to be offered to stockholders at par. Proceeds will be used to buy additional ships, to pay maturing bonds and interest, and to provide necessary working capital.—V. 112, p. 1287.

Cuba Cane Sugar Corp.—New Director, &c.

Carl J. Schmidlapp has been elected a director, succeeding Gerhard M. Dahl. Miguel Arango has resigned as a director but will continue as General Manager in Cuba.—V. 115, p. 2909.

Cumberland Teleg. & Teleg. Co.—Rate Increase.

The Tennessee RR. & P. U. Commission on Dec. 28 authorized the company to increase its rates temporarily approximately 5.7%, effective Jan. 1 1923, and until the further orders of the Commission.

The Commission has also authorized the company to expend approximately \$2,000,000 in 1923 for extensions, betterments, &c.—V. 115, p. 2384.

Cushman's Sons, Inc., (Bakeries) N. Y.—Increase.

The stockholders will vote Jan 23 on increasing the authorized 7% Cumul. Pref. stock from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000, par \$100. The stockholders will also vote on providing that dividends on the 7% Pref. stock shall be made payable quarterly, instead of semi-annually, as at present, and to provide that no mortgage or other lien upon the property, except purchase money mortgages, no issue of debentures or other evidences of indebtedness having a maturity of more than one year and no stock having equality with or priority to the 7% Cumul. stock, shall be authorized, unless with consent of the holders of 75% of the then outstanding 7% Cumul. Pref. stock.—V. 104, p. 2014.

(Lynch) Davidson & Co. (Lumber), Houston, Tex.

The company has increased its authorized capital stock from \$500,000 (all outstanding) to \$2,000,000, par \$100. It is proposed to distribute \$1,000,000 of the new stock as a 200% stock dividend. Lynch Davidson, Lieutenant-Governor of Texas, is President.

Davis Daly Copper Co.—Production.

The company in December produced 118,000 ozs. of silver and 1,410,000 lbs. of copper, the largest in the history of the mine.—V. 115, p. 2910.

De Beers Consolidated Mines, Ltd.—Annual Report.

Years ended June 30—	1921-22.	1920-21.
Previous year's balance (diamonds unsold, &c.)	£464,732	£592,075
Diamond account during year	401,816	2,300,581
Interest and dividends on investments, &c.	324,675	639,448
Transferred from general fund	535,634	1,010,232
Stabilization of diamond trade reserve	21,823	
Total income	£1,748,680	£4,542,337
Mining expenditure, &c.	£1,077,600	£2,462,850
Interest on debentures and sinking fund	251,430	248,656
Income tax—Union of South Africa	86,507	6,593
Amount for stabilization reserve		119,505
Preference dividends (after tax), 10s. per share		740,000
Deferred dividends, tax free		500,000
Suspense profit account—diamonds unsold	£333,143	£464,732

Balance Sheet June 30.			
1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
Assets—	£	Liabilities—	£
Property account	4,952,147	Preference shares	2,000,000
Inv. in stocks and shares	163,285	Deferred shares	2,500,000
Res. inv. & diamond stabl., &c., &c.	5,632,078	De Beers ¼% So. Afr. expl. debent.	1,635,495
Timber, fuel, &c.	380,533	Reserves	2,727,001
Live stock	150,394	Stabl. of diam. res.	2,455,077
Loan to So. Afr. Coll'y, Ltd., Natal	220,579	Liab. on stks. & shs.	450,000
Spec. inv., loans, &c.	637,296	Loans & open acts.	218,708
Cash	81,997	Comm. for Inland rev. Gr. Brit.	173,491
Diamonds on hand	333,143	Int. on deb., &c.	88,537
		Dividends payable	370,000
		Diamonds unsold.	354,381
		Transf. from appr. account	110,350
Total (ea. side)	12,581,453		
	13,934,747		

—V. 115, p. 2798, 2586.

Denver (Colo.) Dry Goods Co.—Stock Dividend.

The company on Dec. 18 increased its capital stock from \$500,000 to \$5,000,000. Secretary Leonard Dates, writing the "Chronicle" Jan. 5, says: "We did this because of the large surplus we have been carrying and thought it would be better to capitalize our business rather than continue with such an excessive surplus. Our company is a close corporation. Immediately upon increasing the capital stock we authorized a stock dividend and prorated the increase to the present stockholders. "We have no Common stock for sale, as it is all issued, and have never issued any Preferred stock."—V. 113, p. 2316.

Detroit Edison Co.—Debentures Offered.—F. S. Smithers & Co. and Blodget & Co. are offering at 104 and int. \$1,500,000 Conv. 6% Debentures. Dated Dec. 15 1922. Due Dec. 15 1932 (see advertising pages).

Conversion.—Bonds may be converted at any time from Dec. 15 1924 to June 15 1932 into fully paid shares of the capital stock at par. If the bonds are called for payment before the period for conversion has expired, the holder may convert his bonds into stock at any time before the date named for redemption.

Earnings for 12 Months' Period Ending—

	Dec. 31 '20.	Dec. 31 '21.	Nov. 5 '22.
Gross earnings	\$21,990,352	\$23,382,898	\$26,013,658
Net after oper. exp., taxes & deprec'n.	4,532,694	6,283,835	7,061,305
Mortgage bond interest			2,632,390
Debenture bond interest, including this issue			1,419,252

Balance after paying mortgage bond interest was about 3.1 times the annual interest charges on all outstanding debentures, including this issue.

Company.—Does the entire commercial electric lighting and power business in the city of Detroit and of an extensive adjacent territory in the State of Michigan. Population served exceeds 1,400,000. For full description of bonds, property, &c., see V. 115, p. 2798.

Dodge Bros. (Automobile Mfrs.), Detroit.—Production.

The company in 1922, it is reported, turned out 165,000 vehicles compared with 89,350 in 1921.—V. 115, p. 650.

Dome Mines Co., Ltd., Toronto.—Production.

	Dec. 1922.	Nov. 1922.	Oct. 1922.
Gold production (valued at)	\$361,213	\$352,495	\$382,712
Tons of ore handled by mill	33,500	32,100	33,451

Dominion Bridge Co., Montreal.—Annual Report.

Years ended Oct. 31—	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.	1918-19.
Total earnings	\$188,670	\$623,737	\$1,125,892	\$1,640,531
Depreciation	\$134,008	\$134,306	\$127,592	\$128,388
Doubtful accts. reserve		95,608	4,771	89,616
Investments reserve				42,150
Interest on exchange				22,592
Directors' fees		15,130	28,998	14,480
Res. for inven. shrinkage		480,000		
Dividends	(4%) 260,000	(8) 520,000	(8) 520,000	(8) 520,000
Balance, surplus	def\$205,339	def\$621,306	\$444,531	\$823,305
Profit & loss surplus	\$3,466,500	\$3,671,838	\$4,293,144	\$3,848,614

—V. 114, p. 310.

Dryden Paper Co., Ltd.—Bal. Sheet Sept. 30.

Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$
Real est., timber, &c.	5,661,942	5,353,503	Capital stock	x3,125,000	3,125,000
Cash	90,576	41,445	Accounts payable	118,054	48,907
Deposit for plant exp.	240,350	416,610	First Lien notes	335,000	386,000
Demand loan	121,029	481,116	Mtge. Deben. stock	1,100,000	1,100,000
Accts. rec. (less res.)	101,403	91,959	Note redemp. res'v'e	3,167	2,167
Inventory	429,830	477,423	Depletion reserve	26,341	24,246
Deferred charges	4,212	11,369	Capital surplus	x1,941,780	2,187,105
Total	6,649,342	6,873,425	Total	6,649,342	6,873,425

x Capital stock, 100,000 shares of no nominal or par value, y Capital surplus, balance forward Sept. 30 1921, \$2,187,105, less: Adjustment account buildings and income tax, \$20,309; loss for year ended Sept. 30 1922, before providing for depreciation, \$225,016.—V. 115, p. 2910.

Duquesne Light Co., Pittsburgh.—To Retire Pref. Stk.

Stockholders of record Jan. 11 will vote on March 13 on reducing the authorized capital stock from \$59,822,300 to \$59,312,400 by the retirement of 7% Cumul. Preferred stock.—V. 115, p. 2586.

Durfee Mills, Fall River, Mass.—Stock Dividend, &c.

The company has filed a certificate with the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations, showing an increase in capital stock from \$500,000 of (all outstanding) to \$1,500,000, par \$1000. The \$1,000,000 increase is to be distributed in the form of a 200% stock dividend to shareholders of record on Dec. 29. The company on Sept. 30 last had a surplus of \$1,896,975.

Durham Duplex Razor Co.—To Pay Accumulated Divs.

The directors have adopted a resolution authorizing the liquidation of \$133,663 of accumulated and unpaid dividends due on the outstanding Preferred stock. These accumulated dividends will "be paid and liquidated out of surplus and undivided profits on Jan. 15 1923, to the holders of record of the Preferred stock at the close of business on Jan. 10, by (1) issuing and delivering pro rata at par value thereof the shares of the Preferred stock of Wade & Butcher Corp. of the par value of \$102,000, owned by this company and (2) paying the residue of said accumulated dividends in cash."—V. 112, p. 2541.

Durant Motors, Inc.—Production.

Production at the company's plants during December reached 7,500 cars, a new high record. The company closed the year more than 4,500 cars behind production schedules, but officials, it is stated, are confident that the first five months of the current year will see this accumulation made up. On Dec. 29 1922 the Durant companies had a total of 187,316 stockholders.—V. 115, p. 2051.

Eastern Coke Co.—Tenders.

The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, trustee, will until Jan. 12 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 5% 14-year Sinking Fund bonds, dated Feb. 1 1917, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$255,984.—V. 104, p. 1706.

Eastern Connecticut Power Co.—Acquisition.

The company has purchased the People's Light & Power Co. and the affiliated Danielson & Plainfield Gas & Electric Co., furnishing electric light and power in the towns of Killingly, Danielson, Brooklyn, Plainfield, Canterbury, Griswold, Jewett City and other smaller towns and villages of eastern Connecticut.—V. 114, p. 1657.

Edison Electric Co. of New Orleans.—Tenders.

The American Trust Co., trustee, 50 State St., Boston, Mass., will until Jan. 13 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 5% bonds, dated Jan. 2 1899, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$21,627.—V. 71, p. 915.

Endicott-Johnson Corp.—20% Stock Dividend Proposed.

It is authoritatively stated that a 20% Common stock dividend will be declared at a meeting of the board of directors to be held to-day (Jan. 13) and that it is their intention to continue the payment of dividends at the rate of \$5 per share per annum on Common stock. H. Wendell Endicott has resigned as Vice-President and director.—V. 115, p. 1843.

(The) Fair (Dept. Store), Chicago.—Initial Dividend.

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the Preferred stock payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20. For offering see V. 115, p. 2052.

Famous Players-Lasky Corp.—Report Denied.

Frederick G. Lee, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated that the Atlanta dispatch dated Jan. 7 announcing that the corporation had paid \$5,700,000 for the surrender of management of the Southern Enterprises, Inc., and its subsidiary corporations to it, is erroneous. The Famous Players already owns the control of Southern Enterprises, Inc., and the

new arrangement simply involves the management being surrendered to the Famous Players with no cash payments in the transaction. The Southern Enterprises, Inc. heretofore has been managed by the S. A. Lynch Enterprise Corporation. According to present plans, Mr. Lee is shortly to be elected President of Southern Enterprises, Inc.—V. 115, p. 2799.

Federal Adding Machine Co.—Sold.

The stockholders, represented by C. F. Leng, 42 Broadway, have purchased at receiver's sale the property of the company, and has organized the Federal Adding Machine Co., Inc., with a capital of 25,000 shares, to take over the assets of the old company.—V. 115, p. 2799.

Federal Sugar Refining Co.—Tenders.

The Bankers Trust Co., trustee, 10 Wall St., N. Y. City, will until Jan. 29 receive bids for the sale to it of 5-year 6% gold notes, dated Nov. 1 1919 to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$347,360 at a price not exceeding 101 and int.—V. 116, p. 82.

Ford Motor Co., Detroit.—Sales—St. Paul Plant.

Total sales of Ford cars for the year of 1922 were 1,268,631. This is 18,631 cars in excess of the maximum production figures of 1,250,000 set early in the last year and is nearly 200,000 in excess of the largest previous 12-month sales achievement. In preparation for the production of 6,000 cars a day set for this year, organized sales drives during the last 6 months have brought new records, and the figures of 105,799, reached in December, ordinarily considered one of the lowest sales months of the year, is an outstanding sales record.

The company on Jan. 9 completed the purchase of 167½ acres of land on the Mississippi River at St. Paul, immediately adjacent to the Government high dam, at a cost of \$315,000, as the site for a large plant for the manufacture of automobiles and tractors. It is announced that application has been made to the Federal Government for the power rights at the dam, but if this is denied the company will erect a plant to be operated entirely by steam. If the water-power rights are granted, it is planned to build a \$10,000,000 manufacturing plant, ultimately to employ between 14,000 and 15,000 men. It will be on a somewhat smaller scale if the power rights are denied. Preliminary work, it is said, will be started in March.

The Boston "News Bureau" of Jan. 9 reports production of by-products from River Rouge plant as follows:

Calendar Years	1922.	1921.
High volatile coal carbonized (in tons)-----	417,000	349,034
Low volatile coal carbonized (in tons)-----	235,000	164,363
Total coal carbonized-----	652,000	513,387
Gas consumed in heating coke ovens (in cu. ft.)-----	2,913,254,000	2,280,210,000
Gas consumed at Rouge (cu. ft.)-----	1,022,265,000	501,578,000
Gas consumed at Highland Park (cu. ft.)-----	1,754,136,000	1,138,193,000
Gas sold to City Gas Co. (cu. ft.)-----	1,138,432,000	1,318,934,000
Total gas produced (cu. ft.)-----	6,828,086,000	5,238,915,000
Total coke produced (tons)-----	496,000	376,139
Tar produced (gallons)-----	4,751,000	4,324,608
Benzol produced (gallons)-----	3,650,000	2,490,602
Ammonium sulphate produced (pounds)-----	17,766,000	15,706,907

Foundation Co.—Preferred Shares Offered.—Kelley, Drayton & Co., New York, are offering at 98½ and div. the unsold portion of 10,000 shares (no par value) Cumulative Convertible \$7 Preferred stock (see advertising pages).

Preferred as to dividends and to the extent of \$100 and accrued dividends as to assets. Red, all or part at \$115 per share and divs. Dividends payable Q.-M.15. Convertible at the option of the holder up to and incl. Dec. 15 1925 into Common stock on the basis of \$100 for the Pref. and \$80 for the Common; and from Dec. 16 1925 to Dec. 15 1927 on the basis of \$100 for the Pref. and \$90 for the Common.

Capitalization After This Financing— Authorized. Outstanding. Cumul. Conv. Pref. stock (no par)-----20,000 shares 10,000 shares
Common stock (no par value)-----*75,000 shares 40,000 shares
* 25,000 shares reserved for conversion of the Preferred.

Listing.—Application will be made to list stock on N. Y. Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of Chairman Franklin Remington, N. Y., Dec. 15.

Company.—Organized in 1902 in New York. Conducts directly or through subsidiaries a general engineering and construction business in the United States and many foreign countries. Since inception company has specialized in part of this class of construction. Its engineering and construction work includes subaqueous work of all kinds, the building of industrial plants, power houses, hydro-electric developments, railroads, bridges, harbor and river terminals, mine shafts and tunnels and general building construction. Directly or through subsidiaries has important contracts in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Belgium and France, and South America. Much of its present business consists of the construction of power developments for public utility corporations, but it is equipped, and has now on its books contracts for, practically every type of construction. A large percentage of its business is done on a cost plus basis.

Assets.—Balance sheet as of Oct. 31 1922, adjusted to give effect to present financing, shows net tangible assets of \$2,950,220, equivalent to \$295 per share of Pref. stock. These figures are exclusive of good-will and patents, totaling \$1,605,000. Net current assets on the same basis amounted to \$1,446,272, equivalent to \$144 per share of Preferred stock.

Real estate, buildings, plant and equipment are carried on the books at \$1,227,069, against which there is a mortgage on the New York office building at 120 Liberty St. and adjoining property of \$441,700.

Earnings—Years ended Dec. 31.

	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Gross profit-----	\$1,367,033	\$1,503,520	\$2,110,508	\$2,004,315
Total income-----	\$1,404,093	\$1,715,212	\$2,134,320	\$2,029,494
Expenses-----	980,794	1,373,947	1,240,347	1,053,608
Federal taxes-----	96,458	139,222	517,633	260,036
Net income-----	\$326,841	\$202,043	\$376,340	\$715,850

Net earnings for 1922 will amount to about \$300,000 or in excess of 4 times dividend requirements for the period of this issue. Orders on hand are greatly in excess of this time last year and the indications for 1923 point to a substantial increase in earnings for that year.

For the 20 years 1902 to 1921, incl., combined net earnings averaged \$250,823, before Federal taxes, or over 3½ times dividend requirements on this issue, and after Federal taxes at the 1922 rate, the average of the combined net earnings for the same period amounted to over 3 times the dividend requirements on this issue.

Purpose.—To furnish company with additional capital to enable it to take care of its growing volume of business.—V. 116, p. 82.

General American Tank Car Corp.—Orders.

The corporation was recently reported to have received orders for over \$3,000,000 of railroad equipment, consisting of orders for freight cars for the Chicago & North Western Ry. and the Southern Pacific Co.

Order Canceled.—See Union Tank Car Co. below.—V. 116, p. 82.

General Motors Corp.—Common Stockholders.

The number of Common stockholders of record Nov. 27 1922 totaled 44,049, compared with 47,601 on Oct. 9 1922.—V. 115, p. 2911.

Gillette Safety Razor Co.—5% Stock Dividend.

The directors have declared the following dividends on the outstanding capital stock, no par value: 3% in stock, payable June 1 to holders of record May 1; regular quarterly of \$3 per share in cash, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 1. Dividends of 5% each in stock were paid in June and December last, compared with 10% in stock paid in December 1921.—V. 115, p. 2273.

General Tire & Rubber Co.—Dividend of 1½% Declared on Common Stock—100% Stock Dividend.

The company has declared a regular quarterly dividend of 1½% on its new \$50 par Common stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20. The par value of the shares was recently reduced from \$100 to \$50. Dividends on the old stock were paid at the rate of 2% quarterly.

The company in November last declared a 100% stock dividend on the then outstanding \$991,400 Common stock, par \$100, payable to holders of

record Dec. 20 1922. The company also has an authorized issue of \$1-, 250,000 Preferred stock of which \$1,158,000 is outstanding.

Comparative Balance Sheet November 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
\$	\$	\$	\$
Real estate, bldgs., machinery, &c.-----	x443,658	566,863	1,158,000
Patents-----	1	1	991,400
Cash-----	212,742	182,229	951,650
Gov't securities-----	451,689	1,506	169,159
Compensation fund-----	1,000	1,506	18,562
Notes receivable-----	599,998	329,687	2,261
Acc'ts receivable-----	y1,043,416	835,971	Local & br. tax res'v'e
Acc'r'd int. & coupons-----			34,539
Liberty bonds-----	10,283		23,613
Advances to salesmen-----	8,140	4,985	Surplus-----
Inventory-----	689,111	490,191	1,119,879
Inv. in other cos-----	1,445		200,582
Miscellaneous invest.-----		25,490	
Prepaid exp., &c-----	55,929	26,859	
		Total (each side)-----	3,517,412
			2,463,782

x Real estate, \$20,700; bldgs. (\$333,905, less deprec., \$85,028), \$248,877; machinery (\$367,463, less deprec., \$206,956), \$160,507; automobiles (\$23,813, less deprec., \$16,439), \$6,573; furn. & fixtures, less deprec., \$7,000; total as above, \$443,658. y Accounts receivable, \$1,121,924, less reserve for freight and discount, \$78,507.—V. 115, p. 2911.

Gulf Oil Corp.—No Merger With Standard of Indiana.

President Geo. S. Davison has denied the rumors that a merger of this company with the Standard Oil Co. of Ind., is pending. He says: "We have heard these stories from time to time, but there is no truth in them. I can say that the officers and directors of the Gulf Oil Corp. know nothing whatever about a proposed merger with the Standard Oil of Indiana."—V. 115, p. 2800.

Habirshaw Electric Cable Co.—May Reorganize.

The general creditors on Jan. 5 adopted a resolution providing for a joint conference of the merchandise creditors' protective committee and the reorganization committee to consider a reorganization plan.—V. 115, p. 2053.

Hammermill Paper Co., Erie, Pa.—Preferred Stock Offered.

A. G. Becker & Co. are offering at 100 and div., \$3,000,000 7% Cumul. Pref. Stock (see advertising pages). Redeemable, all or part, at 110 and divs. Dividends payable Q.-J. Beginning in 1924 and each year thereafter a sinking fund will retire by purchase at or below 110 and dividend, or by redemption at 110, at least 3% of the greatest amount of Pref. Stock at any time outstanding.

Listing.—Application will be made to list both the Preferred and Common stocks on the Chicago Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of President Ernst R. Behrend, Erie, Pa., Jan. 3.

Company.—Incorp. in 1899 in Pennsylvania. Is one of the largest manufacturers of fine writing and printing papers in the country. Owns and operates a complete, modern, scientifically controlled pulp and paper making plant located at Erie, Pa., which with its 204 sq. miles of virgin timber lands at Matane, Can., constitutes a complete paper-making unit. Principal product is sold under the nationally known mill mark, "Hammermill Bond." In addition, company makes a well-known line of cover paper, ledger paper, and safety check paper, all sold under our mill mark and stocked by Hammermill agents. Production averages 130 tons of fine paper daily.

Capitalization After This Financing— Authorized. Issued. 7% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) Stock (this issue)-----\$3,750,000 \$3,000,000
Common stock (par \$10)-----1,800,000 1,800,000
First Mortgage (6% due 1930 and 1939)-----750,000 750,000

Earnings.—Net earnings, after all deductions, including Federal taxes, applicable to dividends for the five years and 11 months ended Nov. 30 1922, averaged \$670,099 annually, or about 3.2 times the maximum annual dividend requirements of \$210,000 on this issue. The minimum earnings in any one year during this period, similarly computed, were \$358,716.

Condensed Balance Sheet Nov. 30 1922 (After Present Recapitalization)

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Paper mill at Erie, Pa.-----	\$2,268,424	7% Preferred stock-----	\$3,000,000
Timber lands, &c.-----	1,281,955	Common stock-----	1,800,000
Good-will-----	1,500,000	First & Refunding 6s.-----	750,000
Investments and advances-----	100,514	Accounts payable-----	356,681
Stocks and supplies-----	1,657,834	Accrued salaries, int., &c.-----	102,939
Accts & notes rec., less res.-----	879,619	Federal taxes-----	149,000
Cash-----	927,630	Reserve for contingencies-----	500,000
Deferred charges, &c-----	110,735	Surplus-----	2,068,092
Total each side-----	\$8,726,713		

Harley Co., Springfield, Mass.—Foreclosure.

See Hendee Manufacturing Co. below.—V. 114, p. 2585.

Harrout Motors Co., Detroit.—Foreclosure.

The Security Trust Co., Detroit, has secured a decree to foreclose a mortgage of \$1,000,000 on property of the company. It is believed nothing will remain for the 14,000 stockholders. Company is in hands of receiver-ship.—V. 116, p. 82.

Hart Schaffner & Marx.—To Reduce Preferred.

The stockholders will vote Jan. 22 on reducing the 7% Cumul. Preferred stock from \$3,160,000 to \$1,554,400. See V. 115, p. 2274, 2163.

Hartman Corp. & Subsidiaries.—Net Sales.

	4th Quarter	3rd Quarter	2d Quarter	1st Quarter	Total Year.
1922-----	\$4,818,223	\$3,091,108	\$3,589,861	\$3,014,169	\$14,513,362
1921-----	3,085,708	2,268,273	3,169,600	2,869,846	11,393,428

Hazel Atlas Glass Co.—Guaranty.

See Kearns-Gorsuch Bottle Co. above.

Hendee Manufacturing Co.—Forecloses Harley Plant.

The company has foreclosed a mortgage for \$725,000 which it held on the Harley Co. of Springfield, Mass. The Harley Co., all of whose \$600,000 Pref. stock and \$600,000 Common stock was owned by the Hendee Co. was sold a year ago to New York and Philadelphia interests (V. 114, p. 527) for \$825,000, of which \$100,000 was paid in cash and the balance represented a mortgage on the plant running to the Hendee Company. [The Harley Co. was placed in the hands of receivers in June last, V. 114, p. 5885.] Pres. Henry H. Skinner states that no interest had been paid on the mortgage but that the trustees of the Harley Co. had enough money to cover the taxes. The Harley Co. operates large foundry and forge plants in Springfield, its properties covering about 40 acres. The foundry has a capacity for about 50,000 pounds of aluminum, brass and composition castings daily. Nothing definite has yet been decided but the plant may be opened in about six weeks to manufacture forgings for the Hendee Co. (Boston "News Bureau.")—V. 114, p. 1948.

Houston Oil Co.—Oil Contract.

The company has made a 3-year contract with the St. Louis Southwestern RR. for 3,000,000 bbls. of fuel oil at 73½ cents a bbl. Between 60,000 and 100,000 bbls. will be delivered monthly. The Houston Oil Co. is laying a 6-inch pipe line from its Smackover production at Camden, Ark., at which point it is erecting two 55,000-bbl. storage tanks.—V. 115, p. 2386.

Houston (Tex.) Lighting & Power Co.—New Plant.

It is officially announced that the company contemplates the erection in the near future of a power plant on the Houston Ship Channel to be known as the Deepwater station. The tentative plans call for an ultimate development of 150,000 k.w. and the present installation of 40,000 k.w. The plant is to be ready for operation early in 1924.—V. 115, p. 2274.

Hupp Motor Car Corp.—10% Stock Dividend Proposed.

The directors on Jan. 10 resolved upon an increase of capital stock out of which increase, when ratified at a special meeting of stockholders a 10% stock dividend will be declared.

The regular quarterly cash dividend of 25 cents a share has been declared on the Common stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 12. Notice has been received by the New York Stock Exchange from the corporation of the proposed increase in the Common stock to \$10,000,000.—V. 115, p. 1736.

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.—Expenditures.—The directors have approved an additional expenditure of \$1,102,188 for new plant and equipment. This makes \$14,184,186 expended for this purpose in 1922.
According to President W. R. Abbott, an expansion program carrying an expenditure of \$100,000,000 in the next 5 years will be carried out by the company.—V. 115, p. 993.

Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Dividends.—The company on Dec. 28 last paid a final dividend of 1% for the year ended Sept. 30 1922, and an interim dividend of 2% for the current year on the Ordinary shares. Interim dividends of 1½% each were paid on the Ordinary stock in June and Sept. last.—V. 115, p. 2578.

Industrial Oil & Gas Co.—Stricken from List.—See American Oil & Engineering Corp. above.—V. 110, p. 2295.

Insurance Co. of North America.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of 10% has been declared on the outstanding capital stock, par \$10, in addition to the usual semi-annual dividend of 7½% both payable Jan. 15. In Jan. 1922, an extra dividend of 8% was paid.—V. 102, p. 440.

International Nickel Co.—New Director.—Andrew V. Stout, of Dominick & Dominick, has been elected a director, succeeding Willard H. Brownson.—V. 115, p. 2475.

International Shoe Co.—Listing Application.—The company has made application to list on the New York Stock Exchange \$20,000,000 of 8% Cumul. Pref. stock, par \$100, and 1,000,000 shares of Common stock, no par value.
The New York Curb has admitted to trading 250,000 shares of 8% Pref. stock, par \$100, and 1,400,000 shares of Common stock, no par value.—V. 116, p. 73.

Internat. Steel Tube Co., Cleveland.—Reorganized.—The stockholders on Dec. 15 last, voted to dissolve the Delaware Corp. and to reincorporate in Ohio. The new company will have 1,000,000 of 1st Pref. stock, \$600,000 of Class "B" Pref. and 16,000 shares of no par Common stock. When equipment is installed, this will have a capacity of 60,000 tons annually.
H. E. Smythe of Pittsburgh, is President and S. R. Hopkins, Cleveland, is Secretary of the new company. ("Iron Trade Review.")—V. 113, p. 190.

Island Creek Coal Co.—1922 Production (in Tons).—

Jan.	283,809	April	341,875	July	179,000	Oct.	174,000
Feb.	337,623	May	371,766	Aug.	183,000	Nov.	176,000
March	384,705	June	352,860	Sept.	186,000	Dec.	174,000
Total 12 months (approximate)-----3,144,638							

—V. 115, p. 2692.

Italian Vineyard Co., Guasti, Calif.—Capital Increase.—The stockholders on March 8 will vote on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$500,000 to \$2,500,000, par \$100. Secondo Guasti Sr. is President and J. A. Barliotti Secretary.

Jefferson & Clearfield Coal & Iron Co.—150% Stock Dividend Declared Payable on Both Issues of Stock.—The stockholders will vote Jan. 16 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$3,000,000, consisting of \$1,500,000 Preferred and \$1,500,000 Common stock (all outstanding) to \$7,500,000, par \$100, by the issuance of 45,000 shares of additional Common stock.
The directors have already declared, subject to the approval of the above increase, a dividend of 150%, payable in Common stock on Jan. 18 to holders of Preferred and Common stock of record Dec. 30 1922.—V. 114, p. 1639.

Johnson Fare Box Co., Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—Lloyd E. Work & Co. and Bartlett & Gordon, Inc., recently offered at a price to yield 6½% \$250,000 1st Mtge. 6½% Sinking Fund gold bonds. A circular shows:
Dated Dec. 1 1922. Due Dec. 1 1932. Red. all or part on any int. date at 105 and int., upon 60 days' notice. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c*). Int. payable J. & D. at Central Trust Co., Chicago, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%.
Company.—Incorp. in 1909. Is the largest manufacturer in the world of recording boxes for the collection of street car and other admission fares. Company manufactures in its own plant fare boxes of various types, as well as change-making devices and other mechanical articles requiring accuracy and precision in making.

Earnings.—Net earnings for the 5 years and 10 months ended Oct. 31 1922, after depreciation, available for Federal taxes, interest and experimental work were \$45,023, or an average of 2¼ times maximum interest charges on these bonds. After Federal taxes such earnings averaged over 2½ times maximum interest charges.
Sinking Fund.—Company covenants to deposit each month with the trustee 1-12 the annual interest requirements and in addition, beginning Dec. 1 1923, to deposit each month a sum equivalent to 1-12 of \$18,000 of each year to and incl. Dec. 1 1925; \$22,800 a year, 1926 to 1931, and of the balance before maturity. Proceeds of these sinking fund payments must be used to purchase and retire bonds at 102 and int. or less.
Capitalization.—1st Mtge. 6½% Sinking Fund gold bonds, \$250,000; capital stock, authorized, \$400,000; outstanding, \$318,850.
Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used to retire an issue of serial bonds, to retire floating debt and to provide additional working capital.

Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.—Reorgan'n Completed.—Reorganization of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Co. into the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. has been completed. Officers of the new corporation are: B. F. Jones, Jr., Chairman of the board; William L. Jones, President; Willis L. King, G. M. Laughlin, Jr., W. C. Moreland, Charles A. Fisher and S. E. Hackett, Vice-Presidents; B. F. Jones, III, Secretary; J. C. Watson, Treasurer.—V. 115, p. 2692.

Kaministiquia Pulp & Paper Co.—20% to Bondholders.—Capital Trust Corp., Ltd., announces that a dividend of 20% of the face value of all bonds will be paid to the bondholders from the proceeds of the sale of assets covered by the bond mortgage. It is necessary that the bonds be sent to Capital Trust Corp., 10 Metcalfe St., Ottawa, for endorsement, before this dividend payment can be made.—V. 114, p. 953.

Kansas & Gulf Co.—Proposed Merger.—The Kansas & Gulf Co., Monarch Oil & Refining Co. and Southern Petroleum Co. are to be merged into Peer Oil Corp. (Incorporated in Del. Jan. 8 1923, with an authorized capital of 1,000,000 shares of no par Common stock and 50,000 shares 8% Pref. par \$100). The Monarch and Southern stockholders have already assented to the plan and the Kansas stockholders will shortly vote on the merger.
It is proposed to issue \$3,000,000 of the Pref. stock, of which \$1,000,000 has been sold, pending final organization, and arrangements made for underwriting the remainder. Proceeds of the \$3,000,000 Pref. stock will be used for working capital and development.
Of 1,000,000 new Common shares, 420,000 will be issued in exchange for stock in merging companies. Kansas & Gulf stockholders will receive 280,000 shares in exchange for present holdings, Monarch Oil & Refining stockholders 88,000, and 52,000 shares are appropriated for purchase of Southern Petroleum stock outstanding.
R. L. Young, Houston, Tex., Pres. of Monarch Oil, will head the new corporation; H. S. Fox, Jr., (Pres. Houston Exchange National Bank) will be Chairman.
The present Kansas & Gulf Co. stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and application will be made to list the stock of the new company.—V. 115, p. 1949.

Kearns-Gorsuch Bottle Co.—Bond Issue.—J. D. Merriman & Co., Wheeling, recently offered \$800,000 25-Year 1st Mtge. 6% bonds at 98½ and int. Guaranteed, principal and interest by Hazel-Atlas Glass Co. Dated July 1 1922. Due July 1 1947. Interest payable J. & J. at Dollar Savings & Trust Co., Wheeling, W. Va., trustee, without deduction for any normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 (c). Callable all or part on any interest date upon two weeks' notice at 102 and interest. Beginning Jan. 1 1924, bonds shall be called at par on like notice at the rate of \$40,000 each year.
Bonds are secured by a first mortgage on the entire property of the company consisting of real estate, buildings, machinery, equipment,

improvements and any future acquisitions or improvements the company may make.
Proceeds are being used to build an additional unit with a capacity of twice the existing one.
Management.—Under direct management and control of Hazel-Atlas Glass Co.

Keystone Telephone Co., Philadelphia.—Earnings.—Earnings for 12 Months Ending Dec. 31 (Combined Companies).

	1922.	1921.	1920.
Gross earnings	\$1,703,274	\$1,739,043	\$1,758,231
Operating expenses and taxes	977,681	1,106,106	1,165,535
Net earnings	\$725,593	\$632,937	\$592,696
Less—Interest charges	501,235	475,809	436,998
Bal. avail. for divs., sur. & reserve.	\$224,358	\$157,128	\$155,698

—V. 115, p. 2164.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—December Sales.—

1922—Dec.—1921.	Increase.	1922—12 Mos.—1921.	Increase.
\$1,515,113	\$3,686,037	\$1,829,076	\$65,191,452
			\$55,859,010

\$9,332,442
—V. 115, p. 2589.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—December Sales.—

1922—Dec.—1921.	Increase.	1922—12 Mos.—1921.	Increase.
\$5,476,586	\$4,755,268	\$721,318	\$30,646,923
			\$28,909,481

\$1,737,442
—V. 115, p. 2693.

Laclede Gas Light Co., St. Louis, Mo.—Bonds Offered.—Halsey, Stuart & Co. and W. A. Harriman & Co., New York and Chicago, and G. H. Walker & Co., St. Louis, Mo., are offering at 96.45 and int., to yield about 5¼%, \$17,500,000 1st Mtge. Coll. & Ref. 30-Year 5½% gold bonds, Series C (see advertising pages).
Dated Feb. 1 1923. Due Feb. 1 1953. Int. payable F. & A. in New York and St. Louis without deduction for Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Penna. and Conn. 4-mills tax and Mass. income tax on int. not exceeding 6% of such int. refunded. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c* & r*) \$1,000 and multiples thereof. Red. all or part at any time on 30 days' notice at following prices and int.: Prior to Feb. 1 1933, at 105; on and from Feb. 1 1933 to Feb. 1 1943 at 103; on Feb. 1 1943 and thereafter at 102, except during last 6 months, when bonds will be red. at 100.
Issuance.—Authorized by Missouri P. S. Commission.
Listing.—Application will be made to list bonds on New York and St. Louis Stock Exchanges.

Data from Letter of Pres. C. L. Holman, St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 9. Company.—Operates under a special charter granted in 1857 by the Missouri Legislature, which is perpetual, and the validity of which has been established by the State Supreme Court. Has a record of 65 years of successful operation. Company is the only gas company selling gas within the limits of the City of St. Louis. Company also sells electricity, approximately 10% of its gross receipts being derived from the sale of electric current.
Capitalization After This Financing.—

1st Mtge. Collateral & Refunding 5½%	(x)	\$17,500,000
Refunding & Extension Mtge. 5s (closed)		\$20,000,000
Preferred stock (5% cumulative)		2,500,000
Common stock		37,500,000
x Authorized issue defined by the trust, y Remaining pledged under the mortgage securing the 1st Mtge. Coll. & Ref. bonds.		\$10,000,000

Purpose.—To retire \$16,000,000 1st Mtge. Coll. & Ref. 7s, Series A, and for general corporate purposes.
Earnings 12 Months Ended Dec. 31 1922 (Dec. Estimated).

Gross earnings	\$7,892,925
Net after oper. exp. incl. maintenance and taxes	3,336,295
Annual int. requirement on entire outstanding funded debt, including this issue.	1,462,500

Gas Sales (1,000 Cu. Ft.) and Number of Customers, Calendar Years.

	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922 (Dec. est.)
Sales	5,939,619	6,209,831	6,884,438	6,546,700	6,719,890
No. of customers	167,766	172,216	177,650	179,243	183,114

—V. 115, p. 2589.

Lawyers Mortgage Co., New York.—Annual Report.—

Year ending Dec. 31—	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Gross earnings	\$1,980,100	\$1,632,738	\$1,583,976	\$1,211,391
Expenses, incl. reserves	842,640	744,255	741,316	445,513
Net earnings	\$1,137,460	\$888,483	\$842,660	\$765,878

—V. 115, p. 2386.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.—Capital Increased.—The stockholders on Jan. 8 increased the authorized capital stock from \$65,752,700 (\$21,496,400 Common stock; \$21,496,400 Common stock, Class "B" and \$22,759,900 Pref. stock) to \$100,000,000, par \$100, to consist of \$21,496,400 Common, \$44,363,800 Common "B" stock and \$34,139,800 Preferred.—V. 115, p. 2589.

Lincoln Motor Co., Detroit.—Production.—Production of Lincoln cars for 1922, it is reported, totaled 5,379, compared with 2,196 in 1921 and 168 in 1920.—V. 115, p. 2053.

Long Island Lighting Co.—New Financing Approved.—The stockholders on Jan. 5 ratified an increase in the capital stock from \$6,000,000 (consisting of \$3,000,000 Common and \$3,000,000 7% Cumul. non-voting Pref.) to \$20,000,000 to consist of \$10,000,000 each Common and 7% Cumul. non-voting Pref. stock. The stockholders also approved the purchase of the entire property of the Nassau Light & Power Co. and approved the creation of a General & Refunding Mortgage.
The company has entered into a contract with the Radio Corporation to supply power for the station at Rocky Mount, L. I. It will require more electrical energy than the company supplies to the rest of the island.—V. 116, p. 83.

Los Angeles Lumber Products Steamship Co.—Bonds Offered.—First Securities Co., William R. Staats Co. and Security Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, are offering, at 100 and interest, \$500,000 First (Closed) Mtge. Marine Equipment 7% Serial Gold Bonds.
Dated Dec. 1 1922. Due \$100,000 each Dec. 1 from 1924 to 1928, incl. Interest payable J. & D. at Los Angeles without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, trustee. Redeemable, all or part, on any interest date, on 30 days' notice, at 103 and int. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c* & r*).

Data from Letter of President Fred L. Baker, San Pedro, Cal., Dec. 21. Company.—Organized Sept. 15 1922 for the purpose of owning and operating the three steel lumber schooners, El Cedro, El Abeto and El Cicuta, purchased from the United States Shipping Board.
Security.—Secured by a first closed mortgage on the three ships mentioned above, having a total deadweight tonnage of approximately 12,600 tons, having a total valuation of \$855,000.
Guaranty.—Guaranteed, principal and interest, by Los Angeles Lumber Products Co., which owns the entire outstanding stock of the steamship company.
Capitalization.—

First (closed) Mtge. Marine Equip. 7% Serial Gold Bds.	Auth.	Outstand
\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Common stock (all owned by Los Ang. Lum. Prod. Co.)	500,000	380,000

Ludlow Manufacturing Associates.—To Issue 20,000 Additional Shares at \$100.—The stockholders on Jan. 10 authorized the issue of 20,000 additional shares of stock, no par value, to be offered stockholders at \$100 per share in the ratio of one share of new stock for each six shares now held. The rights of the new stock is to be paid for Feb. 15. The new stock will carry dividends declared after Mar. 1 1923, but will not carry the dividend payable on the old stock Mar. 1.—V. 115, p. 2801.

Lyon & Healy, Inc. (of Ill.).—Prof. Stock Offered.—Ames, Emerich & Co., F. B. Hitchcock & Co. and Chicago Trust Co., Chicago, are offering at 100 and div. \$2,500,000 Cumulative 7% Pref. (a. & d.) stock (see advertising pages).

Dividends payable Q.—J. Red. all or part on 30 days' notice on any div. date at 110 and divs. Annual sinking fund beginning 1924 payable in cash or in Pref. stock at cost to the company, equivalent to 3% of largest amount of Pref. stock at any one time outstanding, or 25% of net profits after deduction of one year's Pref. dividends, whichever sum is greater, to be used for purchase or redemption of Pref. stock.

Capitalization Authorized and Outstanding (No Funded Debt).
Cumulative 7% Preferred stock (par value \$100 per share).....\$2,500,000
Common stock (par value \$20 per share).....4,500,000
Data from Letter of Marquette A. Healy, President of the Company.

Company.—Incorp. in December 1922 and has acquired the assets and business of Lyon & Healy, in continuous existence since 1864. In each of its 59 years of continuous operation company has shown a profit. Company distributes at retail in the Chicago district and at wholesale throughout the country "everything known in music"; it has 35,000 customers on its books and its modern store in Chicago is the largest music store in the world. It is the leading distributor of Steinway pianos and the largest distributor in its territory of Victor and Aeolian products. Factory at Healy, Ill., manufactures pianos, the Lyon & Healy harp and other musical instruments.

Assets.—Balance sheet as of Nov. 30 1922, adjusted to reflect this financing, but without taking into account profits for Dec., shows current assets amounting to more than 5.3 times current liabilities, net current assets equivalent to \$239 per share and net tangible assets equivalent to \$293 per share of Preferred stock.

	Earnings (Predecessor Company) Calendar Years.			
	Net Sales & Other Income.	Net Before Int. & Fed. Taxes.	Interest & Federal Taxes.	Balance & Surplus.
1917	\$5,768,122	\$860,815	\$151,812	\$709,633
1918	5,734,311	813,534	210,560	602,974
1919	8,060,314	1,532,765	463,895	1,118,871
1920	8,313,749	1,074,284	218,642	855,642
1921	7,167,592	357,426	54,992	302,434
1922 (Dec. est.)	7,835,747	589,338	87,000	502,338

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse company for cash expended in the acquisition of the assets of the predecessor company and to furnish additional working capital.

Listing.—Application will be made to list Preferred stock on the Chicago Stock Exchange.

Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co., Ltd.—Dividends.—The directors have declared (1) a dividend of 7% less income tax, on the 250,000 7% Cumul. Partic. Preference shares for the year ending Dec. 31 1922, and (2) an interim dividend of 5% less income tax on the 2,750,000 Ordinary shares on account of the year ending Dec. 31 1922. Both dividends are payable Feb. 1 1923 to shareholders of record Dec. 20 1922.—V. 115, p. 2387.

Merchants Shipbuilding Corp.—Shipyard Abandoned.—The corporation has announced that its shipbuilding plant at Chester, Pa., will be abandoned and all shipbuilding and steel fabricating work will be concentrated at the yards of the William Cramp & Sons Ship & Engine Building Co., Philadelphia. The future of the plant at Chester has not been determined.—V. 114, p. 1541.

Merritt Oil Corp.—Merger Negotiations.—See Mutual Oil Co. below.—V. 114, p. 1897.

Mexican Eagle Oil Co., Ltd., London.—Interim Report.—The interim report, issued on Dec. 31 1922 by the London agents, shows in substance:

Dividends.—The directors, having considered the estimated results of the company's operations for the fiscal year ended Dec. 31, have decided to pay an interim dividend of 8%, payable Dec. 31 1922. The accounts for the year will be issued in June 1923.

Results.—The trading results for the year 1922 have been materially affected by the lower prices which have ruled in the world generally, and particularly by the severe fall in the market freight rate for tank steamers, which is lower than it has been for the last ten years. During the last six months there has been a decline in the price of spirit, resulting in a reduction of about 40% in the net proceeds derived from the sale of such product.

Crude Oil.—Considerable quantities of crude oil were purchased during the year and converted into refined products, which were sold at a satisfactory profit.

Comparison of Oil Deliveries (in Barrels).		
Half-Year to—	June 30 1922.	Dec. 31 1921.
Tamlico	5,874,448	5,837,000
Tuxapat	7,106,450	6,113,500
Minatitlan	1,298,052	1,333,000
Total	14,278,950	13,333,500

It is anticipated that the total deliveries for the year 1922 will be somewhat less than those of the previous year.

Transport Service.—The fleet of the Eagle Oil Transport Co. in the service of the company amounts at the present time to 405,763 d. w. tons, which, it is anticipated, will increase by 16,400 tons in the early part of 1923.

Drilling.—During the period under review active drilling operations have been carried out. In the northern fields, production from Naranjos, Alazan and Potrero del Llano has continued, and further wells are being drilled in order to obtain the maximum total yield from these pools. A small, steady production is still being obtained from the Amatlan and Zacamiltex fields.

Owing to the appearance of salt water in the northern part of the Cerro Viejo fields, drilling operations were started near the southern boundary of this large property, with the result that well No. 15 was recently brought in with a production of 40,000 barrels per day. Further wells are being drilled, and there is some evidence that the pool in this area is distinct from that in the northern part of the field.

San Gerotimo Field.—This field, which showed a large initial production, has on further exploitation proved disappointing. The directors, however, are advised that the possibilities offered by this field justify further drilling. The development of the large Cazonas area has presented many technical difficulties, owing to the complicated structural conditions, but is confidently hoped that these difficulties will be overcome. In this region the company holds extensive acreage.

Isthmus of Tehuantepec.—In the Isthmus of Tehuantepec varied difficulties, which are being overcome, have caused delays in the developments on the salt dome properties. The favorable conditions are unchanged, and the directors are very confident that the wells in this district should be steady producers of good quality oil.

Unofficial Statements.—Directors are satisfied that it is wiser to continue their policy of issuing statements only when important news warrants such action, and they desire to repeat their previous warnings that regard should not be paid to unauthorized statements or rumors regarding the company's properties.

[Joseph Walker & Sons, 61 Broadway, members of the New York Stock Exchange, are interested in the company.]—V. 115, p. 2302, 2054.

Minneapolis Gas Light Co.—Gas Rate Upheld.—The U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld the decision of the District Court in granting the company the right to charge a rate sufficient to insure a return of 7½% as a reasonable return on its property valuation.—V. 115, p. 2693.

Montgomery Light & Water Power Co.—New Control.—See Alabama Power Co. above.—V. 111, p. 300.

Moon Motor Car Co.—Outlook.—President Stewart McDonald on Jan. 8 declared that the outlook for 1923 business for the company is between \$15,000,000 and \$18,000,000, which would mean profits equivalent to about \$10 per share on the Common stock. In 1922 approximately \$5 per share was earned. "Beginning Jan. 1," according to President McDonald, "the company began a monthly schedule of 1,250 cars. This production schedule will be increased as January is normally one of the slowest months in the year."—V. 115, p. 2802.

Morrison Metal Stamping Co.—Organized.—Capitalists of Jackson, Mich., and New York have organized the Morrison Metal Stamping Co. with an authorized capital stock of 20,000 shares of no par value, to engage in general automobile stamping business. Property adjoining the Hayes Wheel Co. plant in Jackson, Mich., has been obtained for a site. [It is reported that the organizers are individual stockholders of the Hayes Wheel Co.]

Mother Lode Coalition Mines Co.—Production.—The company in December last produced 2,043,859 pounds of copper, compared with 2,079,554 in November, a decrease of 35,695 pounds.—V. 115, p. 2694.

Mother Lode Copper Mines Co.—Production, &c.—President James J. Godfrey says the world is facing a shortage of copper because of the record consumption, based on December sales of 300,000,000 pounds.

Pres. Godfrey says in substance: "Mother Lode's production schedule this year is set for 36,000,000 pounds. During 1922 the company's output was 25,000,000 pounds and in 1921 18,000,000 pounds. "Under the milling contract between the Kennecott Copper Corp. and Mother Lode the latter's production during 1923 will be increased to 3,000,000 pounds monthly.

"Mother Lode stockholders have been considering a tentative proposal to sell their holdings to the Kennecott Copper Corp., but so far nothing has been accomplished."

It is reported that the Kennecott Copper Corp. will make another offer to the stockholders of the Mother Lode Co. and on a more liberal basis than that made about a year ago. In Jan. 1922 the Kennecott Corp. offered one share of stock for three shares of Mother Lode, but the terms were unsatisfactory.—V. 115, p. 1216.

Mutual Oil Co.—Plans To Acquire Merritt Oil Corp.—Negotiations are reported to be under way whereby the company may acquire the properties of the Merritt Oil Corp. in the Big Muddy field of Wyoming. The report states that the merger, if consummated, might result in important changes in the Wyoming oil fields. The Merritt Oil Co. is controlled by the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, through its ownership of the Midwest Refining Co. It is also understood that the Mutual will take over additional properties controlled by the Midwest Refining in the same fields.—V. 115, p. 2387.

Nash Motors Co.—\$2 50 Common Dividend—Initial Dividend on Preferred "A" Stock.—

The directors have declared a dividend of \$2 50 per share on the outstanding Common stock, no par value, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 19. On Dec. 28 1922, the company paid a stock dividend of three shares of new Preferred "A" stock, par \$100, and four shares of no par Common stock on each share of Common stock then outstanding. The company in the past four years (1919 to 1922 incl.) paid dividends totaling \$16 per annum on the old Common stock.

An initial dividend of 1¼% has also been declared on the Preferred "A" stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 19. See also V. 115, p. 2802, 2912.

Nashua (N. H.) Manufacturing Co.—Annual Report.—Years ending Oct. 31— 1921-22. 1920-21. 1919-20. 1918-19.
Sales.....\$8,205,290 \$12,670,706 \$25,833,410 \$18,463,455
Net profit before divs. xdf.1,113,361 def.316,512 1,210,205 1,820,424

x After all charges, depreciation, &c., but before Preferred dividends.			
Balance Sheet Oct. 31.			
	1922.	1921.	
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—
Plant account.....	11,487,004	14,073,841	Preferred stock....
Invest.—Nashua			Common stock.....
Homes Corp....	543,000	555,000	Notes payable....
Cash.....	934,539	803,484	Res. for deprec'n..
Accounts receiv..	2,409,838	4,533,156	Accts. payable....
Notes receivable..		21,560	Federal taxes....
Inventories.....	4,584,397	5,330,701	Res. for def. items, &c.
Prepaid int. & ins.	202,320	345,434	Surplus—Earned..
Deferred expenses.	102,751	272,967	Surplus paid in...
Total.....	20,263,848	25,936,144	Total.....

x Plant, \$15,192,722, less reserve for depreciation, \$3,705,718.—V. 116, p. 83.

National Sugar Refining Co.—New Officers, &c.—George W. Bunker has been elected as chairman of the board, a new office just created. Adolph Mollenhauer has been elected Vice-President and William K. Dick a director.—V. 115, p. 2388.

Newmarket Mfg. Co., Boston.—Stock Dividend, &c.—The company has increased its authorized capital stock from \$1,200,000 (all outstanding) to \$1,800,000, par \$100. The new stock is to be distributed as a 50% stock dividend to holders of record Dec. 29. Surplus Sept. 30 1922 was reported as \$2,471,537.—V. 111, p. 699.

New York State Gas & Electric Corp.—Tenders, &c.—The company will, until Jan. 15, receive bids for the sale to it of Standard Light Heat & Power Co. 1st Mtge. 4s and 1st and 2d Debenture 6s to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$10,000. Payment will be made at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City. See also Associated Gas & Electric Co. above.—V. 115, p. 2166.

New York Telephone Co.—Plans \$250,000,000 Impts.—Pres. Howard F. Thurber in a letter to the Public Service Commission, states that the company will spend approximately \$250,000,000 in the next 5 years for the purchase of telephone equipment and the acquisition of land in N. Y. City. The statement was made in reply to an inquiry by the Commission as to the increasing number of deferred applications. Mr. Thurber said that the gross expenditure for new plants in N. Y. City last year was \$45,500,000, and he estimated that the expenditure in 1923 would be \$55,000,000. He said that the company is now getting and expects to receive this year about one-third of the total output of the Western Electric Co.'s factory.

He said that 250,000 stations would be installed in 1923, comparing with 205,000 in 1922, 182,000 in 1921, 117,000 in 1920, and 176,000 in 1919, all large years.—V. 115, p. 1845.

Niagara & Erie Power Co.—Tenders.—The Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Jan. 31 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 5% 30-year Gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1941, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$25,115 at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 112, p. 2419.

Nipissing Mines Co., Ltd.—Production, &c.—The company in December mined one of an estimated net value of \$279,175 and shipped bullion of an estimated net value of \$262,187. The value of the month's silver production was estimated at 65c. an oz. The refinery shipped 405,297 fine ounces of bullion.—V. 115, p. 2803.

North German Lloyd SS. Co.—To Pay Bonds.—The Hamburg-American SS. Co. and the North German Lloyd SS. Co. (Germany) have called and will pay off on April 1 all mark bonds outstanding, paying mark for mark in the present currency. It is estimated that it will require less than \$10,000 in American money, converted into German marks, to pay off the entire \$32,500,000 of bonds.—V. 113, p. 2318.

North Missouri Power Co.—Bonds Offered.—Guaranty Trust Co., Kansas City, Mo., and Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, are offering at 99 and int., \$850,000 1st Mtge. & Ref. 6½% bonds.

Dated Dec. 15 1922. Due Dec. 15 1942. Interest payable J. & D. at Guaranty Trust Co., Kansas City, trustee, or Central Trust Co., Chicago, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Redeemable at 107½ and interest during first 5 years and thereafter at a premium of ½ of 1% for each year of unexpired life. Denom. \$1,000. \$500 and \$100 (c*).

Issuance.—Authorized by the Missouri P. S. Commission.

Data from Letter of V.-Pres. S. W. Henderson, Excelsior Springs, Mo., Dec. 15.

Company.—Is successor of Excelsior Springs Water, Gas & Electric Co. (V. 115, p. 2273). Has recently acquired additional properties which will substantially broaden the scope of its operations. Company has 4 principal steam generating stations located at Excelsior Springs, Brookfield, Edina and Novinger, and also purchases a substantial amount of electric energy under a favorable contract from the Kansas City Power & Light Co. for the Excelsior Springs group of properties. The Marysville Water & Electric Co. (controlled by stock ownership) has a steam generating station maintained as a reserve plant, the greater part of its electric energy being purchased from the hydro-electric station of the Marshall County Light & Power Co. At Excelsior Springs an artificial gas plant, having a daily capacity of 240,000 cu. ft., is operated. Water systems are operated at Excelsior Springs and at Marysville, Kan. Present high-tension transmission lines total 245 miles.

	Authorized	Issued
Common stock	\$1,000,000	\$600,000
Preferred stock	700,000	250,000
Exc. Spgs. W. G. & El. Co. 1st Mtge. 6s, 1932	Closed	421,500
1st Mtge. & Ref. 6½s	x	850,000

x Under terms of the trust deed escrow bonds may be issued under conservative restrictions.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for the acquisition of the additional properties referred to above; for the retirement of certain underlying liens and floating debt and for additions and extensions.

Earnings.—Combined earnings of the company and its subsidiary for the year ended Nov. 1 1922 show: Gross earnings, \$528,789; operating expenses, taxes, etc., \$333,002; net earnings available for interest on bonds, depreciation and dividends, \$195,787; interest on funded debt, \$80,540; balance, \$115,247.—V. 115, p. 2913.

North Saskatchewan Land Co., Ltd.—Bonds.

A third installment of 5% (making 35% to date) of the par value of the 6% 30-Year Sterling bonds (as stated in Canadian currency at the stipulated fixed rate of \$4 86 2-3 per £) amounting to \$24 33 1-3 per £100 bond, was to be paid Dec. 4 in Canadian currency (Toronto funds) by the receivers, National Trust Co., Ltd., Toronto, Can., or at Canadian Bank of Commerce, 2 Lombard St., London, E. C. 3, upon presentation of said bonds.—V. 114, p. 1660.

Norton Co., Worcester, Mass.—Stock Dividend, &c.

The company has increased its authorized capital stock from \$3,000,000 (all outstanding) to \$9,000,000, par \$100. The additional stock will be distributed to Common stockholders as a 200% stock dividend. The company also has an authorized issue of \$6,000,000 7% Cumul. 1st Pref. stock of which \$5,920,000 is outstanding.

Balance Sheet.

Nov. 30 '22		Dec. 31 '21		Nov. 30 '22		Dec. 31 '21	
Assets—	\$		\$	Liabilities—	\$		\$
Real est., mach., &c.	5,702,986	6,118,877	Preferred stock	5,920,000	5,920,000	Common stock	3,000,000
Notes & acc'ts rec.	1,193,010	456,359	Common stock	3,000,000	3,000,000	Accounts payable	175,846
Cash & Gov't sec.	2,073,885	770,463	Accounts payable	175,846	85,273	Accrued charges	3,901
Inventory	3,976,507	5,233,706	Accrued charges	3,901	Profit & loss surp.	7,815,707	7,184,844
Investments	3,642,902	3,378,954	Profit & loss surp.	7,815,707	7,184,844		
Miscell. assets	326,104	192,758					
Total	16,915,454	16,190,118	Total	16,915,454	16,190,118		

—V. 111, p. 499.

Ohio Fuel Oil Co.—Resumes Dividends.

A dividend of 50 cents per share has been declared on the outstanding Capital stock, par \$1, payable Jan. 20 to holders of record Jan. 15. This is the first dividend since Dec. 20 1918, when 50 cents per share was paid.—V. 114, p. 1898.

Ohio Fuel Supply Co.—Segregation Approved.

The Ohio P. S. Commission has approved the matter of segregation of the natural gas business of the company. The business will be transferred to a new company known as the Ohio Fuel Gas Co. The \$25,000,000 capital stock of the new company will be held by the Ohio Fuel Supply Co.—V. 115, p. 2803.

Ohio Leather Co.—Reorganization Plan.

A Youngstown dispatch states that the company is working out a plan of reorganization that is expected to help to overcome some of the troubles arising from losses of about \$2,000,000, resulting from the post-war slump in leather values. Stockholders will be asked to contribute about \$1,000,000 to hold their position under the reorganization plan and bankers to accept long term debentures for a portion of their loans now aggregating about \$2,300,000. The debenture issue would be cut to \$1,500,000.

Present Preferred stockholders will be asked, if it is stated, to pay in \$50 a share on that stock for which they will be given 8% 1st Pref. stock, and have their present Preferred holdings cut in half. They will also be given no par value Common as a bonus. If Preferred stockholders do not pay in their holdings will be cut one-fifth in the form of 7% 2d Pref. stock. Common stockholders will be asked to pay \$20 a share for which they will be given 2 shares of no par value Common. Otherwise their holdings will be canceled.—V. 114, p. 529.

Ohio Oil Co.—Production—Sales, &c.

President J. C. Donnell, before the Senate Manufacturers Committee, stated that the company and its subsidiaries produced 13,356,510 bbls. of oil in 1922, against 10,547,554 bbls. in 1921 and 9,644,497 bbls. in 1920. Purchases of oil by the company amounted to 6,558,340 bbls. in 1922, against 6,253,299 bbls. in 1921 and 4,416,446 bbls. in 1920. Total sales of crude oil in 1922 amounted to 15,456,745 bbls. at average price \$1.99. In 1921, 10,674,293 bbls. at \$2.22, and in 1920, 15,225,791 bbls. at \$3.19. The company in December last had in storage 13,000,000 bbls., of which 11,000,000 were available, balance not being usable.—V. 115, p. 2486.

Ohio Power Co.—Bonds Sold.—Dillon, Read & Co.; Lee, Higginson & Co., New York; and Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, have sold at 92 and interest, to net over 5.55%, \$2,000,000 First & Ref. Mtge. 5% Gold Bonds, Series B. Dated July 1 1922. Due July 1 1952. (See advertising pages.)

Issuance.—Approved by the Ohio Public Utilities Commission.

Data from Letter of President R. E. Breed, New York, Jan. 8 1923.

Company.—Owns and operates large electric power and light generating plants and distributing systems in important manufacturing and mining sections of Ohio. Transmission and distributing lines, amounting to over 1,395 miles, serve communities having a total population of approximately 400,000, including in all 76 cities and towns, among which are Canton, Mt. Vernon, Newark, Fremont, Lancaster, Bucyrus, Steubenville, East Liverpool, Lima and the Wheeling district west of the Ohio River. Principal power station, located at Windsor, 12 miles north of Wheeling, W. Va., has a present generating capacity of 120,000 k. w., of which 90,000 k. w. owned by company and is subject to the lien of this mortgage, 30,000 k. w. being owned by the West Penn Power Co.

Control.—Company is a subsidiary of American Gas & Electric Co.

Earnings Years Ended Nov. 30—

	1922	1921	1920
Gross revenues	\$8,404,047	\$8,007,485	\$7,391,677
Net revenues	3,223,654	3,084,156	2,338,884

Capitalization Outstanding After This Financing.

1st & Ref. M., Ser. A 7s, \$10,000,000 6% Preferred Stock	\$4,239,700
1st & Ref. M., Ser. B 5s	8,132,500
Common Stock	4,950,600
Divisional Issues	3,787,000

Renewal Fund.—Mortgage provides that the company shall on April 1 of each year, beginning April 1 1922, pay into a renewal and improvement fund a sum equal to 4½% of the bonds outstanding at the close of the preceding year (including underlying bonds) less the amounts expended on the property of the company during such year in repairing, maintaining, renewing and replacing the mortgaged property. Sums so deposited may be used to reimburse the company for excess expenditures for repairs, &c., and to call or redeem bonds or to reimburse the company for property additions against which no bonds may be issued.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be deposited with the trustee to be drawn down against future construction. Compare description of bonds, property, &c., in V. 115, p. 1639, 2055, 2694.

Old Dominion Power Co.—Notes Sold.—Chas. D. Barney & Co. announce the sale at 99 and int., to yield about 6¾% of \$500,000 First Mtge. Collateral Trust 6½% gold notes (see advertising pages).

Dated Jan. 1 1923. Due Jan. 1 1928. Int. payable J. & J. Callable at 101½ and int. prior to Jan. 1 1925 and at 100½ and int. thereafter. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c.). Co. agrees to pay the normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Penn. State 4 mills tax refunded. Chase National Bank, New York, trustee.

Company.—Furnishes electric light and power to various towns and communities in Wise County, Va. Territory served is mainly of a mining and industrial character.

A large part of the company's revenues is derived from the sale of power to the coal mines, including Wise Coal & Coke Co., Norton Coal & Coke Co., Virginia Iron, Coal & Coke Co., Clinchfield Coal Corp. and Blackwood Coal & Coke Co. In addition furnishes electric light to the towns of Norton, Wise, Coeburn and St. Paul (in construction), as well as doing the street lighting of these municipalities.

The generating equipment comprises 5,000 k.v.a. capacity. Transmission system comprises 36 miles of high tension line, and when additions now under construction are completed, there will be a total of 56 miles of transmission line under operation, in addition to over 20 miles of high-tension distribution lines.

Capitalization After This Financing	Authorized	Outstanding
First Mortgage Collateral Trust 6½% notes	\$500,000	\$500,000
Capital stock	1,000,000	769,200

There is an authorized issue of \$3,000,000 1st Mtge. bonds, \$500,000 of which will be issued and pledged as security for the gold notes.

Earnings for Twelve Months ended Dec. 31 1922 (December est.).

Gross earnings	\$282,900
Balance after operating expenses and taxes	\$146,000
Depreciation	37,000
Net earnings available for interest	\$109,000

Oliver Iron & Steel Corp.—Merger.

The Oliver Iron & Steel Co., manufacturers of carriage bolts, machine bolts, nuts and washers, of all sizes, rivets, light forgings, picks, crow bars, wagon irons, &c., and the Morris & Bailey Steel Co. of Pittsburgh, manufacturers of cold rolled strips, sheets and plates of every description, have been merged under the above name. The management of the two companies in the merger will continue as in the past. The Morris & Bailey Steel Co. will be known as Morris & Bailey Division, Oliver Iron & Steel Corp. The new corporation will continue to manufacture the complete lines that were made by the former companies. The new company, it is stated, will have an authorized capital of \$8,000,000.

Orono (Me.) Pulp & Paper Co.—Bonds Sold.—Merrill Trust Co. and Columbia Investment Co., Bangor., Me., have sold \$500,000 1st Mtge. & Real Estate Lien 6% gold bonds at 100 and in. A circular shows:

Dated Jan. 1 1923. Due Jan. 1 1943. Interest payable J. & J. without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c.). Redeemable on any interest date at 105 and interest. Merrill Trust Co., Bangor, Me., trustee.

Company.—Operates its own mills at Orono, Me. Has been successfully engaged in the manufacture of sulphite pulp, colored kraft, bag, envelope, wrapping, manifold, tissue, and specialty papers. Plants have a daily capacity of 50 tons of sulphite pulp and 60 tons of paper. Electrical energy for the operation of the plant is supplied from the company's hydro-electric development of 3,200 h. p. Timberlands owned and controlled are sufficient for a 30 years' supply at present rate of consumption.

Security.—A first closed mortgage on 87,500 acres of timberlands, subject only to an existing mortgage lien on one township of \$150,000, all of which will be paid off by April 1 1925. Further secured by a mortgage on the company's pulp and paper mills, hydro-electric plants, &c., now covered by the \$350,000 1st Mtge. 5% bonds outstanding.

Earnings.—For past 5 years net earnings applicable to bond interest, and after Federal taxes, have averaged about 7 times interest requirements for all bonds issued and to be issued. Earnings for 1922, December estimated, show net of \$228,495, or more than 4 times requirements.

Purpose.—To liquidate bank loans created for the purpose of acquiring a sufficient timberland reserve.

Capitalization After Giving Effect to the Present Financing.

1st Mtge. & Real Estate Lien 6% bonds (closed)	\$500,000
1st Mtge. 5% bonds, \$500,000; less sinking fund, \$150,000; outstanding	350,000
Mortgage Lien on one timberland tract due and payable 1923, 1924 and 1925	150,000
Capital stock, paying 8% dividends	1,984,000

Otis Co., Boston.—Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

Filed with Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations.

Assets—	1922	1921	Liabilities—	1922	1921
Real estate	\$2,951,549	\$2,182,081	Capital stock	\$800,000	\$800,000
Equip. accounts	2,960	50,146	Accts. & notes pay	1,873,515	686,586
Inventories	2,390,829	2,710,969	Surplus	\$3,617,011	4,170,837
Cash & debts rec.	871,578	505,227			
Investments	13,610	209,000	Total (each side)	\$6,290,526	\$5,657,423

* Includes reserve for Federal and State taxes.—V. 106, p. 928.

Ottawa (Ill.) Silica Co.—Bonds Sold.—Whiting & Co., Chicago, announced the sale at par and interest of \$500,000 First Mtge. 6% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds in the advertising pages of last week's "Chronicle."

Dated Dec. 15 1922. Due Dec. 15 1942. Interest payable J. & D. at First Trust Co. of Ottawa, Ill., trustee. Denom. \$1,000. Callable at 103 and interest on any interest date upon 30 days' notice. Normal Federal income tax up to 2% paid by the company.

Company.—Organized in 1900 to mine and ship washed and dried silica sand. Since that time has grown to be the largest producer of this product in the United States. Company's product is the finest grade of pure silica sand, being 99.89% pure silica. It is used in the manufacture of glass, steel, plaster, roofing, washing, and polishing powders and for grinding, sand blasting and sawing stone and marble. Present annual capacity is about 500,000 tons of washed and dried sand and its market is practically limited only by the ability to get cars for shipment.

Earnings.—Average net earnings for the past five years, after deducting all taxes and expenses and available for interest charges, are nearly four times the interest charges on this issue.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—11 Months Earnings.

Period—	1922—Nov.	1921—	1922—11 Mos.—	1921—
Gross earnings	\$3,280,274	\$3,035,040	\$35,748,172	\$34,272,148
Net after taxes	1,411,757	1,065,235	14,430,859	12,224,817
Bond interest & discount	476,626	407,122	5,111,632	4,725,454
Depreciation reserve	306,607	255,757	3,295,569	2,813,321
Pref. divs. accrued			2,421,245	2,012,526

Surplus—\$628,524 \$402,356 \$3,602,413 \$2,673,516

Vice-Pres. A. F. Hockenbeamer says that the company is starting the new year with 47,000 more customers on its books than a year ago, and that the prospects are for a continuation of this rate of growth and coupled with larger blocks of power signed up or applied for and not yet connected, indicate that the company may look forward with confidence to an unusually large volume of new business during 1923. It will also have the advantage of a full year's operation of the large hydro-electric development on Pit River, put in operation during the latter part of 1922.

By a recent decision of the Calif. RR. Commission, effective Feb. 20, electric rates will average about 9% lower in 1923, but the management does not consider it at all likely that the Common stock dividend policy of 6% cash and 2% stock established in Dec. will have to be changed, in view of the substantial surplus over this rate earned in 1922 and the prospect for enlarged business and more economical operation in 1923.—V. 116, p. 84.

Packard Motor Car Co.—Pres. Macauley Reviews Liberty Motor War Contract—Govt. Claims Profits Too Large and Contract Repudiation May Mean Tax Refund.—Pres. Alvan

Macauley in a letter to stockholders regarding the Govt. reopening of the Liberty Motor contract tax matter says:

A committee has been appointed by the War Department to consider audits of war contracts for production of Liberty engines and the company has been notified that the contracts are to be repudiated. A preliminary finding of this committee would indicate that the company may be asked to return to the Government a sum of approximately \$6,000,000 on the ground that under the contracts which the Government itself prepared and which have in all respects been fully performed and terminated 3 1/2 years ago, that this company made too large a profit. No account is taken of the fact that nearly 70% of the profit from the manufacture of these engines was immediately paid back to the Government in taxes.

Our net profit as shown by our books, for all our Liberty Motor work, extending over a period of practically two years, was actually less than the amount the Government would ask us to return.

The claim, if it is ever pressed, would not in a financial way be so serious as it sounds at first consideration, since the taxes that have already been paid would have to be refunded to us, thereby reducing the amount under consideration from \$6,000,000 to approximately \$2,000,000.

The War Department Committee in seeking now to repudiate our contract makes no claim of deception or concealment or misrepresentation. The Government was as thoroughly familiar with the facts as we; the committee simply claims now that our profits were too large, and they say this without allowing for the enormous taxes paid, and without consideration of the fact that our profits were larger, both before and after Liberty motor manufacture, than during its progress.

They do not take into consideration the fact that in order to get out the greatest number of Liberty motors in the shortest possible time, we turned over our entire factory needed for this purpose, and closed up our regular business of manufacturing Packard cars to embark upon the uncertainties and perils of Government contracts.

We are advised that these curious contracts are valid, and that the settlement made with the United States more than 3 1/2 years ago is likewise valid and concluded the matter, and that these contracts cannot be repudiated.

The net profits from 1916 to 1920, inclusive, were as follows:

1916	-----	\$6,206,419	1918	-----	\$5,616,701
1917	-----	\$5,400,691	1919	-----	\$5,433,634

* Years during which company manufactured Liberty motors.—V. 116, p. 84.

Paige-Detroit Motor Car Co.—Status.—

Sales in 1922 aggregated approximately \$41,000,000, compared with \$15,114,200 in 1921. Production in 1922 was 24,000 Paige cars and 12,000 Jewett cars, compared with 10,000 cars, the total output in 1921 and 14,000 in 1920. For 1923 the company plans an output of 40,000 Jewett cars and 15,000 Paige cars. On Jan. 1 bona fide orders with deposits attached exceeded by 20% the January manufacturing schedule.—("Wall Street Journal" Jan. 10.)—V. 115, p. 2591.

Peerless Oil Corporation.—Merger, &c.—

See Kansas & Gulf Co. above.

Penn Central Light & Power Co.—Stock.—

About 60% of the 13,800 shares of Preference stock offered to stockholders (V. 115, p. 2695) was subscribed for by more than 800 stockholders. The balance of the stock has been sold under the customer ownership plan.—V. 116, p. 84.

Pennsylvania Rubber Co., Jeannette, Pa.—Suit.—

The State of Texas has filed anti-trust proceedings in the Travis County District Court of Texas against the company. It is charged that illegal contracts have been made with distributors of the company in that State.—V. 110, p. 173.

Pennsylvania Water & Power Co.—Tenders.—

The Columbia Trust Co., trustee, 60 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Jan. 17 receive bids for the sale to it of First Mortgage 5% Sinking Fund gold bonds due Jan. 1 1940, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$75,097.—V. 115, p. 877.

Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co.—Bonds to Retire Loans.—

The officers of the company are reported to have arranged through local bankers to retire the outstanding bank loans. The plan, it is said, calls for the issuance of \$4,000,000 6% bonds and a like amount of 8% debentures. The company, it is reported, shipped in 1922 an aggregate of 1,523 passenger cars and 1,170 trucks (compared with a total of approximately 2,200 cars and trucks in 1921). Of the 1,523 cars, 502 were shipped in the first 6 months and 1,021 in the last 6 months. Truck shipments of 535 in the last half declined from 635 in the first 6 months.—V. 115, p. 2803.

Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association.—

Bonds Offered.—Clark, Williams & Co., Floyd-Jones, Vivian & Co. and Goodwin, Allen & Co., New York, are offering at 99 1/2% and int. \$500,000 1st (Closed) Mtge. & Coll. Trust 7 1/2% Gold bonds. A circular shows:

Red, all or part on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 110 and int. Int. payable J. & J. at Citizens-American Bank & Trust Co., Tampa, Fla., trustee, or Seaboard National Bank, New York, without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Penn. and Conn. 4 mills tax refunded. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c*). Dated Jan 1 1923, due 1933.

Common Stock Purchase Warrants.—Bonds carry stock option warrants (which may be detached, and either held or disposed of separately and apart from the bonds), entitling the holder thereof to purchase, within the periods below fixed, Common stock in the ratio of 10 shares for each \$1,000 of bonds to which these warrants are originally attached at \$100 per share on or before Jan. 1 1928, \$105 per share on or before Jan. 1 1929, \$110 per share on or before Jan. 1 1930, \$115 per share on or before Jan. 1 1931, \$120 per share on or before Jan. 1 1932, \$125 per share on or before Jan. 1 1933.

Company.—Incorp. in 1914 in Florida. Operates and manages one of the largest citrus fruit industries in the world, including approximately 5,000 acres, all of which it either owns or controls. During the present season company is producing approximately 60,000 boxes of fruit. Estimates based upon the annual production figures of the Florida Citrus Exchange indicate a production from these properties of 228,000 boxes in 1925, 470,000 boxes in 1927 and 1,000,000 boxes in 1930.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding. First Mtge. 7 1/2% bonds \$500,000 1,217,300 Capital stock (par \$100) 2,000,000 1,217,300

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to complete the company's purchase of 16,550 acres of timber lands adjoining the grove properties, which will insure the company a sufficient quantity of material for crates for an indefinite period of time. Balance of the proceeds will be used to liquidate certain present floating debt and to provide additional working capital.

Earnings.—Net earnings for past 5 years have averaged over 4 times interest requirements on these bonds, and for 1922 were over 4 1/2 times interest requirements. It is estimated that for 1923 net earnings, after Federal taxes, will amount to more than \$250,000 which, after providing for bond interest is equal to more than \$15 per share on the outstanding 12,173 shares of Capital stock.

Polack Tire & Rubber Co.—Dissolved.—

The stockholders recently voted to dissolve the company. A certificate to that effect has been filed with the Secretary of State at Albany, N. Y.—V. 115, p. 2487.

Postum Cereal Co., Inc.—Pref. Stock Purch.—Earnings.—

The company has purchased and placed in the treasury approximately 20,000 shares out of the original issue of 65,000 shares of Preferred stock sold in Feb. 1922 (V. 114, p. 745). Sinking fund requires that beginning with 1925 3% of total outstanding be retired annually. The company is using surplus earnings to purchase Preferred stock.

Gross sales this year are in excess of \$21,000,000, compared with \$17,774,284 in 1921. It is estimated that earnings available for dividends will approximate \$3,000,000 or about \$13 a share on the Common stock. Actual earnings, available for divs. for the 6 months ended June 30 1922 were \$1,541,212. The financial position is excellent and the company has never borrowed a dollar from banks.—("Wall Street Journal")—V. 115, p. 768.

Potomaska Mills, New Bedford, Mass.—Stock Div., &c.—

The company has issued to holders of record Dec. 29 \$600,000 capital stock, par \$100, as a 50% stock dividend, thereby increasing the authorized

and outstanding capital stock from \$1,200,000 to \$1,800,000.—V. 115, p. 2804.

Prairie Oil & Gas Co.—Acquisition.—

The company is reported to have acquired the 40% interest of West & Hazlett in the Kasoming Oil Co., for a sum said to be \$4,000,000. This gives the Prairie Oil Co. the entire control of the latter company. The Kasoming Oil Co. has properties in both the Salt Creek and Lost Soldier fields.—V. 115, p. 2695.

Princeton Telephone Co.—Acquisition.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Jan. 2 authorized the acquisition by the Princeton company of the properties of the Oakland City Telephone Co. and of certain properties of the Indiana Bell Telephone Co.—V. 115, p. 2804.

Producers & Refiners Corp.—Acquires Fensland Oil Co.—Resumes Dividends on Common Shares.—

The directors recently approved the acquisition of 51% of the stock of the Fensland Oil Co. Provision was made to offer to the minority stockholders of Fensland an opportunity to exchange their shares for Common shares of Producers & Refiners Corp. on the basis of 35-100 of one share of Producers & Refiners for each share of Fensland. Such offering is to be made after the authorization of the increase in capital of the Producers & Refiners Corp. Jan. 15.

Provision was made to offer to the minority stockholders of the Lyons Petroleum Co. an exchange of shares on the basis of 50 shares of Lyons Petroleum stock for one share of Producers & Refiners Corp. stock. The majority of shares of the Lyons Petroleum Co. is owned by the Producers & Refiners.

A dividend of \$1 per share has been declared on the outstanding Producers & Refiners Corp. Common stock, par \$50, payable March 15 to holders of record March 1. This is the first distribution on the stock since May 1921, when 1 1/4% was paid on the old stock of \$10 par value.—V. 115, p. 2804.

Public Service Electric Co.—Enlargement.—

This company (a subsidiary of the Public Service Corp. of N. J.) announced this week that work was being rushed on the installation at Burlington, of an additional unit of 12,500 kilowatts. This will give the plant a capacity of 37,500 kilowatts.—V. 115, p. 2278.

Quaker Oats Co., Chicago.—New Vice-Presidents.—

The company has appointed nine additional Vice-Presidents, in charge of various departments, as follows: C. A. Bowman, C. C. Coldren, G. A. MacDonald, Ernest Noell, J. C. Murray, T. W. Cloney, O. B. Holloway, C. A. Lahey, R. Douglas Stuart.—V. 115, p. 2487.

Quissett Mill (New Bedford, Mass.).—Balance Sheet.—

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Plant account	Dec. 19 '22. Dec. 31 '21.	Capital stock	Dec. 19 '22. Dec. 31 '21.
Cash, accts. rec. &c	\$2,230,462 \$2,227,772	Bonded debt	\$1,555,000 \$1,555,000
Inventory	1,674,778 1,466,447	Notes & accts. pay	4,000 4,000
Miscell. assets	987,192 1,445,419	Reserve for deprec	79,810 103,855
	37,313	Profit & loss	1,437,732 1,321,714
Total	\$4,892,432 \$5,176,951		1,815,890 2,192,382

Rand (Gold) Mines, Ltd.—Gold Output.—

Production of gold from the company's mines during December amounted to 790,000 ounces, compared with 764,000 in November, 773,000 in October, and 747,000 in September.—V. 115, p. 2913, 2695.

(Robert) Reis & Co.—Report for Final Quarter of 1922.—

Combined gross sales of the company and its subsidiaries for the fourth quarter ending Dec. 31 1922 amounted to \$1,742,094, compared with \$1,301,316 for the corresponding quarterly period of 1921. The month of December 1922 showed an increase in business of 50% over the corresponding month of 1921.—V. 115, p. 1846.

Reliance Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill.—Pref. Stock Offered.—

John Burnham & Co., Chicago, are offering at 99 and divs. \$2,500,000 7% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock (see adv. pages). Redeemable all or part at 115 and divs. up to and including Jan 1 1933, and thereafter at 110. Dividends payable Q.-J. Sinking fund established to call or purchase annually at least 3% of the largest amount of Preferred stock at any time outstanding.

Capitalization (No Funded Debt).—Authorized. Issued. 7% Cumulative Preferred stock (par value \$100) \$3,500,000 \$2,500,000 Common stock (par value \$10) 3,500,000 2,400,000

Note.—75% of the Common stock is owned by officers and employees. **Listing.**—Application will be made to list Pref. stock on Chicago Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of Pres. Milton F. Goodman, Chicago, Dec. 28.

Company.—Organized in Indiana in 1898 with an authorized capital of \$25,000. Is being incorporated in Illinois. Company is engaged in the manufacture of workmen's shirts and is the largest in this line in the United States. Present capacity of plants in excess of 5,000 dozen garments per day. Operates 18 factories (including 6 equipped by it in State institutions) reaching from Connecticut to Oklahoma. Principal plants located at Michigan City, Columbus, Bedford, Seymour, Washington, North Vernon, Edinburg, Loogootee and North Judson, Ind. Number of employees about 4,500.

Company is also financially interested in Cotton Mills Products Co., operating cotton mills in Winona, Natchez and Yazoo City, Miss., and Montgomery, Ala.

Net Sales and Net Profits—Calendar Years.

1916	-----	\$3,893,425	xNet Profits.	1920	-----	\$10,242,359	xNet Profits.
1917	-----	5,321,812		1921	-----	6,461,011	481,756
1918	-----	6,815,396		1922(11 mos.)	-----	8,788,161	990,409
1919	-----	7,567,340	1,087,005				

x After deducting all expenses, but before providing for Federal taxes and special compensation.

Reynolds Wire Co., Dixon, Ill.—Bonds Offered.—

Peabody, Houghteling & Co., Chicago, are offering at prices ranging from par and int. to 100.48 and int. according to maturity \$250,000 1st Mtge. 6 1/2% serial gold bonds, dated Dec. 1 1922. Due annually Dec. 1 1923 to 1932, incl. Red. in reverse of numerical order, upon 60 days' notice on Dec. 1 1923, or on any int. date thereafter, at 103 and int. Int. payable at Peabody, Houghteling & Co., Chicago, without deduction for Federal income tax, not in excess of 2%. First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee.

Earnings.—For the fiscal years ended July 31 1922 earnings for int., depreciation and Federal taxes have been as follows: 1918, \$144,951; 1919, \$79,729; 1920, \$64,897; 1921, \$71,084; and 1922, \$96,749.

Company.—Incorp. in Illinois in 1894. A manufacturing plant located on the Rock River, equipped as wire weaving plant. The water power rights are now used by the company in conjunction with the Illinois Northern Utilities Co. Principal products are drawn wire and woven wire cloth.

Sales.—Sales are reported as follows: 1918, \$569,766; 1919, \$76,560; 1920, \$652,819; 1921, \$634,042, and 1922, \$757,659.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding. Capital stock \$250,000 \$225,000 1st Mtge. serial bonds 500,000 250,000

Robeson-Rochester Corporation.—Consolidation.—

This company was incorporated in New York Jan. 2 1923 as a consolidation of Rochester Stamping Co. and Robeson Cutlery Co., both of Rochester, N. Y. Both companies were controlled by the same interests and the consolidation is more or less one of economy.

The authorized capital of the new company is \$2,000,000 common (par \$25), \$800,000 First 7% Cum. Pref. (par \$100) and \$850,000 7% Cum. 2d Pref. stock (par \$100); outstanding, common, \$1,700,000; First Pref., \$480,000; Second Pref., \$850,000. All classes of stock have equal voting power. President George W. Robeson, Rochester, N. Y.

Rogers, Peet Co. (Outfitters), N. Y.—Obituary.—

President Frank S. Turnbull died at Montclair, N. J., Jan. 5.—V. 112, p. 2544.

Royal Dutch Petroleum Co.—Acquisition.—

See British Controlled Oilfields, Ltd. above.—V. 115, p. 2695.

St. Paul Gas Light Co.—To Build Plant.—The company recently applied to the Federal Power Commission for authority to build a 20,000 h. p. electric power plant in St. Paul, to cost \$1,500,000.—V. 113, p. 2729.

Santa Monica Mountain Park Co.—Bonds Offered.—First Securities Co., Los Angeles; Anglo London Paris National Bank, San Francisco; Security Trust & Savings Bank, and California Securities Co., Los Angeles, are offering at par and int. \$2,200,000 1st Mtge. 6% serial gold bonds. A circular shows:

Dated Nov. 1 1922. Due Nov. 1 1926 to 1932, incl. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (*). Int. payable M. & N. at office of Anglo-California Trust Co., San Francisco, trustee. Red. on 30 days' notice in entire amount of next ensuing maturity or maturities, or by lot for less than the entire amount of next maturity, on any int. date at 105 and int. Normal income tax paid not in excess of 2%.

Guaranty.—Bonds are guaranteed principal and int. by R. C. Gillis, Arthur H. Fleming and Marjorie F. Lloyd-Smith of Los Angeles.

Property.—Property, located within the city limits of Los Angeles, is within the famous old Spanish Land Grants, Rancho Boca De Santa Monica and Rancho San Vicente Y Santa Monica, consisting of 22,069 acres. Appraised value of property \$4,491,000.

Savannah Sugar Refining Co.—To Increase Capital.—The stockholders will vote Jan. 25 on increasing the authorized capital from 27,500 shares of Pref. stock (par \$100) and 49,500 shares of Common stock (no par value) to 37,500 shares Pref. (par \$100) and 57,500 shares Common (no par value). Of the increased Common stock, 30,000 shares shall be issued only in exchange for outstanding Preferred stock at the rate of four-fifths of a share of Common for each share of Preferred.—V. 115, p. 878.

Schulte Retail Stores Corporation.—December Sales.—

Month of December—	1922.	1921.	Increase.
Gross sales—	\$2,873,785	\$2,221,425	\$652,360

—V. 115, p. 2804, 2695.

Shaffer Oil & Refining Co.—Notes Called.—Certain of the Convertible 8% Serial gold notes dated May 1 1921 have been called for payment Feb. 1 at 105 and interest at the office of the First National Bank, New York, or at the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. The notes so called are of Series "B," due May 1 1923, and Series "C," due May 1 1924.

Holders of the above notes may, at their option, surrender any of said notes owned by them at any time prior to Feb. 1 1923, at either of said offices, and to receive in payment therefor 105 and int. to date of surrender.—V. 115, p. 2695.

Sharon (Pa.) Steel Hoop Co.—Initial Dividend, &c.—The directors have authorized the initial payment of 2% on the new Pref. stock issued in June last (V. 115, p. 83). President S. P. Ker states that earnings for November and December last were in excess of all charges, bond interest and preferred dividends.—V. 115, p. 2390.

Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.—Dividends.—The Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y. has received a dividend on the Ordinary shares so held by it, of 2s. per Ordinary share, par £1 sterling each, the equivalent thereof, distributable to holders of "American shares" under the terms of the agreement, is 92½ cents on each "American share." This dividend will be distributed by the trust company on Jan. 24 to the registered holders of "American shares" of record as of Jan. 16.—V. 115, p. 2695.

Shredded Wheat Co.—Stock Increase.—The stockholders on Jan. 5 approved the plan to increase the present authorized Common stock from \$8,750,000 (par \$100) to \$10,000,000. The new stock will be offered to stockholders of record (Pref. and Common) Jan. 20 at par in the ratio of one new to eight old. It is the intention to retire the present \$1,250,000 Pref. stock from the proceeds. See V. 115, p. 2914.

Smith & Wesson, Inc.—Bonds Offered.—Estabrook & Co. are offering at 99 and int., \$500,000 15-Year First (Closed) Mtge. 5½% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds.

Dated Jan. 2 1923. Due Jan. 1 1938. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (*). Interest payable J. & J. in Boston without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. State Street Trust Co., Boston, trustee. Redeemable on any int. date, all or part, at 105 and int. to and including July 1 1928; thereafter at face value and ½ of 1% premium for each year or fraction thereof from date of redemption to maturity.

Capitalization.—First Mtge. 5½% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, \$500,000; Common Stock, \$2,500,000.

Company.—Is the outgrowth of a business founded in 1852 at Norwich, Conn. Business is to-day the largest in the world engaged exclusively in the manufacture of revolvers and pistols. Plant located at Springfield, Mass., has a floor space of 185,000 sq. ft., with a productive capacity of about 125,000 arms per annum. [The company was recently incorporated in Massachusetts.]

Earnings.—Net earnings of company and its predecessors after deduction of all tax charges for the ten years ended July 31 1922 have averaged over nine times interest requirements on these bonds and over five times combined interest and bond sinking fund charges.

Security.—Secured by a first mortgage upon all the real estate of the company. They are also a direct obligation of the company which has net equity assets almost twice the face amount of bonds now being issued and total net tangible assets, after deducting all reserves, of more than 3½ times this issue. Company has ample working capital for its normal requirements.

Sinking Fund.—Under the terms of the indenture securing these bonds a sinking fund has been established which is adjudged sufficient to retire the entire issue by maturity. Bonds may be called or purchased for the sinking fund at not exceeding the redemption price.—V. 110, p. 1978.

Southern California Edison Co.—To Pay Bonds.—Full provision has been made for the payment of the \$1,000,000 of debentures, maturing Jan. 15.

The California RR. Commission has authorized the company to issue and pledge or sell at not less than par \$1,761,000 of bonds secured by a mortgage and deed of trust from Pacific Light & Power Corp. to the U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co.—V. 115, p. 2279.

Southern Counties Gas Co. (Calif.).—To Issue Stock.—The California Railroad Commission has authorized the company issue \$375,000 of Common stock for the purpose of reimbursing its treasury on account of surplus earnings invested in its property. The company had asked for authority to issue \$750,000 as a stock dividend. The Commission held that it did not have authority to authorize a stock dividend, but could authorize the issue of stock for treasury reimbursement. The Commission, it is stated, also held that the company's apparent surplus of \$938,740 was in fact only \$385,069 when full allowance is made for depreciation.—V. 115, p. 2592.

Spring Canyon Coal Co.—Sale.—It is reported that this company has been purchased by James B. Smith, President of the King Coal Co. of San Francisco, Calif., and associates. The amount involved in the sale, it is stated, has not been made public.—V. 114, p. 2249.

Spring Valley Water Co.—Bonds Offered.—The bankers named below are offering at 98½ and int. to yield about 5.12% \$22,000,000 1st Mtge. 5% gold bonds (see adv. pages).

Bankers Making Offering.—Mercantile Trust Co., San Francisco; Equitable Trust Co., New York; First National Corp., Boston; Blair & Co., Inc., N. Y.; Union Trust Co., Chicago; Security Trust & Savings Bank and First Securities Co., Los Angeles; Wells-Fargo Nevada National Bank, Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., Union Trust Co., San Francisco; Security Savings & Trust Co., Portland, Ore.; Anglo London Paris Co., San Francisco; First National Bank, Oakland, Cal.; Union Bank & Trust

Co., Los Angeles; American National Co. and Security Bank & Trust Co., San Francisco.

Dated May 1 1923. Due May 1 1943. Interest payable M. & N. at Union Trust Co., 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 the first 10 years, and thereafter at ½ less each year, but not less than par. In the event of purchase of the operative properties by the City of San Francisco, 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 (*). Authorized \$40,000,000. Additional bonds may be issued only under fixed restrictions.

Issuance.—Authorized by California Railroad Commission.

Data from Letter of V. Pres. S. P. Eastman, San Francisco, Jan. 5. **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 62,119 acres of land owned in fee and riparian rights to 33,343 acres, together with 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.—Operative properties of company were appraised as of March 1 1920 by the California Railroad Commission at \$37,000,000, since which date there have been added improvements, extensions and additions, making a total valuation exceeding \$38,000,000.

Franchises.—Franchises are perpetual and no monetary value has been placed upon them in the appraisal made by the Commission.

Security.—Upon retirement of the present outstanding bonds on Dec. 1 1923, this issue will be secured by a first mortgage on all of 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, and to provide for additions and extensions to properties.

Public Relations.—The City of San Francisco has been given a 12-year option to purchase the operative properties at the Commission's valuation, made in 1920, of \$37,000,000 plus certain additions since that date. In the meantime the city will build a bay conduit to be leased to the company, to augment the water supply. In case the city exercises its option to purchase the water company's properties, the trust indenture under which these bonds are to be secured, will provide that the city may assume these bonds as a municipal obligation.

Earnings Available for Bond Interest—Calendar Years.

1917	\$2,144,317	1920	\$2,184,708	1922 (Dec. est.)	\$2,727,000
1918	2,231,550	1921	2,372,474		
1919	2,280,476			Average	2,323,421

Earnings.—Average earnings for the past 6 years, after providing for all operating expenses, depreciation and taxes, including Federal taxes, have been 2.11 times the annual interest requirement of \$1,100,000 on the new \$22,000,000 issue of bonds. For 1922 (December estimated) available earnings have been equal to 2.47 times this interest requirement.

Dividends.—Dividends have been paid by this company and its predecessor without interruption since 1863, except for the period April 1906, to November 1908. Present dividends are being paid at the rate of 5% per annum on the \$28,000,000 outstanding Common stock. See also V. 116, p. 85.

Standard Rice Co., Inc., Houston, Tex.—Stock Div.—On Dec. 12 a 200% stock dividend was declared payable to stockholders of record of that date. This stock distribution increased the authorized and outstanding capital stock from \$500,000 to \$1,500,000. There is no Preferred stock authorized or outstanding.

The company also has no mortgage, bonded or funded debt outstanding.—V. 115, p. 2914.

Steel & Tube Co. of America.—Acquired.—See Youngtown Sheet & Tube Co. below.—V. 115, p. 2696.

Sterling Products (Inc.).—Listing—Earnings.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after Jan. 15 of 100,547 additional shares of its Capital stock, no par value, making a total applied for of 603,282 shares.

The 100,547 additional shares were offered pro rata to the stockholders of record Dec. 29 1922 at \$50 per share, in the ratio of one new share for each 5 shares held. Subscription and payment must be made on or before Jan. 15 1923 at the office of the Dollar Savings & Trust Co., at Wheeling, in Wheeling or New York funds, or at American Exchange National Bank, 128 Broadway, New York, in New York funds. The entire issue of 100,547 shares has been underwritten.

The profit and loss statement Jan. 1 to Oct. 31 1922 of Sterling Products (Inc.) and all subsidiaries (subject to adjustment), shows: Surplus Jan. 1 1922, \$2,555,320; net profits for period after Federal and State taxes, \$2,984,886; total surplus, \$5,540,207. Deduct—Previous period adjustments, amortization of patents, tax refunds, &c. (net), \$419,243. Dividends paid (a) Sterling Products (Inc.), \$909,295; (b) Sterling Remedy Co. Pref. (not owned), \$10,378; balance Oct. 31 1922, \$4,201,290.—V. 115, p. 2805.

(M. T.) Stevens Sons & Co., North Andover, Mass.—The company has increased its authorized Common stock from \$870,000 (all outstanding) to \$5,000,000, par \$100. Of the additional \$4,130,000 new Common stock, \$3,132,000 will be distributed as a 360% stock dividend to Common stockholders of record Dec. 30. The company also has an authorized issue of \$600,000 6% Pref. stock, par \$100 (all outstanding). The surplus Oct. 31 1922 was \$7,012,321, compared with \$6,299,979 Oct. 31 1921.

Stromberg Carburetor Co. of America, Inc.—Increase.—The stockholders on Jan. 10 increased the authorized capital stock from 75,000 shares (all outstanding) to 150,000 shares, no par value. Compare V. 115, p. 2914, 2488.

Stutz Motor Car Co. of America, Inc.—Bonds Offered.—Janney & Co., Frasier & Co., Inc., and Stroud & Co., Inc., Philadelphia, are offering at 100 and int., \$1,000,000 15-Year 7½% Conv. Gold Debenture bonds.

Dated Oct. 1 1922. Due Oct. 1 1937. Denom. \$1,000 (*). Red. at 107½ and interest until Oct. 1 1927, and thereafter at 105 and interest. Interest payable A. & O. without deduction of the normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Guaranty Trust Co., New York, trustee. Convertible into stock on the basis of 33 shares for each \$1,000 bond. Pennsylvania 4 mills tax refunded.

Data from Letter of Pres. W. N. Thompson, Indianapolis, Ind. Dec. 20

Capitalization (After Present Financing)—Authorized. Outstanding.

15-Year 7½% Conv. gold debts	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000
Common stock (no par value)	x263,000 shs.	230,000 shs.

x 33,000 shares reserved for the conversion of \$1,000,000 bonds. **Company.**—Incorporated in 1916 to take over a business established in 1911. Manufactures the well-known Stutz car. Plant located in Indianapolis, has a floor space of 370,000 sq. ft. and a capacity of 6,500 cars per annum.

Earnings.—Net earnings before taxes, for the 5 years ended Dec. 31 1921 averaged \$808,477, or more than 10 times the annual interest charges on this issue.

Owing to conditions existing prior to the acquisition of the control of the company by the present owners, operations for the year 1922 showed a loss. Prospects for 1923, however, are most promising.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture provides for semi-annual payments to a sinking fund, beginning Oct. 1 1923, in an amount equal to 2½% of the amount of bonds theretofore issued.

Equity.—Present market price of stock outstanding, including the 30,000 shares to be issued, which have been underwritten, indicates an equity of approximately \$4,000,000.

Purpose.—To strongly fortify its cash position preparatory to placing on the market a new model car, in addition to the present models now being produced.—V. 115, p. 2057.

Sweet's Steel Co., Williamsport, Pa.—Bonds Offered.—The First National Bank, Williamsport, Pa., recently offered at 95 and int. \$400,000 20-Year First (Closed) Mtge. 6% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1922. Due Nov. 1 1942. A circular shows:

Interest payable M. & N. at First National Bank, Williamsport, Pa. Federal income tax paid by company. Denom. \$500 (*). Exempt from

Pennsylvania State tax. Minimum sinking fund, payable Nov. 1 1923, and annually thereafter, will provide for 50% of the issue before maturity at 101 and interest; if not obtainable for the sinking fund to be called by lot. Redeemable on any interest date, after Nov. 1 1924, upon four weeks' notice at 101 and interest.

Company.—Originally founded in 1859 at Syracuse, N. Y., and removed to Williamsport in 1903. Principal business is re-rolling steel rails, angle bars, splice plates, steel ties, special shapes, &c. Company is the largest in the United States engaged in similar business.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to liquidate bank and other loans and to provide additional working capital.

Earnings.—Average annual earnings for the past six years have been \$209,718 before Federal taxes, or over 8 times int. charges on this issue.

Capital and Surplus.—Preferred 6% Cum. stock (auth. \$300,000), outstanding, \$26,900; Common stock (auth. \$600,000) outstanding, \$370,000. Surplus (subject to allowance for accumulated divs. on pref. stock, aggregating \$8,809, to Sept. 30 1922), \$182,237.

Syracuse Light & Power Co.—Tenders.

The Equitable Trust Co., trustee, 37 Wall St., N. Y. City, will until Jan. 19 receive bids for the sale to it of 5% Coll. Trust Sinking Fund Gold bonds, due July 1 1954, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$23,150.—V. 115, p. 191.

Syracuse (N. Y.) Washing Machine Corp.—To Retire Preferred Stock.

The corporation will redeem on April 1 all of its outstanding \$1,000,000 8% Conv. Pref. stock, par \$100 at 115 and divs. also \$100,000 of 8% Non-Conv. Pref. stock, par \$100, at 115 and divs. Payment will be made at the Syracuse Trust Co., 326 South Warren St., Syracuse, N. Y., on or before April 1.—V. 112, p. 168.

Texas Co.—Acquires Wyoming Holdings.

The company has purchased the Dugan-Knepper tract of 160 acres in the south end of the Salt Creek, Wyo., oil field. This makes the third acquisition of property in that district completed recently by the company.—V. 116, p. 86.

Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co.—Acquisition.

The company, it is stated, recently acquired an interest in the Homestake Exploration Corp., which holds and is developing a large acreage in the Kevin-Sunburst field and on Bowdoin Dome in Phillips County, Mont.—V. 115, p. 445.

Textile Securities Co., Boston.—Par Value Changed.

The authorized capital stock has been changed from 16,000 shares, par \$50 (not \$100), to 32,000 fully paid shares, no par value. The entire amount of the newly authorized stock is to be issued for distribution to present stockholders in exchange for old stock in the proportion of two shares new stock for each share of old stock.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$2 per share, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20. No dividends will be paid on the old stock, and stockholders should deposit such stock on or before Jan. 20, in order to receive the dividend.—V. 115, p. 2914.

Tindel-Morris Co.—Sale of Plant.

Wm. H. W. Quick & Bro., Inc., Philadelphia, are offering for sale the remaining portion of the company's plant for account of the bondholders' committee, having title through foreclosure. The portion of the plant located at Eddystone, Pa., has about 45,680 sq. ft. of floor space, is equipped with valuable modern machinery, &c.—V. 113, p. 1259.

Troy (N. Y.) Gas Co.—Capital Stock Changes.

The stockholders will vote Jan. 19 on changing the authorized Capital stock from 50,000 shares (25,000 shares outstanding), par \$100, to 150,000 shares, no par value. The company proposes to issue 3 shares of new no par stock for each share of \$100 par now outstanding.—V. 111, p. 196.

Trumbull Steel Co.—Capital Readjustment.

The stockholders will vote Feb. 6 on increasing the Preferred stock from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000, and on authorizing the issuance of 1,000,000 shares of no par value Common stock. The present Common consists of 1,000,000 shares (par \$25), of which 520,000 shares are outstanding.

If the change is authorized, the present Common stock will be exchanged, share for share, for the new no par value shares. The balance of the stock will be retained in the treasury. Of the increased Preferred about \$1,000,000 will be used to retire a like amount of Liberty Steel Co. Preferred, a subsidiary, and that company will be dissolved.—V. 115, p. 2488.

Union Oil Co. of California.—\$1 75 Dividend.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 75 per share on the outstanding \$90,000,000 Capital stock, par \$100, payable Jan. 27 to holders of record Jan. 10. This is equal to \$3 15 per share per quarter on the old \$50,000,000 stock outstanding before payment Dec. 20 of the 80% stock dividend, and compares with extras of 1% each and regular dividends of 2% each paid quarterly from Oct. 1920 to Oct. 1922, incl.—V. 115, p. 2592, 2488.

Union Stock Yards Co. of Omaha, Ltd. (South Omaha, Neb.).

Total Receipts and Shipments of Stock (Calendar Years).

Statistics—No.	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Receipts of stock—Cattle.....	1,612,143	1,340,492	1,524,121	1,874,996
Calves.....	132,108	94,084	78,678	100,240
Hogs.....	2,839,382	2,665,276	2,708,482	3,179,116
Sheep.....	2,532,787	2,752,962	2,890,748	3,789,188
Horses and mules.....	8,871	6,779	18,751	25,201
Shipments—Cattle.....	695,473	545,510	644,363	765,561
Calves.....	96,051	60,056	37,201	51,085
Hogs.....	610,227	691,865	709,977	648,283
Sheep.....	921,921	1,014,928	1,467,392	2,128,009
Horses and mules.....	5,833	4,851	16,619	22,600

Union Tank Car Co.—1 1/4% Com. Div.—Equip. Orders.
A quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% has been declared on the outstanding \$18,000,000 Common stock, par \$100, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 5. On Dec. 28 last, the company paid a 50% stock dividend on the then outstanding \$12,000,000 Common stock. On the latter amount, dividends of 1 1/4% each were paid quarterly from March 1920 to Dec. 1922 incl.

By mutual consent, the order for 500 tank cars recently placed with the General American Tank Car Corp. has been canceled and an order for 500 tank cars placed with the American Car & Foundry Co.—V. 115, p. 2915.

United Soda Fountain Co.—Preferred Stock Offered.

Barstow, Hill & Co., Boston, recently offered \$200,000 7% Cumul. Participating First Pref. (a. & d.) stock, par \$100. First Pref. stock participates equally with Common stock in dividends (cash or stock) exceeding \$7 per share on the Common stock. Dividends payable Q.-J. on first days of February, May, August and November.

Capitalization.—7% Participating First Pref. Stock, \$200,000; 7% Second Pref. Stock (non-participating), \$150,000; Common Stock, no par value, 3,000 shares.

Company.—Incorp. in Massachusetts in 1919. Owns and operates modern equipped factory devoted exclusively to the manufacture of soda water apparatus. Product has been sold to over 500 customers in the U. S.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used to reduce bank loans and to double production.

U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co. (Balt.).—Obituary.

President John R. Bland died at Baltimore, Md., Jan. 6.—V. 115, p. 2488.

United States Glass Co.—Dividend Rate Increased.

The company has declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the new \$25 par stock, payable Jan. 27 to holders of record Jan. 20. This compares with dividends of \$1 per share paid quarterly since July 1917 on the old \$100 par value stock.—V. 116, p. 86.

U. S. Industrial Alcohol Co.—Acquires Steamers.

The company is reported to have acquired through one of its subsidiaries three tank steamers, the total tonnage of which is 17,000 tons. These tankers have been put in service.—V. 114, p. 1774.

United States Realty & Improvement Co.—Preferred Stock Offered.—Blair & Co., Inc., are offering at 104 1/2 flat per share \$4,000,000 7% Cumul. Convertible Pref. (a. & d.) stock (par \$100).

Stock is convertible at any time prior to Nov. 1 1925, share for share, into the Common Stock, on which dividends of 6% per annum are now being paid. Dividends payable Q.-F. Redeemable at any time after April 30 1926 at 115 and dividend.

Listing.—Both Preferred and Common Stocks listed on N. Y. Stock Exch. Data from Letter of President H. S. Black, New York, Jan. 6 1923.

Company.—Organized in New Jersey in 1904. Owns either directly in its own name or through subsidiaries, valuable income-producing property in New York City, upon which are located the following modern office buildings: Trinity Building, 111 Broadway; U. S. Realty Building, 115 Broadway; Whitehall Building, 17 Battery Place; and the Fuller (Flatiron) Building, Broadway and 23d Street.

In addition, company has substantial interests in various other real estate companies which own and operate the following properties: Plaza Hotel, The Hippodrome Hotel Breslin, Two-Ninety-Nine Park Avenue Building, Broad Exchange Building, &c.

Company also owns the entire \$3,000,000 Capital Stock of George A. Fuller Co. The latter company operates in nearly all of the principal cities of the United States and through subsidiaries in Canada and Japan.

Capitalization After Present Financing.—Authorized. Outstanding. Preferred Stock 7% Cum. Conv. (this issue).....\$10,000,000 \$8,081,400 Common Stock.....30,000,000 16,162,800

There are \$11,434,000 Real Estate Mortgages outstanding on the properties of the company and its subsidiaries, George A. Fuller Co. and Trinity Buildings Corporation, representing less than 40% of actual cost.

There are also outstanding \$8,384,000 5% Debenture Bonds which fall due on July 1 1924 to the retirement of which at or before maturity the proceeds of the Preferred Stock issue will be applied.

Earnings.—The average annual earnings for the ten years ended April 30 1922 amounted to \$1,890,865 per annum, or over 3 1/4 times the annual dividend requirements of \$565,698 on the Preferred Stock now outstanding and for the fiscal year 1922 were over 5 1/2 times such dividend requirements.

Net income derived from investments in real estate and securities alone, for the fiscal year 1922, amounted to \$2,333,973, or over four times annual dividend requirements on the Preferred Stock.

The yearly net profits for the past 18 years from building contracts executed by the George A. Fuller Co., a subsidiary, have averaged \$762,000, which is alone in excess of the annual dividend requirements on the outstanding Preferred Stock.

Assets.—The consolidated balance sheet as of Oct. 31 1922 (V. 115, p. 2154), assuming the retirement of the 5% Debentures, shows total net assets amounting to \$31,425,964, equivalent to \$388 per share on the Preferred Stock now outstanding. The company's real estate is carried on its books at cost, but based on reproduction values of improved real estate, its worth is considerably in excess of the original cost.

Purpose.—The present \$8,081,400 Preferred Stock was sold in order to provide for the company's \$8,384,000 outstanding 5% Debenture Bonds which mature July 1 1924. Compare also V. 115, p. 2154, 2168, 2391, 2696, 2915.

United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co.

F. Y. Robertson of N. Y., Vice-President and Manager of metal sales, has been elected a director, succeeding H. Wendell Endicott.

George W. Heintz has resigned as Vice-President in charge of Western operations, but will remain with the company in a consulting capacity; Neil W. Rice, 2d Vice-President, has been made Vice-President; C. A. Hight has been made Vice-President and General Counsel; Sidney J. Jennings has been elected Vice-President and consulting engineer.—V. 115, p. 2915.

United States Steel Corp.—Unfilled Orders.

See "Trade and Traffic Movements" above.—V. 116, p. 86.

United States Worsted Co.—Reorganization Approved.

The stockholders on Jan. 11 approved the proposed reorganization. It is stated that a group of minority shareholders, headed by Chas. J. O'Malley, will probably organize a protective committee to start litigation. See plan in V. 115, p. 2696.

(V.) Vivaudou, Inc.—Closes Contract—Earnings, &c.

The company has closed a contract with the Mineralava Co., whereby the former becomes the exclusive selling agent for 21 years. The Mineralava Co. agrees to spend a minimum of \$1,000,000 a year for advertising.

According to semi-official advices this contract alone, based on business completed in the last three months and the outlook for 1923, is expected to earn more than \$3 a share on the 300,000 shares of Vivaudou stock. Vivaudou is reported to have had a successful year in its regular business and early consideration is expected to be given to the resumption of dividends. Regular business is expected to show around \$4 a share, to which should be added extra earnings from the Mineralava Co.—V. 115, p. 2169.

Waldorf System, Inc.—Earnings for 11 Months.

The company reports total sales for the eleven months ended Nov. 30 1922 of \$11,012,205, compared with \$10,309,809 for entire year of 1921; cost of sales, \$8,953,076, against \$8,508,227 in 1921; gross income, \$1,926,941, compared with \$1,564,551 for the full year of 1921; net income after charges and taxes amounting to \$814,427, was \$1,112,514, as against \$819,933 in the entire year of 1921.

Plans 100% Stock Dividend.

It is estimated that the directors will meet soon and declare a 100% stock dividend. It is also proposed to change the par value of the stock from \$10 par to no par value.

Following such action it is expected the increased stock will be placed on at least a \$1 50 annual dividend basis, against \$2 being paid on the present issue. The new rate on the increased stock will, therefore, be equivalent to \$3 on the stock now outstanding.

Application has been made to list the stock on the New York Stock Exchange.—V. 115, p. 2697.

Waltham Watch Co.—Reorganization Plan.

The committees for the Preferred and Common stockholders have adopted a plan of reorganization and have recommended its acceptance by the stockholders, believing "that it will re-establish the finances of the company on a satisfactory basis." Stockholders will vote Feb. 8 on approving the plan.

Digest of Plan of Reorganization Dated Dec. 28 1922.

To Organize New Company.—It is proposed to organize a new corporation in Massachusetts to acquire either directly or indirectly the assets and business of the present company subject to its liabilities.

Capitalization of New Company.—The new company will issue upon organization, for the purpose of carrying out the plan, the following: 1st Mtge. 20-Year 6s.....\$3,000,000 6% Preferred stock.....\$5,000,000 5-Year 6% Debts.....3,000,000 Cl. A Com. stk. (no par).....25,000 shs. 7% Cumul. Prior Pref. stk 1,700,000 Cl. B Com. stk. (no par).....70,000 shs.

Present Notes & Debt To Be Paid Off.—The outstanding \$3,000,000 of coupon notes dated Aug. 1 1919 and due Aug. 1 1924, and about \$4,200,000 of bank loans will be paid in cash and, including accrued interest, will call for an amount substantially in excess of \$7,000,000.

New Securities Underwritten.—In order to provide this amount of cash, the \$1,700,000 of 7% Cumul. Prior Pref. stock will be offered for subscription at par to the present stockholders, and it is proposed to sell to a syndicate of which Kidder, Peabody & Co. will be the managers, the \$3,000,000 of 1st Mtge. bonds, \$3,000,000 of 5-Year Debentures, 10,000 shares of the 6% Pref. stock and 7,000 shares of Common stock, Class B.

For this it is expected that the Syndicate will pay the sum of \$5,300,000 in cash and will agree to underwrite the subscription to the \$1,700,000 of Prior Preference stock, thus making the amount of the commitment \$7,000,000. It is also proposed that the syndicate shall purchase the 25,000 shares of Class A Com. stock and pay therefor the sum of \$250,000.

Rights of Present Stockholders.—The \$1,700,000 of 7% Cumul. Prior Pref. stock will be offered for subscription by the present stockholders on the following basis:

Each Preferred stockholder (\$5,000,000 outstanding) who assents to the plan will have the right to subscribe at par for \$20 of the new Prior Preference stock for each share of Preferred stock which he now owns,

and upon payment in cash of his subscription will receive \$20 in Prior Preference stock and 8-10 of a share of the new Preferred 6% stock. Each Common stockholder (\$7,000,000 outstanding) who assents to the plan will have the right to subscribe at par for \$10 of the new Prior Pref. stock for each share of Common stock now owned, and upon payment in cash of his subscription will receive \$10 of the new Prior Preference stock and 9-10 of a share of the new Common stock, Class B.

Stockholders who assent to the plan, but who do not elect to subscribe to the new Prior Preference stock, will, in the case of Preferred stockholders, receive 25% of their present holdings in the new 6% Preferred stock, and, in the case of Common stockholders, will receive 1/4 share of the new Common stock, Class B, for each share of Common stock now held.

Contract with Syndicate.—The contract with the syndicate will provide that the syndicate shall purchase at par such portion of the new Prior Preference stock as is not subscribed and paid for by the present stockholders, and that the syndicate shall receive for each \$20 or \$10 paid by them an equal face value of the new Prior Preference stock and 55-100 of a share of the new 6% Preferred stock or 65-100 of a share of the new Common stock as the case may be. The syndicate will receive no compensation for their underwriting agreement other than the securities purchased by them under their contract.

Description of New Securities.

1st Mtge. Bonds.—The \$3,000,000 1st Mtge. bonds will be callable all or part, on any interest day, at 110 and interest, and will be secured by a first mortgage of the fixed assets of the new corporation.

6% Debentures.—The \$3,000,000 5-Year 6% debentures will be callable on any interest day at par and interest. Provision will be made for an annual non-cumulative sinking fund of \$100,000 payable out of net earnings after the payment of interest, such sinking fund to be used for the purchase or call of debentures. If the earnings are insufficient for the payment of the annual sinking fund of \$100,000, such portion thereof as is available shall be applied for that purpose.

Prior Preference Stock.—The 7% Cumul. Prior Pref. stock will be callable all or part at 105 and dividends. Dividends payable out of net earnings after the payment of the annual sinking fund for the debentures in preference and priority to any dividends on the remaining stock.

6% Preferred Stock.—The 6% Pref. stock will be callable at par and will be convertible into Common stock, Class B, share for share. Will be preferred in liquidation to the extent of par to the Common stock, and will be preferred as to dividends over the Common stock with the exception of the provision hereinafter made for the Common stock, Class A, and the dividends shall be non-cumulative except as hereinafter provided.

Class A Common.—The Common stock, Class A, shall be entitled to 20% of the annual net earnings left after paying all interest charges, dividends on the Prior Preference stock and providing during the first five years for the annual sinking fund to retire the debentures. The Preferred stock shall be entitled to the balance of said net earnings to an amount not exceeding 6% per annum on the outstanding Preferred stock.

The rights of the Class A Common stock to 20% of the net earnings shall be non-cumulative. If any dividend is paid to them for any year a dividend equal to four times as much shall be paid or accumulated on the Preferred stock provided that the amount so paid or accumulated shall not exceed the full amount of their 6% dividend on the outstanding Preferred stock for said year.

Net earnings in excess of the 20% to which the Class A stock is entitled, and the amount required for current and accumulated dividends on the Preferred stock shall be applicable to the payment of dividends on the Common stock, Class B, up to an amount equal to \$4 per share, and thereafter, if such dividends are paid on the Common stock, Class B, shall be applied to the payment of dividends on the Common stock, Class A, to an amount equal to \$4 per share on the 70,000 shares of Common stock, Class B, originally issued, or \$280,000, and thereafter the Common stock, Class B, and the Common stock, Class A, shall each be entitled to 50% of the excess earnings.

In case of liquidation Common stock, Class B, and Common stock, Class A, shall share pro rata in the proceeds of liquidation, after the payment of the Prior Preference and Preferred stock.

Voting Power.—All the stock, both Preferred and Common, shall have equal voting power. (For stockholders' protective committees, balance sheet as of Aug. 31 1922, &c., see V. 115, p. 154.)—V. 115, p. 2915, 2392

(John) Wanamaker, N. Y. & Phila.—New President.—Rodman Wanamaker has been elected President of both corporations, succeeding the late John Wanamaker. William L. Nevin has been elected Vice-President of both corporations, succeeding Rodman Wanamaker. Joseph D. Williams has been elected a director of the Philadelphia corporation.—V. 115, p. 998.

Watsonville Water & Light Co.—To Sell System.—The company has applied to the California RR. Commission for authority to sell its water system to the City of Watsonville, Calif., at an agreed-upon price of \$200,000.

Weir Stove Co., Boston.—Stock Dividend, &c.—The company has filed a certificate with the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations showing an increase in capital stock from \$120,000 to \$1,200,000, par \$100, by the issuance of 6,000 shares of 8% Cumul. Pref. stock and 4,800 additional shares of Common stock, all to be issued as a 900% stock dividend to Common stockholders of record Dec. 30 last. Surplus on Oct. 31, it is stated, was \$1,682,800.

Western Electric Co.—To Build Plant.—The company has purchased a tract of land comprising 55 acres on the Kearny Meadows in New Jersey, south of the Lincoln Highway, upon which it will immediately begin the erection of factory buildings. It is the intention of the company to establish on this land an eastern factory to supplement the manufacturing operations now carried on at its extensive Hawthorne plant in Chicago.—V. 115, p. 2488.

White Eagle Oil & Refining Co.—Big Export Order.—The company through its foreign representative in Paris has received an order for an export cargo of 2,000,000 gallons of light-gravity gasoline.—V. 115, p. 2806.

Whitman Mills (New Bedford).—Balance Sheet.

Assets—	Sept. 30 '22	Dec. 31 '21	Liabilities—	Sept. 30 '22	Dec. 31 '21
Real est., mach. & equipment	\$3,738,430	\$3,574,115	Capital stock	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Merchandise	1,963,710	1,660,664	Notes payable	845,000	695,000
Cash & accts. rec.	679,505	566,264	Deprec., &c., res.	1,657,644	1,403,691
Deferred charges	57,431	60,744	Cotton acceptances	139,307	—
Total	\$6,439,076	\$5,861,787	Total	\$6,439,076	\$5,861,787

—V. 115, p. 2806.

Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.—Acquisition of Steel & Tube Co. of America—Terms of Brier Hill Acquisition.

President J. A. Campbell on Jan. 9 announced that negotiations for the acquisition of the Steel & Tube Co. of America, whose plants are in the Chicago district, have been concluded. The details of the terms by which the Steel & Tube will be taken over have not been made known, but it is intimated that the Pref. stock of approximately \$16,850,000 will be called in at 110 and dividend.

President Campbell's statement is as follows: "The Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. has reached an agreement with the Steel & Tube Co. of America for the purchase of its assets and the Attorney-General of the United States and the Federal Trade Commission have been advised of this agreement and also advised that full details of the terms will be submitted to them as soon as these can be prepared. Meetings of the stockholders and directors of the two companies will be called as soon as possible for the purpose of ratifying the agreement reached."

The terms of the agreement by which the Youngstown company will acquire the Brier Hill Steel Co. are as follows:

"The Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. has agreed to exchange a part of its Common stock for the Common stock of Brier Hill Steel Co. as follows: 1 share of Youngstown Common stock for 4 shares of Brier Hill Common stock. And has agreed, at its option, to either retire the Preferred stock of Brier Hill according to the terms of its issue, or to exchange therefor one share of the Pref. stock of the Youngstown company for one share of the Preferred stock of Brier Hill company, provided a sufficient amount of the Common stock of Brier Hill is offered for exchange in accordance with the above terms, as will, in the judgment of the President of the Youngstown company, be sufficient to insure the control and acquisition of the entire assets and properties of the Brier Hill Steel Co."

It is stated that virtually all of the Common stockholders of the Brier Hill have signed assents for the sale of their stock on the above basis. It is expected that Brier Hill Steel will be dissolved.

Until the terms of the Steel & Tube purchase are announced, the capitalization of the combined properties cannot be stated. On Dec. 31 1922 the approximate capitalization of each company was:

	Bonds	Pref. Stock	Common Stock
Youngstown	—	\$9,974,000	800,000 shs. (no par)
Brier Hill	(x)	5,000,000	750,125 shs. (no par)
Steel & Tube	\$24,551,109	16,842,400	967,330 shs. (nom. par \$2)

x Company in October sold \$10,000,000 of bonds for plant extensions (V. 115, p. 1636).

The "Iron Age" Jan. 11 says: With the acquisition of the Brier Hill Steel Co., purchased in Dec. (V. 115, p. 2806), and the Steel & Tube Co., the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. will have an annual ingot capacity of 3,060,000 gross tons, representing nearly 6% of the total estimated ingot capacity of the country. Estimated book value of the combined properties totals more than \$250,000,000. Below is given a statement of the blast furnaces, steel works and rolling mills of the three companies, with their capacities. Putting the Steel Corporation's steel capacity at 45% that of Bethlehem (with Midvale included) at 15%, the enlarged Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. brings the total represented in the three corporations to 66%.

	No.	Annual Capacity.
Blast Furnaces—		
Brier Hill	3	531,000 gross tons
Youngstown Sheet & Tube	6	1,080,000 gross tons
Steel & Tube Co.	8	1,109,000 gross tons

	H. H. Con-Furnaces, verters.	Annual Capacity. Ingots.
Steel Works—		
Brier Hill	12	600,000 gross tons
Youngstown Sheet & Tube	24	1,500,000 gross tons
Steel & Tube Co.	4	960,000 gross tons
Total	40	3,060,000 gross tons

	Rolled Products—Gross Tons.		Steel & Tube Co.	Total.
	Brier Hill.	Youngstown.		
Pipe	—	450,000	310,000	760,000
Skelp	—	534,000	180,000	714,000
Sheets	170,000	88,400	—	258,400
Plates	240,000	225,000	180,000	645,000
x Slabs, &c.	510,000	1,250,000	600,000	2,360,000
y Bars, &c.	—	225,000	—	225,000
Wire (net tons)	—	126,000	—	126,000
Nails (kegs)	—	1,350,000	—	1,350,000

x Includes slabs, blooms, billets and sheet bars. y Includes bars, shapes, hoops, bands, bolt and nut rods.—V. 115, p. 2806, 1544.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Tobey & Kirk, members of the New York Stock Exchange, the Chicago Stock Exchange, the Chicago Board of Trade and the Cleveland Stock Exchange, and one of the oldest investment houses in Wall Street, on Jan. 8 celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the firm. On the completion of a half century of investment service the members of the firm sent out invitations to their friends to join them at the offices at 25 Broad St. in observing the anniversary. The firm of Tobey & Kirk was founded in 1873 by Salathiel H. Tobey, the grandfather of two of the present partners, Harold and Allen Tobey. The firm was originally established to deal in unlisted securities, their office being then located on the site of the present New York Stock Exchange in a building originally the private residence of an old New York family. At that time the Stock Exchange was but a small affair, a larger volume of business in securities being done by brokers who met under a large tree where the Mills Building now stands. To-day the firm has large offices at 25 Broad St., with branch offices in Chicago, Akron and New Haven.

—Farr & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, 133 Front St., New York, are distributing a circular on Central Aguirre Sugar Co., which contains comparative consolidated balance sheets of 1921 and 1922 and a discussion of the management, property, earnings, dividends and prospects of this company. Copies of this circular will be sent free on request.

—G. M. P. Murphy & Co., 52 Broadway, N. Y. City, announce that D. Raymond Noyes has been admitted as a general partner in the firm. Mr. Noyes was formerly Vice-President and General Manager of the Foreign Credit Corp. and was for many years associated with Messrs. Brown Brothers & Co.

—Morgan Goetchius, on the staff of J. D. Mooney, Vice-President in charge of foreign affairs of the General Motors Corp., sailed Saturday Jan. 6 for Europe to investigate the possibilities of further development of the General Motors extensive operations in Western Europe.

—Faber, Garvin & Co. announce that Edward S. Bowland, Jr., formerly with the National Bank of Commerce, is now associated with them in their time money department.

—Jos. M. Shoemaker has been admitted to membership in the firm of Cadbury, Ellis & Haines, members Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Franklin Bank Building, Philadelphia.

—The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed registrar for the Capital stock of the Textile Banking Co., Inc., consisting of 20,000 shares, par value \$100.

—H. W. Peacock, Jr., has been elected a Vice-President of Harvey Fisk & Sons, Inc., and will be in charge of their Philadelphia office in the Land Title Building.

—The Columb a Trust Co. will act as depository for International Products Steamship Co. Marine Equipment Trust 7% Gold bonds.

—A domestic securities department under the management of A. Paul Jones has been added to the Philadelphia office of C. B. Richard & Co.

—Ogilby & Austin, 149 Broadway, N. Y. City, announce that Harold McGay has become associated with them as manager of their trading department.

—H. L. Emerson is now in charge of the New York office of Richards, Parish & Lamson, Logan C. Cambron having severed his connection with them on Jan. 1.

—Logan C. Cambron, formerly New York manager for Richards, Parrish & Lamson, has become associated with N. S. Hill & Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio.

—Frazier & Co., Inc., of Philadelphia, announce that Louis P. Forster is now associated with them.

—Paul L. Treanor is now associated with Gardner, Pogue & Willard. Mr. Treanor was formerly with Hornblower & Weeks.

—Greene & Co., Stock Exchange Building, Philadelphia, announce that Asher L. Westerfield and Arthur P. Sully have become associated with them in their bond department.

—Edward H. Gilbert, Jr., formerly with White, Weld & Co., is now associated with Abbott, Hoppin & Co. as manager of their bond department.

—Childs, Kilmer & Clarke, 30 Broad St., N. Y. City, announce that W. R. Campbell is associated with them in their bond department.

—Harold J. Browne, formerly with Barr Brothers & Co., is now associated with Shrewsbury & Co., specializing in Canadian Provincial bonds.

—The Equitable Trust Co. of New York has been appointed Transfer Agent of the stock of the Central American Plantations Corporation.

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COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, Jan. 12 1923.

[The introductory remarks usually appearing here will be found to-day in an earlier part of the paper, immediately following the editorial matter, in a new department headed "INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY."]

COFFEE on the spot firm; No. 7 Rio, 11 5/8 @ 11 3/4 c.; No. 4 Santos, 15 1/4 @ 15 1/2 c.; fair to good Cucuta, 16 @ 16 1/4 c. Futures advanced. Not a few contend that no great decline is likely before the new Brazilian crop begins to move. Present supplies are expected to be absorbed before that time, even including valorization coffee. Switching from July to March at 75 points discounts on July has been done to a certain extent. Rio advanced on the 9th inst. 300 to 400 reis, it was reported, and Santos rose slightly. Nervous shorts here covered. Small sales were reported last Monday of Santos 4s at 15c. c. & f. On Tuesday 1,500 bags sold at 14.15c. Rio 7s were 10.75 to 11c., compared with recent sales at 10.60c.

The world's visible supply of coffee on Jan. 1 was 7,953,310 bags, a decrease during December of 288,634 bags, against 9,262,824 bags a year ago, a decrease of 1,300,514 bags. Laneville of Havre, makes the visible show a decrease of 277,000 bags and the world's deliveries for the first 6 months of this crop 9,191,000 bags, against 10,000,000 bags on the last crop, a decrease of 815,000 bags. This decrease in so-called consumption is 122,980 bags in the United States and 692,020 bags in other consuming countries. As to the United States it is contended by some that its consumption was never larger than it is now and that the decrease is due to the carrying of a smaller invisible stock. Meanwhile Brazilian receipts keep up, although it is true they are 1,154,000 bags smaller than last year and are still restricted. The Brazil exchange market, it is remarked, fails to greatly improve. Shipments of the next Santos crop are now held at higher prices with moderate offerings. Some are asking themselves if a 2-cent decline fully discounts a large Santos crop. That is the question. The trouble is said to be that consuming countries are not carrying sufficient reserve stocks. They average, it seems, not over three months requirements and must be steady buyers. The Brazilian Government too may decide upon another valorization campaign. Later the continued firmness of Brazilian markets and the scarcity of coffee available here for delivery on contracts, forced the trade shorts to cover freely in March. Some regard the New York futures as about the cheapest market. To-day prices advanced again with a good demand. December forged to the front as the most conspicuous feature of the buying. Though Santos cables came easier, Rio advanced. Final prices here are up 63 points for the week on March.

Spot (unofficial) 11 1/4 | May ----- 10 16 @ 10 17 | September --- 9 13 @ 9 15
 March ----- 10 58 @ 10 60 | July ----- 9 69 @ 9 70 | December --- 8 88 @ 8 89

SUGAR declined with larger offerings and no very insistent demand. The price is double that of a year ago. This, it is contended, neutralizes the smallness of the stocks in Cuba. Local refiners bought 20,500 bags of Cuba loading or clearing Jan. 12 to 14 at 3 5/8 c. c. & f. On Tuesday holders were again quoting 3 11-16c. for early Cuba and 3 5/8 c. for second half January. Later 5,000 bags clearing about Jan. 24 sold at 5.28c. c. i. f. or about 3 1/2 c. for Cuba. Wall St. is said to have sold 2,000 tons of March on Tuesday. Later 90 centrals were grinding in Cuba. Trading in sugar futures has fallen off sharply in the last week. Just now there is plenty of sugar available for all immediate needs, and until more of the crop is either sold or under contract for sale, some do not expect any material advance. Later it was stated that 98 centrals were reported grinding in Cuba, which is more than twice as many at this time last year. Under pressure of the new crop some look for lower prices.

Receipts at Cuban ports for the week ended Jan. 8 were 52,938 tons, against 29,900 in the previous week, 15,937 in the same week last year, and 23,673 in 1921; exports, 40,466, against 21,948 in the previous week, 6,132 in the same week last year and 4,342 in 1921; stock, 49,343 tons, against 36,871 in the previous week, 21,783 in the same week last year and 37,051 in 1921. Centrals grinding totaled 84, against 87 in the preceding week, 42 in the same week last year and 78 two years ago. Receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week ended Jan. 10 were 45,710 tons, against 14,999 in the preceding week, 49,589 in the same week last year and 15,571 two years ago; meltings, 30,000 tons, against 31,431 in the preceding week, 49,000 in the same week last year, and 20,000 two years ago; total stock, 28,114 tons, against 12,404 tons in the preceding week, 32,118 in the same week last year and 54,767 two years ago. Willett & Gray state the American consumption of sugar in 1922 at 5,002,758 tons, against 4,107,328 tons in 1921. The 1922 consumption was a high record. The American Sugar Refining Co. puts

the total at 5,010,757 tons. The 1922 consumption included 2,890,571 tons of Cuban, 2,164,821 tons domestic beets, and cane, including that from insular possessions, and 37,366 tons of full duty outside sugar.

The "Louisiana Planter" in its issue of Jan. 6 said heavy rains interrupted harvesting operations on a few plantations that are still operating in the southwestern section of the sugar belt, and in other sections plantations that have finished grinding are making what preparations the weather will permit for spring planting. The condition of the seed cane is reported favorable and the indications are that there will be a marked increase in the area planted this year over that of the preceding year. Particular attention is being paid to methods of controlling the attacks of the Mosaic disease. Plantations that have not finished grinding are reporting very satisfactory yields and expect to complete operations by the 15th inst. Marketing of Louisiana sugars continues favorable with satisfactory returns in prices and the industry represents a very promising development for this year. On Thursday there was more activity in raws here. And the tone was better. Porto Rico prompt sold at 5.28c., c.i.f. And a cargo Jan. 19 loading, at 5.34c., c.i.f.; Cuban, for first half of February, sold at 3 5/8 c. c. & f. for second half of January clearance, at 3 9-16c. c. & f. Refined dropped to 6.90c. To-day prices were no more than steady for raw. Buyers have taken 200,000 bags or more lately. They were less disposed to buy. Futures declined 2 to 3 points and end about that much lower for the week.

Spot (unoff'l) 5.34 | May ----- 3 49 @ 3 50 | September --- 3.68 @ 3.69
 March ----- 3.39 @ ----- | July ----- 3.60 @ 3.61 | December --- @ -----

LARD quiet; prime Western, 11.90 @ 12c.; refined to Continent, 12.75c.; South America, 13c.; Brazil, in kegs, 14c. Futures declined at one time with hogs and lower cables. Hogs were in big supply. Packers sold. Shorts and Eastern interests bought. European buyers were inquiring. On the 8th inst. deliveries of lard on January contracts were 450,000 lbs. Later prices rallied. The domestic consumption of lard continues large. Hog slaughterings at Western primaries last week were estimated at 878,000, against 456,000 a year ago. On the 11th inst. prices advanced with hogs and grain. To-day they declined slightly with grain. The ending is 3 points lower for the week on January and 2 points higher on March.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
January delivery	cts. 11.02	10.92	11.00	11.05	11.15	11.12
March delivery	11.15	11.07	11.15	11.17	11.30	11.27
May delivery	11.32	11.22	11.30	11.32	11.45	11.42

PORK quiet; mess, \$28 @ \$28 50; family, \$30 @ \$32; short clear, \$22 50 @ \$27 50. Beef dull; 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 quiet; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 16 1/4 @ 17 3/4 c.; pickled bellies, 10 to 12 lbs., 15c. Butter, creamery, second to high scoring, 47 @ 56 1/2 c. Cheese, flats, 26 @ 29c. Eggs, fresh-gathered first to extra, 45 @ 51c.

OILS.—Linseed quiet but steady. There is a fair inquiry for May-August oil at \$1 @ 83c. Spot oil, though, is in light demand. Spot, carloads, 87c.; tanks, 86c.; less than carloads, 93c.; less than 5 barrels, 96c. Coconut oil, Ceylon barrels, 9 1/2 c.; Cochin, 10 1/4 @ 10 3/8 c. Corn, crude, refined, 100 barrels, 12 3/4 c. Olive, \$1 15 @ \$1 17. Lard, strained winter, 14c.; extra, 13 1/2 c. Cod, domestic, 58c. nom.; Newfoundland, 61c. Spirits of turpentine, \$1 52 @ \$1 55. Rosin, \$6 15 @ \$8. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, 14,400 barrels, including switches. Crude, S.E., 9.62 1/2 c. Prices closed as follows:

Spot ----- 10.60 @ ----- | March ----- 10.96 @ 10.98 | June ----- 11.20 @ 11.28
 January ----- 10.75 @ 10.85 | April ----- 11.06 @ 11.08 | July ----- 11.31 @ 11.32
 February ----- 10.75 @ 10.85 | May ----- 11.17 @ 11.18 | August ----- 11.33 @ 11.39

PETROLEUM does not show much change. Production of crude oil continues to increase. Stocks of most products are much in excess of demand. Yet prices are steady. There is a better export demand for gasoline and prices are slightly firmer. Kerosene quiet. Stocks are large. New York prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, 26.75c.; U. S. Navy specifications, bulk, 15.50c.; export naphtha, cargo lots, 18c.; 63-66 degrees, 21c.; 66-68 degrees, 22c. Kerosene, cases, cargo lots, 16 1/2 c.; motor gasoline, garages (steel barrels), 22c.

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	Healdton	0 75
Ragland	1 90	Currie	1 80	Mexia	1 55
Wooster	1 90				

RUBBER in good demand and higher. Smoked ribbed sheets and first latex crepe spot 31 3/4 @ 32c.; February, 31 7/8 @ 32c.; March, 32 3/4 @ 32 1/2 c.; April-June, 32 7/8 @ 33c.; July-December, 34 1/4 @ 34 3/4 c. London cables also have been higher. The chief factor in the rise here was the good buying by factories. Dealers also bought to some extent. Is the rubber supply in danger? Manufacturers fear that it is. London says no. America says there is danger from the Stevenson scheme. London reports the stock there alone is 70,000 tons. Last summer rubber here was down to the unheard-of price of around 13 cents. In the last 60 days, under the Stevenson plan of output restriction, the price has risen from 22 1/2 to 29c. And 30c. is predicted in the

near future. America is far the largest consumer in the world. A British delegation is here consulting with a committee of Americans on the question of modifying the Stevenson plan. American members of the trade think that so far from stabilizing prices it will cause wide fluctuations prejudicial to the orderly conduct of the trade. An attempt to keep fluctuations down to 1s. to 1s. 6d. may turn out to be futile. No provision is made for a possible advance above 1s. 6d., but this matter may be adjusted. Still, there are predictions that the Stevenson plan for one cause or another may have to be abandoned within a year. London cabled Jan. 8 that spot plantation standard was selling at 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Stocks in the United Kingdom continued to gain, being now 72,565 tons, against 72,208 tons a week ago, 69,598 last year and 51,706 in 1922, at the corresponding time. In London on Jan. 9 rubber was more active and 15d. was paid for plantation standard on spot. On the 11th it was 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. and still active.

HIDES as a rule have been rather quiet here, with prices more or less irregular. Later Chicago reported trade active in big packer hides. Heavy native cows which were not active last week when most others were, have latterly been traded in to the extent of 25,000 hides. October-November slaughter at 17c., a decline, it is true, of $\frac{1}{2}$ c. December sold at 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Some 4,600 branded bull hides sold at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., a decline of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Chicago packers are now well sold up, it is said, to Jan. 1 aside from some heavy branded hides and heavy native steers. From this time forward the quality, it is predicted, will be the poorest of the year, and some think packers will be free sellers. At New York 16,000 Orinocos sold, it is said, at 18c., which almost clears the market of this sort. Some 10,000 Columbian also sold at 18c. for Savanillas and 19c. for Antioquias. Sales of Bogotas have been reported at around 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Of city packer hides 21,000 branded hides sold, it is reported, at 18c. and 17c. for butt brands for September-December salting. Country hides dull at around 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for extremes. The River Plate market for frigorifico hides was quiet.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have been for the most part quiet. Recently grain rates declined. Berth grain business has been noticeably slow. February grain rates were steady in London. Recent declines were as follows: Atlantic range to the Antwerp-Hamburg range from 15c. to 12c.; to the west coast of Italy from 21c. to 19c. and to Greece from 23c. to 21c.

CHARTERS included grain from Portland to Greece, 21c. January; from Atlantic range to west coast of Italy, 19c. second half February; to Bordeaux-Hamburg range, 13c. January; to one port in Denmark, 19c.; two ports, 20c. prompt; 27,000 quarters grain from Atlantic range to west coast of Italy, 20c. January; sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom, 20s. first half February; grain from Atlantic range to Antwerp-Hamburg range, 12c. January; from West St. John to Antwerp-Hamburg range, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. January; 3,500 tons sugar from San Domingo to United Kingdom, 24s. 6d. first half February; sugar from Cuba to Vancouver, B. C., \$3 50 January; sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom, 20s. February; grain from Atlantic range to Antwerp-Hamburg range, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. prompt; grain from Atlantic range to Continent, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. spot; option of United Kingdom, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; to west coast of Italy, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. prompt; to Mediterranean, 18s. March; one round trip in inter-coastal trade, 4,829-ton steamer, \$1 50; one round trip in West Indies trade, 1,660-ton steamer, \$1 05 prompt; nitrate from Chile to two ports in Jacksonville-Boston range, \$6 25 February.

TOBACCO has been in fair demand for Sumatra and other grades. Prices for both wrappers and fillers have been steady. Trade, if not active, might be worse. The sales are on a fair scale. Prices as a rule have been reported unchanged. Raleigh, N. C., wires that the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association has increased its sign-up by 20,000 within the past 10 months and enters the new year with 85,000 members. Owing to unusually large receipts of tobacco just before the holidays all the warehouses of the Association in North Carolina and Virginia postponed their opening from Jan. 3 to Jan. 9. The Association had received from its member growers 117,937,109 lbs. up to Dec. 20, it states. Total payments to organized tobacco growers, it is added, will amount to \$419,248,895.64 completing the second payment by the Association when approximately 40,000 checks now being prepared in the Richmond office reach the growers of the old belt. The third payment to growers in South Carolina, it is stated, will begin in the near future.

COPPER quiet and rather weaker. Export business fell off. The German reparations question caused some depression. Electrolytic quoted at 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. China has bought electrolytic and furnace refined material to some extent. Tin active and higher. Spot, 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Something like a boom is reported in the business. London has been advancing. The price is up nearly to the high record of last year. Talk is heard of 40c. here as not unlikely. All the London limits have been taken here. At the Exchange on the 10th inst. 1,000 tons were traded in. This was the largest business for some months past. Spot standard tin on the 10th inst. rose 5s. in London, and futures 7s. 6d. Tin afloat from the Straits in the Gaelic Prince has been sold at £184 10s. per ton. Standard sold in London at £184 for spot on the 11th inst. and £182 12s. 6d. for futures. Consumers have been prominent in the buying here. They are evidently anxious over the question of supply, and the rising tendency of London prices. Lead advanced. The American Smelting Co. advanced prices to 7.50c. for spot New York and 7.30c. for East St. Louis. In the outside market 7.80@8c. and 7.50@7.55c. respectively are quoted. Zinc rather quiet and weaker. Spot New York, 7.30@7.35c.; East St. Louis, 6.95@7c. Export business is lagging. And though galvanizers have

re-entered the market, their purchases are not up to what was expected.

PIG IRON has been firm though somewhat less active. Trade has been on only a moderate scale, after the heavy business of December. That the undertone is confident, however, is evidenced by the fact that prices still show an upward tendency. More or less business has been done at a rise in not a few cases of \$1 a ton. England is shipping more iron to this country. But its own prices continue to advance. Nottinghamshire forge iron has risen 2s. 6d. and is now £4 2s. 6d. Nottinghamshire No. 3 foundry has advanced 1s. and has reached £3 13s. 6d. In other words, iron is looking up both here and across the water. The tendency is generally towards a better trade and higher prices. Some, it is true, demur to this idea. They think that in the second quarter of 1923 there may be some downward reaction unless there is a coal strike in April. As to a coal strike a good many are sceptical. They think it is unlikely. Public opinion would be aroused as it seldom has been in the past. If there is no strike, coke prices will decline. The number of furnaces will increase. And so on. Meanwhile, charcoal pig iron is reported firm at \$30 at the furnace. Three concerns now control the Michigan output. That of itself is considered a rather bullish feature. Just now blast furnace coke is reported at \$7 75, as against \$9 recently, and coal is down to \$3 25 for mine-run steam grade. Basic iron is reported more active at Philadelphia; 12,000 tons were recently been sold at rising prices, i. e., \$27 39 to \$28 delivered. The sales in two weeks were nearly 35,000 tons. German iron is still coming here; recently 7,300 tons were received at Philadelphia. Some 25,000 tons of "Sloss" Alabama iron sold in the Chicago district, some of it at \$27 delivered. London cabled Jan. 9 that two large cargoes of pig iron cleared at Barrow-in-Furness late last week for Philadelphia.

STEEL has been firm with brisk buying reported in Chicago and Cleveland. They share the honor of being the two busiest steel centres. Steel mills are operating at 80 to 85% of capacity. Large orders are on the books. It looks as though the demand would continue good. And it also looks as though high costs would continue. Offerings will not be pressed on the market. The tendency of prices will be, it is inferred, upward. Trade has been unusually large for the opening of a new year. Buyers have shown some nervousness about deliveries. The dates might be problematical. Under such circumstances there is less debate over prices than over the time of deliveries. In the past fortnight 50,000 tons of structural material have been sold. That is rather remarkable for this time of the year. Oil tank contracts involve 25,000 tons. Independent sheet makers sold in December close to 260,000 tons, or 156% of their total monthly capacity. These concerns sold in December double the tonnage disposed of in November. Pittsburgh quotes semi-finished steel \$1 higher. Billets and slabs sold at \$38 50. That is \$2 above the contract basis for the first quarter of 1923, which was made about a month ago. Steel men do not believe that there will be a coal strike on April 1. Some concerns are quoting a rise of \$2 a ton on plates. In the Chicago district bars are up \$2 a ton, making them 2.10c. Plates and shapes are quoted at 2.20c. Germany sold 15,000 tons of rails to the Far East recently at low quotations. But there seems to be a string to this. Certainly it is said that dates of deliveries are anything but certain. It is said that over a year ago Argentina bought some 10,000 tons of steel wheels from Germany and has not got deliveries yet. It will have to try again with somebody else. Japan for immediate delivery is buying rails in the United States.

WOOL has been firm with rather more inquiry. Mohair is still quiet but firm. Domestic best combings at 78@83c. Carpet wool has been slow. Cordova sold recently at 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. For China combing Hsining No. 1 dealers quote 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Ohio and Pennsylvania fine delaine here, 56@57c.; XX, 52@54c.; $\frac{1}{2}$ blood, 52@54c.; $\frac{3}{8}$ blood, 48@50c.; $\frac{1}{4}$ blood, 43@46c.; Territory, clean basis, fine medium staple, \$1 37@1 40; clothing, \$1 20@1 25; $\frac{1}{2}$ blood staple, \$1 25@1 28; $\frac{3}{8}$ blood, \$1@1 05; Texas, clean basis, fine 12 months, \$1 35@1 40; 10 months, \$1 20@1 25; 6 to 8 months, \$1 10@1 15. Pulled, scoured basis, A super, \$1 15@1 20; B, \$1@1 05; C, 78@82c. At the East prices were firm. Foreign markets were reported active. The consumption is heavy. Boston's quotations of late have included choice fine tops about \$1 75@1 80; high half-bloods or 60s, \$1 55@1 70; good three-eighths, \$1 25@1 30; good quarter blood (50s), about \$1 10@1 16. Yorkshire looks for a good year. Australian merinos tops are firm. Cape tops have been sold for April-May delivery at 66d.; medium to low counts of tops have been sold at or about $\frac{1}{2}$ d. over last week's level. Interest is increasing in the coming Colonial sales to be held in London, commencing Jan. 23, when 160,000 bales of wool will be offered, including 100,000 bales of free wools and the rest A.W.R.A grades, i. e., crossbred wools. Before that, however, there were to be sales in Hull to-day and to-morrow, when 30,000 bales will be offered and in Liverpool on the 18th and 19th inst., when 40,000 bales will be on sale.

In South America prices are up, with American operators and Germany steady buyers. Within a week they have,

Boston says, advanced 1 to 2 cents on the better wools; 58-60s. is quoted at 51c. c. & f. in bond out of Montevideo, and 56s. at about 46c.; 50s. about 41c. and 46s. at about 34@35c. At the Cape the prices have risen 2 to 3 pence, clean basis; 12 months' wool, \$1 15 to \$1 20, clean, landed, Boston in bond; 10 to 12 months' about 7 or 8c. a lb. less, clean basis. There is a brisk trade in Argentina and prices are firm. Prices there have advanced 15% in the last fortnight. America was the best buyer. England bought a little. France took some fine grades, while Germany bought the cheaper grades. The "Bawra" stock in England afloat and ashore decreased in December 27,000 bales. On Jan. 1 it was 913,000 bales, says the Department of Commerce at Washington. Australian merino stocks were unchanged during December, but those of crossbred fell off 22,000 and on Jan. 1 were 480,000 bales. The total Australian "Bawra" stock on Jan. 1 was 554,000 bales.

At Bradford last week tops were strong and tending upward, especially Cape tops, in response to advices from Capetown, where prices advanced sharply on a large trade. Woolen yarns remained very firm with business fair. Piece goods showed a moderate expansion and more was reported doing in worsteds. On the 8th inst. at Wanganui, New Zealand, 15,600 bales were offered and 14,800 sold at a rise of 25% compared with Nov. 29. Demand brisk. Americans bought. The catalogue was of crossbred. On Jan. 11 at Sydney, New South Wales, a good selection of crossbred and medium merino was offered. Sharp demand from Yorkshire, German, French, Japanese and American operators. Result: A good clearance. Prices compared with last Sydney sales were unchanged; on other grades, 5 to 7 1/2% higher. Greasy comeback and fine greasy crossbreds were strong and coarse and medium crossbred 5 to 7 1/2% higher.

Boston's comment on the resumption of sales in Sydney, with prices showing an advance, was to the general effect that the outlook is bullish. Yorkshire was buying freely, the supply of good wools being rather moderate. Good 64x70 wools were \$1 18 to \$1 26; good super wools about the same and 64s top-making wools \$1 14 to \$1 18, clean basis, landed in Boston in Bond. Shafly burry pieces for carbonizing were 85c. to 93c., with charges. The South American and South African markets tend upward. Fine staple Montana has been sold in Boston, it is said, at a clean basis about \$1 45, and fine and fine medium original staple territory at between \$1 35 and \$1 40 clean basis. The Boston "Commercial Bulletin" in its issue Jan. 13 will say:

The wool market has been fairly active this week, both here and abroad, and prices have shown a strong upward tendency. Values are slightly higher in this market on the whole. Advances of 5% were recorded in Sydney at the resumption of the sales there, and further advances are reported in South America. Predictions are that the London sales, opening Jan. 23, will also show higher prices for all descriptions.

COTTON.

Friday Night, Jan. 12 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 123,952 bales, against 94,390 bales last week and 113,035 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1922 4,181,211 bales, against 3,609,953 bales for the same period of 1921-22, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1922 of 571,258 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	7,359	4,777	13,123	6,655	4,865	3,704	40,483
Texas City	—	—	—	1,185	1,185	—	2,370
Houston	6,233	16,098	—	—	—	1,258	29,589
New Orleans	3,251	5,054	4,705	4,183	7,544	5,186	29,923
Mobile	288	95	214	308	52	451	1,408
Pensacola	—	—	—	—	—	229	229
Jacksonville	—	—	—	—	—	22	22
Savannah	632	3,591	1,486	244	652	161	6,766
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	—	700	700
Charleston	946	697	468	282	620	775	3,788
Wilmington	76	86	153	49	113	161	638
Norfolk	911	1,773	843	254	1,019	902	5,702
New York	—	—	—	—	—	67	67
Boston	225	50	763	229	—	1,922	3,189
Philadelphia	—	143	119	—	—	—	262
Totals this week.	19,921	32,364	21,874	12,271	14,865	22,657	123,952

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. 12.	1922-23.		1921-22.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1922.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1921.	1923.	1922.
Galveston	40,483	1,913,170	41,264	1,673,483	368,793	351,781
Texas City	1,185	67,305	329	17,063	21,704	13,290
Houston	29,589	561,200	920	235,132	—	—
Port Arthur, &c.	—	2,000	—	10,305	—	—
New Orleans	29,923	870,405	21,374	684,431	225,298	337,004
Gulfport	—	—	—	4,289	—	—
Mobile	1,408	68,087	3,895	84,315	9,856	16,564
Pensacola	229	7,873	—	200	—	—
Jacksonville	23	8,946	43	1,878	7,602	1,847
Savannah	6,766	272,817	12,895	445,892	73,545	152,870
Brunswick	700	26,073	650	15,166	986	1,007
Charleston	3,788	65,419	1,332	49,301	63,524	106,561
Georgetown	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wilmington	638	72,205	1,225	68,636	31,739	40,037
Norfolk	5,702	205,579	6,507	231,867	104,593	144,000
N'port News, &c.	—	—	—	583	—	—
New York	67	4,324	—	7,961	71,166	85,866
Boston	3,189	21,028	828	17,108	7,467	5,719
Baltimore	—	11,283	1,911	40,566	2,812	2,311
Philadelphia	262	3,497	142	23,777	6,361	8,401
Totals	123,952	4,181,211	93,515	3,609,953	995,446	1,267,258

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	40,483	41,264	55,894	68,574	71,297	24,320
Houston, &c.	29,589	329	48	12,429	1,681	10,140
New Orleans	29,923	21,374	43,801	40,156	32,788	35,499
Mobile	1,408	3,825	1,647	8,600	5,126	1,138
Savannah	6,766	12,895	11,367	37,993	25,637	21,149
Brunswick	700	650	—	11,000	2,500	1,500
Charleston	3,788	1,332	—	4,859	5,027	8,352
Wilmington	638	1,225	703	4,170	2,381	208
Norfolk	5,702	6,507	6,195	14,518	7,826	8,909
N'port N., &c.	—	—	28	243	—	143
All others	4,955	10,551	3,458	6,532	7,686	19,143
Total this wk.	123,952	93,515	124,468	209,074	161,949	130,483
Since Aug. 1.	4,181,211	3,609,953	3,683,836	4,235,761	3,081,150	3,840,353

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 112,566 bales, of which 45,129 went to Great Britain, 9,205 to France and 58,232 to other destinations. Below are the exports for the week and since Aug 1 1922.

Exports from—	Week ending Jan. 12 1923. Exported to—				From Aug. 1 1922 to Jan. 12 1923. Exported to—			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	16,128	—	16,499	32,627	349,666	243,803	696,976	1,290,445
Houston	3,873	6,604	19,112	29,589	201,336	122,939	234,613	558,888
New Orleans	8,000	1,843	18,421	28,264	110,086	44,817	282,027	436,930
Mobile	300	—	—	300	19,244	4,645	20,107	43,996
Jacksonville	—	—	—	—	75	—	575	650
Pensacola	229	—	—	229	7,163	—	710	7,873
Savannah	—	—	300	300	107,771	3,324	51,060	162,155
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	18,968	—	6,650	25,618
Charleston	4,700	—	—	4,700	16,270	1,094	10,227	27,591
Wilmington	6,000	—	—	6,000	11,600	—	37,300	48,900
Norfolk	4,515	423	—	4,938	60,434	123	16,892	77,749
New York	1,384	335	2,091	3,810	36,262	31,186	117,798	185,246
Boston	—	—	—	—	1,758	—	1,260	3,018
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	479	—	167	646
Philadelphia	—	—	—	—	—	700	291	291
Los Angeles	—	—	—	—	5,647	—	1,725	8,072
San Fran.	—	—	—	—	—	—	60,610	60,610
Seattle	—	—	1,809	1,809	—	—	4,966	4,966
Total '23.	45,129	9,205	58,232	112,566	946,759	452,931	1,543,954	1,943,644
Total '21-'22	29,305	—	33,195	62,500	800,330	392,872	1,887,251	3,080,453
Total '20-'21	31,194	210	63,752	95,156	998,094	359,705	1,275,736	2,633,535

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. 12 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Cont.	Coast-wise.	
Galveston	5,228	3,500	5,000	30,465	8,000	52,193
New Orleans	16,433	3,339	7,500	13,441	1,216	41,929
Savannah	—	—	2,500	—	500	3,000
Charleston*	—	—	—	—	—	70,545
Mobile	1,348	—	—	2,998	100	4,446
Norfolk	—	—	—	—	800	800
Other ports*	6,500	—	2,800	3,000	—	12,300
Total 1923.	29,509	6,839	17,500	49,904	10,616	114,668
Total 1922.	25,914	4,570	19,321	23,703	3,791	77,709
Total 1921.	58,189	19,222	38,525	59,718	6,804	182,458
* Estimated.						1,251,289

Speculation in cotton for future delivery was quiet until Thursday. Then there was a sudden outburst of activity which carried the price into new high ground for this season. March touched 27.23c.—to-day 27.39c.—and May 27.40—to-day 27.79c. The cause was that the cotton market threw off the Ruhr and Rhineland incubus and went ahead on its own merits. Before that the French invasion of these two sections of Germany caused hesitation. It was feared that European trade might be disorganized. At one time there was even fear that something approaching hostilities might break out. Of course, this was groundless. Germany is in no position for anything of that kind. But the action of the French in moving towards the Ruhr had a disturbing effect in the financial district, and cotton could not hope to escape. Yet the undertone for all that was firm all the time. For the trade kept on buying March and May. It might be only on the reactions in many cases. But the buying was persistent. And on Thursday it is said that limits were removed and buying by mills and other interests was very heavy. It was one of the outstanding features of the situation. Another striking fact is that trade buying has been a feature in Liverpool coincident with better reports from Manchester. And the technical position both here and in Liverpool improved. Contracts here grew scarce on Thursday and the same thing was more or less true of Liverpool. Here the situation looked sold out and oversold. Certainly short covering was so active that it reached sold orders. Naturally this hastened the rise. Much of the buying was by Wall Street and uptown interests, but Chicago also appeared to have taken part. Liverpool was a large buyer apparently in covering straddles. And the impression is that there is still a large straddle short interest here for Liverpool account. Liverpool buying was so large that it had not a little to do with the advance here on Thursday and to-day of 90 points or more in 48 hours. Japanese interests were also buying. Commission houses, including Broadway "wire" houses, were large buyers. They were encouraged not only by the fact that Liverpool was stronger than due, but also by a rise in stocks, sterling exchange and grain. Even francs moved upward noticeably to-day. In all the markets, in other words, there was a firmer tone. The Ruhr question was finally ignored. It was believed to have been discounted. Stocks rose, bonds were firm and money was easy at around 3 1/2%. The London stock market was reported steady. There was a ru

mor in London, or at any rate an expectation in some quarters, it seems, that determined efforts would be made by Germany to meet her engagements with France next Monday. How much truth there is in this it is impossible to say. Time alone will clarify that matter. But certainly the news in general on Thursday was such as to inspire confidence in the cotton market. There was also a rumor that the Census Bureau figures on the American consumption of cotton in December will make a bullish showing next Monday. A tentative estimate was 550,000 bales, against 577,561 in November, 533,950 in October, and 495,344 in September; 511,800 in December 1921 and 295,292 in 1920, the Madir for years past from which, however, there has since been a steady rise. Meanwhile, too, the world's consumption of American cotton is proceeding at a rate well over 13,000,000 bales. How it can continue at such ratio is hard to see. Europe may have to be scrimped on cotton. And there is a possibility that competition for East Indian cotton on the part of Japan and China may restrict the supply of East Indian for the English market. In any case, China has recently been buying in Bombay. Meanwhile New England mills are steady buyers here, and it is understood that they have still a good deal of cotton to buy. Southern mills have been forehanded about this question of supply. For they have been having a good trade in the past, even when New England was handicapped by a prolonged strike. Southern shippers, however, are said to be short. Meanwhile the textile situation in New England, as at the South, is favorable. Profits may not be so large as they were at one time. In some cases they may be rather narrow. But thus far the consumer has not balked at the ruling prices. Spot markets are rising and predictions of 30 cents late are still rife. Southern holders are offering moderately. Dry weather in Texas in December and thus far in January is beginning to be talked about. The December rainfall is said to have been 1½ to 2 inches below the normal.

On the other hand spot markets are not active. The total sales of 10,000 to 15,000 bales have as a rule measured the daily business. Exports have as a rule not been large. On some days indeed they have been very small. Cotton goods at Fall River have latterly been quieter. Worth Street, though firm has not been really active, though it brightened up to-day. And latterly southern hedge selling has been larger. Liverpool, while it has reported a better demand for spot cotton has not shown any real activity in that line. The daily sales have ranged from 4,000 to 6,000 bales, though they were up to 8,000 to-day. And it was noticed that there was still complaint in Manchester of the lowness of bids from India. Manchester has sold more freely to India, but there is still from time to time a complaint of "wretched prices." Some think that trade on the Continent may be disturbed by the invasion of the Rhineland and the Ruhr by the French. Germany, it is said, will adopt retaliatory economic measures against the French. There is talk to the effect that a big German strike may be begun in the Ruhr valley, if not elsewhere, in order to embarrass the French. German marks have fallen to a new "low." Francs also declined at one time. The Near Eastern question is not yet settled. Nobody knows, of course, how long the Ruhr controversy may last, nor what its ultimate effects may be. And coming back to this country, there is a belief that the next cotton acreage will show a big increase. The high price, of course, is a big incentive. The price is some \$45 a bale higher than a year ago. And as regards labor, it is predicted that a good many of the negroes who have migrated to the North and West will return to the South in time to take part in work on the cotton farms. It is recognized, too, that sooner or later a price will be reached which will automatically check consumption and any further advance. What that price will be is purely conjectural. Yet in time it will be reached. Also, it is contended that with reasonably favorable weather the raising of a good crop of cotton is not out of the question by any means. The South will fight the weevil pest this year with greater determination and more systematically than ever before. For its supremacy in the cotton raising on the globe is threatened. To-day prices advanced some 40 points on higher cables, an increase in the spot sales at Liverpool to 8,000 bales, more activity at Manchester, good Worth Street reports and a rise in stocks, sterling and francs. Later, with a decrease in the week's spinners' takings, reports that the December consumption in the United States was 50,000 bales less than in November and in any case a disposition to take profits after a \$5 rise in two days' price, lost fully half the early advance. But the ending was some 60 to 80 points higher for the week, closing steady. Spot cotton closed at 27.45c. for middling, or 70 points higher than last Friday.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the Jan 11 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 18.

Middling fair.....	1.03 on	*Middling "yellow" tinged.....	1.18 off
Strict good middling.....	78 on	*Strict low mid. "yellow" tinged.....	1.70 off
Good middling.....	51 on	*Low middling "yellow" tinged.....	2.23 off
Strict middling.....	25 on	Good middling "yellow" tinged.....	.76 off
Strict low middling.....	35 off	*Strict mid. "yellow" stained.....	1.48 off
Low middling.....	75 off	*Middling "yellow" stained.....	2.03 off
*Strict good ordinary.....	1.29 off	*Good middling "blue" stained.....	1.03 off
*Good ordinary.....	1.86 off	*Strict middling "blue" stained.....	1.48 off
Strict good mid. "yellow" tinged.....	.40 on	*Middling "blue" stained.....	1.95 off
Good middling "yellow" tinged.....	.03 off		
Strict middling "yellow" tinged.....	.43 off		

* These ten grades are not deliverable upon future contracts.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Jan. 6 to Jan. 12—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling uplands.....	26.60	26.50	26.60	26.75	27.20	27.45

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Jan 12 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1923.....	27.25c.	1915.....	8.05c.	1907.....	10.80c.	1899.....	6.06c.
1922.....	18.25c.	1914.....	12.50c.	1906.....	11.80c.	1898.....	5.94c.
1921.....	18.10c.	1913.....	13.10c.	1905.....	7.10c.	1897.....	7.31c.
1920.....	39.25c.	1912.....	9.65c.	1904.....	14.00c.	1896.....	8.31c.
1919.....	31.70c.	1911.....	14.90c.	1903.....	8.85c.	1895.....	5.75c.
1918.....	37.65c.	1910.....	15.00c.	1902.....	8.25c.	1894.....	8.31c.
1917.....	18.15c.	1909.....	9.50c.	1901.....	10.12c.	1893.....	9.62c.
1916.....	12.50c.	1908.....	11.55c.	1900.....	7.62c.	1892.....	7.38c.

FUTURES—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Jan. 6.	Monday, Jan. 8.	Tuesday, Jan. 9.	Wed'day, Jan. 10.	Thurs'dy, Jan. 11.	Friday, Jan. 12.	Week.
January—							
Range.....	26.31-65	26.10-32	26.32-55	26.35-55	26.56-95	27.13-39	26.10-39
Closing.....	26.42	26.27	26.35	26.50	26.95	27.18	26.10-39
February—							
Range.....	26.60	26.41	26.45	26.59	27.05	27.26	26.60
Closing.....	26.60	26.41	26.45	26.59	27.05	27.26	26.60
March—							
Range.....	26.57-79	26.35-56	26.53-77	26.57-75	26.75-23	27.34-61	33.35-61
Closing.....	26.67-69	26.49-50	26.58-60	26.70-71	27.20-23	27.39-40	—
April—							
Range.....	26.70	26.55	26.65	26.77	27.27	27.45	—
Closing.....	26.70	26.55	26.65	26.77	27.27	27.45	—
May—							
Range.....	26.72-100	26.52-73	26.72-95	26.75-92	26.93-140	27.50-79	26.52-79
Closing.....	26.81-85	26.68	26.75-77	26.87-88	27.37-40	27.54-86	—
June—							
Range.....	26.68	26.54	26.60	26.73	27.21	27.45-46	27.45-46
Closing.....	26.68	26.54	26.60	26.73	27.21	27.38	27.45-46
July—							
Range.....	26.46-72	26.30-47	26.44-68	26.46-64	26.65-109	27.22-49	26.30-49
Closing.....	26.55-57	26.40-41	26.45-47	26.60-61	27.07-09	27.25-27	—
August—							
Range.....	25.95	25.85	25.95	26.10	26.60	26.75	—
Closing.....	25.95	25.85	25.95	26.10	26.60	26.75	—
September—							
Range.....	25.35	25.22	25.30	25.45	25.90	26.02-05	25.30-105
Closing.....	25.35	25.22	25.30	25.45	25.90	26.02	25.30-105
October—							
Range.....	24.65-80	24.50-65	24.69-91	24.73-90	24.94-739	25.51-76	24.50-776
Closing.....	24.75	24.62 bid	24.71	24.89-90	25.35-39	25.55	—
November—							
Range.....	24.67	24.51	24.60	24.78	25.25	25.47	—
Closing.....	24.67	24.51	24.60	24.78	25.25	25.47	—
December—							
Range.....	24.57	24.40	24.50-66	24.62-65	24.76-715	25.25-47	24.31-745
Closing.....	24.57	24.40	24.50	24.68	25.15	25.38 bid	24.31-745

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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. 12—	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.	
Stock at Liverpool.....	bales.	558,000	1,001,000	1,037,000	905,000
Stock at London.....		5,000	1,000	5,000	11,000
Stock at Manchester.....		74,000	72,000	102,000	126,000
Total Great Britain.....		937,000	1,074,000	1,144,000	1,042,000
Stock at Hamburg.....		2,000	—	—	—
Stock at Bremen.....		127,000	318,000	39,000	—
Stock at Havre.....		220,000	198,000	201,000	224,000
Stock at Rotterdam.....		10,000	9,000	16,000	2,000
Stock at Barcelona.....		113,000	137,000	116,000	80,000
Stock at Genoa.....		55,000	39,000	52,000	129,000
Stock at Antwerp.....		2,000	32,000	39,000	—
Stock at Ghent.....		3,000	—	—	—
Stock at Trieste.....		—	18,000	—	—
Total Continental stocks.....		532,000	751,000	563,000	435,000
Total European stocks.....		1,469,000	1,825,000	1,707,000	1,477,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....		1,500,000	56,000	70,000	73,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....		319,000	352,000	385,226	765,661
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Eur'e.....		100,000	109,000	58,000	107,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....		335,000	342,000	206,000	243,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....		599,000	859,000	928,000	556,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....		995,443	1,267,258	1,433,747	1,442,069
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....		1,300,285	1,595,588	1,743,905	1,318,693
U. S. exports to-day.....		—	11,265	31,863	33,014
Total visible supply.....		5,242,731	6,417,111	6,563,741	6,015,437

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

American—					
Liverpool stock.....	bales.	496,000	577,000	654,000	672,000
Manchester stock.....		48,000	52,000	91,000	82,000
Continental stock.....		490,000	646,000	490,000	361,000
American afloat for Europe.....		319,000	352,000	385,226	765,661
U. S. port stocks.....		995,446	1,267,258	1,433,747	1,442,069
U. S. interior stocks.....		1,300,285	1,595,588	1,743,905	1,318,693
U. S. exports to-day.....		—	11,265	31,863	33,014
Total American.....		3,648,731	4,501,111	4,829,741	4,674,437
East India, Brazil, &c.—					
Liverpool stock.....		362,000	424,000	383,000	233,000
London stock.....		5,000	1,000	5,000	11,000
Manchester stock.....		26,000	20,000	11,000	44,000
Continental stock.....		42,000	105,000	73,000	74,000
India afloat for Europe.....		125,000	56,000	70,000	73,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat.....		100,000	109,000	58,000	107,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....		335,000	342,000	206,000	243,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....		599,000	859,000	928,000	556,000
Total East India, &c.....		1,594,000	1,916,000	1,734,000	1,341,000
Total American.....		3,648,731	4,501,111	4,829,741	4,674,437

Total visible supply.....	5,242,731	6,417,111	6,563,741	6,015,437
Middling uplands, Liverpool.....	15,000	10,700	10,850	28,660
Middling uplands, New York.....	27.4 c.	18.25c.	12.65c.	39.25c.
Egypt, good sakes, Liverpool.....	19.00d.	23.50d.	24.00d.	68.50d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool.....	17.50d.	13.50d.	16.00d.	45.00d.
Broach fine, Liverpool.....	13.00d.	10.25d.	9.75d.	24.85d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool.....	14.40d.	11.25d.	10.25d.	25.00d.

Continental imports for past week have been 145,000 bales. The above figures for 1923 show an increase over last week of 31,465 bales, a loss of 1,174,380 bales from 1922, a decline of 1,321,010 bales from 1921 and a decrease of 772,706 bales from 1920.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year—is set out in detail below:

Towns.	Movement to Jan. 12 1923.			Movement to Jan. 13 1922.			
	Receipts.		Ship- ments. Week.	Receipts.		Ship- ments. Week.	Stocks Jan. 13.
	Week.	Season.		Week.	Season.		
Ala., Birmingham	1,277	34,266	1,594	9,239	338	22,599	12,819
Enfauila		8,218	100	5,034		4,898	3,700
Montgomery	197	52,469	590	17,373	446	42,719	31,143
Selma	140	51,805	438	5,846	250	35,442	11,282
Ark. Helena	177	31,693	451	17,292	324	29,814	16,461
Little Rock	1,742	158,418	3,561	57,546	3,381	131,742	65,753
Pine Bluff	10,768	107,447	2,657	61,294	7,447	95,473	62,844
Cal. Albany	13	6,179		3,137	10	5,834	4,101
Athens	1,680	33,540	777	28,382	1,245	76,230	1,516
Atlanta	5,631	214,201	7,882	81,829	2,550	164,486	5,381
Augusta	5,491	196,244	6,319	68,385	5,133	235,760	5,617
Columbus	2,042	93,902	2,546	14,065	630	40,105	1,692
Macon	598	34,145	1,464	16,430	853	26,660	208
Rome	1,503	33,950	1,325	8,288	53	26,867	222
La., Shreveport	200	69,900	1,300	16,600	1,000	52,913	2,000
Miss. Columbus	197	22,566	354	6,092	242	15,931	1,675
Clarksdale	637	118,309	3,867	60,704	865	121,862	3,930
Greenwood	521	102,353	3,098	56,702	383	84,963	1,832
Meridian	192	30,509	408	8,859	237	27,378	417
Natchez	123	29,949	97	11,475	277	27,978	692
Vicksburg	116	21,734	605	9,898	450	24,611	274
Yazoo City	82	27,562	755	20,921	76	29,114	423
Mo., St. Louis	27,948	471,153	29,408	20,150	15,600	526,719	13,883
N.C., Gr'nboro	1,834	69,932	3,490	33,172	1,627	34,629	1,572
Raleigh	82	8,530	100	1,199	48	6,985	50
Okla., Altus	4,299	55,084	3,460	22,571	2,265	70,072	2,778
Chickasha	2,495	77,369	3,443	10,394	2,415	49,467	2,473
Oklahoma	1,106	73,022	2,698	19,804	2,206	50,768	1,800
S.C., Greenville	2,126	100,101	2,943	54,973	2,768	105,186	4,076
Greenwood		7,692		10,218		11,517	
Tenn., Memphis	32,331	794,803	45,999	167,507	16,994	618,692	24,240
Nashville		242		86		276	
Texas, Abilene	496	42,924	990	1,721	319	73,101	271
Brenham	100	18,206	100	4,334	108	10,814	302
Austin	359	34,132	519	760	71	24,808	451
Dallas	1,118	53,330	1,123	18,315	6,934	136,477	3,995
Honey Grove				110		19,700	
Houston	41,428	2,375,247	66,482	335,117	41,698	1,865,971	41,271
Paris	600	70,143	685	6,027	772	44,207	1,555
San Antonio	1,800	54,689	2,000	1,800			
Fort Worth	892	56,696	785	8,748	1,131	51,689	1,209
Total, 41 towns	152,343	5,842,654	204,413	13,002,851	121,146	5,025,507	139,565

The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 55,609 bales and are to-night 295,303 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 31,197 bales more than the same week last year.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr't.	Total.
Saturday	Quiet, 15 pts. dec.	Steady			
Monday	Quiet, 10 pts. dec.	Steady			
Tuesday	Quiet, 10 pts. adv.	Steady		500	500
Wednesday	Steady, 15 pts. adv.	Steady		800	800
Thursday	Steady, 45 pts. adv.	Strong		3,800	3,800
Friday	Steady, 25 pts. adv.	Steady		800	800
Total				59.00	59.00

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG 1—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Shipped—	1922-23		1921-22	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis	29,408	471,484	13,883	508,481
Via Mounds, &c	5,700	181,928	1,213	228,627
Via Rock Island	1,073	6,622	219	6,579
Via Louisville	1,397	43,126	900	44,331
Via Virginia points	4,309	89,389	6,550	131,377
Via other routes, &c	11,972	217,261	12,421	211,825
Total gross overland	53,859	1,009,810	35,186	1,131,220
Deduct Shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c	3,518	40,032	3,081	94,412
Between interior towns	614	13,706	503	13,990
Inland, &c., from South	14,940	263,339	7,755	217,183
Total to be deducted	19,072	317,077	11,339	325,585
Leaving total net overland *	34,787	692,733	23,847	805,635

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 34,787 bales, against 23,847 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits a decrease from a year ago of 112,902 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings.	1922-23		1921-22	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to Jan. 12	123,952	4,181,211	93,515	3,609,953
Net overland to Jan. 12	34,787	692,733	23,847	805,635
Southern consumption to Jan. 12	88,000	1,973,000	80,000	1,689,000
Total marketed	246,739	6,846,944	197,362	6,104,588
Interior stocks in excess	55,609	784,294	18,419	478,350
Came into sight during week	191,130		178,943	
Total in sight Jan. 12		7,631,238		6,582,938
Nor. spinners' takings to Jan. 12	66,299	1,364,955	39,030	1,374,639

* Decrease during week. a These figures are consumption; takings not available.

Movement into sight in previous years:
 Week—
 1921—Jan. 14—Bales—208,476 Since Aug. 1—Bales—6,533,490
 1920—Jan. 16—Bales—283,239 1919-20—Jan. 16—Bales—7,218,432
 1919—Jan. 17—Bales—261,549 1918-19—Jan. 17—Bales—6,606,283

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS—Below are the closing quotations for midding cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week ending Jan. 12.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed'day	Thurs'dy.	Friday.
Galveston	26.70	26.50	26.60	26.75	27.25	27.45
New Orleans	26.88	26.50	26.75	26.88	27.00	27.38
Mobile	21.00	26.90	26.25	26.25	26.50	26.25
Savannah	26.67	26.60	26.68	26.81	27.30	27.50
Norfolk	26.75	26.50	26.63	26.75	27.00	27.44
Baltimore	26.88	27.00	27.00	26.75	27.00	27.44
Augusta	26.88	26.75	26.88	27.00	27.20	27.50
Memphis	26.75	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.31	27.50
Houston	26.75	26.60	26.60	26.70	27.00	27.25
Little Rock	26.25	26.25	26.50	26.50	26.75	27.12
Dallas	25.95	25.70	25.80	25.95	26.45	26.70
Fort Worth	25.95	25.80	25.80	25.90	26.35	26.55

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET—The closing quotations for lading contracts in the New Orleans cotton markets for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Jan. 6.	Monday, Jan. 8.	Tuesday, Jan. 9.	Wednesday, Jan. 10.	Thursday, Jan. 11.	Friday, Jan. 12.
January	26.28	bid	26.28	26.37-26.38	26.81-26.82	26.92 bid
March	26.31-26.35		26.32-26.35	26.45-26.48	26.88-26.92	27.03-27.06
May	26.32-26.35		26.32-26.35	26.45-26.48	26.90-26.94	27.07-27.10
July	26.12-26.16		26.10-26.15	26.25-26.27	26.70-26.72	26.90-26.92
October	24.32	bid	24.36	24.49	24.96	25.15
December	23.93		24.00	bid	24.20	bid
Spot	Steady		Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady
Options	Steady		Steady	Steady	Very steady	Steady

CENSUS BUREAU REPORT ON COTTON GINNING TO JAN. 1.—The Census Bureau issued on Jan. 9 its report on the amount of cotton ginned up to Jan. 1 from the growth of 1922 as follows, round bales counted as half bales, comparison being made with the returns for the like period of 1922, 1921 and 1920:

State—	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.
Alabama	816,236	584,018	632,300	650,265
Arizona	36,692	35,441	77,562	47,202
Arkansas	999,202	781,867	959,775	716,366
California	23,611	23,229	47,119	41,154
Florida	730,539	12,094	18,224	17,027
Georgia	343,812	817,176	1,365,314	1,636,692
Louisiana	980,994	281,774	369,982	290,190
Mississippi	134,487	811,885	821,382	822,025
Missouri	851,369	67,922	55,139	48,282
North Carolina	632,356	476,343	754,080	787,165
Oklahoma	508,021	770,632	966,695	787,114
South Carolina	378,890	295,209	1,454,644	1,406,337
Tennessee	3,092,458	2,116,619	2,614,412	2,407,676
Texas	25,728	16,102	13,752	2,469,373
Virginia	17,201	8,517	9,688	21,050
All other			4,002	4,002

United States—9,598,907 7,882,356 11,554,648 10,008,920

The number of round bales included this year is 165,281, against 123,348 bales in 1922, 262,127 bales in 1921 and 110,373 bales in 1920.

The number of American-Egyptian bales included this year is 28,498, compared with 30,240 bales in 1922, 64,262 bales in 1921 and 33,147 bales in 1920.

The number of Sea Island bales included this year is 5,065, against 3,106 bales in 1922, 1,449 bales in 1921 and 6,710 bales in 1920.

The corrected statistics of the quantity of cotton ginned this season prior to Dec. 13 are 9,495,283.

There were 15,305 ginneries operated prior to Dec. 3. The statistics for 1923 in this report are subject to correction.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Week ending	Receipts at Ports.			Stocks at Interior Towns.			Receipts from Plantations		
	1922-23	1921-22	1920-21	1922-23.	1921-22.	1920-21.	1922-23	1921-22	1920-21
Oct. 27	297,539	217,599	271,682	1,280,881	1,380,236	1,217,067	391,607	285,136	340,968
Nov. 3	365,080	238,187	261,804	1,355,653	1,436,173	1,296,120	439,852	294,124	340,920
10	294,227	184,605	263,684	1,408,301	1,465,921	1,353,590	346,875	214,253	321,151
17	251,578	170,422	214,119	1,461,019	1,520,190	1,423,547	304,296	224,791	284,076
24	217,983	137,225	219,756	1,484,662	1,542,660	1,483,140	241,626	159,695	279,349
Dec. 1	215,436	167,931	231,762	1,457,156	1,546,811	1,543,053	242,942	172,082	291,675
8	158,801	116,086	210,301	1,445,005	1,576,304	1,588,723	146,650	145,579	253,971
15	138,941								

	Rain.		Rainfall.		Thermometer		
	dry	wet	high	low	high	low	mean
Galveston, Tex.	dry	dry	high 74	low 56	mean 65		
Abilene	dry	dry	high 78	low 34	mean 56		
Brownsville	dry	dry	high 86	low 50	mean 68		
Corpus Christi	dry	dry	high 84	low 46	mean 65		
Dallas	dry	dry	high 80	low 34	mean 57		
Del Rio	dry	dry	high 78	low 39	mean 58		
Palestine	dry	dry	high 86	low 46	mean 66		
San Antonio	dry	dry	high 80	low 38	mean 57		
Taylor	dry	dry	high 74	low 39	mean 57		
Shreveport, La.	dry	dry	high 74	low 39	mean 59		
Mobile, Ala.	dry	dry	high 74	low 39	mean 48		
Selma	1 day	0.20 in.	high 65	low 29	mean 59		
Savannah, Ga.	dry	dry	high 72	low 40	mean 55		
Charleston, S. C.	1 day	0.01 in.	high 70	low 39	mean 59		
Charlotte, N. C.	(?)	0.05 in.	high 60	low 31	mean 45		

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:

	Jan. 12 1922.	Jan. 13 1921.
	Feet.	Feet.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge. 2.5	8.4
Memphis	Above zero of gauge. 12.8	10.8
Nashville	Above zero of gauge. 10.2	13.2
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge. 6.4	15.3
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge. 16.2	20.7

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and which statistics are obtainable; also the takings, or amounts gone out of sight, for the like period.

Cotton Takings. Week and Season.	1922-23.		1921-22.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Jan. 5	5,211,266	6,306,512		
Visible supply Aug. 1	3,760,459	6,111,250		
American in sight to Jan. 12	191,130	7,631,238	178,943	6,582,838
Bombay receipts to Jan. 11	163,000	989,000	180,000	1,235,000
Other India shipments to Jan. 11	10,000	1,22,550	12,000	84,000
Alexandria receipts to Jan. 10	31,000	94,800	23,000	459,750
Other supply to Jan. 10	7,000	120,000	8,500	134,500
Total supply	5,618,396	13,570,038	6,708,955	14,597,438
Deduct				
Visible supply Jan. 12	5,242,731	5,242,731	6,417,111	6,417,111
Total takings to Jan. 12	375,665	8,327,307	291,844	8,180,327
Of which American	232,605	5,946,757	221,344	6,160,057
Of which other	143,000	2,380,550	70,500	2,020,270

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c.
a This total embraces the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 1,975,000 bales in 1922-23 and 1,689,000 bales in 1921-22—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 6,354,307 bales in 1922-23 and 6,491,327 bales in 1921-22, of which 3,973,757 bales and 4,471,057 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:

January 11. Receipts at—	1922-23.		1921-22.		1920-21.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	168,000	989,000	59,000	000,000	195,000	000,000

Exports.	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain	Continent	Japan & China	Total.	Great Britain	Continent	Japan & China	Total.
Bombay—								
1922-23	15,000	23,000	24,000	62,000	56,000	244,500	546,500	847,000
1921-22	5,000	20,000	25,000	50,000	11,000	253,000	825,000	1,089,000
1920-21	3,000	6,000	17,000	26,000	17,000	271,000	185,000	473,000
Other India								
1922-23	10,000	10,000	10,000	15,000	107,550	---	---	122,550
1921-22	12,000	12,000	12,000	4,000	79,000	---	---	83,000
1920-21	3,000	3,000	3,000	15,000	72,000	46,000	---	133,000
Total all—								
1922-23	15,000	33,000	24,000	72,000	71,000	352,050	546,500	969,550
1921-22	17,000	20,000	37,000	15,000	332,000	825,000	1,172,000	---
1920-21	6,000	17,000	29,000	32,000	343,000	231,000	606,000	---

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 109,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a gain of 35,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 202,450 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive a weekly cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years.

Alexandria, Egypt, January 10.	1922-23.	1921-22.	1920-21.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week	155,000	175,000	115,000
Since Aug. 1	4,805,649	3,534,210	2,350,623

Exports (bales)—	1922-23.		1921-22.		1920-21.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool	7,000	12,437	3,500	91,997	---	49,085
To Manchester, &c.	9,000	79,862	7,000	72,065	---	42,097
To Continent and India	16,000	145,144	7,650	105,666	5,500	57,990
To America	---	138,192	7,850	104,041	---	14,453
Total exports	32,000	495,635	21,900	373,769	5,500	163,625

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Jan. 10 were 155,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 32,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market for both cloth and yarns is firm. Demand for India is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Nov.	1922-23.						1921-22.					
	32s Cop Twist.		8 1/4 lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.		Cot'n Mid. Upl's		32s Cop Twist.		8 1/4 lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.		Cot'n Mid. Upl's	
d.	s. d.	d.	s. d.	d.	s. d.	d.	s. d.	d.	s. d.	d.	s. d.	
10	21 1/2	@ 22 1/4	16 6	@ 17 2	15 55	19	@ 21	17 3	@ 18 3	10 88		
17	22 1/4	@ 23 1/4	16 6	@ 17 3	14 87	18 1/2	@ 20 1/2	17 0	@ 18 0	10 00		
24	21 1/2	@ 22 1/4	16 4	@ 17 1	14 80	19	@ 21	17 0	@ 18 0	11 64		

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

NEW YORK	To Rotterdam	Jan. 5	Editor, 3	Jan. 6	Bales.	
Bilderjijk	50				53	
To Manchester	Jan. 5	Bolivar, 255			255	
To Havre	Jan. 8	Rochambeau, 135	Jan. 11	McKeesport, 200	335	
To Bremen	Jan. 5	Hannover, 725			200	
To Antwerp	Jan. 8	Sarland, 200			1,129	
To Liverpool	Jan. 9	Orduna, 663			663	
To Hamburg	Jan. 10	Africanic, 450			450	
To Gothenburg	Jan. 10	Africanic, 450			450	
NEW ORLEANS	To Bremen	Jan. 5	Schwarzwald, 2,185	Jan. 8	Enfield, 2,224	4,409
To Gothenburg	Jan. 5	Tralleholm, 650			650	
To Genoa	Jan. 9	West Kedron, 2,709			2,709	
To Japan	Jan. 5	Hefron, 4,275			4,275	
To Venice	Jan. 8	Flume, 2,876	Jan. 9	West Kedron, 1,050	3,926	
To Havre	Jan. 8	Elkhorn 1,843			1,843	
To Liverpool	Jan. 11	Norwegian, 8,000			8,000	
To Antwerp	Jan. 8	Elkhorn, 545			545	
To Ghent	Jan. 8	Elkhorn, 557			557	
To Oporto	Jan. 9	Saugerties, 1,150			1,150	
To Lisbon	Jan. 9	Saugerties, 200			200	
GALVESTON	To Barcelona	Jan. 4	Jonar, 1,472		1,472	
To Japan	Jan. 5	Canada Maru, 2,575			2,575	
To Bremen	Jan. 5	Liguria, 3,253	Jan. 9	Brave Coeur, 4,152	7,405	
To Hamburg	Jan. 5	Liguria, 300			300	
To Genoa	Jan. 6	Maddalena P, 4,747			4,747	
To Liverpool	Jan. 9	Huntsman, 16,128			16,128	
HOUSTON	To Bremen	Jan. 4	Liguria, 3,268		3,268	
To Genoa	Jan. 6	Liberty Bell, 1,000	Mar Rojo, 6,349	Jan. 1	Dora Baltea, 3,385	10,734
To Naples	Jan. 6	Liberty Bell, 1,965			1,965	
To Havre	Jan. 6	West Modus, 3,604			3,604	
To Rotterdam	Jan. 6	West Modus, 350			350	
To Barcelona	Jan. 6	Mar Blanco, 2,795			2,795	
To Liverpool	Jan. 11	Cripple Creek, 3,873			3,873	
CHARLESTON	To Liverpool	Jan. 8	Mercian, 4,700		4,700	
OHARLESTON	To Liverpool	Jan. 11	Oranian, 300		300	
NORFOLK	To Liverpool	Jan. 6	Rhode Island, 1,900	Jan. 9	Schoharie, 2,415	4,315
To Manchester	Jan. 9	Manchester Importer, 200			200	
To Havre	Jan. 6	McKeesport, 423			423	
PENSACOLA	To Liverpool	Jan. 6	Afoundria, 229		229	
PORT TOWNSEND	To Japan	Jan. 3	Toyama Maru, 1,259		1,259	
Jan. 5	Africa Maru, 550				550	
SAVANNAH	To Bergen	Jan. 5	Tasmanic, 100		100	
To Gothenburg	Jan. 5	Tasmanic, 200			200	
WILMINGTON	To Liverpool	Jan. 6	Coldwater, 6,000		6,000	

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

	High Density.	Stand. ard.	High Density.	Stand. ard.	High Density.	Stand. ard.
Liverpool	25c.	30c.	50c.	65c.	55c.	75c.
Manch's'r	25c.	30c.	Trieste	39c.	42 1/2c.	45c.
Antwerp	22 1/2c.	37 1/2c.	Flume	39c.	42 1/2c.	45c.
Ghent	22 1/2c.	37 1/2c.	Lisbon	50c.	65c.	72 1/2c.
Havre	27 1/2c.	42 1/2c.	Oporto	75c.	90c.	105c.
Rotterdam	22 1/2c.	37 1/2c.	Barcelona	40c.	55c.	60c.
Genoa	30 1/2c.	37 1/2c.	Japan	50c.	65c.	75c.
Christiana	37 1/2c.	60c.	Shanghai	50c.	65c.	75c.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Dec. 22.	Dec. 29.	Jan. 5.	Jan. 12.
Sales of the week	20,000	13,000	27,000	31,000
Of which American	11,000	6,000	15,000	17,000
Actual export	4,000	1,000	8,000	8,000
Forwarded	47,000	32,000	59,000	54,000
Total stock	835,000	859,000	878,000	8,800
Of which American	497,000	497,000	512,000	496,000
Total imports	125,000	63,000	76,000	50,000
Of which American	97,000	31,000	52,000	26,000
Amount afloat	223,000	205,000	195,000	211,000
Of which American	118,000	99,000	84,000	104,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P.M.		Quiet	Quiet and unchanged	Quiet	Quiet	Quiet.
Mid. Upl's		15.13	15.13	15.30	15.28	15.60
Sales	HOLIDAY	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	8,000
Futures.		Quiet, 10 to 13 pts. decrease.	Steady, 1 to 3 pts. decrease.	Stdy, 6 pts advance.	Quiet but steady, 5 to 8 pts. adv.	18 to 25pts. advance.
Market, 4 P.M.		Steady, 5 to 11 points decrease.	Steady, 8 to 14 points advance.	Barely stdy to 2 to 4 pts. decrease.	Very stdy, 11 to 15 pts. advance.	Firm 22 to 32pts. advance.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Jan. 2 to Jan. 8.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4:00 p. m.
January	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
February	14.58	14.60	14.58	14.74	14.75	14.70	14.78	14.85	15.10	15.17	14.48	14.50
March												

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Jan. 12 1923.

Flour was quiet for the home trade while there was a fair demand for export, though it was limited at times to small lots. European stocks, however, are believed to have become depleted and unless the political disturbance in Europe interferes, it seems unlikely that before long European buyers will take hold more freely. With the Near East the outlook for business is not considered good, owing to the financial situation there. The American Relief Administration is supposed to have completed its purchases for the Red Cross. Later in the week domestic trade continued slow. Buyers were awaiting further developments. They were watching the wheat market and its vagaries. For the immediate future many local buyers are said to be well supplied. The recent decline in wheat, moreover, tends to make buyers hesitate. It makes them think that wheat may go lower. Mills are naturally reluctant to reduce prices much. They are still paying good premiums for cash wheat and at the same time getting lower prices than recently for mill feed. That dropped early in the week \$1 per ton. Of course, this increases costs of flour output. Still later the demand improved. Sales increased. The market, after all, has stood the European crisis well. At Minneapolis trade has been brisk. Best family patent, carlots f. o. b. in cottons, \$6 80@ \$7 35; first patents, \$6 60@ \$6 80; best bakers' patents, \$6 40 @ \$6 60; first clears, \$5 40@ \$5 60; second, \$3 50@ \$3 70; graham, \$6 50@ \$6 70. Kansas City was more active, though export trade was quiet. Toledo has been quiet. Three mills there are running part time. This is attributed to the fact that most mills are still taking inventories. The St. Louis market was dull. Prices there were slightly lower than a week ago. Soft patents, \$6 @ \$7; (some brands higher); straights and 95%, \$5 10@ \$5 75; extra fancy, \$4 50@ \$4 75; clears, \$4 15@ \$4 35; low grades, \$3 60@ \$4 10; hard straights, \$5 15@ \$5 40; 95%, \$5 50@ \$5 90; first clear, \$4 40@ \$4 75; low grades and second clears, \$3 70@ \$4 25; spring standard patents, \$6 40@ \$6 60.

Wheat declined somewhat on the 8th inst., owing to the disturbed European political situation, large receipts, increasing stocks and liquidation. It is true that Liverpool was better than expected. Country offerings, moreover, were small. There is a firm belief that a farm credits bill of some sort will be passed. The "on passage" figures, too, were smaller than expected. And the Southwest needs rain for the winter wheat, a fact that was the subject of remark. But there was the Ruhr question and there was the matter of Argentine competition. Winnipeg wired its opinion that with the good stock of wheat in this country and Argentina competing with American wheat a rise in prices will be difficult to bring about. Still it came. On the 9th inst. prices declined at first on large receipts and a drop in Liverpool of 5/8 to 1d. Buenos Aires opened 1/2c. lower. Export business was reported small. Prices fell, partly owing to a report by Goodman, who says that the world's wheat supply is abundant, i. e. 175,000,000 bushels in excess of the balance needed. This caused a certain selling pressure, even if some dispute this interpretation of the world's figures. Later prices advanced with a better demand, continued dry weather in the Southwest and decreased offerings. On the 11th inst. prices advanced, with fair cables; and buying attributed to Armour interests and covering of shorts. Though receipts were large, a decrease is expected shortly. Meantime the dry weather continued in the winter wheat section. Northwestern markets were firm. So was the cash situation generally. It is believed that a farm credits bill will be passed soon. The season is at hand for large offerings by Argentina. Export sales of 300,000 bushels were reported in Chicago on Monday and 100,000 last Saturday. The world's exports last week were 12,652,000 bushels, against 10,549,000 in the same week last year. And though the quantity on passage to Europe fell off last week 2,909,000 bushels, it is still nearly 8,000,000 bushels larger than a year ago. The American visible supply increased last week 2,909,000 bushels, against an increase in the same week last year of 1,629,000. The total is now 40,582,000 bushels, against 47,839,000 a year ago. The Price Current reports a considerable area of the Western winter wheat belt would be greatly benefited by rain. It is estimated that there are now around 10,000,000 acres that might be considered in the dry belt. Some wheat in western Kansas has not sprouted yet, but last season the same condition prevailed, and yet the crop of 122,000,000 bushels for the State shows what can happen when moisture is received at the proper time. Argentine shipments for the week were estimated at 1,850,000 bushels compared with 1,568,000 the previous week and 585,000 last year. That

looked interesting. Also, an official report on winter wheat in France showed an increase in the acreage of 1,182,000 from last year, while the condition was 70% against 58% a year ago. Operators at Palm Beach and Miami, Fla., are said to have been buying wheat in Chicago of late on the firm cables, drouth in the Southwest and the reparations crisis. To-day prices declined on heavy liquidation, with receipts liberal. The world's available supply on Jan. 1 was 301,138,000 bushels, an increase within a month of 12,802,000 bushels. A year ago the total was some 68,000,000 bushels less than on Jan. 1 this year, or, in other words, 233,412,000 bushels. The ending, however, for the week shows an advance of 1/4c. on May and 1 1/2c. on July.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red.....	Sat. 134	Mon. 133 1/2	Tues. 134 1/2	Wed. 135 1/2	Thurs. 136 1/2	Fri. 135 1/2
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery in elevator.....	Sat. 118	Mon. 117 3/4	Tues. 118 3/4	Wed. 119 3/4	Thurs. 120 3/4	Fri. 119 3/4
July delivery in elevator.....	110 3/4	110 3/4	111 1/4	112	113 1/4	112 3/4
September delivery in elevator.....	107 3/4	107 3/4	107 3/4	108 3/4	109 3/4	109 3/4

Indian corn declined at first on the 9th inst. with wheat and because of large receipts, but rallied later with wheat and a better demand. Export sales on the 8th inst. were reported of 125,000 bushels via Gulf ports. Argentine crop reports were rather better, as light rains had fallen. But the smallness of the increase in the American visible supply, i. e. only 125,000 bushels, as against 1,500,000 in the same week last year, was a matter of comment. The total is, therefore, still only 16,885,000 bushels, against 24,787,000 a year ago. The Continent, however, has seemed to hold aloof, possibly owing to the political crisis. Exporters were said to have offered corn freely at one time to Europe and to the seaboard at reduced premiums. On the other hand, the country cash demand was good. Other markets have at times been outbidding Chicago for corn. That fact could not be ignored. On the 11th inst. prices advanced with shorts covering and commission houses buying freely. Country offerings were light. A decrease in receipts is expected soon. To-day prices declined somewhat in sympathy with wheat, ending 5/8 to 3/4c. higher, however, than last Friday.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow.....	Sat. 89 1/2	Mon. 88 3/4	Tues. 89 1/2	Wed. 90 1/2	Thurs. 90 3/4	Fri. 90 1/2
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery in elevator.....	Sat. 70 3/4	Mon. 70 1/2	Tues. 71 1/4	Wed. 72 3/4	Thurs. 73	Fri. 72 1/2
July delivery in elevator.....	70 3/4	70 1/2	71 1/4	72 3/4	73 1/4	72 1/2
September delivery in elevator.....	70 3/4	70 1/2	71 1/4	72 3/4	73 1/4	72 1/2

Oats declined somewhat at the beginning of the week, though later they rallied. The domestic cash demand was better; only wheat pulled oats down from time to time. The visible supply in the United States last week increased 267,000 bushels, against a decrease in the same week last year of 546,000. But even so, the total is still only 32,122,000 bushels, against 67,182,000 a year ago. The increased receipts early in the week attracted attention. The cash demand, too, fell off. Prices advanced on the 11th inst. after a hesitant opening. The cash demand was good. Shorts covered. To-day prices declined in company with other grain, showing conclusively enough that oats have not cut loose from the rest of the grain list. There is an advance for the week of 1/4 to 1/2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white.....	Sat. 54 1/2	Mon. 54 1/2	Tues. 55	Wed. 55	Thurs. 55	Fri. 54 1/2
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery in elevator.....	Sat. 44	Mon. 43 3/4	Tues. 44 3/4	Wed. 45 1/4	Thurs. 45 3/4	Fri. 44 3/4
July delivery in elevator.....	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 3/4	42 1/2	42 3/4	42 1/2
September delivery in elevator.....	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2

Rye was higher with other grain and at times there was a fair degree of activity. In the main, however, there have been no striking developments. Some foreign business has been done, but as a rule European limits were to all appearances below current prices, so that export trading on the whole was moderate. A sale of 200,000 bushels to Norway was reported on the 8th inst. In the main trading was light and the market without striking features. The visible supply in the United States last week increased 672,000 bushels, against 375,000 last year, and the total is now 10,865,000 bushels, against 7,145,000 a year ago. On the 11th inst. prices weakened slightly for a time and then rose with other grain. To-day prices declined 3/4 to 1c., with trading light and the depression in other grain weighing more or less on rye. The ending was 1/4c. higher for the week on May and 3/4c. lower on July.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery in elevator.....	Sat. 87 3/4	Mon. 87 3/4	Tues. 88	Wed. 89 3/4	Thurs. 89 3/4	Fri. 88 3/4
July delivery in elevator.....	85 1/4	85 1/4	85 1/4	85 3/4	86 1/4	84 3/4

The following are closing quotations:

GRAIN		OATS	
Wheat—		No. 2 white.....	54 1/2
No. 2 red.....	\$1 35 1/2	No. 3 white.....	53 1/2
No. 2 hard winter.....	1 35 1/4	Barley—	
Corn—		Feeding.....	Nominal
No. 2 yellow.....	90 1/2	Malting.....	82 @ 84
Rye—No. 2.....	1 00	FLOUR	
Spring patents.....	\$6 50 @ \$6 75	Barley goods—	
Winter straights, soft.....	5 90 @ 6 25	No. 1.....	\$5 75
Hard winter straights.....	6 10 @ 6 40	Nos. 2, 3 and 4 pearl.....	6 50
First spring clears.....	5 50 @ 6 00	Nos. 2-0 and 3-0.....	5 75 @ \$5 90
Rye flour.....	5 00 @ 5 50	Nos. 4-0 and 5-0.....	6 00
Corn goods, 100 lbs.:—		Oats goods—Carload	
Yellow meal.....	2 00 @ 2 10	spot delivery.....	3 02 1/2
Corn flour.....	2 00 @ 2 10		

For other tables usually given here, see page 150.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Jan. 6 1923, was as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.					
	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.
United States—					
New York	958,000	678,000	2,478,000	188,000	355,000
Boston	1,000	1,000	46,000	1,000	---
Philadelphia	875,000	405,000	617,000	52,000	1,000
Baltimore	717,000	826,000	399,000	2,075,000	59,000
New Orleans	2,072,000	1,334,000	162,000	36,000	4,000
Galveston	1,644,000	---	---	85,000	---
Buffalo	4,765,000	342,000	946,000	1,099,000	603,000
" afloat	4,076,000	---	---	797,000	399,000
Toledo	1,210,000	102,000	287,000	3,000	2,000
Detroit	27,000	42,000	69,000	27,000	---
Chicago	2,357,000	9,429,000	9,149,000	636,000	277,000
" afloat	270,000	---	---	---	---
Milwaukee	151,000	207,000	715,000	345,000	188,000
Duluth	3,230,000	6,000	637,000	3,142,000	220,000
St. Joseph, Mo.	959,000	149,000	147,000	21,000	6,000
Minneapolis	8,256,000	178,000	11,809,000	2,002,000	883,000
St. Louis	1,211,000	789,000	305,000	8,000	3,000
Kansas City	4,727,000	572,000	1,038,000	146,000	---
Peoria	1,000	253,000	324,000	---	---
Indianapolis	397,000	157,000	319,000	---	---
Omaha	1,956,000	968,000	2,115,000	146,000	11,000
Sioux City	331,000	287,000	500,000	46,000	10,000
On Canal and River	381,000	---	---	10,000	32,000
Total Jan. 6 1923	40,582,000	16,885,000	32,122,000	10,865,000	3,053,000
Total Dec. 30 1922	37,673,000	16,760,000	32,359,000	10,193,000	3,126,000
Total Jan. 7 1922	47,839,000	24,787,000	67,182,000	7,145,000	2,799,000
Canadian—					
Montreal	2,011,000	466,000	588,000	284,000	143,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur	21,918,000	---	2,647,000	---	2,050,000
" afloat	163,000	---	---	---	---
Other Canadian	16,415,000	---	942,000	---	1,208,000
Total Jan. 6 1923	34,507,000	466,000	4,177,000	284,000	3,411,000
Total Dec. 30 1922	30,995,000	460,000	3,747,000	329,000	3,259,000
Total Jan. 7 1922	31,441,000	1,423,000	8,745,000	4,000	2,824,000
Summary—					
American	40,582,000	16,885,000	32,122,000	10,865,000	3,053,000
Canadian	34,507,000	466,000	4,177,000	284,000	3,411,000
Total Jan. 6 1923	75,089,000	17,351,000	36,299,000	11,149,000	6,464,000
Total Dec. 30 1922	68,668,000	17,220,000	36,136,000	10,522,000	6,385,000
Total Jan. 7 1922	79,280,000	26,210,000	75,927,000	7,149,000	5,623,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 114,000 bushels; Boston, 23,000; Baltimore, 50,000; Buffalo, 477,000; Buffalo afloat, 1,701,000; Duluth, 14,000; Toledo afloat, 587,000; total, 2,966,000 bushels, against 959,000 bushels in 1921. Barley, New York, 560,000; Buffalo, 579,000; Buffalo afloat, 1,001,000; Duluth, 54,000, total, 2,194,000 bushels, against 687,000 bushels in 1921. Wheat, New York, 1,004,000 bushels, Boston, 460,000; Philadelphia, 875,000; Baltimore, 1,079,000; Buffalo, 5,923,000; Buffalo afloat, 18,242,000; Duluth, 113,000; Toledo, 539,000; Toledo afloat, 1,981,000; Chicago, 335,000; total, 30,552,000 bushels, against 22,692,000 bushels in 1921.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING JAN. 10.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ending Jan. 10, is as follows:

Heavy rains fell in a few southeastern districts during the week ended Jan. 9, and frequent—and in places heavy—snow was received from the Lake region eastward to New England and the upper middle Atlantic coast. Heavy to excessive rains fell on the North Pacific coast. The week was considerably milder than normal in the central and upper Rocky Mountains and Plateau and Central and lower Great Plains States. There was much need of more moisture in the Central and lower Great Plains and lower Rocky Mountain States.

The heavy rainfall with the rapidly melting snow in the mountains caused serious floods in Western and North Central Oregon. There was some loss of crops, several factories were closed, and highway and railway traffic obstructed. Heavy frost appeared in Southern California on the fourth, with considerable damage reported in the interior valley, but little harm to citrus fruits. The deciduous fruit developed too rapidly in the Far Northwest under the influence of unseasonably high temperature.

Continued mild weather allowed for much plowing in most Southern and some Central and Northwestern States. Plowing was possible as far north as the Lewiston valley in Idaho and some was done on uplands in Ohio. The soil was too wet, however, for much work where heavy rain fell in the Southeast. There was no satisfactory hog killing in parts of the southeastern district, although some killing was done with a considerable loss of meat resulting.

There was sufficient snow on the ground for good sleighing in the Northeast and to produce favorable conditions for lumbering in New England. The snow was drifting and blocking traffic in some sections of Northern Michigan at the close of the week. Automobile trails were open in North Dakota while other roads were mostly closed except for sleds; grain is being marketed on sleds in this State. Roads varied from good to impassable in Montana and unimproved roads were in bad shape in Idaho. Roads were in a very satisfactory condition in the central and lower Great Plains region and in much of the Western Mississippi Valley. They were less satisfactory in the Southeast, although improved in places.

The ground was bare of snow throughout the principal winter wheat belt, except in the northern portions of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. The ground was generally snow covered, however, in the Northeast, the Lake regions and the upper Mississippi valley. Temperatures were mild for the season and winter cereals continued to make satisfactory progress, except where it remained too dry in portions of the Great Plains States.

Little or no precipitation occurred in Missouri, but there was sufficient soil moisture for present needs in that State, and the condition and progress of winter wheat were quite satisfactory. Some light snow fell in Eastern Nebraska, but not enough to be of material benefit, and in the absence of precipitation the ground was dry in all sections of Kansas.

Wheat was generally dormant in the latter State, but continued green in the eastern two-thirds, in the more western portion, however, the fields were mostly bare. There was some damage in Western and South Central Kansas by high winds blowing the soil.

Rain was badly needed for grain in Central and Western Oklahoma, while wheat and oats made unsatisfactory progress in Texas, because of the drought. The warm weather in the Far Northwest melted the snow over most of the grain fields and at the close of the week they were generally bare of snow in that area. Conditions were generally favorable for winter cereals from the lower Mississippi valley eastward and satisfactory progress was reported.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

New York, Friday Night, Jan. 12 1923.

Sentiment among dry goods merchants in regard to the outlook is very cheerful, and developments during the first two weeks of the new year appear to foreshadow active trade for the next few months at least. While it is true that most of the primary markets have ruled quiet so far as the placing of actual orders for additional supplies is concerned, numerous inquiries for future requirements continue to be received. Prices for cotton goods have begun to strengthen in accordance with the expectations of merchants generally. Many finished goods have been priced below a parity of raw cotton,

and with every indication that there will be no lowering of labor costs, upward price revisions are being named in order to put them on a basis of replacement cost that will protect production and furnish the buyer with an accurate idea of what goods are worth. It is expected that trade in primary lines will be stimulated by the arrival here in large numbers of jobbers from all parts of the country to attend the annual convention of the National Wholesale Dry Goods Association on Jan. 15 to 18, inclusive. As in past seasons, many buyers have no doubt deferred purchases until they visit the New York market during the convention period. Therefore indications point to an active business being placed. Retailers throughout the country are said to have enjoyed an exceptionally large trade in dry goods, and it is becoming more evident that their stocks need replenishing. Jobbers are shipping out goods on a liberal scale, and the freer movement will sooner or later undoubtedly be reflected in primary markets. They quite generally report that their customers are displaying increased interest in securing goods under order, and in many instances have requested that deliveries be anticipated. It is generally expected that new prices on fall goods of all kinds will be named by leading factors before they close their annual meetings during the coming week.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS: Although demand for domestic cotton goods has not been particularly active during the past week, prices have ruled firm in sympathy with the rising tendency of raw cotton. Numerous inquiries for goods for deferred delivery are being received, and it is confidently expected that these will result in definite orders as soon as the taking of inventories is completed. It is generally believed that inventories will show not only that there are no burdensome supplies on hand, but in many cases, greatly depleted stocks. A few transactions in sheetings have been reported during the week, but buyers appear to have satisfied their present requirements, and are not prepared as yet to pay the advances asked since the turn of the year by the larger houses. Mills, on the other hand, are more or less indifferent, as they have sufficient business already booked to keep them running for the next two months or so. Colored cottons are displaying a firmer undertone, and the demand, which has started with denims, appears to be spreading in other directions. Some of the low end ginghams are also in better request from first hands. A moderate business has been passing in unfinished goods, and in addition to fair sales of print cloths, more buying is being done on special cloths for manufacturing purposes, for rubberizing, bag manufacturing and various other miscellaneous uses. Where new prices have been named on certain lines of goods they have been accepted without trade protest, and the fact that new orders are slow does not appear to be troubling selling agents, who are convinced that the present advances do not mean the last word in high prices if raw cotton continues its upward course in accordance with the strong statistical position of the crop. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 8½¢, and the 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 7¾¢. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's, are quoted at 11½¢, and the 39-inch, 80 x 80's, at 14½¢.

WOOLEN GOODS: Markets for woolen goods have been only moderately active during the past week pending the opening of fall lines, which are expected to take place within the near future. There has been some re-ordering, however, of fabrics, notably dress goods, for spring requirements. Higher prices than a year ago are due to be named owing to the higher cost of wool in all parts of the world. Furthermore, there has been no reduction of wages or general costs. However, it is generally believed that efforts will be made to make prices as close as possible in order to keep all hands in the industry employed even at the sacrifice of profit margins.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS: While linen markets are more or less quiet, a freer movement is expected as soon as inventories are completed. Small miscellaneous purchases are being made, covering virtually every description of merchandise, both in the piece and made-up goods. A number of houses are being compelled to revise their price lists, as many listed items are no longer obtainable at quotations which prevailed earlier in the season. Low end napkins are reported scarce in the local market, as retailers have pretty well cleaned up available supplies, while it is doubtful whether or not there are more than several hundred dozen goods in distributors' hands. A moderate number of buyers from out-of-town and local stores were in the market during the week, seeking additional supplies of various goods to meet their current requirements. There was a particularly good request for low-priced linens which were not readily obtainable. Burlaps developed further firmness during the week on buying stimulated by the strength of the Calcutta market. Speculative buying has been more in evidence. Light weights are quoted at 7.40 to 7.50c., and heavies at 9.00 to 9.15c.

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN DECEMBER

We present herewith our detailed list of the municipal bonds issues put out during the month of December, which the crowded condition of our columns prevented our publishing at the usual time.

The review of the month's sales was given on page 96 of the "Chronicle" of Jan. 6. Since then several belated December returns have been received, changing the total for the month to \$57,904,159. The number of municipalities issuing bonds in December was 329 and the number of separate issues 399.

DECEMBER BOND SALES.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists various municipal bond sales with their respective details.

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Page	Name	Rate	Maturity	Amount	Price	Basis
2715	Pleasant Ridge, Mich.	4½	d10-20-years	30,000	100	4.50
100	Plummer Ind. S. D., Neb.	6	1923-1931	8,200	100	6.00
2930	Flymouth County, Mass.	4½	1923-1931	36,000	100.59	4.12
100	Point Twp Rural S. D., No. 5	5½	1923-1942	55,000	104.563	4.94
2822	Pondera Co. Sch. Dist. No. 43, Mont.	6		1,200		
205	Pope City Cons. S. D., Ga.	6	1936-1942	7,000	90.00	
2822	Port Huron, Mich.	5	1933-1936	50,000	104.022	4.54
100	Port Huron, Mich. (4 iss.)	5	1923-1933	155,791	101.90	
205	Portal S. D., No. Dak.	6		33,000		
2930	Portland, Ore.	6		153,527	var.	var.
205	Post Falls Ind. S. D., No. 5, Ida.	6	1933-1942	6,000		
2822	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	4½	1928-1952	278,000	102.59r	4.05
2930	Powell, Wyo.	6	d15-30-years	5,000		
100	Princeton, N. J.	4½	1924-1933	50,000	100.95	4.30
2930	Probstet Rd. Impt. Dist., Kan.	5		31,088	100.03	
2822	Pueblo Co. Sch. Dist. No. 13, Colo.			5,000		
2822	Pueblo Co. Sch. Dist. No. 13, Colo.			13,000		
2608	Pulaski County, Ind.	5	1924-1933	8,000	100.15	4.78
2608	Pulaski County, Ind.	5	1924-1933	7,000	101.05	4.80
2930	Rayville, La.	4½		50,000	102.50	
2823	Red Oak, Iowa	4½		25,000	100	
2930	Redwood County, Minn.	4½		83,000	101.93	
100	Reidville, N. C.	5½	1923-1942	3,826		
2608	Reidsville, N. C.	5½	1925-1943	300,000	100.36	5.23
2823	Rensselaer, N. Y.	4½	1925-1943	95,000	102.68	4.19
2823	Richmond, Va.	4½	1957	2,000,000	102.242	4.37
100	Rockford Sch. Dist., Mo.	5		75,000		
2823	Roosevelt County, Mont.			104,000		
100	Rosenburg, Tex. (2 iss.)	5	1923-1942	70,000		
2608	Roxbury Twp. S. D., N.J.	5	1923-1942	81,000	100.594	4.92
2608	St. Louis County, Mo.	4½	1927-1942	1,000,000	98.81	4.63
2823	St. Paul, Minn.	4½		100,000		
2715	Salem, N. J.	5½	1924-1938	15,000	100.685	5.00
2823	Salem, Ohio	5½	1924-1938	41,307	101.786r	4.91
206	Salt Creek Twp S. D., O.	6		15,000	104.77	
206	Saugus, Mass.	4	1923-1942	50,000	100.35	3.95
2715	Schenectady, N.Y. (2 iss.)	4½	1923-1932	110,000	100.69	4.33
100	Scott & Lesuer Cos. Ind. S. D., No. 73, Minn.	4½	1924-1938	100,000	100.90	4.65
2608	Sea Cliff, N. Y.	5	1924-1943	25,000	103.53	4.60
206	Seattle, Wash. (3 iss.)	6		11,643		
2823	Sedgwick Co. S. D., No. 46, Colo.	5½		7,400		
2823	Shadyside, Ohio (3 issues)	6	1923-1931	23,200	102.39r	5.50
2715	Sharon S. D., Pa.	4½	38-'43-'48-'53	440,000	103.693	4.24
2823	Shelby, No. Caro.	5½	1924-1938	125,000	100.008	4.99
2931	Shelby Twp., Mich.	5	1928-1932	10,000	100.48	4.93
206	Shelton, Neb.			28,000		
206	Sheridan Co. S. D., No. 47, Wyo.	6	1947	1,500		
2931	Shullsburg, Wis. (2 issues)	6	Serially	15,000	102.719	
2823	Sinking Spr. Bor. S. D., Pa.	4½	1924-1953	56,000	101.422	4.43
206	Skagit Co. S. D., No. 40, Wash.	6	d1-5 years	2,500	100	6.00
2931	Skiatook, Okla.	6	1942	26,000	102.50	
2715	Sledge Bayou Dr. N. Miss.	6		90,000	100.66	
2823	Somerset County, N. J.	5	d1923-1926	449,000	100	5.00
2931	Spencer County, Ind.	4½	1924-1933	17,000	100	4.50
2608	South Dakota (State of)	4½	1942	3,000,000	100.91	4.70
2931	Stratton, Colo.			25,000		
100	Stone County, Ark.		1923	32,000		
2931	Streator Twp., H. S. D., No. 49, Ill.	5	1928-1942	315,000	104.41	4.54
2824	Sullivan Co., Ind. (2 iss.)	5	1924-1933	18,800	101.32	4.72
2931	Summer, Neb. (2 issues)	5½		13,000		
100	Superior Twp. S. D., Ohio	6	1924-1933	10,000		
2608	Swedesboro, N. J.	5	1924-1961	57,000	101.36	4.89
2931	Tanque Verde S. D., Ariz.	5		10,000	100.25	
2608	Taylor, Tex.	5	1929-1949	32,000	98.66	5.11
206	Tenino, Wash.	6		5,000	100	6.00
100	Trenton, Mo.		1928-1943	175,000		
2716	Trinidad, Colo.	4½	d1933-1938	338,000		
2931	Troy, Ohio	6	1924-1947	47,368	102.13	4.78
2824	Tulla, Tex. (3 issues)	6	1928-1962	100,000	103.85	5.68
2716	Tulsa, Okla.	5½	1927-1932	800,000		
2716	Tulsa, Okla.	5	1933-1947	1,200,000		
2716	Uinta Co. S. D., No. 6, Wyo.	6		20,000	100	6.00
100	Umatilla, Fla. (2 issues)	6	33-'43-'48-'53	55,000	100.60	
2608	Union County, N. J.	4½	1924-1946	132,000	100.031	4.24
101	Urbana & Champaign Sanitary District, Ill.	4½	1926-1942	500,000		
101	Utica, N. Y.	4½		8,036	100	4.25
2824	Utica, N. Y.	4½	1924-1943	560,000	101.699	4.05
101	Valley Co. S. D., I. Neb.	5	1934-1953	70,000		
101	Vanderburgh Co., Ind.	4½	1924-1933	8,700	100	4.50
101	Vigo County, Ind.	5	1923-1933	100,000	102.025	4.77
2931	Vigo County, Ind.	5	1924-1933	92,500	101.217	4.76
2931	Vigo County, Ind.	5	1924-1933	25,000	101.224	4.76
2931	Vigo County, Ind.	5	1924-1933	89,500	101.341	4.74
2716	Wakenburg, Colo.	5		20,000		
101	Wakarusa Drain & Levee Dist., Ill.	6	1928-1937	260,000		
2716	Wallace S. D., La.	6	1923-1942	40,000	104.26	5.53
101	Wallowa Valley Impt. Dist. No. 1, Ore.	6	1938-1942	5,000	100	6.00
101	Walton, N. Y.	4.70	yearly	16,000	100.35	4.65
2824	Warsaw, N. Y.	4½	1923-1943	63,000	100.85	4.39
2716	Warsaw, No. Caro.	6	1925-1949	25,000	101.95	5.88
207	Washington Co. S. D., No. 66, Colo.	6	d15-30 yrs.	6,000		
2931	Washington Co. S. D., Ore.	5½		8,000		
2931	Waterville, Me.	4½	1942	50,000	100	4.50
2824	Washington Co. S. D., No. 3, Colo.	5½	d20-40 yrs.	17,000		
2824	Watsonville, Calif.	5	1923-1947	250,000		
2931	Webb, Miss.	5		40,000		
2824	Weldon Grad. S. D., No. C. 6	5	1938-1952	75,000	107.46	
2824	Westfield, N. Y.	4½	1923-1930	32,000	100.03	4.49
2931	Weston Co. No. S. D., No. 9, Wyo.	6	d1932-1942	10,000	103.27	
2824	West Riverside S. D., Cal.	5	1925-1942	40,000	101.56	
2931	West Unity VII. S. D., Ohio	5½	1924-1942	19,000	102.13r	
101	Whitefish, Mont.			20,000		
2716	Whiteville, No. Caro.	6	1925-1962	97,000	102.065	5.76
2931	Wichita & Clay Cos. Com. S. D., No. 20, Tex.	6		5,000	100	6.00
2609	Wilmington, Ohio	5½	d1932-1942	64,700	100.91	
2931	Winnett, Mont.	6		25,000		
101	Winona, Kan.	5½		34,000	102.86	
2717	Woodcliff Lake, N. J.	5	1923-1932	35,000	100.15	4.97
2824	Woburn, Mass. (5 issues)	4½	1923-1927	40,700	100.56	4.20
2824	Woodsfield, Ohio	5	1924-1938	37,000	102.175	4.19
2717	Woodward, Okla.	5½		175,000	100.32	
2931	Worcester, Mass. (4 iss.)	4	1923-1942	860,000	100.398	3.934
2931	Yates County, N. Y.	6	1924-1933	50,000	101.01	5.09
2931	Yates County, N. Y.	4½	1927-1928	44,000		
101	York Township Rural S. D., Ohio	6	1924-1933	4,000	100.11	5.98
101	Youngstown, O. (3 iss.)	5	1924-1933	83,831		
2609	Zephyrhill, Fla.	6	1933-1933	37,500	100.13	5.98

Total bond sales for December (329 municipalities covering 399 separate issues) ----- \$57,904,159

REVISED TOTALS FOR PREVIOUS MONTHS.

The following items, included in our totals for previous months, should be eliminated from the same. We give the

page number of the issue of our paper in which the reasons for these eliminations may be found:

667	Attalia Irrigation District, Wash. (July list)	\$8,000
98	Cotton Valley Sch. Dist. No. 12, La. (July list)	60,000
567	Holdredge, Neb. (January list)	4,000
2929	Liberty County, Texas (April list)	1,309,000
205	Ottawa, O. (2 issues) (September list)	10,500
2817	Tacoma, Wash. (10 issues) (November list)	105,922
2931	Yaokum, Texas (March list)	20,000

BONDS OF UNITED STATES POSSESSIONS.

Page	Name	Rate	Maturity	Amount	Price	Basis
2929	Lajas, Porto Rico	5½		\$30,000	101	
2714	Philippine Is. (Govt. of)	4½	1952	13,000,000	95.07	4.79
2931	San German, Porto Rico	6		156,000	107.03	
2931	Utuaedo, Porto Rico	5	1924-1943	100,000	101.32	4.85

We have also learned of the following additional sales for previous months:

Page	Name	Rate	Maturity	Amount	Price	Basis
271	Adamsville, Tenn. (July)	6		\$5,000	100	6.00
457	Attalia Irrigation Dist., Wash. (July)	8			6,000	
97	Belle Valley Sch. Dist., Ohio (August)	5½	1923-1944	75,000	105.01	4.93
202	Columbus, Ohio	5	1925-1927	60,000	100	5.00
203	Fountain County, Ind.	5	1924-1933	15,200	100	4.50
203	Hookerton, No. Caro.	6		35,000	100	6.00
204	Marysville, Calif.	6		8,766	100	6.00
2930	No. Olmstead, O. (Sept.)	6		54,793	103.17	
2930	Ottawa, O. (2 issues)	6	1923-1932	10,500	102.466	5.455
2824	Tacoma, Wash. (10 iss.)	6	various	105,822	100	6.00

All the above sales (except as indicated) are for November. These additional November issues will make the total sales (not including temporary loans) for that month \$41,993,629.

DEBENTURES SOLD BY CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES IN DECEMBER.

Page	Name	Rate	Maturity	Amount	Price	Basis
101	Alberta S. D., Alta. (4 iss.)	7½ & 8		\$15,200	Various	Var.
2932	Aurora, Ont.	5½	Yearly	19,900	98.61	
2610	Barton Twp., Ont.	5½		15,870	98.80	
2610	Barton Twp., Ont.	5½		10,000	98.36	
101	Brantford, Ont.	5½	yearly	65,000	100	5.50
207	Brantford, Ont.	5½	1934-1952	88,000	99.50	
2932	Brantford, Ont.	5½	1933-1947	97,500	99.53	5.55
2717	Calgary Roman Catholic School Comm., Alta.	6		20,000	97.25	6.37
2717	Coldstream, B. C.	6		3,000		
2717	Colborne, Ont.	6	Yearly			

suggested a tax on public-owned utilities, basing the recommendation on the assertion that farmers do not derive any benefit from these utilities, but are obliged to pay additional taxes because the public utilities properties are exempted from taxation.

New York State.—Bonus Measures Introduced.—There have been introduced in both the Assembly and Senate bills proposing a Constitutional Amendment allowing the payment of a bonus to World War veterans. The Assembly bill would authorized the issuance of \$45,000,000 bonds for the bonus.

Bills asking Constitutional Amendments so as to provide for the short ballot, with the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and Comptroller the only elective officers, who would serve for a four-year term, have also been offered.

Among other proposed measures are bills permitting cities to fix rates and regulate service of public utilities, operate and own bus lines and investigate public utilities.

North Dakota.—Legislature Meets in Regular Session.—On Jan. 2 the Legislature convened in regular biennial session.

Ohio.—Tax Repeal Bill Signed—May Be Referred to Voters.—The bill abolishing the 15-mill tax levy for weak school districts and the 5-mill levy for road works, which was passed by the Legislature on the first day of the session (V. 116, p. 97), was signed by Governor Davis on Jan. 4. There is some doubt as to whether or not this law will be submitted to the people for ratification. The Ohio State Automobile Association, which protested against the repeal of the levies, may ask that the law be referred to the electors. Under the initiative and referendum provisions of the Constitution, laws providing for tax levies may not be referred to the voters by petition. State officials are not certain that this exemption is, or is not, extended to bills repealing tax levies.

Tennessee.—Legislature Convened.—The Legislature convened in regular biennial session on Jan. 2.

BOND CALLS AND REDEMPTIONS

Haverford Township, Delaware County, Pa.—Bond Call.—This township has called for payment \$250,000 5 1/4% coupon sewer bonds (part of a total issue of \$500,000). Payment of bonds will be made at the Commercial Trust Co., Philadelphia, on or before Feb. 1 1923, interest ceasing on that date.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

this week have been as follows:

ADA, Norman County, Minn.—BONDS VOTED—TO BE PURCHASED BY STATE.—At the election held on Jan. 2 (V. 115, p. 2818), the \$28,000 4 1/2% electric light and power-plant bonds were voted by a count of 284 to 81. A. O. Gelren City Clerk, says: "Bonds will be sold to the State of Minnesota, and will not be put on open market."

ADAMSVILLE, McNairy County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—On July 10 1922 the City of Adamsville disposed of \$5,000 6% sidewalk bonds at par as follows, each of the bidders, all of Adamsville, taking \$500 worth of bonds: B. W. Wright, J. R. Wisson, A. M. Perkins, Bank of Adamsville, Lee Brown, Dr. Abernathy, D. L. Phillip, Mrs. Sis. Shaw, W. P. Littlefield Lem. Wisson.

ALBANY, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 10 the following two issues of tax-free gold coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds, offered on that date (V. 116, p. 97), were sold to the New York State National Bank of Albany for the account of the First National Bank, Remick, Hodges & Co., and Barr Bros. & Co., all of New York, for \$1,885,294 14 (101.35) and interest for 4s. a basis of about 3.904%:

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 1963, inclusive.

Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. 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 City. These bonds, which are said to be a legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York State, are offered to the investing public to yield from 3.85% to 3.80%, according to maturity. The following are the bids received for the bonds when offered on Jan. 10:

New York State National Bank, Albany, N. Y.	\$1,885,294 14
Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc.; Lamport, Barker & Jennings, Inc.; H. L. Allen & Co.; Jelke, Hood & Co.; New York City National Commercial Bank & Trust Co.; Albany, N. Y.; Fidelity Trust Co., Buffalo, N. Y.; O'Brian, Potter & Co., Buffalo, N. Y.	1,872,201 60
George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc.; New York City Harris, Forbes & Co.; Bankers Trust Co.; National City Co., New York City	1,871,829 60
Dillon, Read & Co., New York City	1,870,806 60
Stacy & Braun; Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co.; Eldridge & Co., New York City	1,867,942 20
Guaranty Co. of New York	1,865,766 00
Estabrook & Co.; Brown Bros. & Co.; Roosevelt & Son, New York City	1,862,548 20
All the above bids were for 4% bonds.	1,860,558 00

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation	\$136,737,554
Total bonded debt (including this issue)	11,763,436
Sinking fund	\$977,721
Water bonds	1,622,000
Net bonded debt	2,599,721
Population, 1920 Census, 113,344.	9,163,715

ALFRED, Allegheny County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 5% street improvement bonds, offered on Jan. 10—V. 115, p. 97—were awarded to local investors at 100.129, a basis of about 4.96%. Date July 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1932 inclusive.

ALLEGANY COUNTY (P. O. Cumberland), Md.—BOND SALE.—We are advised by a special telegraphic dispatch from Thomas P. Richards, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, that the \$500,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds, offered for sale at 11 a. m. yesterday morning—V. 115, p. 2818—were sold to Strothers, Brogden & Co. of Baltimore at 101.55, a basis of about 4.375%. Due \$50,000 yearly on July 1 from 1936 to 1945 inclusive.

ALMENA, Norton County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Dec. 26 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$41,500 5 1/4% sewer bonds.

ALVARADO, Johnson County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$30,000 5 1/2% seria water works bonds on Dec. 29.

ANDREW-NODAWAY DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Nodaway and Andrew Counties, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—Jacob Nelson, District Secretary (P. O. Guilford), will sell \$200,000 drainage bonds at public auction at 2 p. m. Jan. 24.

ASHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ashland), Boyd County, Ky.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7 p. m. Feb. 1 by P. D. Wells, Secretary Board of Education, for \$60,000 4 3/4% school bonds. Date July 1 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000 yearly on Jan. 15 from 1924 to 1943 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Ashland National Bank, Ashland. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the Board of Education, required.

ASHTABULA, Ashtabula County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$60,000 5 1/2% coupon street railway impt. bonds offered on Jan. 8 (V. 115, p. 2818) was awarded to N. S. Hill & Co. of Cincinnati for \$62,252 40 (103.756) and int., a basis of about 4.65%. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due \$6,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1933 incl. The following is a complete list of the bids received:

Name	Premium
N. S. Hill & Co., Cincinnati	\$2,252 40
A. T. Bell & Co., Toledo	1,866 00
Lewis S. Rosenstell Co., Cincinnati	1,480 00
Citizens' Trust & Savings Bank, Columbus	1,011 00
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati	606 66
Weil, Roth & Co., Cincinnati	20 00

ATOKA COUNTY (P. O. Atoka), Okla.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—Newspapers report that C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago are offering \$100,000 6% direct obligation bonds due Dec. 1947 at prices to yield 5%.

BATH TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fairfield), Greene County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$185,000 5 1/2% coupon school building bonds, mentioned in V. 115, p. 2928, have been awarded to Richards, Parish & Lamson of Cincinnati for \$195,308, equal to 105.57, a basis of about 4.92%. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1924 to 1940 inclusive, and \$7,000, 1941 to 1947 inclusive.

BEDFORD, Lawrence County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—George M. Dodd, City Clerk, will receive sealed proposals until 1 p. m. Jan. 16 for the purchase of an issue of \$35,000 4 1/2% coupon water works improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due \$1,000 each six months from July 1 1923 to Jan. 1 1940. Principal and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Bedford National Bank. No bid for less than par and accrued int. considered. A certified check for \$300, drawn on a Bedford, Ind., bank, required.

BELLAIRE, Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Chas. P. Hoffman, City Auditor, until 12 m. Feb. 5 for the purchase of the following two issues of 5 1/2% bonds: \$14,700 00 bonds for the purpose of purchasing the necessary equipment, repairs and supplies for the safety department of the city. Denom. 17 for \$800 and one for \$1,100. Date Dec. 15 1922. Due serially until Sept. 15 1932.

1,717 24 bonds for the purpose of improving certain streets. Denom. \$190 81. Date Sept. 15 1922. Due serially until Oct. 1 1932.

These bonds are issued under the authority of the General Code of Ohio and in accordance with a certain ordinance of the city. No bid for less than par and accrued interest considered. A certified check, payable to the Treasurer, for 10% of bonds bid for, required.

BELLEFONTAINE, Logan County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—F. R. Moots, City Auditor, informs us that two issues of 6% street improvement and funding indebtedness bonds, totaling \$12,827 85, were awarded to the Sinking Fund Trustees at par. Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. M. & S. Due serially from 1923 to 1932, inclusive. Denom. \$500.

BENTON COUNTY (P. O. Camden), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—Caldwell & Co. of Nashville have purchased \$50,000 5% highway bonds at par plus a premium of \$500, equal to 101.

BENTON HARBOR, Berrien County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The Detroit Trust Co. was awarded an issue of \$30,000 5 1/4% paving and sanitary sewer bonds on Dec. 18 1922. Date Nov. 1 1922. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Due serially. Interest semi-annual.

BIBB COUNTY (P. O. Macon), Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—We are advised by J. Ross Bowdye, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, that \$500,000 school bonds will be offered for sale on May 1.

BILOXI, Harrison County, Miss.—CORRECTION.—Listed as outstanding against the city of Biloxi on page 185, in our "State & City Section," which was published on Dec. 30 1922, are \$350,000 5 1/4% street improvement bonds. Under date of Jan. 3 we are advised by E. C. Tonsmeire, President of the First National Bank of Biloxi, that these bonds were never issued. It seems proper for us to say that our information was taken from the "Biennial Report of the Auditor of Public Accounts of the State of Mississippi," covering the period from Oct. 1 1919 to Oct. 1 1921. Mr. Tonsmeire also advises us that the city is about to offer a new issue of bonds.

BOONE, Boone County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$95,000 5% funding bonds offered on Jan. 3—V. 115, p. 2928—were awarded to Ringheim, Wheeler & Co. of Des Moines at par plus a premium of \$1,580, equal to 101.66, a basis of about 4.70%. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$9,000, 1924; \$10,000, 1925; \$9,000, 1926; \$10,000, 1927; \$9,000, 1928; \$10,000, 1929; \$9,000, 1930; \$10,000, 1931; \$9,000, 1932, and \$10,000, 1933.

BOWDLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bowdle), Edmunds County, So. Dak.—BONDS VOTED—OFFERING.—At the election held on Dec. 19 (V. 115, p. 2498), the proposition to issue \$15,000 school bonds carried by a vote of 45 to 8. Interest rate 5 1/2%. Bids will be received until 9 p. m. Jan. 26.

BRADY'S BEND TOWNSHIP, Armstrong County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—The Township Supervisors will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. (eastern standard time) Jan. 31 for \$80,000 4 1/4% tax-free coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds, issued for the purpose of constructing and improving a portion of State Highway Route No. 214, through the Township of Brady's Bend. Denom. \$500. Date March 1 1923. Int. M. & S. Due on March 1 as follows: \$30,000, 1937; \$22,000, 1944, and \$28,000, 1951. These bonds were voted, it is said, at an election on May 16 1922. Legality will be approved by O. E. Harrington, Kittingtaning, B. L. Barnhart is Township Secretary (P. O. Kaylor).

BREWSTER, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 9 \$8,818 40 Wabash Ave. special assessment sewer bonds, offered on that date—V. 115, p. 2928—were sold to the Sinking Fund Commission.

BROCKTON, Plymouth County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Brockton National Bank of Brockton, was the successful bidder for the temporary loan of \$200,000 dated Jan. 9, and maturing Oct. 25 1923, which was offered on Jan. 8—V. 116, p. 97. The loan was negotiated at a 4.105% discount basis.

BROOKHAVEN, Lincoln County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 water and light bonds offered on Jan. 5 (V. 115, p. 2928) were awarded as 5 1/4% to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville. Date Jan. 2 1923. Due on Jan. 2 as follows: \$600 1924 to 1928 incl. \$1,200 1929 to 1938 incl., and \$1,500 1939 to 1948 incl.

BROOKHAVEN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 24 (P. O. Patchogue), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Rutter & Co. of New York were awarded the issue of \$480,000 4 1/4% coupon school bonds which were offered on Jan. 6—V. 115, p. 2928—for a premium of \$10,238 40 (102.133) and accrued interest, a basis of about 4.29%. Date Feb. 1 1923. Due \$18,000 on Feb. 1 from 1924 to 1933 incl., and \$20,000 on Feb. 1 from 1934 to 1948 incl.

BROWN COUNTY (P. O. Aberdeen), So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of Paine, Webber & Co., Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc., and Ballard & Co., all of Minneapolis, has purchased \$175,000 6 1/2% drainage district bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank, Minneapolis. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$19,000, 1924 to 1931, inclusive, and \$23,000, 1932.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation of this district (1921)	\$4,016,570
Debt (this issue only)	175,000

BUFFALO, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Barr Bros. & Co., of New York, were the successful bidders on Jan. 10 for the \$200,000 4% tax-free regis-

tered harbor improvement bonds, offered on that date (V. 116, p. 97), on their bid of 100.197 and interest (for all or none), a basis of about 3.98%. Date Jan. 2 1923. Due \$10,000 yearly on Jan. 2 from 1924 to 1943, inclusive. The following is a complete list of the bids received:

Barr Brothers & Co., New York	100.197
L. F. Rothschild & Co., New York	100.168
P. F. Cusick & Co., New York	100.1443
The Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo	100.14
Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., New York	100.121
Guaranty Company of New York	100.0928
Hamilton A. Gill & Co., New York	100.034
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, New York	100.034
Manufacturers & Traders National Bank, Buffalo	100.01428
South Side Bank, Community Nat. Bank, Buffalo, jointly	100.01

All the above bids were for all or none. A bid of 100.18 was received from Sherwood & Merrifield, New York, at 12:05 p. m., too late for the sale.

BUNKIE, Avoyelles Parish, La.—BOND SALE—The Merchants & Planters Bank of Bunkie has purchased \$91,000 5% 20-year improvement bonds at 96.90. Denom. \$1,000. Int. M. & S.

BUTTS COUNTY (P. O. Jackson), Ga.—BOND SALE—The "Manufacturers' Record" of Jan. 10 reports the sale of \$150,000 road bonds to J. H. Hillsman & Co., of Atlanta.

CAMDEN, Kershaw County, So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed proposals will be received for \$100,000 5% street improvement bonds until 8 p. m. Jan. 15 by H. C. Singleton, City Clerk. Denom. \$1,000.

CANADIAN, Hemphill County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$6,000 5% 20-40 year street improvement bonds on Dec. 29.

CANONSBURG, Washington County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed proposals will be received by W. C. Black, Borough Secretary, until 7:30 p. m. Feb. 5 for an issue of \$100,000 4 1/2% coupon funding and improvement bonds. Date Jan. 1 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & I. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$10,000 in 1928; \$4,000 from 1929 to 1943, inclusive; and \$3,000 from 1944 to 1953, inclusive. Certified check for \$2,500 required.

CASS COUNTY (P. O. Logansport), Ind.—BOND OFFERING—Bids will be received until 10 a. m. Feb. 10 by J. J. McCormick, County Treasurer, for the following 5% bonds: \$8,000 Daniel Tarver, Eel Township road bonds. Denom. \$400. 23,600 Charles V. Catner Eel Township road bonds. Denom. \$590. 8,800 Merritt-Cole Dolbee road bonds. Denom. \$440. 5,100 Nichols-Peterson road bonds. Denom. \$225. Date Feb. 15 1923. Due one bond of each issue each six months beginning May 15 1924.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Albemarle County, Va.—BOND SALE—The "Baltimore Sun" of Jan. 8 had the following to say regarding the sale of \$400,000 improvement bonds at public auction: "An unusual incident in the conduct of the financial interests of the city occurred yesterday (Jan. 7) when \$400,000 worth of improvement bonds were sold at auction. The Finance Committee of the City Council had invited bids, and offers were received from representatives of firms in New York, Richmond and Charlottesville. However, when the bids were opened the Finance Committee was not satisfied and rejected all of them, after which the usual procedure of putting up the bonds at auction was resorted to, with the result that \$400,000 worth were sold to a representative of Frederick E. Nolting & Co. and associates at the highest bid, which was 104.92, and all interest accrued to date of delivery of bonds. At this figure the city will receive a bonus of over \$20,000 for the bonds sold yesterday. After this sale is consummated the city will still have unsold \$125,000 of the \$935,000 bond issue. The bonds sold bear interest at 5% and are payable Sept. 1 1962, with the right on the part of the city to take up any or all of them Sept. 1 1942." A like amount of bonds was reported sold in V. 115, p. 1654.

CHEROKEE COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$38,386 77 5/8 road improvement bonds on Dec. 8.

CHICAGO SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Chicago), Cook County, Ill.—BIDDERS—The following is a complete list of the bids received on Jan. 4 for the \$3,000,000 4% bonds:

Name	Price Bid	Rate Bid
Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Merchants Loan & Trust Co., Harris Trust & Savings Bank, First Trust & Savings Bank, Continental & Commercial Trust & Sav. Bank, Chicago, and National City Co., N. Y.	\$2,942,376	*98 0792
Bankers Trust Co., Estabrook & Co. and A. G. Becker & Co.	2,928,270	97.609
R. M. Grant & Co., Federal Securities Co. and Paine, Webber & Co.	2,927,700	97.59
Lampport, Barker & Jennings, Inc.	2,918,100	97.27
Guaranty Co. of N. Y., Ames, Emerich & Co.; Marshall Field, Glore, Ward & Co.; Stacy & Braun; and First National Co. of Detroit.	2,915,310	97.177
Lee, Higginson & Co.; Dillon, Read & Co.; A. B. Leach & Co.; Barr Bros. & Co., N. Y.; Taylor, Ewart & Co.; Stevenson Bors. & Perry, and National Bank of the Republic.	2,900,100	96.67
Wm. R. Compton Co.; Halsey, Stuart & Co.; E. H. Rollins & Sons, and Northerp Trust Co.	2,899,811	96.66

All offered to pay accrued interest.

* Successful bid; for further details, see V. 116, p. 98.

CHICOPEE, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN—On Jan. 8 the temporary loan of \$300,000 which was offered on that date (V. 116, p. 98) was awarded to the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston on a 4.10% discount basis plus \$1.75 premium. These notes are dated Jan. 8 and mature Nov. 12 1923.

CLARK COUNTY (P. O. Las Vegas), Nev.—BOND SALE—The State of Nevada has purchased \$40,000 6% highway bonds at 103.04.

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING—G. A. Gesell, Director of Finance, will receive bids until 12 m. Feb. 8 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of the following three issues of coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds:

- \$3,380,000 4 1/2% water works bonds. Date Feb. 1 1923. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$140,000 1924 to 1927 incl., and \$141,000 1928 to 1947 incl.
- 726,000 4 3/4% park bonds. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due \$25,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1924 to 1951 incl. and \$26,000 Dec. 1 1952.
- 615,000 4 3/4% (city's portion) paving bonds. Date Feb. 1 1923. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$63,000 1924 to 1929 incl., and \$69,000 1930 to 1932 incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the American Exchange National Bank, N. Y. Cert. check on some solvent bank or other than the one making the bid, for 3% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the "Treasurer of the City of Cleveland," required. Bonds to be delivered to purchaser at Cleveland. Bids must be made on applications which may be obtained from the city.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING—Bids will be received until 11 a. m. Jan. 20 by Chas. C. Frazine, Director of Finance, for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$56,000 5% coupon city hall, police station and fire engine house construction bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 15 1922. Due \$3,000 on Oct. 1 in each of the years 1926, 1929, 1932, 1935, 1938, 1941, 1944 and 1947, and \$2,000 on Oct. 1 in each of the other years from 1924 to 1946 incl. Certified check on some bank other than the one making the bid, for 3% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Director of Finance, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the office of the Director of Finance or at the legal depository in Cleveland, within 30 days after date of award.

COBLESKILL, Schoharie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 9 a. m. Jan. 15 by Lewis Utter, Town Supervisor, for the purchase of \$13,500 registered bridge bonds, at not to exceed 6% interest. Denom. \$1,500. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank, Cobleskill. Due \$1,500 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1924 to 1932 inclusive. Certified check for 5% required.

COCHISE COUNTY CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Ariz.—NO BOND SALE—On account of injunction proceedings to prevent sale of \$73,000 school building bonds, no sale was made at a recent offering.

COEUR D'ALENE, Kootenai County, Idaho.—BOND SALE—The Spokane & Eastern Trust Co. of Spokane, has purchased an issue of \$8,000 paving improvement district bonds recently authorized by ordinance.

COFFEYVILLE, Montgomery County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED—On Dec. 29 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$37,175 02 sewer and \$145,841 19 paving 5% bonds.

COLONY, Anderson County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$10,000 5% water works bonds on Dec. 23.

COLUMBUS, Bartholomew County, Ind.—BOND SALE—The \$38,000 4 1/2% refunding bonds, dated Jan. 1 1923, offered on Jan. 1—V. 115, p. 2711—have been awarded to Wm. G. Irwin of Columbus. Due in 10 years from date.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE—The following four issues of 5% special assessment street improvement bonds, offered on Jan. 10—V. 115, p. 2711—were awarded to Poor & Co. of Cincinnati for a premium of \$11,305 50 (102.35) and accrued interest, a basis of about 4.54%: \$168,000 Winthrop Road bonds. Date Aug. 15 1922. Due \$21,000 yearly on March 1 from 1925 to 1932, inclusive.

100,000 Adams Ave. bonds. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due \$20,000 yearly on March 1 from 1928 to 1932, inclusive.

122,000 Brunson Ave. bonds. Date Oct. 14 1922. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1925 to 1930, incl.; and \$16,000, 1931 and 1932.

91,000 Columbian Ave. bonds. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$11,000, 1925 to 1929, incl., and \$12,000, 1930, 1931 and 1932.

Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the city's agency, in New York.

Other bidders were:

Other Bidders	Premium
R. L. Day & Co., Boston	\$10,499 40
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati	10,168 00
W. R. Compton Co., New York	9,082 40
Eldredge & Co., New York	10,375 00
Barr Bros., New York	11,060 01
H. L. Allen & Co., New York, and Grau, Todd & Co., Cincinnati	10,530 00
Stacy & Braun, Toledo	9,321 00
A. G. Becker & Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Chicago	6,220 50
Harris, Forbes & Co., National City Co. and Hayden, Miller & Co., New York	8,585 00
Keane, Higbie & Co. and Sidney Spitzer & Co., New York	7,605 00
N. S. Hill & Co., Cincinnati	7,802 00
Estabrook & Co., Hannahs, Ballin & Lee and Curtis & Sanger, New York, and Otis & Co., Cleveland	5,939 00
Bankers Trust Co., New York	8,888 10
Blodgett & Co., Chicago	8,814 00

BOND SALE—The Trustees of the Sinking Fund have purchased \$60,000 5% improvement bonds on Nov. 28 at par and accrued interest. Date Sept. 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Int. M. & S. Due \$20,000 on March 1 in each of the years 1925 to 1927 inclusive.

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Columbus), Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING—Bids will be received until 12 m. Feb. 1 by E. L. McCune, Clerk of the Board of Education, for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$400,000 5% coupon school building bonds, issued under authority of Section 7626, General Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the National Park Bank, N. Y. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$16,000, 1925 to 1940 incl. and \$18,000, 1941 to 1948 incl. Certified check for 1/2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Bids must be made on blanks which may be obtained from the Clerk. The official circular states that the Board of Education has never defaulted in the payment of principal or interest on any of its bonds and that there is no litigation pending or threatened affecting this issue.

Statistics.

Population of school district, 1910, 183,000; 1922 (est.)	300,000
School enumeration, May 1922	44,158
Tax valuation of district	\$394,846,550 00
Total bonded debt, Dec. 1 1922	7,505,000 00
Sinking fund Dec. 1 1922	1,226,677 26
Tax levy for school purposes, 1922-23	10.25 mills

CORPUS CHRISTI, Nueces County, Texas.—BOND OFFERING—John T. Bartlett, City Secretary, will receive sealed bids until Jan. 17 for \$2,500,000 harbor construction bonds voted on Jan. 3 by 589 to 26 (V. 115, p. 2711).

COUNCIL GROVE, Morris County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED—On Dec. 21 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$15,500 5% street improvement bonds.

CRESTLINE, Crawford County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. Jan. 16 by Chance E. Dewald, Village Treasurer, for an issue of \$23,457 6% (property owners' share) Scott Street improvement bonds. Denom. \$500, except one for \$457. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,500 from 1923 to 1928 incl.; \$4,000 in 1929 and 1930, and \$457 in 1931. Cert. check payable to the Village Treasurer for \$600 required.

The Village Clerk will also receive proposals until 12 m. Jan. 16 for \$18,069 6% special assessment South Street impt. bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$569. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1923 to 1929 incl.; \$3,000 1930; \$1,069 1931. Cert. check for \$400, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

The following applies to both issues: Date Sept. 1 1922. Int. M. & S. No bid for less than par and interest considered. Issued under authority of the General Code of Ohio and in compliance with an ordinance passed June 19 1922 and as amended Sept. 26 1922.

DAVIES COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Ind.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Feb. 5 by Oliver M. Vance, County Treasurer, for the following 5% public highway improvement bonds:

- \$18,300 Andrew T. Myers et al. bonds. Denom. \$915.
- 2,500 Lewis J. Franklyn et al. bonds. Denom. \$125.
- 7,500 Ray Walick et al. bonds. Denom. \$375.

Date Feb. 5 1923. Int. May 15 and Nov. 15.

DESCHUTES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. La Pine), Ore.—BOND SALE—An issue of \$12,000 6% high school bonds has been disposed of.

DETROIT, Mich.—BOND SALE—The offer of the 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, to take the \$20,163,000 coupon or registered bonds described below, at 100.307—V. 116, p. 98—was accepted. This is on a basis of about 4.37%.

\$2,000,000 4 1/2% water supply bonds. Date June 1 1922. Due \$200,000 yearly on June 1 from 1931 to 1940 inclusive.

2,665,000 4 1/2% 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 4 1/2% street railway bonds. Date June 1 1922. Due \$133,000 yearly on June 1 from 1932 to 1941 inclusive.

1,950,000 4 1/2% 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 1/2% 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 1/2% 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 \$100,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1953 inclusive.

Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) 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.

The bonds were re-offered to investors at prices to yield 4.20%, 4.25% and 4.30%, according to maturities.

DONIPHAN RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Doniphan County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$60,000 4 1/4% bonds on Dec. 11.

DOUGLAS COUNTY (P. O. Rosenberg), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until Jan. 20 for \$35,000 4 1/4% road bonds.

DUBOIS COUNTY (P. O. Jasper), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 10 a. m. Jan. 27 by John J. Mehne, County Treasurer, for the purchase at not less than par of \$15,000 4 1/4% M. D. Lemond et al. Patoka Township road improvement bonds. Denom. \$750. Date Feb. 1 1923. Int. May 15 and Nov. 15. Due \$750 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 inclusive.

DUBUQUE, Dubuque County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 4 1/2% sewer bonds offered on Jan. 5—V. 116, p. 98—were purchased by the Federal Securities Co. of Chicago, at a premium of \$2,400, equal to 102.40, a basis of about 4.30%. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due \$25,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1939 to 1942, inclusive.

ELGIN, Chautauqua County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Dec. 11 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$30,000 6% sewer bonds.

ELLINWOOD, Barton County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Dec. 11 \$50,000 5% sewer bonds were registered by the State Auditor of Kansas.

ELLIS, Ellis County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Dec. 6 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$22,694 68 5/8% internal improvement bonds.

ENTERPRISE, Dickinson County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Dec. 11 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$88,856 59 paving bonds.

FAIRFIELD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fairfield), Jefferson County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Nov. 22—V. 115, p. 2180—the proposition to issue school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 carried. We are informed by Geo. C. Woods, City Clerk, that bids will be received for these bonds in March.

FAIRFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fairfield), Green County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$185,000 5 1/2% school building bonds offered on Jan. 4 (V. 115, p. 2820) were awarded to Richards, Parish & Lamson, of Cincinnati, for a premium of \$10,308 (105.57) and accrued interest, a basis of about 4.91%. Date Jan. 4 1923. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$8,000 from 1924 to 1940, incl., and \$7,000 from 1941 to 1947, incl. The following list of bids was also received:

Table with columns: Name, Price Bid, Name, Price Bid. Includes Northern Tr. Co., Chicago; Detroit Trust Co., Detroit; Bolger-Mosser & Willaman, Chicago; R. M. Grant, Chicago.

FAISON, Duplin County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—According to the "Manufacturers' Record" of Jan. 6 bids will be received by J. E. Faison, Town Clerk, until Jan. 15 for \$15,000 6% light bonds.

FIFTH LOUISIANA LEVEE DISTRICT (P. O. Tallulah), Concordia, East Carroll, Madison and Tensas Parishes, La.—BOND SALE.—Caldwell & Co. of Nashville have purchased \$125,000 5% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the State Treasurer's office in Baton Rouge. Due Sept. 1 1922; optional Sept. 1 1962. In V. 115, p. 1353, this sale was incorrectly given under the caption "Fifth Louisiana Levee District, Miss."

FIRST FARMERS' ELECTRIC DISTRICT, Saunders County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids were received until 8 p. m. Jan. 12 by J. H. Barry (P. O. Wahoo), for \$30,000 5 1/4% bonds. Denom. \$500.

FIRTH, Lancaster County, Neb.—ELECTION HELD TO AUTHORIZE VILLAGE BOARD TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH POWER COMPANY.—In answer to our inquiry as to the result of a recent election, J. S. Kallemever, Village Clerk, says: "For your information will say that the election was held Nov. 21, but no bonds were voted as the expense of building the transmission line will be borne by the power company furnishing the current. The village will rebuild its present distribution system, and this expense will be paid by issuing warrants authorized by petition signed by majority of voters in the village. The election was held to determine whether or not the Village Board be authorized to enter into contract with the power company for the purchase of current, we now having a municipal plant giving service only part of the night and no all-day service."

FLOYD COUNTY (P. O. New Albany), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Jan. 17 by Charles A. McCulloch, County Treasurer, for an issue of \$22,360 4 3/4% coupon Old Hill Free Gravel Road, New Albany and Lafayette Townships, bonds. Date Nov. 15 1922. Denom. \$550. Due \$550 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1943. Int. May 15 and Nov. 15. These bonds are issued in accordance with the laws of Indiana now in force and with an order of the Board of County Commissioners. No bid for less than par and accrued interest considered.

BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Charles A. McCulloch, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. Feb. 10 for an issue of \$23,500 5% Clarence Sicheloff, Geon Tush, Susie Elder et al. Greenville Township highway improvement bonds. Date Feb. 10 1923. Denom. \$500. Int. payable semi-ann. on the 15th day of May and November each year after 1923. No bid for less than par and accrued interest considered.

FLOWING WELLS IRRIGATION DISTRICT, Pima County, Ariz.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,500 irrigation bonds offered on Dec. 27—V. 115, p. 2712—were awarded to Drake, Riley & Thomas of Los Angeles, at \$8.50. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due 1932 to 1952, inclusive.

FORD CITY, Armstrong County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 8 the \$210,000 4 1/4% (registerable as to principal) bonds, offered on that date (V. 115, p. 2928) were awarded to J. H. Holmes & Co. of Pittsburgh. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due \$50,000 on Dec. 1 in 1937, 1942, 1947 and \$60,000 Dec. 1 1952.

FORT BEND COUNTY (P. O. Richmond), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Dec. 28 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$100,000 5 1/4% serial bridge bonds.

FORT SCOTT, Bourbon County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Dec. 4 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$32,300 4 1/4% paving bonds.

FORT WORTH, Tarrant County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of the Chase Securities Corp., Keane, Higbie & Co., H. L. Allen & Co. of N. Y., A. C. Allyn & Co., and the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago, B. J. Van Ingen & Co. of New York, and Crosby, McCConnell & Co. of Denver, was awarded \$2,750,000 5% bonds on Jan. 10 at 105.74. Light, and \$200,000 water, \$800,000 street, \$250,000 light, and \$200,000 police bonds, was voted at the election held on Dec. 30—V. 115, p. 2820.

FOUNTAIN COUNTY (P. O. Covington), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,200 4 1/4% Jackson Twp. Joseph Newkirk coupon road bonds, which were reported not sold in V. 115, p. 2180, have been sold to W. W. Layton of Covington, on Nov. 12, at par. Date Oct. 15 1922. Due \$760 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, incl.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Ralph W. Smith, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive bids until 10 a. m. (Central Standard time) Jan. 29 for the purchase at not less than par and int. of the following 2 issues of 5% Clinton Sewer District No. 2, Westwood Ave. bonds issued under authority of Sections 6602-4 and 6602-20, Gen. Code: \$8,600 sewer bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$600. Due \$600 Dec. 1 1924, and \$1,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1925 to 1931, inclusive. 7,500 water main bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$500 Dec. 1 1924, and \$1,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1925 to 1931, inclusive. Date Dec. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.), payable at the County Treasurer's office. Cert. check (or cash) on a solvent national bank or trust company for 1% of amount of bonds bid for payable to the Board of County Commissioners, required. Bonds will be delivered free of charge to any bank designated in the city of Columbus, Ohio. Purchaser must pay charges, if any, for delivery outside the city of Columbus, Ohio. These bonds were unsuccessfully offered on Jan. 5 (V. 115, p. 2929). In that reference the amount of the first issue given above was incorrectly given as \$7,600.

FULLERTON, Orange County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—F. Hezmalhalch, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Jan. 16 for

\$75,000 coupon sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.), payable in Fullerton. Int. rate not to exceed 5%. Due \$3,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1924 to 1948, incl. A cert. check for 5% of issue payable to the City Treasurer, required.

GEORGETOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Georgetown), Scott County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—The \$62,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on Jan. 1—V. 115, p. 2712—were awarded to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago at a premium of \$688 20, equal to 101.11, a basis of about 4.86%. Due on July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1923 to 1941, incl., and \$3,000, 1942. According to a newspaper clipping sent to us by J. C. Nichols, District Secretary, the following bids were received: James C. Willson & Co., Louisville, Ky., premium, \$560. Block, Fetter & Co., Inc., Louisville, Ky., premium, \$360 01. Weil, Roth & Co., Cincinnati, Ill., discount, \$930. Tillotson & Wolcott Co., Cleveland, O., premium, \$158. Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati, O., premium, \$176. N. S. Hill & Co., Cincinnati, O., premium, \$45. Fidelity & Columbia Trust Co., Louisville, premium, \$346 30. Title Guarantee & Trust Co., Cincinnati, premium, \$416 64. Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati, O., premium, \$353 40. Bolger, Mosser & Willaman, Chicago, premium, \$5 discount, \$580. National Bank of Commerce, St. Louis, Mo., premium, \$51 25. Security Trust Co., Lexington, Ky., premium, \$506.

GREAT BEND, Barton County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Dec. 27 \$11,500 5% street impt. bonds were registered by the State Auditor of Kansas.

GREENVILLE, Hunt County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—Our Western correspondent advises us in a special telegraphic dispatch that the \$125,000 5% str. et impt. bonds offered on Jan. 9—V. 115, p. 2712—were awarded to Breg, Garrett & Co. of Dallas, for the account of the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, at 100.58, a basis of about 4.95%. Date Dec. 15 1922. Due \$5,000 yearly on Dec. 15 from 1925 to 1949, inclusive.

HACKENSACK, Bergen County, N. J.—OTHER BIDDERS.—The following is a list of the other bidders for the issue of 4 1/4% coupon or registered sewer bonds awarded to Eldredge & Co. on a bid of \$500,880 for \$490,000 bonds, equal to 102.22, a basis of about 4.33%, as reported in V. 116, p. 98:

Table with columns: Name of Other Bidders, Bonds, Price Bid. Includes S. W. Straus & Co., New York; Outwater & Wells, Jersey City; Lamport, Barker & Jennings, New York; H. L. Allen & Co., New York; B. J. Van Ingen & Co., New York; Lehman Bros., New York; M. M. Freeman & Co., New York.

HAMILTON, Hamilton County, Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 6 p. m. Jan. 15 by P. M. Rice, Mayor, for \$90,000 5% water works bonds. Date Nov. 1 1922.

HAMTRAMCK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Hamtramck), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—According to newspaper reports the Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive bids until 8 p. m. Jan. 15 for \$500,000 5% 30-year school bonds.

HARDIN, Big Horn County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,500 6% coupon sewer bonds offered on Jan. 2—V. 115, p. 4500—were awarded to Geo. W. Vallery & Co. of Denver at par plus a premium of \$40 and expense of furnishing bonds. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due Jan. 1 1943, optional Jan. 1 1933.

HARRIS COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Houston), Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Dec. 30—V. 115, p. 2500—the \$4,000,000 bond issue for extending port facilities on the ship channel was favorably voted upon by a count of 15,838 "for" to 4,117 "against" the issue.

HARRISON COUNTY (P. O. Corydon), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Jan. 22 by Wm. Taylor, County Treasurer, for \$14,400 5% coupon Posey Township, Posey County, bonds. Denom. \$400. Date Jan. 22 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due one bond May 15 1924 and one bond each 6 months thereafter until all bonds mature.

HARTFORD CITY, Blackford County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—Thomas D. Sheerin & Co. of Indianapolis were awarded the issue of \$19,000 5% coupon water works bonds offered on Jan. 5 (V. 115, p. 2605) for a premium of \$554 80 (102.92) and accrued interest, a basis of about 4.64%. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due \$500 each six months from July 1 1923 to Jan. 1 1943.

HAYS, Ellis County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. Feb. 1 by Emily C. Johnson, City Clerk, for \$14,000 5% coupon sewer bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Feb. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the State Treasurer's office. Due on Feb. 1 from 1924 to 1933 incl. Legality approved by the Attorney-General.

HAZEL RIVER, Yellow Medicine County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids were received until 4 p. m. yesterday (Jan. 12) by O. H. Huzlen, Village Clerk, for \$6,000 6% electric light bonds. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due Jan. 1 1938.

HEDLEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Donley County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$5,000 6% 20-year school bonds on Dec. 26 1922.

HERINGTON, Dickinson County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Dec. 4 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$30,500 5 1/4% paving bonds.

HOMER TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Medina), Medina County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—H. B. Owen, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive bids until 12 m. Jan. 24 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$3,000 5 1/4% school building bonds, issued under authority of Section 7630-1, General Code. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the district depository. Due \$1,000 on Oct. 1 in 1930 and 1937, and \$500 on Oct. 1 in each of the other years from 1924 to 1933 incl. Certified check on a Medina bank for 5% of amount of bid, payable to the District Clerk, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 5 days from date of award.

HOMESTEAD, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—James E. Chuck, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Jan. 29 for the sale of an issue of \$285,000 4 1/4% municipal coupon bonds. Date Feb. 1 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 1953. Purchaser to pay cost of printing bonds. Certified check for \$5,000 required. It is said that these bonds are free from tax in Pennsylvania. The bonds were originally proposed to be sold on Jan. 2—V. 115, p. 2712.

HOOKEKERTON, Greene County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The "Manufacturers' Record" of Jan. 3 reports the sale of \$35,000 6% water, sewer and light bonds to J. B. McCrary Co., of Atlanta, at par and accrued interest.

HOPSON'S BAYOU DRAINAGE DISTRICT, SUB-DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Clarksdale), Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Jan. 23 by C. G. Bobo, Secretary, at the office of Ross-Clinton Co., McWilliams Bldg., Clarksdale, for \$30,000 6% bonds. Due \$2,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1928 to 1942 incl. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. A cert. check for \$1,500 required. Legality approved by Charles & Rutherford, St. Louis.

HUBBARD, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Heller Bros. Co., contractors, of Youngstown, were awarded at par and accrued interest the \$20,000 5% municipal building bonds, for which no bids were received (V. 115, p. 2403). Date Oct. 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 each year from 1924 to 1933, inclusive. Int. A. & O.

HUNTINGTON FIRE DISTRICT (P. O. Huntington), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Jan. 20 by the Board of Fire Commissioners at the office of Hilary bonds.

HUNTINGTON MANOR FIRE DISTRICT (P. O. Huntington), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of Fire Commissioners will receive sealed bids at the office of the Town Clerk, Huntington, until 2 p. m. Jan. 25 for \$50,000 bonds at not to exceed 6% int. Denom.

\$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Prin. payable at the Huntington Station Bank, Huntington Station, in New York exchange. Due \$5,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1923 to 1931, incl., and \$5,000 June 1 1932. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company for \$1,000, payable to the Board of Fire Commissioners, required. Purchaser to pay accrued int. Bidders may bid for the bonds at a less rate of int. than 6%, stated in multiples of 1/4 of 1%.

IDAGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Idagrove), Ida County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 454 "for" to 243 "against," the proposition to issue \$175,000 high school building bonds carried.

INDIANAPOLIS SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Indianapolis), Marion County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—The Clerk of the Sanitary Commission, will receive bids, it is stated, until Feb. 6 for \$836,000 4 1/2% sewage bonds.

IOLA, Allen County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Dec. 1 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$18,500 5% paving bonds.

IOWA (State of). BOND OFFERING POSTPONED.—We are unofficially informed that the sale of the \$22,000,000 4 1/2% State Soldiers' Bonus bonds, which was scheduled to take place on Jan. 9—V. 115, p. 2713—has been postponed until a Supreme Court decision has been rendered.

IRENE, Clay County, So. Dak.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$25,000 5% electric light plant bonds offered on Dec. 8 (V. 115, p. 2403), were not sold. Date Nov. 1 1922. Due Nov. 1 1937.

JASPER COUNTY (P. O. Rensselaer), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 8 the four issues of 5% road impt. bonds offered on that date—V. 115, p. 2929—were awarded to the Meyer-Kiser Bank of Indianapolis as follows: \$16,400 B. H. Maiebrook Road, Marion Twp., bonds, for \$16,626 (101.378) and interest, a basis of about 4.73%. Denom. \$820.

9,000 H. W. Wood Road, Marion Twp., bonds, for \$9,121 (101.344) and interest, a basis of about 4.74%. Denom. \$450.

10,200 Ray Bergman Road, Keener Twp., bonds, for \$10,341 (101.382) and interest, a basis of about 4.73%. Denom. \$510.

11,800 Roscoe Halstead Road, Newton Twp., bonds, for \$11,963 (101.381) and interest, a basis of about 4.73%. Denom. \$590.

Date Dec. 15 1922. Int. J. & D. 15. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 incl.

JERRY KILPATRICK SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT, Hernando County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—L. B. Varn, Chairman Board of County Commissioners (P. O. Brooksville), will receive sealed bids until Feb. 3 for \$75,000 6% road and bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000 or \$3,000. Int. J.-J. Due \$3,000 yearly from 1924 to 1948 incl.

JOHNSTON COUNTY (P. O. Smithfield), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The three issues of 6% school bonds offered on Jan. 3 (V. 115, p. 2713) were awarded to the Hanchett Bond Co., of Chicago, as follows:

\$12,500 Archer Lodge School District bonds for \$13,020 (104.16), a basis of about 5.63%. Due \$500 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1929 to 1953, inclusive.

12,500 Broden School District bonds for \$13,008 (104.06), a basis of about 5.70%. Due \$500 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1929 to 1953, incl.

12,500 Cornith-Holders School District bonds for \$13,035 (104.28), a basis of about 5.60%. Due \$500 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1929 to 1953, inclusive.

Date Jan. 1 1923. The following bids were received:

Bidder	Archer Lodge.	Broden.	Corinth-Holders.
Blanchett, Thornburgh & Vandersall, Toledo	\$12,600	\$12,600	\$12,600
W. K. Terry & Co., Toledo	12,541	12,531	12,544
Bolger, Mosser & Willaman, Chicago	12,815	12,815	12,815
Bumpus-Hull & Co., Detroit	12,926	12,926	12,946
Prudden & Co., Toledo	13,007	13,007	13,007
W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo	12,546	12,546	12,546
The Davies-Bertram Co., Cincinnati	12,575	12,575	12,575
Sutherland, Barry & Co., Inc., New Orleans	12,515	12,500	12,500
Stacy & Braun, Toledo	12,821	12,821	12,811

KANSAS CITY, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following bonds were registered by the State Auditor of Kansas:

- \$34,990 5% boulevard bonds on Dec. 8.
- 21,170 5% illuminating bonds on Dec. 8.
- 19,200 5% park bonds on Dec. 12.
- 118,630 5% street improvement bonds on Dec. 18.
- 100,000 4 1/2% electric light bonds on Dec. 29.

KANSAS CITY, Jackson County, Mo.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The \$309,800 6% park fund certificates, Series "A17," offered on Jan. 4 (V. 115, p. 2929), were purchased by the Fidelity National Bank of Kansas City at a premium of \$199.35, equal to 100.006. Date July 13 1922. Due June 1932, optional at any time.

KILLBUCK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Killbuck), Holmes County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—S. R. Burlaw, Clerk, will receive sealed bids for the purchase of \$90,000 5% 1-24-year school bonds until 2 p. m. Jan. 27. Cert. check for 5% of amount, required.

LA CROSSE COUNTY (P. O. La Crosse), Wis.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed proposals were received until 11 a. m. Jan. 10 by Hubert D. Staats, County Clerk, for \$240,000 5% road and bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$12,000 yearly on April 1.

LAKE-MOODY COUNTY JOINT DITCH NO. 1 (P. O. Flandreau), So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 6% bonds offered on Dec. 22—V. 115, p. 2821—have been disposed of.

LAKEMORE, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Emery E. Starks, Village Clerk, until 12 m. Jan. 19 for the purchase of an issue of \$9,000 5% municipal building bonds. Date July 1 1922. Denom. \$600. Due serially on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1930. Issued under authority of the General Code of Ohio, Section 3939, and in accordance with Ordinance No. 18 of the Village of Lakemore. No bid for less than par and accrued interest considered.

LAKE PLACID, Essex County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., N. Y., were awarded an issue of \$8,500 5% Ackerman property-purchase bonds for 100,961, a basis of about 4.84%. Denom. \$500. Date May 1 1921. Due \$1,000 on May 1 1923 and \$500 on May 1 from 1924 to 1938, incl.

LEAVENWORTH, Leavenworth County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$20,495 10 internal general impt. and \$98,995 7% internal special impt. 5% bonds on Dec. 28.

LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Liberty), Allegheny County, Pa.—OTHER BIDDERS.—The other bidders for the \$27,000 4 1/2% school bonds, sold to Redmond & Co. of Pittsburgh (V. 115, p. 99) were as follows:

Name	Rate Bid.	Premium.	Interest Rate.
Redmond & Co.	101.58	\$428 00	4 1/2%
Graham, Parsons & Co.	100.55	148 50	4 1/2%
E. H. Rollins & Sons	100.464	125 28	4 1/2%
E. H. Rollins & Sons	103.060	-----	4 1/2%
E. H. Rollins & Sons	105.665	-----	5%
Glover & Macgregor	-----	136 00	4 1/2%
M. M. Freeman & Co.	101.579	426 00	4 1/2%
Biddle & Henry	101.18	318 60	4 1/2%
J. H. Holmes & Co.	102.10	551 00	4 1/2%
J. H. Holmes & Co.	104.10	1,127 00	5%
Kirk Q. Bigham	101.25	-----	5%

LOGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Willard) Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held recently the \$3,000 6% 10-20-year (opt.) school bonds were voted. These bonds had been sold to Benwell, Phillips & Co. of Denver previous to being voted at said election. Notice of the election and sale was given in V. 115, p. 2404.

LORAIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Loraine), Mitchell County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Jan. 24 to vote on the question of issuing \$40,000 5% 40-year serial school-building bonds. B. D. Smith, Secretary.

LOS ANGELES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,500,000 4 3/4% school building bonds offered on Jan 8—V. 115, p. 2713—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Guaranty Company of New York, Remick, Hodges & Co., Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, Estabrook & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and Blyth, Witter & Co., all of New York, at a premium of \$77,925, equal to 103.11, a basis of about 4.51%. Date Sept 1 1922.

Due on Sept 1 as follows: \$63,000, 1923 to 1942, incl., and \$62,000, 1943 to 1962, incl.

LOS ANGELES CITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of the Guaranty Company of New York, Remick, Hodges & Co., Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, Estabrook & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and Blyth, Witter & Co., all of New York, has purchased the \$2,000,000 4 3/4% school building bonds offered on Jan 8—V. 115, p. 2713—at a premium of \$62,340, equal to 103.11 a basis of about 4.51%. Date Sept 1 1922. Due \$50,000 yearly on Sept 1 from 1923 to 1962, incl.

MCCOMB, Hancock County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 12 m. Jan. 29 by F. S. Pendleton, Village Clerk, for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$2,126 66 2/3% assessment North Church St. impt. notes, issued under Section 3914, Gen. Code. Denoms. \$425 33 and \$425 34. Date Jan. 2 1923. Int. semi-ann. Due \$425 34 Jan. 2 1924 and \$425 33 on Jan. 2 in 1925, 1926, 1927 and 1928. Cert. check for 3% of amount of notes bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award.

MAGEE, Simpson County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The Commercial Bank of Magee has purchased \$10,000 6% electric bonds at par. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Int. J. & J. Due serially.

MANCHESTER, Hillsborough County, N. H.—NOTE OFFERING.—The City Treasurer will receive bids until 2 p. m. Jan. 15 for the purchase of \$500,000 notes, dated Jan. 15, maturing Dec. 15 1923, it is stated.

MARATHON, Cortland County, N. Y.—PRICE.—The First National Bank of Marathon paid \$9,012, equal to 100.133, a basis of about 4.97%, for the \$9,000 5% bridge bonds awarded as reported in V. 115, p. 2929. Date Jan. 2. Int. J. & D. Due \$1,000 yearly on July from 1923 to 1931.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 5 1/4% road bonds offered on Dec. 28—V. 115, p. 2713—were awarded to the National City Co. at a premium of \$8,934, equal to 105.95, a basis of about 4.45%. Date July 15 1920. Due on July 15 as follows: \$85,000, 1931, and \$65,000, 1932.

MARSHALLVILLE, Wayne County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 1 p. m. Feb. 5 by D. A. Sellers, Village Clerk, for an issue of \$3,000 6% Western Road Improvement bonds. Date Oct. 1 1922. Denom. \$600. Due \$600 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1927 incl. In A. & O. These bonds are issued under the laws of the State of Ohio and by authority and under the provisions of a certain ordinance, No. 43, of the said village. A certified check for 3% of bid payable to the Village Treasurer, required. No bid for less than par and accrued interest considered.

MARYLAND (State of).—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Feb. 8 by John M. Dennis, State Treasurer, Annapolis, for the purchase of the following two issues of 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal) certificates of indebtedness:

- \$500,000 general construction loan of 1922. Date Feb. 15 1923. Int. F. & A. 15. Due yearly on Feb. 15 as follows: \$29,000 1926, \$30,000 1927, \$32,000 1928, \$33,000 1929, \$35,000 1930, \$36,000 1931, \$38,000 1932, \$40,000 1933, \$42,000 1934, \$44,000 1935, \$45,000 1936, \$47,000 1937, \$49,000 1938. These bonds are issued under authority of Chapter 464 of the Acts of 1922.
- 587,000 Susquehanna Bridge loan of 1922. Date Jan. 1 1923. Int. J. & J. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$50,000 1924 to 1934, incl., and \$37,000 1935. These bonds are issued under authority of Chapter 494 of the Acts of 1922.

Denom. \$1,000. Bonds and interest are said to be exempt from the Federal income tax and from State, county and municipal taxation. Cert. check on responsible bank for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the State Treasurer, required. Certificates to be delivered and paid for at the State Treasurer's office on Feb. 15.

MARYSVILLE, Yuba County, Calif.—BONDS AWARDED TO CONTRACTORS.—On Nov. 23 the Warren Construction Co. of Portland was awarded \$8,766 6% paving district No. 11 bonds at par. Denom. \$500 and \$376 88. Date Nov. 6 1922. Int. J. & J. Edward B. Stanwood, City Clerk, says: "There being no bidders, bonds were turned over to the Warren Construction Co., as per Improvement Bond Act of 1915."

MEMPHIS, Shelby County, Tenn.—NOTE SALE.—F. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston, have purchased the \$500,000 6% revenue notes offered on Jan. 9—V. 115, p. 2930—on a 4.58% int. basis. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due Sept. 1 1923.

MONTPELIER, Bear Lake County, Idaho.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 coupon municipal water works bonds offered on Jan. 3—V. 115, p. 2607—were purchased by James N. Wright & Co. of Denver, as 68. James H. Causey & Co., Denver. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due at par, plus a premium of \$550, equal to 103.70. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due in 20 years; optional after 10 years. The following bids were received:

For 5 1/2% Bonds	Premium.
Palmer Bond & Mortgage Co., Salt Lake City	\$50 00
Lumbermen's Trust Co., Seattle	Par
Antonides & Co., Denver	37 50
James H. Causey & Co., Denver	51 00
Childs Bond & Mortgage Co.	55 00
Cyrus Peirce & Co., Spokane	126 00
For 5 3/4% Bonds—	
Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Toledo	31 60
For 6% Bonds—	
Bosworth, Chanute & Co., Denver	246 00
Hanchett Bond Co., Chicago	455 00
Geo. W. Vallery & Co., Denver	166 50
Benwell, Phillips & Co., Denver	161 00
Sidlo, Simons, Fels & Co., Denver	327 00
Lumbermen's Trust Co., Seattle	450 00
Antonides & Co., Denver	345 00

MORGANTON, Burke County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—According to the "Manufacturers Record" of Jan. 6, J. S. Trogdon, Town Manager, will receive bids until Jan. 23 for \$40,000 impt. bonds.

MORRILL, Brown County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$28,000 5% waterworks bonds on Dec. 27.

MORROW COUNTY (P. O. Mt. Gilead), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 5 1/4% coupon Richardson Road Improvement bonds, offered on Jan. 8 1923—V. 115, p. 2930—were awarded to Prudden & Co. of Toledo for a premium of \$92, equal to 100.61, a basis of about 5.36%:

- \$6,000 00 county's share bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$1,500 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1926 inclusive.
- \$,885 43 special assessment bonds. Denom. 17 for \$500 and 1 for \$385 43. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$885 43, 1923, and \$1,000 1924 to 1931 inclusive.

Date Jan. 1 1923. Int. M. & S.

MORTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$10,000 5 1/2% bonds on Dec. 19.

MURRAY COUNTY (P. O. Stayton), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$21,800 50 5% bonds offered on Jan. 5—V. 115, p. 2822—were awarded to the Capital Trust & Savings Bank of St. Paul. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due 1933 to 1943, incl.

NACOGDOCHES COUNTY (P. O. Nacogdoches), Texas.—BOND ELECTION RESCINDED.—We are informed that the election scheduled to be held on Jan. 2 (V. 115, p. 2714) was rescinded.

NEOSHO, Newton County, Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Jan. 16 to vote on the question of issuing \$65,000 sewer-construction bonds.

NEW SMYRNA, Volusia County, Fla.—WARRANT OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. Feb. 1 by W. S. Stalvey, City Auditor and Clerk, for \$25,000 6% coupon warrants. Denom. \$500. Date Feb. 1 1923. Int. F. & A. Due Feb. 1 1928. A certified check (or cash) upon some State or national bank located in the State of Florida for 2% of amount of warrants bid for, payable to the City of New Smyrna, required.

NEWTON COUNTY (P. O. Kentland), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 10 a. m. Jan. 25 by Etta G. Hess, County Treasurer, (for the purchase at not less than par of \$24,000 5% Oliver

Doctor et al. Jackson Township bonds. Denom. \$600 each. Date Dec. 15 1922. Int. May 15 and Nov. 15. Due \$1,200 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 inclusive.

NORTH ATTLEBORO, Bristol County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.—North Attleboro has sold, it is stated, to Grafton & Co. of Boston, on a 4.135% discount basis, \$90,000 notes dated Jan. 10 and maturing Nov. 15 1923.

NORTHBRIDGE, Worcester County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.—Northbridge has sold to Grafton & Co. of Boston, on a 4.178% discount basis, \$20,000 notes dated Jan. 10 and maturing Oct. 1 1923, it is reported.

NORTH CAROLINA (State of).—BONDS AWARDED IN PART.—We are in receipt of the following telegram from B. R. Lacy, State Treasurer, regarding the \$20,073,000 bonds offered on Jan. 10—V. 116, p. 99: "Bonds contracted for at par and premium of \$1,000 for bonds bearing 4 1/2% by American Trust Co., Charlotte; Citizens National Bank, Raleigh, and B. J. Van Ingen & Co. and associates, New York City."

We are informed by B. J. Van Ingen & Co. that of the \$20,073,000 offered only \$10,072,000 were purchased by the following syndicate: First National Bank, B. J. Ingers & Co., Eldredge & Co., Bankers Trust Co., Kissel, Kinncutt & Co., Redmond & Co., National City Co., Wm. R. Compton Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Hornblower & Weeks and Blodgett & Co., all of New York and the American Trust Co., Charlotte and Citizens National Bank of Raleigh. Of the \$10,072,000 purchased by the above syndicate \$10,000,000 are now being offered to investors in an advertisement appearing on a previous page of this issue, at prices to yield from 4.375% to 4.40% according to maturities. Denom. \$1,000. Coupon bonds, registrable as to both principal and interest or principal only. Date Jan. 1 1922 and 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the National Park Bank in N. Y. City. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$85,000, 1927 to 1946, incl., and \$500,000, 1953 to 1961, incl., and \$3,800,000, 1962.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation, 1921.....\$2,579,075,600
Total bonded debt, including these bonds.....53,398,600
Population (1920 Census) 2,559,123.

NORTH ELBA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. North Elba), Essex County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., of New York were awarded an issue of \$30,000 5% school bonds which were offered for sale on Jan. 11 for 100.375, a basis of about 4.96 3/4%. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due yearly as follows: \$3,000 from 1924 to 1926 incl.; \$2,500 in 1927; \$2,000 from 1928 to 1932 incl.; \$1,000 from 1933 to 1940 incl., and \$500, 1941.

NORWOOD, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 5% coupon bonds, offered on Jan. 8—V. 115, p. 2823—were awarded to Richards, Parish & Lamson of Cincinnati, for \$92,824 (103.137) and interest, a basis of about 4.60%:
\$10,000 Park Real Estate bonds. Due \$500 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1943, inclusive.
80,000 Duck Creek storm water sewer bonds. Due \$4,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1943, inclusive.

Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the Norwood National Bank of Norwood.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma County, Okla.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—Levy Brothers of New York are offering to investors at prices to yield 6% an issue of \$350,000 6% special improvement bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Due Sept. 15 1932.

ORANGE COUNTY (P. O. Paoli), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—John L. Teaford, County Treasurer, informs us that the issue of \$28,000 4 1/2% coupon L. C. Ralston et al., Orleans Township, county line road bonds, offered on Jan. 1 (V. 115, p. 2714) were not sold as an injunction, has been filed against the construction of this road.

ORANGE COUNTY (P. O. Orange), Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—The \$250,000 navigation improvement bonds were voted at the election held on Dec. 30 (V. 115, p. 2607).

ORANGE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Chagrin Falls R. R.), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 6 the \$34,556 45 5/8% coupon (township's portion) road bonds offered on that date—V. 115, p. 2714—were awarded to Sidney Spitzer & Co. of Toledo, for \$34,845 45 (100.836) and interest, a basis of about 5.30%. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,556 45 1923, \$3,000 1924 and \$4,000 1925 to 1931, inclusive. Other bidders were:

Name.....Price Bid.
W. K. Terry & Co., Toledo.....\$34,591 45
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati.....34,729 45
Richards, Parish & Lamson, Cleveland.....34,840 45
Otis & Co., Cleveland.....34,737 45
The Brotherhood Holding Co., Cleveland.....34,812 20
W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo.....Par
Ryan, Bowman & Co., Toledo.....34,761 72

OREGON (State of).—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Ray A. Klein, Secretary of the State Highway Commission, at Room 323, Capitol Building, Salem, until 11 a. m. Jan. 19 for \$500,000 4 1/2% Oregon State Highway bonds. Date Feb. 1 1923. Denom. \$1,000, except 1 for \$500. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the State Treasurer's office or at the fiscal agency of the State of Oregon in N. Y. City. Due \$12,500 April 1 1928 and \$12,500 each 6 months thereafter until all mature. Bonds are issued under authority of Chapter 383, Laws of Oregon of 1921. The legality of this issue has been passed upon by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Lodge of Boston, and an approving opinion will be furnished purchaser. A certified check for 5% of the par value of the bonds, payable to the Oregon State Highway Commission, required. The bonds will be printed, executed and ready for delivery about Feb. 15. Bonds may be registered as to principal and interest.

OSBORN, Greene County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—On Jan. 20 \$15,000 water works bonds will be voted upon.

OTTAWA, Putnam County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—We learn that the sale of 2 issues of 6% bonds, aggregating \$10,500, made to the Milliken & York Co. of Cleveland on Sept. 4—V. 115, p. 1357—was not completed. The bonds were re-offered on Nov. 20—V. 115, p. 2075 and 2183—and awarded to the First National Bank of Pandora, for \$10,759 (102.466) and interest, a basis of about 5.455%. The bonds were issued for the improvement of South Oak St. and are described as follows: \$4,000 special assessment bonds. Denom. \$400.
6,500 village's portion bonds. Denom. \$650.
Date Aug. 15 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due one bond of each issue yearly on Aug. 15 from 1923 to 1932 inclusive.

OWOSSO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Owosso), Shiawassee County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$200,000 school bid. bonds has been sold to E. Keane, Higbie & Co. and Security Trust Co., both of Detroit, at 4 1/2%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the Peoples State Bank, Detroit. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1924 to 1927 incl.; \$15,000, 1928; \$16,000, 1929; \$17,000, 1930; \$18,000, 1931; \$19,000, 1932; \$20,000, 1933; \$21,000, 1934; \$23,000, 1935, and \$11,000, 1936. This report corrects the one given in V. 115, p. 2819.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation (1922).....\$10,617,104
Total bonded debt (including this issue).....239,000
Population (1920 Census).....12,800

PARAMUS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 8 p. m. Jan. 22 by Adolph A. Haase, District Clerk, Spring Valley Road, Hackensack, for the purchase at not less than par and interest of the following two issues of 5% coupon school bonds, no more bonds of either issue to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of bonds offered: \$49,000 bonds, Series A. Due \$2,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1925 to 1948, inclusive, and \$1,000 Jan. 1 1949.
51,000 bonds, Series B. Due \$2,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1925 to 1949, inclusive, and \$1,000 Jan. 1 1950.
Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable in lawful money of the U. S. at the Hackensack Trust Co. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Custodian of School Moneys required. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafell & Longfellow, N. Y. Bonds will be issued under supervision of U. S. Mgtg. & Trust Co., N. Y.

PATERSON, Passaic County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 4 p. m. Jan. 18, John J. Brophy, Clerk of the Board of Finance, will receive sealed proposals for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest

of an issue of 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only, or as to both principal and interest) general improvement bonds not to exceed \$444,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of bonds offered. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y., or at the City Treasurer's office, at option of holder. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1924 to 1941 incl., and \$21,000, 1942 to 1945 incl. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the city of Paterson, required. Legality to be approved by Hawkins, Delafell & Longfellow, New York.

PAYNESVILLE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Paynesville), Pike County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The "Manufacturers Record" of Jan. 3 reports the sale of \$20,000 5% school bonds to Friedman, D'Oench & Duhme of St. Louis.

PECOS COUNTY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (P. O. Fort Stockton), Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—J. L. Mitchell, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive bids until March 1 for \$36,000 of the \$60,000 improvement bonds voted on Dec. 19—V. 116, p. 100. Interest rate, 6%. Due \$5,000 yearly beginning June 1 1930.

PENNS GROVE, Salem County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Clyde W. Struble, Borough Clerk, until 8 p. m. Feb. 13 for an issue of 5% coupon street impt. bonds, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of not more than \$1,000 over \$50,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Due \$5,000 yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1933, incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the Penns Grove National Bank of New Jersey. No bid for less than par and accrued int. will be considered. The approving opinion of Clay & Dillon of N. Y., as to legality will be furnished to the purchaser without cost. Cert. check for 2% of bid, drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company, required.

PERRY COUNTY (P. O. Cannelton), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 8 the two issues of 5% Troy Twp. road bonds, aggregating \$50,500, offered on that date (V. 115, p. 2930), were awarded to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis as follows:

\$15,500 John Briggeman et al. bonds for \$15,716, equal to 101.39, a basis of about 4.73%. Denom. \$775.
35,000 H. M. Clemens et al. bonds for \$35,426, equal to 101.21, a basis of about 4.76%. Denom. \$1,750.

Date Jan. 15 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due one bond of each issue six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 incl. Other bidders were:

For \$35,000 For \$15,500
Issue. Issue.
J. F. Wild & Co. State Bank, Indianapolis.....\$35,315 \$15,715
The Bankers' Investment Co.....35,425 15,705
Meyer & Bank, Indianapolis.....35,396 15,706
Thomas D. Sheerin & Co., Indianapolis.....35,223 15,703
Fletcher-American Co., Indianapolis.....35,222 15,601

PERRYTON, Ochiltree County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 6% coupon bonds offered on Jan. 9—V. 115, p. 2822—were awarded to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville at a premium of \$300, equal to 100.27, a basis of about 5.97%:
\$75,000 water bonds. Due yearly on Jan. 15 as follows: \$1,000, 1926, and \$2,000, 1927 to 1963 inclusive.
35,000 electric light bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 15 from 1929 to 1963 inclusive.
Date Jan. 15 1923.

PHILLIPS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$13,720 57 5/8% funding bonds on Dec. 4.

PHILLIPS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100, Kansas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$30,000 5 1/2% school bonds on Dec. 4.

PICAYUNE, Pearl River County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 school bonds recently voted—V. 115, p. 2714—have been purchased by the Bank of Picayune.

PICKAWAY COUNTY (P. O. Circleville), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by T. D. Krinn, County Auditor, until 12 m. Feb. 2 1923 for the purchase of an issue of \$25,000 5 1/2% coupon bridge bonds, L. C. H. No. 5 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1925 to 1944, inclusive. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.), payable at the office of the County Treasurer. These bonds are issued in accordance with and by virtue of Sections 5643 and 5644 of the General Code of Ohio. No bid for less than par and accrued interest considered. Certified check for 2% of bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Bonds to be paid for within 10 days from date of award.

PLAINVILLE, Rooks County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Dec. 13 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$27,619 77 5/8% paving bonds.

POPE CITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rochelle), Ga.—BOND SALE.—W. M. Davis & Co. of Macon have purchased \$7,000 6% building and equipment bonds for \$6,300, equal to 90.00. Due \$1,000 yearly from 1936 to 1942 incl.

PORTAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Portal), Burke County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$33,000 school bonds has been disposed of.

PORTSMOUTH, Norfolk County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by L. C. Brinson, City Clerk, until 12 m. Jan. 22 for \$300,000 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to both principal and interest or principal only) refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (F. & A.) payable in gold coin in New York City. Due Feb. 1 1953. The favorable opinion of John C. Thomson, New York City, certifying as to the legality of this issue, will be furnished the purchaser. A certified check for 2%, payable to H. L. Hudgins, City Treasurer, required.

POST FALLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5, Kootenai County, Idaho.—BOND SALE.—Geo. W. Vallery & Co. of Denver have purchased \$6,000 6% coupon gold funding school bonds. Date Nov. 1 1922. Denom. \$500. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, N. Y. City. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$500 1933, 1935, 1937, 1939; \$1,000 1941; \$5,200 1934, 1936, 1938, 1940, and \$7,000 1942.

PRICE, Carbon County, Utah.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Dec. 29 the \$60,000 6% water bonds were voted by a count of 47 to 1. These bonds had been sold to the Palmer Bond & Mortgage Co. of Salt Lake City previous to being voted at said election. Notice of the election and sale was given in V. 115, p. 1763.

PROTECTION, Comanche County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$54,000 5 1/2% refunding bonds on Dec. 7.

QUANAH, Hardeman County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—The \$98,000 6% water bonds offered on Jan. 6 (V. 116, p. 100) were awarded to Breg, Garrett & Co. of Dallas at par plus a premium of \$5,675, equal to 105.78. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1921. Int. J. & D. Due serially.

RAPID CITY, Pennington County, So. Dak.—RATE OF INTEREST—BASIS.—The \$140,000 funding bonds awarded to McNear, Heeter & Co., of Minneapolis, as stated in V. 116, p. 100, bear 5% interest. The net income basis is about 4.97%.

READING, Berks County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Oscar B. Heim, Secretary of the Board of School Directors, will receive bids until 8 p. m. Jan. 25 for an issue of \$300,000 4 1/2% (registrable as to principal or interest) school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$10,000 from 1924 to 1926; \$15,000 from 1927 to 1930; \$20,000 from 1931 to 1934; \$25,000 from 1935 to 1939; \$5,000 in 1940. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable in lawful money of the United States at the office of the School Treasurer, in Reading. A certified check for 2% of bid required. The official circular states that these bonds are exempt from taxation in Pennsylvania, with the exception of succession, transfer or inheritance taxes, that there has never been any default in the payment of principal and interest, and that there is no controversy or litigation pending or threatened affecting corporate existence, boundaries of the school district, or title of its present officers to their respective offices or the validity of these bonds. These bonds will be subject to the favorable opinion of Townsend, Elliott & Munson, of Philadelphia. No bids for less than par and accrued interest will be considered.

Financial Statement.

Assessed value of real estate	\$101,223,353 00
Two per cent borrowing power	.02
	\$2,024,467 06
Present bonded indebtedness	\$1,362,500 00
Less amount in sinking funds	313,987 38
Net indebtedness	1,048,512 62

Margin of borrowing power of School Board without the consent of the electors and not including this bond issue \$975,954 44
Bond issue 1923 850,000 00

Balance of borrowing power without consent of electors \$125,954 44
School tax rate, 10 mills. Population: 1910, 96,071; 1920, 107,784; 1922, 110,000 (estimated).

RED BLUFF SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Red Bluff), Tehama County, Calif.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At an election held on Dec. 21 an issue of \$97,200 school bonds was defeated.

RICHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Mansfield), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by A. B. Cunningham, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, until 2 p. m. Jan. 30 for the purchase of an issue of \$60,000 5 1/2% Mansfield-Wooster I. C. H. No. 146, Section "C," bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$7,000 from 1924 to 1929 incl., and \$6,000 from 1930 to 1932 incl. A cert. check drawn on any bank in the City of Mansfield, Ohio, or on any national bank, payable to the County Treasurer, for 5% of bonds bid for, required. These bonds are issued in accordance with the General Code of Ohio, Section 1223, and pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Richland County Commissioners on Dec. 27 1922. Only unconditional bids will be considered.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—An issue of \$950,000 revenue notes, offered for sale on Jan. 10 1923, were awarded to Salomon Bros. & Hutzler of New York at a 4.22% interest basis. Due 5 months from Jan. 12 1923. Other bidders were:

Traders National Bank, Rochester	Int.	Prem.
F. S. Moseley & Co., New York City	4.24%	----
S. N. Bond & Co., New York City	4.29%	----
	4.35%	\$26 00

ROCKY FORD, Otero County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 2 this city sold an issue of \$375,000 5% 15-year water bonds.

ST. LANDRY PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 13 (P. O. Opelousas), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. Feb. 5 by the President of the Police Jury, for \$37,000 5% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1919. Principal and annual interest (July 1) payable at the Parish Treasurer's office. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1959, inclusive. A certified check for 2 1/2%, payable to the Parish Treasurer, required.

ST. PAULS, Robeson County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. Jan. 16 by J. C. Lentz, Town Clerk, for \$14,500 public improvement bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1923. Payable in gold at U S Mtge. & Tr Co., N Y City. Int. rate not to exceed 6%. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$500, 1925, and \$1,000 1926 to 1939 incl. A cert. check upon an incorp. bank or trust company (or cash) for \$290, payable to Town Treasurer, required. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. A copy of the opinion of Chester B. Masslich, N. Y. City, and legal papers will be furnished the purchaser. Delivery in New York City, or at purchaser's cost for delivery and exchange at place of purchaser's choice on Feb. 6 or at town's option one week thereafter. Proposals must be made upon blank forms furnished by the above official.

SALINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 79, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$6,000 5% bonds on Dec. 6.

SALT CREEK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wayne County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 30 an issue of \$15,000 6% school bonds was awarded to the Detroit Trust Co., of Detroit, which offered to pay \$15,716, equal to 104.773, and to print bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1922.

SALT LAKE CITY, Salt Lake County, Utah.—NOTE SALE.—A special telegraphic dispatch from our Western representative advises us that \$2,250,000 4 1/2% tax anticipation notes maturing Dec. 31 1923 have been purchased by the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank and the First Trust Co., both of Chicago, at par.

SAN DIEGO, San Diego County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—According to the Los Angeles "Times" of Jan. 1, a bond issue of \$3,000,000 to install new water mains in San Diego next year will be submitted to the voters at the election next Spring, according to a decision reached by the City Council.

SAUGUS, Essex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 coupon 4% school bonds, offered on Oct. 16—V. 115, p. 1763—and for which no bids were received—V. 115, p. 1864—have been awarded to Grafton Co. of Boston at 100.35, a basis of about 3.95%. Date May 1 1922. Due \$2,500 yearly on May 1 from 1923 to 1942 inclusive.

SCAMMON, Cherokee County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$6,000 5 1/2% electric light bonds on Dec. 28.

SCOTLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Scotland), Bon Homme County, So. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on Jan. 30 to vote on the proposition of issuing \$30,000 school bldg. bonds. The bonds, if passed, will bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5 1/2% and will mature \$2,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1929 to 1943 incl. F. J. Wanek, Clerk Board of Education.

SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Scranton), Lackawanna County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,000,000 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) school-building bonds, offered on Jan. 8 (V. 115, p. 2823), were awarded to the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh at 101.40, a basis of about 4.1%. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$35,000 from 1924 to 1937, inclusive, and \$34,000 from 1938 to 1952, incl.

SEATTLE, Wash.—BOND SALES.—During the month of December the City of Seattle issued the following 6% bonds:

District	No.	Amount.	Purpose	Date.	Due.
	3496	\$2,146 09	Paving	Dec. 9 1922	Dec. 9 1934
	3456	1,807 84	Grade & Paving	Dec. 30 1922	Dec. 30 1934
	3497	7,598 87	Grade & Walk	Dec. 30 1922	Dec. 30 1934

All bonds are subject to call yearly.

SHELBYVILLE, Shelby County, Ill.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—The city of Shelbyville on Jan. 31 will open and consider proposals for the purchase in whole or in part of public utility certificates issued for the purpose of financing the construction of a municipal electric light and power plant. The certificates offered will mature serially on Jan. 1 of each year from 1924 to 1938 incl., and will not exceed \$100,000, or the amount necessary to pay for the construction of said plant and the necessary expense incident thereto. The certificates will bear 6% interest payable semi-annually. Both prin. and int. secured by deed of trust pledging the revenue of the plant and carrying with it a franchise for operation in case of default. All bids must be submitted on forms prescribed by the Council, obtainable from W. C. Raetz, City Clerk.

SHELTON, Buffalo County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The Omaha Trust Co. of Omaha has purchased \$28,000 refunding bonds recently voted.

SHERIDAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 47 (P. O. Sheridan R. F. D. No. 2), Wyo.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,500 6% 25-year school bonds offered on Dec. 22—V. 115, p. 2503—were awarded to Geo. W. Vallery & Co. of Denver. Date Nov. 1 1922. Due Nov. 1 1947.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation, 1921	\$100,353
Total debt (this issue only)	1,500
Population, officially estimated, 100.	

SIDNEY, Delaware County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., N. Y., were awarded the issue of \$75,000 5% Sidney Center macadam highway bonds, offered on Jan. 5—V. 115, p. 2715—for 101.40, a basis of about 4.86%. Date Feb. 1 1923. Due \$1,500 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1924 to 1953 inclusive.

SIoux FALLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sioux Falls), Minnehaha County, So. Dka.—BONDS VOTED.—A special telegraphic dispatch from our Western correspondent advises us that the \$300,000 school bond issue submitted to a vote of the people on Jan. 4 (V. 115, p. 2931) carried.

SKAGIT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 40 (P. O. Mt. Vernon), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The State of Washington has purchased \$2,500 6% school building bonds at par. Denom. \$500. Int. ann. Due in 5 years; optional after 1 year. Although the State has purchased these bonds, it has not been awarded them as yet.

SMITH CENTER, Smith County, Kan.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Jan. 30 to vote on the question of bonding the town for \$200,000 for a dependable water system.

SPRINGFIELD, Hampton County, Mass.—CORRECTION.—It is reported that the city has negotiated with J. P. Morgan & Co. of New York for a temporary loan of \$400,000 on a 4.10% discount basis. The notes are dated Dec. 27 1922 and mature on Nov. 7 1923. In V. 115, p. 2923, we reported the sale of a temporary loan of \$1,200,000. The City Clerk, however, corrected this statement, and informs us that the borrowings were limited to \$400,000.

STATESVILLE, Iredell County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 8 p. m. Jan. 23 by Geo. W. Long, City Clerk and Treasurer, for the following 5 1/2% bonds: \$50,000 local impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1926 to 1933, incl.; \$3,000, 1934 to 1939, incl., and \$4,000, 1940 to 1943, incl.

25,000 assessment bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$2,500 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1926 to 1935, incl.

Date Jan. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in lawful money of the United States at some bank in New York City. A certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company (or cash) for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City of Statesville, required. The opinion of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, certifying to the legality of bonds will be furnished by the City of Statesville, together with the printed bonds.

STEELE COUNTY (P. O. Owatonna), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by George Griffin, County Auditor, until 2 p. m. Feb. 13 for \$52,000 Judicial Ditch No. 12 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. rate not to exceed 5%. Date Feb. 1 1923. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1929, 1930, 1932, 1934, 1936, 1938, 1940, and 1942, and \$4,000, 1931, 1933, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1941, and 1943. A certified check for 5% of bid, payable to the County Auditor, required.

SUFFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Riverhead), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Shepherd M. Scudder, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Jan. 15 for \$92,000 4 1/2% registered tuberculosis hospital bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.), payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$6,000 1924 to 1937, incl., and \$8,000 1938. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the above official required.

SUMNER COUNTY (P. O. Wellington), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Dec. 7 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$518,800 4 1/2% road impt. bonds.

SUMMIT COUNTY (P. O. Akron), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. Jan. 30 by Scott Porter, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of an issue of \$26,000 5% coupon Sanitary Improvement No. 14, Contract No. 2, Main Sewer District No. 4-A bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due \$2,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1936, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.), payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for 5% of bid, payable to the County Treasurer required. No bid for less than par and accrued interest required.

SWEETWATER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Nolan County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of for Texas registered \$80,000 5 1/2% serial bonds on Dec. 26.

TACOMA, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The following 6% bonds were issued by the city of Tacoma during December:

Dist. No.	Amount.	Purpose.	Date.	Due.
1146	\$5,732 90	Sewer	Dec. 15 1922	Dec. 15 1929
1169	802 00	Sewer	Dec. 15 1922	Dec. 15 1929
5517	13,423 10	Street Lighting	Dec. 15 1922	Dec. 15 1929
4111	1,113 65	Paving	Dec. 20 1922	Dec. 20 1929
1244	2,218 35	Grading	Dec. 20 1922	Dec. 20 1929
1274	763 00	Grading	Dec. 27 1922	Dec. 27 1929

All bonds are subject to call yearly in December.

TEELING, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$45,000 water works, \$30,000 sewer and \$25,000 electric light 6% serial bonds on Dec. 29.

TENINO, Thurston County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 town hall building bonds offered on Dec. 28—V. 115, p. 2824—were awarded as 68 to the State Finance Committee at par. Date Jan. 2 1923. Due serially, all bonds being subject to call for payment at any interest paying date upon 30 days' notice, duly published in the official newspaper published in Tenino.

TEXAS (State of).—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following bonds have been registered with the State Comptroller:

Amount.	Place.	Int. Rate.	Due.	Date Reg.
\$2,000	Lee County Com. S. D. No. 14	5%	1-20 years	Dec. 26
2,000	Martin County Com. S. D. No. 3	6%	5-10 years	Dec. 26
2,500	Briscoe County Com. S. D. No. 6	5%	10-40 years	Dec. 27
3,000	Cherokee County Com. S. D. No. 7	5 1/2%	serial	Dec. 28
2,000	Atascosa County Com. S. D. No. 34	6%	10-20 years	Dec. 28
2,200	Gastro County Com. S. D. No. 12	5%	20 years	Dec. 29
2,000	Briscoe County Com. S. D. No. 2	5%	10-20 years	Dec. 29
4,000	Briscoe County Com. S. D. No. 52	6%	5-20 years	D3c. 29
1,500	Callahan County Com. S. D. No. 47	5%	10-20 years	Dec. 29
3,000	Fisher County Com. S. D. No. 12	5%	20 years	Dec. 29
1,000	Fannin County Com. S. D. No. 28	6%	5-20 years	Dec. 29
2,000	Ellis County Com. S. D. No. 2	5%	serial	Dec. 29
1,500	Henderson Co. Com. S. D. No. 30	5%	20 years	Dec. 29
4,000	Jones County Com. S. D. No. 13	6%	5-20 years	Dec. 29
1,000	McCulloch Co. Com. S. D. No. 9	5%	5-20 years	Dec. 29
1,000	Upshur County Com. S. D. No. 3	6%	20 years	Dec. 29
1,500	Van Zandt Co. Com. S. D. No. 72	6%	10-20 years	Dec. 29
2,300	Wheeler Co. Com. S. D. No. 25	5%	10-20 years	Dec. 29
2,000	Williamson Co. Com. S. D. No. 75	5%	1-20 years	Dec. 29
1,900	Alvarado	5 1/2%	serial	Dec. 29
1,500	Alvarado	5 1/2%	serial	Dec. 29

TIPPECANOE COUNTY (P. O. Lafayette), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following three issues of 5% highway bonds offered on Jan. 5 (V. 115, p. 2824), totaling \$11,100, were awarded to the City National Bank of Lafayette for \$11,267 (101.50) and accrued interest, a basis of about 4.71%: \$4,100 Mary Crouse Martin et al. Wayne Township bonds. Date Nov. 11 1922. Denom. \$205. Due \$205 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933.

1,400 Sanford Gowen et al. Tippecanoe Township bonds. Date Nov. 25 1922. Denom. \$70. Due \$70 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

5,600 T. E. Conrad et al. Laurame Township bonds. Denom. \$208. Due Nov. 11 1922. Due \$208 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

Int. M. & N. 15.

TOWNS OF NORTH LANCASTER, SOUTH LANCASTER AND THE CITY OF LANCASTER JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Grant County, Wisc.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 7 p. m. Feb. 8 by F. J. Glanville, District Clerk (P. O. Lancaster), for \$140,000 5% high-school bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$666 66. Date Feb. 1 1923. A certified check, payable to H. E. Schreiner, District Treasurer, for \$1,000, required. The successful bidder will be required to furnish blank bonds and to obtain legal opinion as to validity at his own expense.

The official notice of the offering of these bonds will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

UNION, Union County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The Bank of Charleston, Charleston, has purchased the \$150,000 coupon street improve-

ment bonds offered on Jan. 9—V. 115, p. 2824—as 5s at a premium of \$240, equal to 100.16, a basis of about 4.98%. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due \$5,000 from 1924 to 1953, inclusive.

UNION COUNTY (P. O. La Grande), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Jan. 22 for \$400,000 road construction bonds by C. K. McCormick, County Clerk. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 15 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J. 15), payable in gold coin at the fiscal agency of the State of Oregon in N. Y. City. Due on Jan. 15 as follows: \$35,000 1934, \$75,000 1935, \$80,000 1936, \$55,000 1937, \$55,000 1938, \$55,000 1939 and 1940. Interest rate not to exceed 5½%. A certified check for 2% of amount bid for required. The approving legal opinion of Teal, Minor & Winfree of Portland, will be furnished the successful bidder.

UPPER GLENDIVE-FALLON IRRIGATION DISTRICT, Dawson County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Mrs. Peter Evans Tjensvold, District Secretary (P. O. Glendive) will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m., Feb. 7 for \$100,000 6% negotiable coupon bonds. Date Jan. 1 1923. Denom. \$500. Int. J. & J. A certified check for \$1,000 required.

UPSHUR COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Dec. 29 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$7,000 5½% 5-20 year bonds.

VALIER, Pondera County, Mont.—BONDS VOTED—BOND OFFERING.—By a vote of 67 to 13 the \$35,000 water bond issue submitted to a vote of the people at the election held on Dec. 27—V. 115, p. 2824—carried. Bids will be received until Feb. 9. Interest rate 6%. Due Feb. 1 1943; optional Feb. 1 1933.

VALLEJO, Solano County, Calif.—DESCRIPTION—BASIS.—The \$62,500 5½% water district bonds awarded to Freeman, Smith & Camp Co. of Los Angeles, as stated in V. 115, p. 2503, are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date May 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.), payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due May 1 1945. The net income basis is about 4.87%.

VALLEY FALLS, Jefferson County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Dec. 18 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$7,000 4¾% sewer bonds.

VANDALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Vandalia), Audrain County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 4½% school bonds offered on Jan. 9—V. 115, p. 2931—were awarded to the Vandalia Banking Association of Vandalia at par. Date Feb. 1 1923. Due serially as follows: \$3,000 1927 and 1928; \$3,500 1929 to 1931 incl.; \$4,000 1932 to 1934 incl.; \$3,500 1935; \$5,000 1936 to 1939 incl.; \$5,500 1940 and 1941, and \$6,000 1942.

VANDEBURGH COUNTY (P. O. Evansville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$69,800 4¼% F. M. Frisse et al. Weinbach Ave. Road Improvement, Knight Township bonds, offered on Jan. 3—V. 115, p. 2824—were awarded to Sheldon Hayes, contractor, care Hayes Construction Co. of Indianapolis at par and accrued interest. Date Jan. 3 1923. Due \$1,745 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1943 inclusive.

VERNON (Town of), Tolland County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles M. Squire, First Selectman, is receiving bids until 1 p. m. Jan. 15 at the Travelers' Bank & Trust Co., Hartford, for \$118,000 4¼% coupon gold West School bonds which were recently authorized. They are in denom. of \$1,000 and are dated Jan. 15 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Travelers' Bank & Trust Co. of Hartford, Conn. Due Jan. 15 1953. Cert. check for 2%, payable to town of Vernon, required. The bonds will be certified as to genuineness by said trust co.

WABASH COUNTY (P. O. Wabash), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 10 a. m. Jan. 16 by Irvin C. Delanter, County Treasurer, for \$1,325 5% Dan Stuber Liberty Township road bonds. Denom. \$66 25. Date Jan. 15 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$66 25 each six months, May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933.

WALSENBURG, Huerfano County, Colo.—CORRECTION.—We are informed by Bonwell, Phillips & Co. of Denver, that the report of the sale of \$35,000 5% 15-year water extension bonds to them, as stated by us in V. 115, p. 340, is untrue, as they never purchased such an issue.

WALSTONBURG, Greene County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—According to the "Manufacturers Record" of Jan. 6, bids will be received by W. E. Lang, Town Clerk, until Jan. 15 for \$10,000 6% light bonds.

WALTHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—Arthur Perry & Co. of Boston were recently awarded, it is stated, \$200,000 4¼% bonds at 100.71.

WAPELLO CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wapello), Louisa County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election an issue of school bonds, in an amount not exceeding \$150,000, was voted by a count of 605 to 327.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Williamsport), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—D. H. Moffitt, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Jan. 27 for the sale of an issue of \$10,500 5% coupon highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$525. Date Dec. 27 1922. Due \$525 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933. No bid for less than par and accrued interest will be considered. If bonds are not sold on above date they will be offered day by day thereafter until sold.

WASHINGTON, Washington County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$91,000 street improvement bonds offered on Jan. 5—V. 115, p. 2931—were awarded to Ballard, Hassett & Co. of Des Moines, as 6s at a premium of \$120, equal to 100.75. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due yearly.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 66 (P. O. Cope), Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—BOND SALE.—The International Trust Co. of Denver has purchased \$6,000 6% 15-30-year (opt.) school-building bonds, subject to being voted at an election to be held soon.

WASHINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Washington), Beaufort County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by W. C. Rodman, Chairman Board of School Trustees, until 8 p. m. Feb. 6 for \$300,000 5% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only, or both principal and interest) school construction bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the National City Bank, N. Y. City. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$10,000 1948 to 1937 incl., and \$20,000 1938 to 1947 incl. The legality of the bonds will be approved by Caldwell & Raymond, N. Y. City, whose unqualified opinion will be furnished to the purchaser without charge, and will be delivered at any bank designated by the purchaser, and must be paid for within thirty days from the date of sale. Bids to be made on forms to be furnished by the School Trustees. A certified check for 1% of amount of bonds bid for required.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Arlington), Arlington County, Va.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held on Jan. 8 an issue of \$170,000 school bonds was voted.

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY DISTRICT, Md.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids for the purchase of either or both of Series "F" and "G" of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District coupon bonds, each series in the sum of \$500,000, bearing 4½% int., payable semi-ann. and dated Jan. 1 1923, maturing in 50 years, redeemable after 30 years, will be received by the Commission at its office in the Evans Building, Washington, D. C., on or before 3 p. m. Jan. 12 1923.

These issues of bonds designated as Series "F" and "G" are in denominations of \$1,000, are dated Jan. 1 1923 and mature 50 years after date and bear interest at the rate of 4½% per annum, payable semi-ann. with coupons payable to bearer, with privilege of registration as to principal at any time, both principal and int. payable at the Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co. of Baltimore, Maryland.

The proceeds of these bonds will be used for the further construction of water and sewer systems within the Washington Suburban Sanitary District. They are payable out of a special tax required to be levied upon all of the taxable property within said District, assessed at over \$30,000,000 as well as by the benefit assessment on the front foot basic, to be imposed and collected by the Commission and are further guaranteed, both as to principal and interest, by the County Commissioners of both Montgomery and Prince George Counties. The genuineness of the signatures and seals of said Commission and the respective Counties will be certified to by the Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co., endorsed upon each bond. Approval of this issue under the provisions of said Act, has been given by the Public Service Commission, and it is further subject to the approval of Chester B. Masslich, Attorney, of New York, whose opinion, before the delivery of the bonds, will be furnished to the successful bidder without cost.

These bonds are by law exempted from taxation in Maryland and have the same exemption from United States income or other taxes as other State and Municipal bonds.

Certified check for the amount of \$5,000 for each issue must accompany all bids and the bonds must be paid for upon delivery.

Bids will be received upon either series separately or for the whole million or none. The Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to accept separate bids upon either series.

The original notice of the offering of these bonds was given in V. 116, p. 101; it is given again as additional information has come to hand.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Centerville), Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 12 m. Jan. 22 by W. W. Lawson, Clerk of the Board of Education, for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$35,000 5½% coupon school building bonds, issued under authority of Sections 5649-4 and 7637-1, General Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 2 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Winters National Bank of Dayton. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1924 to 1940 incl., and \$1,000 1941. Certified check on a solvent bank, for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Clerk, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the Winters National Bank of Dayton.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Richmond), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Thomas I. Ahl, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 11 a. m. Jan. 20 for \$47,000 4½% coupon Northwest Seventh St. and West Main St. bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$350. Date Jan. 15 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$2,350 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive. Bonds to be delivered and paid for in Richmond.

WEAKLEY COUNTY (P. O. Dresden), Tenn.—BONDS DEFEATED.—On Jan. 2 the County Court defeated the proposition to issue \$300,000 county road bonds.

WICHITA, Sedgwick County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas, registered \$44,439 56 4¼% internal improvement bonds on Dec. 6.

WILDFLOWER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Visalia), Tulare County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 5½% school bonds offered on Jan. 3—V. 115, p. 2716—were awarded to Freeman, Smith & Camp Co. of Portland. Due \$1,000 yearly on Dec. 4 from 1924 to 1943 inclusive.

WILDWOOD, Cape May County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The Union National Corp. of New York, was awarded the issue of \$25,000 5% park bonds offered on Jan. 9 for a premium of \$140, equal to 100.56, a basis of about 4.94%. Date Dec. 15 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on Dec. 15 from 1923 to 1947.

WILKINSBURG, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—William N. Baker, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Feb. 13 for the following two issues of 4¼% coupon municipal bonds: \$350,000 Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$7,000 from 1928 to 1936, incl.; \$11,000 from 1937 to 1944, incl.; \$14,000 in 1945, \$21,000 in 1946, \$24,000 in 1947, \$28,000 from 1948 to 1952, incl. Cert. check for \$7,000 required. 150,000 Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1928 to 1936, incl.; \$5,000 from 1937 to 1945, incl.; \$8,000 in 1946, \$10,000 in 1947, \$12,000 from 1948 to 1952, incl. Certified check for \$3,000 required. Denom. \$1,000. These bonds are said to be tax free in Pennsylvania.

WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Barry County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—According to newspaper reports \$100,000 4½% bonds, due serially from 1925 to 1937, incl., have been purchased jointly by the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit and the Michigan Trust Co. of Grand Rapids.

WYLIE, Collin County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Dec. 29 the State Comptroller of Texas, registered \$50,000 6% serial water works bonds.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

ALBERTA (Province of)—BOND SALE.—Dillon, Read & Co. of New York have purchased and are now offering to investors in an advertisement appearing on a preceding page of this issue at 97.25 and interest, to yield about 5.20%, \$4,800,000 5% bonds. Date Jan. 1 1923. Prin. and int. payable in gold in New York at the Bank of the Manhattan Company; also payable in Canada. Int. payable J. & J. Coupon bonds of \$1,000, with privilege of registration as to principal. Due Jan. 1 1948. Subject to approval of legal matters by E. G. Long, K. O., Toronto.

ALBERTA SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Alta.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—J. T. Ross, Deputy Minister of Finance, Edmonton, is receiving separate proposals until 4 p. m. Jan. 19 for the following issues of 8% debentures:

Rural—15 Years—	Amount of Issue.	Address.
Antelope Cut School District No. 4076	\$1,400 00	Gros Ventre
Evansburg School District No. 2902	7,000 00	Evansburg
Limeson School District No. 4083	1,500 00	Tomahawk
Venice School District No. 4102	750 00	Venice
Rural—10 Years—		
Little Prairie School District No. 3790	1,000 00	Little Prairie
Lambert School District No. 3932	2,000 00	Grande Prairie
Delayed School District No. 3764	2,200 00	Manyberries
Darwell School District No. 3987	500 00	Darwell
Rural—5 Years—		
Fairmount School District No. 1651	500 00	Trochu

The above debentures are issued on the serial plan, payable in equal annual installments of principal and interest. Purchaser to pay accrued int.

BRANTFORD, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—The following three issues submitted to the voters on Jan. 1 (V. 115, p. 2932) were authorized, according to reports:

\$335,000 for a new bridge.
\$5,000 for a new public school.
\$1,000 for a collegiate institute.
An additional issue of \$124,000 home bridge debentures was also reported to have been voted in V. 116, p. 101.

BRANTFORD, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—During December the Dominion Securities Corporation, Ltd., of Toronto, purchased an issue of \$88,000 5½% debentures for 99.50. Date Dec. 15 1922. Due yearly on Dec. 15 from 1934 to 1952.

BRITISH COLUMBIA (Province of)—DEBENTURE SALE.—On Jan. 11 this Province offered, and sold, \$2,000,000 5% 25 yr. gold bonds to Dillon, Read & Co. of N.Y. who in turn reoffered them as advertised on a preceding page, to investors at 97.50 and interest, to yield about 5.20%. Date Jan. 15 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J. 15), payable in U. S. gold in New York, also payable at the option of the holder in Canada. Coupon bonds of \$1,000 each, with privilege of registration as to principal.

BURNABY, B. C.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—On Jan. 13 the proposition of issuing \$70,000 5½% permanent sidewalk debentures will be submitted to the ratepayers. The debentures, if passed, will mature on Dec. 31 1939.

CHATEAUGUAY BASIN, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—It is reported that the \$5,000 6% 20-year school debentures were not sold when offered on Jan. 2 (V. 115, p. 2932). Subsequently, it is also reported, the above debentures were sold to L. G. Beaubien & Co. of Montreal at 99.05.

CLINTON, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—At the general election on Jan. 1, according to reports, an issue of \$5,000 General Hospital bonds was passed.

CORNWALL, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—Reports state that at the general election on Jan. 1 the proposition to issue \$100,000 high school extension bonds was passed.

EDMONTON, Alta.—DEBENTURES DEFEATED.—The proposition to issue \$50,000 30-year and \$11,500 40-year 5½% debentures was defeated at a recent election.

ETOBICOKE TOWNSHIP, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—C. H. Burgess & Co. of Toronto, were awarded \$113,500 5½% 20-installment debentures at 100.06, it is stated. Other bids, according to the Toronto "Globe," were: Nesbitt, Thomson & Co., 99.771; R. C. Matthews & Co., 99.67; Wood, Gundy & Co., 99.65; Bell, Gouinlock & Co., 99.59; Harris, Forbes & Co., 99.39; Gaidner, Clarke & Co., 99.37; Macneill, Graham

& Co., 99.27; Municipal Bankers' Corp., 99.22; W. L. McKinnon & Co., 99.08; A. E. Ames & Co., 98.70; Mackay & Mackay, 98.21, and Dymont, Anderson & Co., 98.138.

FORD CITY, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—At the municipal elections on Jan. 1 the \$71,140 filtration plant debentures (V. 115, p. 2932), were voted. These bonds will be sold by the Essex Border Utilities Commission of Windsor.

GALT, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—The issue of \$125,000 5½% hydro-electric power purposes bonds, which were submitted to the voters on Jan. 1 (V. 115, p. 2610) was carried by a vote of 1,110 "for" to 720 "against." The bonds will be due in 20 annual installments. No report has as yet come to hand regarding the other two issues, which were submitted at the same time.

GANANOQUE, Ont.—DEBENTURES DEFEATED.—Newspapers state that the propositions to issue \$25,000 Carnegie Library and \$90,000 public school debentures, which were submitted to the ratepayers on Jan. 1, were defeated.

HAMILTON, Ont.—RESULT OF ELECTION.—The result of the election held on Jan. 1—V. 115, p. 2932—to vote on the question of authorizing three issues of debentures, was as follows:

Amount.	Purpose.	For.	Against.	Result.
\$125,000	Extension of City Hospital	9,042	4,250	Passed
90,000	Butchers' pavilion	1,511	9,362	Defeated
300,000	Addition to City Hall	1,672	9,133	Defeated

MADOC, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On Dec. 13, D. S. Eagleson purchased at par \$12,000 6% high school improvement debentures. Date Dec. 15 1922. Payable in 20 equal annual installments of principal and interest \$1,046 each.

MEAFORD, Ont.—DEBENTURES DEFEATED.—At an election held on Jan. 1 \$53,500 debentures for the purchase of the Georgian Milling Plant and the \$100,000 school debentures were defeated. Notice that this place would vote upon the school debentures was given in V. 115, p. 2824.

MIDLAND, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—C. E. Smith, Town Clerk, informs us that the question of issuing \$50,000 high school bonds was voted upon and carried, but the Council has yet to pass the by-law. He states that it will probably be months before the bonds are issued.

MONTREAL, Que.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 8 the city awarded an issue of \$10,000,000 5% 1-20-year serial bonds to a syndicate consisting of the First National Co., Detroit; Blair & Co., New York; First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and A. E. Ames & Co., Toronto, on a 5.22% basis. Bonds are payable in U. S. and Canadian funds. All bids received were in Canadian funds.

NORWOOD, Ont.—BONDS DEFEATED.—It is reported that the proposition to issue \$9,000 bonds was defeated by the ratepayers on Jan. 1.

PARIS, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—The proposition to issue \$75,000 high school building bonds—V. 115, p. 2932—which was submitted to the voters on Jan. 1, was passed by a majority of 55 votes.

DEBENTURE SALE.—On Jan. 2, it is reported, a block of \$28,000 5½% 20-year debentures was sold to the Municipal Bankers' Corp. of Toronto at 99.31, a basis of about 5.56%.

PETERBOROUGH, Ont.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition of issuing \$3,000 park bonds, submitted to the voters on Dec. 30, was defeated. The official vote was 750 "for" to 960 "against."

PRESTON, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—Newspapers state that at the general election on Jan. 1 the proposition to issue \$8,000 grand-stand debentures was carried.

SANDWICH, Ont.—RESULTS OF RECENT ELECTION.—According to reports the rate-payers defeated on Jan. 1 the \$61,200 debentures in connection with the joint filtration plant. At same election the \$1,800 debentures for the purchase of a site for a general hospital were voted.

SARNIA, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—The proposition to issue \$50,000 general hospital debentures was passed at the general election on Jan. 1, according to newspaper reports.

STAMFORD TOWNSHIP, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED—DEFEATED.—The proposition to issue \$40,000 5½% 5-installment store-purchase debentures, which was submitted to the voters on Jan. 1—V. 115, p. 2932—was defeated, while the \$20,000 5½% 20-installment hydro-electric power debentures, submitted at the same time, were carried by a vote of 539 "for" to 516 "against."

STRATFORD, Ont.—BY-LAW NOT SUBMITTED.—We are advised by local officials that the by-law which we reported was to be voted upon at the Jan. 1 elections (V. 115, p. 2709) was not submitted to the electors.

TORONTO, Ont.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 9 the \$10,053,000 5% gold coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds offered on that date (V. 116, p. 101) were awarded to a syndicate composed of A. E. Ames & Co., First National Bank of New York, Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., Blair & Co., Inc., Redmond & Co., First Trust & Savings Bank, Coffin & Burr, Inc., Stacy & Braun, Eldredge & Co., and Ogilvy & Austin, at 97.251, a basis of about 5.21%. These bonds consist of eight separate issues described as follows:

\$1,994,000 hydro bonds, dated July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due on July 1 as follows: 1923, \$79,000; 1924, \$83,000; 1925, \$87,000; 1932, \$123,000; 1933, \$129,000; 1934, \$135,000; 1935, \$142,000; 1936, \$149,000; 1937, \$157,000; 1938, \$165,000; 1939, \$173,000; 1940, \$181,000; 1941, \$191,000; 1942, \$200,000.

842,000 track pavement bonds, dated Oct. 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: 1923, \$179,000; 1924, \$188,000; 1925, \$197,000; and 1932, \$278,000.

652,000 water-works bonds, dated Oct. 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: 1923, \$11,000; 1924, \$12,000; 1925, \$12,000; 1932, \$17,000; 1933, \$18,000; 1934, \$19,000; 1935, \$20,000; 1936, \$21,000; 1937, \$22,000; 1938, \$23,000; 1939, \$24,000; 1940, \$25,000; 1941, \$27,000; 1942, \$28,000; 1943, \$29,000; 1944, \$31,000; 1945, \$33,000; 1946, \$34,000; 1947, \$36,000; 1948, \$38,000; 1949, \$40,000; 1950, \$42,000; 1951, \$44,000; 1952, \$46,000.

234,000 live stock arena bonds, dated Oct. 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1923, 1924 and 1925; \$6,000, 1932 and 1933; \$7,000, 1934 and 1935; \$8,000, 1936, 1937 and 1938; \$9,000, 1939 and 1940; \$10,000, 1941 and 1942; \$11,000, 1943 and 1944; \$12,000, 1945 and 1946; \$13,000, 1947; \$14,000, 1948 and 1949; \$15,000, 1950; and \$16,000, 1951 and 1952.

295,000 main sewer bonds, dated Oct. 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1923 and 1924; \$6,000, 1925; \$8,000, 1932 and 1933; \$9,000, 1934, 1935 and 1936; \$10,000, 1937 and 1938; \$11,000, 1939; \$12,000, 1940 and 1941; \$13,000, 1942 and 1943; \$14,000, 1944; \$15,000, 1945 and 1946; \$16,000, 1947; \$17,000, 1948; \$18,000, 1949; \$19,000, 1950; \$20,000, 1951; and \$21,000, 1952.

467,000 main sewer bonds, dated Oct. 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1923 and 1924; \$9,000, 1925; \$12,000, 1932; \$13,000, 1933; \$14,000, 1934 and 1935; \$15,000, 1936; \$16,000, 1937; \$17,000, 1938; \$18,000, 1939 and 1940; \$19,000, 1941; \$20,000, 1942; \$21,000, 1943; \$22,000, 1944; \$23,000, 1945; \$24,000, 1946; \$27,000, 1947; \$28,000, 1948; \$30,000, 1949; \$31,000, 1951; and \$32,000, 1952.

569,000 bridge bonds, dated Oct. 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$23,000, 1923; \$24,000, 1924; \$25,000, 1925; \$35,000, 1932; \$37,000, 1933; \$39,000, 1934; \$40,000, 1935; \$42,000, 1936; \$45,000, 1937; \$47,000, 1938; \$49,000, 1939; \$52,000, 1940; \$54,000, 1941; and \$57,000, 1942.

5,000,000 transportation bonds, dated Dec. 1 1922. Int. J. & D. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$126, \$91,000; 1927, \$96,000; 1928, \$101,000; 1929, \$106,000; 1930, \$111,000; 1931, \$117,000; 1932, \$123,000; 1933, \$129,000; 1934, \$135,000; 1935, \$142,000; 1936, \$149,000; 1937, \$156,000; 1938, \$164,000; 1939, \$172,000; 1940, \$181,000; 1941, \$190,000; 1942, \$200,000; 1943, \$210,000; 1944, \$220,000; 1945, \$231,000; 1946, \$243,000; 1947, \$255,000; 1948, \$267,000; 1949, \$281,000; 1950, \$295,000; 1951, \$310,000; 1952, \$325,000.

Principal and interest payable in Toronto or at the Agency of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, New York, at holder's option. These bonds are being offered to investors at prices to yield 5.10%, 5.15% and 5.20%, as advertised on a preceding page.

The following is a complete list of the bids received by the city:

Tenderers—	Price.	Tenderers—	Price.
A. E. Ames & Co.		Aemilius Jarvis & Co.	
First National Bank of N. Y.		Brown Bros. & Co.	
Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co.		White, Weld & Co.	
Blair & Co., Inc.		First National Co. of Detroit	95.866
Redmond & Co.	97.251	Cyrus Peirce & Co.	
First Trust & Savings Bank		Clark, Dodge & Co.	
Coffin & Burr, Inc.		The Dominion Bank	
Stacy & Braun		The Imperial Bank	
Eldredge & Co.		Equitable Trust Co.	
Ogilvy & Austin		W. R. Compton Co.	
W. A. Mackenzie Co.	96.66	Halsey, Stuart & Co.	
R. A. Daly & Co.		Cont. & Comm'l Nat. Bank	
National City Co.		Chase Securities Corporation	95.752
Harris, Forbes & Co.	96.651	Blyth, Witter & Co.	
Guaranty Co. of New York		The Second Ward Secur. Co.	
Kerr, Fleming & Co.		R. C. Matthews & Co.	
Lee, Higginson & Co.		McLeod, Young, Weir & Co.	
E. H. Rollins & Sons	96.30817	Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd	95.643
Spencer Trask & Co.		Wood, Gundy & Co.	
Bankers Trust Co.		Kuhn, Loeb & Co.	95.537
Warner & Co.		Kidder, Peabody & Co.	
		Hallgarten & Co.	

WINNIPEG, Man.—CORRECTION—ADDITIONAL DATA.—In reporting the sale of the \$1,300,000 5% gold coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal) debentures in last week's issue, on page 101, we incorrectly gave Parkinson & Burr as being one of the members of the successful syndicate. This should have been Coffin & Burr, Inc. Bids received, according to the "Financial Post" of Toronto, were:

A. E. Ames & Co., Coffin & Burr, Old Colony Trust Co.	96.959
Harris, Forbes & Co., Ltd.	96.678
McDonagh, Somers & Co., McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Edward Brown & Co.	96.53
A. Jarvis & Co., Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Wells-Dickey Co.	96.453
Dominion Securities Corp. and Dillon, Read & Co.	96.219
Miller & Co. and Brandon, Gordon & Waddell.	96.159
National City Company	95.77
Macneill, Graham & Co., C. H. Burgess & Co. and Housser, Wood & Co.	95.33
R. A. Daly & Co. and R. C. Matthews & Co.	95.33
Wood, Gundy & Co., Guaranty Co. of N. Y. and Blyth, Witter & Co.	95.19
W. A. Mackenzie & Co.	95.07
Kerr, Fleming & Co. and Lee, Higginson & Co.	94.86

All the above bids were made in Canadian funds.

Financial Statement (as of Jan. 2 1923).

Assessment of ratable property	\$240,413,790 00
Exemptions not included above	44,025,020 00
Total debenture debt (including this issue)	51,467,770 84
Less: Local Impts. (ratepayers' share)	11,985,078 24
High water pressure (special assessment)	1,284,632 28
Public School Board	6,450,000 00
Waterworks system	7,455,929 24
Hydro-electric system	11,952,000 00
Housing	2,340,000 00
Total sinking fund	\$13,160,446 00
Less: Sinking fund for revenue-producing debt	9,353,551 52
	3,806,894 48
	45,274,534 24

Net debenture debt. \$6,193,236 60
 Value of municipality's assets. 74,921,227 78
 Population, 1922, 199,129. Tax rate, 30½ mills. Area, 15,921 acres.

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 7 o'clock P. M., for the purchase of the above
 named bonds.

These non-callable bonds will be dated Feb. 1st,
 1923; are in denominations of \$500.00 and \$666.66,
 maturing \$11,666.66 annually 1924 to 1935,
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 nually at the District Treasurer's office at Lan-
 caster, Wisconsin.

All bids must be accompanied by a certified
 check of \$1,000.00, payable to H. E. Schreiner,
 District Treasurer, as an evidence of good faith.
 The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

The successful bidder will be required to fur-
 nish blank bonds and to obtain legal opinion as
 to validity at his own expense.
 For further information, address
 F. J. GLANVILLE, District Clerk.
 Lancaster, Wis.