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CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

Returns of Bank Clearings heretofore given on this page now appear in a subsequent part of this paper. They will be found to-day on pages 1614 and 1615.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The action of the U. S. Steel Corporation in making a further advance in wages—a step which the outside steel companies were obliged to follow—has been the event of the week. The action is not viewed with unalloyed satisfaction. The truth is the increase is one of the results of the intense competition existing for the available supply of unskilled labor. The steel trade is, of course, very active and apparently in flourishing condition. But regardless of the record production of iron and steel and an unfilled tonnage for the Steel Corporation larger than for any month since January 1921, there has been no real response in the security markets, and steel bonds are selling considerably below the high levels of 1922. Nor has Secretary Mellon's plea for further reductions of the surtaxes, and for the lifting of other tax restrictions on business, proved much of a stimulus on the Stock Exchange. Under ordinary circumstances any serious suggestion for lightening the almost unbearable burdens of taxation on trade and business would have served to improve the course of security prices. But the market has remained in a more or less torpid state, and the net effect has been only to stem somewhat the general inclination to let things drift. The oil stocks have suffered by reason of the cuts in gasoline and in crude petroleum, due to over-production, and this

was reflected in the convertible bonds. Marland 7s, after touching 157½ on Tuesday, sold down to 146⅞, although the more conservative issues, such as Sinclair 7s and Atlantic Refining 5s, held up well, the former around 100 and the latter at 97 to 97¾.

The winter wheat crop at the opening of spring this year is somewhat less satisfactory as to the ultimate yield than it was in December last and does not promise as well as the winter wheat crop harvested last year. The condition of the present crop on April 1 this year as reported by the Crop Reporting Board of the Department of Agriculture at Washington was 75.2% of normal, which contrasts with 78.4%, the condition of the preceding winter wheat crop on April 1 1922, and 84.1% the ten-year average condition on April 1 each year. On the forecast of area planted, prepared by the Department of Agriculture, 46,069,000 acres, the probable yield of winter wheat this year is estimated at 572,317,000 bushels. For the preceding winter wheat crop, harvested last year, on an area originally estimated at 44,293,000 acres, the yield was calculated at 572,974,000 bushels, but the final yield of last year's winter wheat crop was placed at 586,201,000 bushels and the area 38,131,000 acres.

The crop planted last fall suffered from the beginning from drouth or scanty rainfall in some very important sections of the winter wheat belt, and a considerable part of it failed to germinate. Just how much of the crop in addition was winter killed has not been determined as yet, as this phase of the situation is not reported on until the May statement, issued shortly after the first of that month. A year ago it was reported that the abandoned acreage, due to winter killing, was 6,446,000 acres, an exceptionally large area. This is in excess of the average of abandoned acreage of recent preceding years. It is believed, however, that the loss in acreage this year will be large. Year before last the crop of 1920-21, the April 1 1921 condition was 91% and the probable yield at that time was placed at 621,000,000 bushels. The final yield, however, was 600,316,000 bushels. The loss in acreage was considerably less in that year than it was for the 1921-22 crop, the latter being in excess of any preceding year since the winter wheat crop harvested in 1917, when almost a disaster occurred.

The loss in condition of the winter crop during the past four months has been largely in the important winter wheat States, Kansas, for instance, which ranks first, the drop from Dec. 1 to April 1 being from 73% to 64%; Illinois from 90% to 82%; Mis-

souri from 90% to 84%; Indiana, Ohio and Michigan, which are not such large producers, each showing considerable deterioration. The loss in these States will account for a considerable part of the estimated reduction in yield. On the other hand, in Nebraska the condition is slightly better April 1 than it was on Dec. 1, being respectively 63% and 64%, but on April 1 1922 the condition of the then growing crop in Nebraska was 80%. Oklahoma reports no change, Texas a slight betterment, likewise Pennsylvania, but these States rank in yield somewhat below the States previously mentioned.

The report as to the condition of rye, while better than that for winter wheat, is below that of a year ago and also of the ten-year average. The condition for rye on April 1 this year is placed at 81.8% of normal, which contrasts with 89% on April 1 1922 of the then growing crop, and a ten-year average of 88.6%. The production of rye this year is now placed at 75,784,000 bushels. The actual yield of rye last year was 95,497,000 bushels, and for the two preceding years about 61,000,000 bushels.

Imports of merchandise into the United States continue to grow. The latest statement issued by the Department of Commerce at Washington is for the month of January. The delay in compiling the preliminary estimate of imports is still very great, and conditions in this respect do not improve. It began with the September report, the month in which the new tariff law went into effect, and was said to be due to difficulty in following the new classifications. It is now practically two months in arrears, just as it was at the beginning. January merchandise imports were valued at \$319,000,000. These figures contrast with \$297,000,000 for the preceding month and \$217,195,202 for the month of January 1922. The fact is that the imports for January this year are the largest for any month since November 1920, when the value of merchandise imports was \$321,209,000. With increased imports and some reduction in the value of merchandise exports since November last, the balance of trade, which for a long time has been heavily on the export side, shows considerable diminution, both for December and now again in January this year, when there was an excess of exports amounting to \$16,000,000; for December the excess of exports was \$47,000,000 and for November \$89,000,000. For the seven months of the fiscal year ending with January merchandise imports were valued at \$2,012,000,000, these figures contrasting with \$1,405,000,000 for the corresponding period of the preceding fiscal year. The excess of exports during this period was \$335,000,000. For the twelve months of 1922 the excess of merchandise exports was \$715,888,000.

There was also issued by the Department of Commerce this week the preliminary estimate of merchandise exports from the United States for the month of March. Here some improvement over the recent preceding months likewise appears, the merchandise shipments to foreign ports for that month being valued at \$350,000,000. These figures contrast with \$307,106,000 the value of merchandise exports during February, and \$329,979,817 the value for March 1922. For nine months of the current fiscal year merchandise exports from the United States were valued at \$3,003,819,728 as compared with \$2,811,001,333 for the corresponding period of the preceding fiscal year.

Gold imports during March amounted to \$15,952,357, while the exports were \$10,392,100, the excess of imports for the month being \$5,860,257. Exports of gold were somewhat larger in March than for any month since July 1921, with the exception of October last. Gold imports continue to show a declining tendency, although they were somewhat less in February than they were in March. One other month, May 1922, the gold movement into the United States was smaller than it was last month. The excess imports of gold has amounted to a large sum for a considerable period.

Exports of silver during March were \$4,731,705, while the imports were \$4,626,376. There is little variation in the movement of silver from month to month and March was no exception.

Special interest, according to Paris cable dispatches, was manifested in the French capital in the visit of Louis Loucheur to London at the close of last week. Under date of April 6 the Paris representative of the New York "Times" cabled that "a sensation was caused in Paris to-day by the spread of a report that Louis Loucheur, former Minister of the Liberated Regions, had been sent to England by President Millerand, over the head of Premier Poincare, to confer with Premier Bonar Law, ex-Premier Lloyd George and other British personalities on the Ruhr situation." The correspondent also said that "however, late this afternoon the President of the Republic let it be known, through friends, that he had not given any commission to M. Loucheur, and that so far as he knew, M. Loucheur's trip was entirely personal." He further asserted that "there is excellent reason to believe that his trip to England was taken for the purpose not so much of learning what England would support as the total of German reparations as to discover the attitude of the English politicians, Government and Opposition, toward the projects for the security of France, notably for the creation of a Rhineland State within Germany, but under control of the League of Nations or some other international body, to assure its demilitarization." According to a cablegram to the New York "Herald" from its Paris representative, "Louis Loucheur, formerly Minister of the Devastated Regions, on his visit to David Lloyd George and Prime Minister Bonar Law in London, it now can be stated on good authority, was the unofficial delegate of the French Cabinet." The New York "Tribune" correspondent in the French capital made the most positive statements of any of the American correspondents relative to the trip of M. Loucheur. He asserted that "reparations negotiations between the Allies and Germany are rapidly approaching and may arrive before they are generally expected. All developments of the last few days lead to this conclusion with some certainty to-night." Continuing, he said that "indirect negotiations already have been begun which almost are certain to lead the Cuno Government, or some succeeding Government, in a brief time to break the ice and say the word which will start the negotiations into activity." He added that "however startling these statements may be, the 'Tribune' also has been able to confirm to-day that when Louis Loucheur went to England a few days ago his trip was not without the knowledge of French officials, and he carried in his pocket a complete scheme, not only for a solution of the reparations tangle but for French

security." Upon his return to Paris on the evening of April 6, M. Loucheur was reported to have told the foreign editor of "Le Matin" that "British opinion had changed, and that the great majority of public sentiment in England was clearly favorable to France." The former Minister was quoted as having said also that "this attitude was also evident in the political world, except that there was mingled with it an uneasiness as to the possible consequences of the French Ruhr policy." He even was reported to have asserted that "I did not find an English politician, no matter what his party nor what views he entertained originally on the opportuneness of the Ruhr operation, who did not approve unreservedly when I declared that we will carry through this undertaking to the end. Nobody, not even Mr. Lloyd George, had anything to say against that declaration." Commenting upon M. Loucheur's trip and return, the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" said the next morning that "there exists a strong probability of early diplomatic conversations between Paris and London for the establishment of an accord between France and England on the issues of reparations and French security." He added that "former Minister Loucheur, who returned last night from England, communicated to President Millerand and Premier Poincare to-day his strong impression that Bonar Law desired a new effort to reach an understanding between the two allies, and it is reported that both the Premier and the President of the Republic, especially the latter, are very much impressed with what M. Loucheur told them. M. Millerand attaches the deepest importance to the resuscitation of the entente cordiale, and will probably put his full influence back of the project for fresh parleys with the British Cabinet." Referring to Belgium's position in this situation he announced that "the Belgian Government having expressed uneasiness over M. Loucheur's trip to London, M. Poincare to-night assured the Belgian Government that it denoted no change in French policy fixed in common with Belgium, and it is expected that Premier Theunis and Foreign Minister Jaspar will soon come to Paris for a conference prior to conversations which will probably be begun with London."

The following day the same correspondent asserted that "diplomatic and political Paris is awaiting with great interest the effect on Premier Poincare of M. Loucheur's endeavor to bring him to undertake a rapprochement with the London Cabinet." He also said that "there is tremendous pressure by the French moderates, represented by such men as Loucheur, Briand, Viviani, Painleve and Herriot, in favor of an attempt to re-establish an accord with England and even paying the price for it, while there is also strong pressure from the Nationalists, represented by General Castelnau and the military leaders generally, and from the Clemencists, led by Tardieu and Mandel, and the Royalists, led by Daudet, not to attempt now to bargain with England on the ground that an agreement can be had only at the sacrifice of what they regard as France's legitimate interests." Continuing his attempt to outline the position of the French Premier, the "Times" representative said: "The general impression in Paris, outside of Government circles, which are silent, is that M. Poincare will in the near future sound out Mr. Bonar Law, either directly in conference or by diplomatic methods, as to how far France would have to depart from her intentions—one can hardly speak of a program,

since none has been laid down—in order to have England back by her side."

In an article in a German newspaper, Dr. Stresemann, Chairman of the Reichstag Foreign Affairs Committee, commented upon "M. Loucheur's negotiations in London," and was quoted as saying that "the German Government has repeatedly emphasized that it also is prepared for international discussion of the reparations question." He was said to have asserted also that "if one wants peace in Europe instead of economic destruction, one should seize the opportunity for opening such discussion." Going still further, Dr. Stresemann declared that "the best security for France and Europe and the world is discontinuing war. Had Germany's Paris proposals been discussed and a definite solution of the reparations question reached, nobody would have needed to discuss the question of European safety. The sum mentioned by M. Loucheur for France lies within the limits of the total figure fixed in our Paris proposals. The situation results that Germany offered to pay an amount which would have sufficed for France but which was inadequate for the Entente as a whole. The economic consequences of continuation of a state of war are such, however, that it is now up to the Finance Ministers to figure out which is the more expensive, economic unproductivity and unemployment support, or waiving German reparations payments and regaining healthy normal economic development."

As seemingly indicative of the French attitude toward the reparations question, the Paris correspondent of the Associated Press cabled Sunday evening that "five Ministers of the Cabinet visited distant parts of France to-day, and beneath monuments dedicated to the war dead and unveiled in their presence, solemnly informed the thousands of French citizens that 'the Ruhr will be evacuated only when Germany has fulfilled her reparations obligations.'" He also observed that "the statement is interpreted generally, and in political circles is said to be intended, as the official reply to the suggestions made in quarters opposed to the present policy in the Ruhr that M. Loucheur's visit to England marked a change in the French attitude, and that France was wavering and was willing to talk with Germany."

Speaking in the British House of Commons on Monday, Premier Bonar Law was quoted as saying that "his conversations with M. Loucheur were only general, and he added that there was nothing new to state about the Government's Ruhr policy." The London representative of "The Sun" of this city said that he had been informed by British officials that "they feared the 'good work' of Loucheur has been almost nullified by the publicity given it and the attitude of the Paris press." He asserted also that "no change is contemplated in the British attitude toward the problem of reparations. The British will not consent, say officials, to their rights being set aside and will demand that they participate in the consideration of any new reparations plan put forward by France or Belgium. It is denied that the British will participate in the coming Franco-Belgian conference unless the French have reparations plans ready."

There have been fresh rumors of offers by the Germans to settle the reparations question. The Berlin

correspondent of the Chicago "Tribune" cabled April 10 that "Germany will make a definite and concrete offer on reparations within the next few days, it was learned to-night from the highest quarters." The correspondent further asserted that "it is believed here that the British have signified a willingness to advance long-term credits for the purchase of raw materials to the amount of reparations which Great Britain would receive under any new accord, leaving the cash available from an international loan entirely to France and Belgium and the smaller Powers. The German offers will not greatly exceed 30,000,000 gold marks, it is said, but they will conform more closely to that sum on an actual cash basis by different arrangements for payments. The industrialists will back the Cabinet's offer by offering their property as a first lien for the security of the loan. British pressure has been greatly responsible for the coming declaration, it is stated here. Great Britain fears a French political hegemony on the Continent and it will support a reasonable German offer to the utmost of her ability." Dr. Gustav Stresemann, "spokesman for the powerful industrial clique," was quoted as declaring that "the period of diplomatic discussion actually was at hand."

The Berlin representative of the New York "Tribune" asserted that "Herr Stinnes believes in the necessity for negotiations, without insisting upon immediate evacuation of the Ruhr by the French. He believes in the necessity for a reorganization of the German Government, with or without Chancellor Cuno, but with the participation of the Socialists as a preliminary to negotiations." Continuing to outline the alleged position of Herr Stinnes, the "Tribune" representative said: "The present German Government, Herr Stinnes maintains, does not possess sufficient authority to assume obligations to inspire the necessary confidence in France. Above all, however, it is Stinnes's opinion that the French and German industrialists should get together and, if necessary, come to an understanding over the heads of their respective politicians. So far as the French are concerned, Herr Stinnes regards Louis Loucheur as the man most fit to lead such negotiations. While not approving of the Loucheur plan, as revealed in the course of the former French Minister's recent London visit, Stinnes regards Loucheur's trip of the utmost importance and foreshadowing negotiations in the near future."

According to the Chicago "Tribune" correspondent in London, "information has reached London indicating that the new concrete offer which Germany is said to be preparing for the settlement of the reparations problem will probably be submitted privately and unofficially to the French before publication and if unacceptable it may never see the light of day."

The Paris representative of the New York "Herald," in a cablegram Wednesday evening, asserted that "Premier Poincare at Dunkirk on Sunday will dissipate the uncertainty existing as to the motive and result of Louis Loucheur's recent journey to London. Following a conference with the Belgians he will be able to declare once again what is the joint Ruhr policy of the two countries, and he is confidently expected to reiterate that there can be no reduction of the German debt, and the Ruhr will not be evacuated until the reparations payments have been completed." He added that "all that can be

conceded, it is believed, is the annulling of the C bonds in compensation for the sums France owes England and America."

According to a dispatch the same evening from the Paris correspondent of the New York "Tribune" direct "exchanges between London and Paris are proceeding on the basis of the French program covering the question of reparations and security presented to Great Britain by Louis Loucheur last week." He suggested, furthermore, that "the fact that the two Governments actually have reached technical discussions is regarded as an augury of eventual agreement and a resumption of the full co-operation which was suspended when France entered the Ruhr."

In a cablegram yesterday morning, the London correspondent of the New York "Times" said that "Count de Saint Aulaire, the French Ambassador, called to-day [April 12] on Premier Bonar Law and discussed the Ruhr situation with him. Coming so soon after the Premier's discussion with M. Loucheur, his visit is taken as a hopeful sign in that it indicates a desire of the two Governments to exchange views and keep each other informed of their plans." He asserted, though, that "there is, however, no reason to suppose that the British Government contemplates any departure from its settled policy of friendly neutrality toward the French occupation of the Ruhr. Indeed, it is felt in Government circles here that the next move is with Berlin. If it would put forward a reasonable proposal all the Allied Governments would gladly consider it, but until it does so neither London, Paris nor Rome is in a position to take steps to open a way from the impasse." The report came from Paris yesterday morning that, at a conference during the day with MM. Jaspar and Theunis of Belgium, Premier Poincare would present a new reparations plan. It was asserted in the dispatch that under the terms of the plan "France proposes a practical surrender of the entire 82,000,000 gold marks (\$20,500,000) included under the C bonds to the United States in payment for the inter-Allied debts. It proposes priority for the French and Belgian claims on the A and B bonds, leaving England to take her share from the C bonds. The total proposed for Germany to pay is about 40,000,000,000 gold marks (\$10,000,000,000) on the A and B bonds to be met within ten years."

The conference began at 3.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. According to an Associated Press dispatch last evening "Premier Poincare, Finance Minister de Lasteyrie, War Minister Maginot, Minister of Public Works Le Trocquer, Minister of Liberated Regions Reibel, and Count de Peretti de la Rocca, Director of Political Affairs, represented France, and Premier Theunis, Foreign Minister Jaspar and their Chief of Cabinet appeared for Belgium." The dispatch also stated that "the conference began with a review of the events since the beginning of the Ruhr occupation on Jan. 11, and the results obtained. The Ministers' time, it is learned, will be mostly taken up with technical questions, such as distribution among the Allies and neutrals of the coal and coke shipped from the Ruhr, and partition of the occupation expenses between France and Belgium." He added that "one of the main objects of the conference is the devising of new measures to make the Ruhr occupation productive, just as it was the object of the conference a month ago at Brussels. It is contended

that so long as the Ruhr is unproductive of coal it will be difficult to persuade the Germans to accept the Franco-Belgian viewpoints on the situation."

Things have seemed to go on in the occupied area of the Ruhr without striking changes. The French continued to make seizures of property, such, for instance, as seven new coke stock yards on April 8. It was stated that "this new move makes a total of 18 yards occupied, and of that total half are now yielding between 300 and 400 tons of coke a day. If that average can be maintained for the whole 18, the French will very soon be getting more than 200,000 tons of coke a month from the Ruhr, or about half of what they were obtaining under the terms of the reparations clauses of the Treaty. With that amount they expect to be able to keep the Lorraine blast furnaces working, and for them the first part of the Ruhr problem will be solved."

Word came from Essen Monday evening that "the explosion of a time bomb destroyed the lock of the Dortmund-Ems Canal near Herne early to-day." It was added that "the canal was effectually blocked, seriously interfering with the complicated inland waterway traffic in the Ruhr." The Associated Press correspondent at that centre asserted that "this is the most serious case of sabotage yet reported on the Ruhr waterways. The lock that was destroyed is near the junction of the Dortmund-Ems Canal with the main canal that runs down to the Rhine at Duisburg and Ruhrort, where the largest inland port in the world is located."

One of the most spectacular developments was the arrest of Hugo Stinnes and his wife by French railway guards, near Scharnhorst, "a frontier station in the occupied zone." It was reported that they were "routed out of their berths by the French guards, who invaded the sleeper." The car was "attached to the train from Berlin to Essen, on which they had left Berlin for Muelheim, where his [Stinnes's] principal industrial interests are centred." It was added that Herr Stinnes and his wife were "released after the officials had searched their baggage." In an Associated Press dispatch from Scharnhorst on Tuesday it was stated that "the French to-day arrested here Edward Hamm, Secretary of the Chancellery of the Cuno Cabinet; Adam Stegerwald, former Premier of Prussia, and Reichstag Deputy Giesberts, former Minister of Posts. The latter two were released, but the French are continuing to hold Secretary Hamm on the ground that officials active in the German Government had been forbidden to enter the occupied area."

The British Government apparently is confronted afresh with several troublesome problems. One of them is protection, according to the London representative of the New York "Times." He cabled that "the question of protection once more has thrust itself into the field of British practical politics. How seriously it is taken depends on the attitude of the Bonar Law Cabinet, but it can no longer be dismissed merely as one of the British lost causes. It has received new importance through the interim report of the Agricultural Tribunal of Investigation set up by the Government last December." The "Times" dispatch added that "this report, issued to-day [April 6], makes a definite departure from the principle of free trade and, though it declines to recommend imposition of a duty on wheat, it suggests regulations

concerning its importation, and duties on malt and hops." It was also stated that "they have justified their failure to recommend direct protection of wheat on the ground that, from the national standpoint, it will be sufficient to maintain a quantity of land under arable cultivation without regard to crops actually grown. It is thought that as long as land is plowed up and there is agricultural population to look after it, it would always be possible in time of war or other emergency to increase the wheat acreage." Continuing to outline the features of the report having a direct bearing on international trade, the "Times" representative said: "With regard to wheat, they point out that an import duty would raise the cost to the consumer and a subsidy for home-grown wheat would levy a considerable charge on the national exchequer. Neither of these is thought desirable, but the members think something should be done about the wheat offals because these are of great importance to the farmers. They propose that importers of wheat should be required also to import wheat offals in the proportion of 25% of offals to 75% of wheat. To check the export of home-produced wheat offals they would impose an ad valorem duty of 10% on them. On malting barley the tribunal would place a duty of 10 shillings a quarter, to be collected at the brewery with a preference of one-third on Dominion-grown barley. On hops, they would charge 20 shillings a hundredweight import duty, with the same Dominion preference. They would prohibit importation of potatoes altogether, except under a general license issued by the Government after consideration of home supplies and freedom from disease of foreign stocks. They would permit imports of milk only under careful supervision." Commenting on the report, he observed that "publication of this report comes at a moment when the unhappy condition of British agriculture has been emphasized by a strike of farm laborers in Norfolk. This turns on the question of such small reductions of wages and increases of hours that it would seem to be capable of easy adjustment, and its very persistence is seen as an indication that both sides of the dispute are unwilling to make concessions because they know the industry is in such a deplorable state that whoever gives way first will be required before long to make further concessions."

The labor situation is giving the British Government and the industrial leaders special concern also. At the beginning of the week the London correspondent of the Associated Press cabled that "the industrial outlook in Great Britain at the present time is regarded as extremely disquieting. It is estimated that nearly 700,000 workers are involved in disputes with their employers, and that 56,000 are on strike. These include the Welsh miners and the Norfolk farm workers." Going into some of the details of the situation, he said that "the employers of the building trades announce to-day a new schedule of wages and hours which will become operative on April 14. If the men do not accept it a lockout of nearly 500,000 workers may result. Arbitration is proposed, but the issues are much involved and it is uncertain what course will be decided on when the leaders of the 14 unions to which the building operatives belong meet next Monday to discuss the new schedule. Another source of industrial and national anxiety is the differences which have arisen

over the railway shopmen's wages. The employers propose an extensive reduction, and this is regarded as holding the possibility of a general railway men's strike throughout Great Britain. The dispute in the pottery trades involves about 60,000 men."

The British Parliament reopened on Monday and at the evening session the next day "the Government suffered a defeat in the House of Commons by seven votes." It was said that "this will not lead to its resignation, but it has given a severe shock to the Cabinet, which is likely to be remembered in British political history as the one Ministry which, within six months of its return to office, with a comfortable majority, has suffered defeat in five bye-elections in succession, has failed to elect some of its members and has been outvoted in the House on an important division." It was explained that "the motion which brought about the reversal to-night was a formal one, 'that the House do now go into committee of supply on civil service estimates,' but it gave the members a chance to manifest their dissatisfaction with the Government. This had been running high during the afternoon on account of a reply given by Major Boyd Carpenter concerning certain grievances of ex-service men regarding the salaries they were receiving as temporary members of the Civil Service. Boyd Carpenter had merely said they would be considered by a committee which is to be set up, but the House is getting tired of having one question after another shoved off on committees. Members from all parts of the House rose to ask supplementary questions, and even stalwart conservatives voiced indignation at the treatment the ex-service men are receiving." The final vote was 145 against to 138 for the Government. Word came from London the next afternoon that "the House of Commons was adjourned by the Speaker this evening until to-morrow because of disorders in the Chamber." It was stated that "the disorder developed incident to the protest of the Labor opposition to the Government's course, the Speaker then adjourning the sitting for an hour." The situation was further outlined as follows: "The Speaker resumed the chair after the hour's adjournment but immediately announced that in view of the grave disorder he exercised his right to adjourn the House to to-morrow. This action followed the Government's defeat last night on a motion for the Speaker to leave the chair so the House could resolve itself into a committee of supply to consider the civil service estimates. Stanley Baldwin, Chancellor of the Exchequer, had moved the resolution on behalf of Prime Minister Bonar Law that the House to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of supply." Later accounts stated that "some extremists on the Labor benches sang the 'Red Flag.'" It was reported that "a scuffle took place both in the Chamber itself and in the corridors afterward, during which, it is said, some of the Ministers were involved."

It developed that at Thursday's session "the Government bowed to the will of the Opposition in the House of Commons this afternoon on the question of the treatment of war veterans, which brought about its defeat on a snap division Tuesday. The Chancellor of the Exchequer announced that a committee would be appointed to investigate the grievances of ex-service men in regard to the salaries they are receiving in the civil service." Word came from London last evening that "the House of Commons adjourned at noon to-day until Monday, its weary mem-

bers welcoming relief from a session that had been continuously in progress more than 21 hours, mainly for consideration of the annual army and air force bill, which finally passed its third reading."

No recent event in all Europe has attracted wider attention or caused more world-wide comment than the slaying of Mgr. Butchkavitch, Roman Catholic Vicar-General of Russia. The opinion apparently is very generally held in Europe and this country that this deed makes it impossible for Soviet Russia to secure recognition from any foreign Power now. The Paris correspondent of the New York "Herald" said that "Moscow's refusal to the pleas for mercy from the outside world in his behalf is believed here to be the costliest error that Trotzkyism has yet made." On April 10 the State Department at Washington issued a statement announcing that, in response to numerous protests "from all over the United States," Secretary Hughes had ordered the vise of Mme. Ekaterine Kalinin, wife of the President of the Russian Soviet Republic, canceled, and that she would not be allowed to enter the United States."

Negotiations relative to a settlement of the Near East situation with the Turkish Nationalists appear to be progressing slowly. Announcement was made in Constantinople on April 8 that "the reply of the Turkish Government to the Allied invitation to attend the sessions of the Near East Peace Conference, to be resumed soon at Lausanne, reached Constantinople to-day from Angora and will be immediately conveyed to the representatives of the Allies here." The Associated Press representative added that "the note declares that the Turkish counter-proposals contain no substantial modifications of the territorial and other clauses of the draft treaty which the Powers cannot equitably accept. It suggests certain reservations on economic and financial questions and on the capitulations clauses of the treaty." Continuing his outline of the document, he said that "with regard to the economic clauses of the draft treaty the note expresses fear that the action of the Allies in going back on their previous acceptance of a postponement of discussion of matters which are legitimate subjects for international discussion may make difficult and delay the signing of a treaty. Generally, however, the note is couched in a friendly spirit and reciprocates the desire of the Allied Powers for the success of the Lausanne conference." It was also stated that "Ismet Pasha will head the delegation going to Lausanne, which will leave Constantinople about the end of the week if the Allies agree to reassemble for further negotiations on April 23, the date proposed by the Turks. The National Assembly will appoint the delegates on Monday." According to a Washington dispatch last evening, the United States Government will be represented at the Lausanne conference.

Announcement was made in an Associated Press cablegram from Angora under date of April 10 that "Turkish Nationalist Assembly has ratified the so-called Chester railway and mining concession." In a cablegram from London the same day it was explained that "approval by the Angora Government of the 'Chester project' marks the termination of 20 years of effort by American interests, headed by Rear Admiral Colby Mitchell Chester, retired, of Washington, D. C., to obtain commercial railway

drilling and mining concessions in the interior of Turkey. The main proposals of Admiral Chester and his associates, who include Gen. George W. Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal, Kermit Roosevelt and other influential men, are for the construction in Anatolia of more than 2,000 miles of new railways, the reconstruction of Angora upon the lines of a modern American city, the building of ports and quays and the exploitation of mineral rights throughout those portions of Asia Minor still undeveloped. Payment for this extensive development and rebuilding is to be given by the Turks in the form of mineral, oil, and other concessions. It is expected the American corporation, called the American Development Co., will be occupied for many years in this work, giving employment to thousands of natives as well as to many American technicians."

Commenting upon the ratification of the concession, the Paris representative of the New York "Times" said that "the report of the ratification by the Angora Assembly of the Chester concession turns the attention of Paris again to the fact that this concession includes projects for which the French hold concessions from the old Ottoman Government. That for the development of the Port of Samsun is one illustration; that for the construction of several railroads is another." He also observed that "the French appear to believe that the American Government is demanding that the Allies respect the open door policy in their settlement with Turkey and that in the meanwhile Americans are trying to grasp all the best concessions. The Chester claim to the development of the Mosul oil fields, which are now in British hands, raises an important point with regard to an Anglo-Turkish conflict on that issue. While the French have an interest in Mosul oil through the British, it is to the Chester concession in Anatolia that their attention turns especially." The following day the same correspondent cabled that "the French Government to-day sent the Angora Government a vigorous protest against granting to the American interests represented by Rear Admiral Chester concessions which include privileges granted to the French in 1914 in return for a large loan." He also said that "Premier Poincare's note pointed out that not only by the terms of the treaty made in April 1914, with the Ottoman Government, but by the terms of the Angora treaty negotiated with the Kemalists, France had a concession for the construction of the Port of Samsun and for building a railroad from Belu to Samsun—to cite specific features of the Chester project which were in conflict with the French claims. It is understood that the French protest states that the Government finds it impossible to regard the action of the Angora Assembly as other than 'a deliberately unfriendly act, of a nature to influence adversely the coming negotiations at Lausanne.'"

Washington dispatches have indicated that the United States Government would defend the Chester concession. The New York "Tribune" correspondent at that centre stated that "Rear Admiral Colby M. Chester and Major-General George W. Goethals will attend the next Near East Conference at Lausanne or elsewhere and combat any efforts made by the British Government or other nations to question the legitimacy of the so-called Chester concessions granted by the Turkish Government, Major

C. M. Chester, son of the Admiral, said to-day [Wednesday]." The correspondent added that "this announcement followed a conference between General Goethals, who came here from New York last night, and Admiral Chester. Another result of the conference was the dispatch of a cablegram to Arthur T. Chester, another son of the Admiral, who has been in Turkey for some time and in constant communication with the Kemalist Government on the concessions." In a later dispatch it was claimed that the United States Government favors arbitration of the conflicting claims.

Word came from London Thursday evening, through an Associated Press dispatch, that "Great Britain purposes entering an energetic protest against the granting by the Turkish Nationalists of certain concessions in Anatolia to the American interests headed by Rear Admiral Colby M. Chester, if these concessions are found to embrace the Mosul oil fields, it was declared to-day."

Official discount rates at leading European centres continue to be quoted at 12% in Berlin; 5½% in Belgium and Madrid; 5% in France, Denmark and Norway; 4½% in Sweden; 4% in Holland, and 3% in London and Switzerland. In London open market discounts were not changed from 1⅞@2⅛% for short bills, but three months' bills closed at 2⅛@2¼%, in comparison with 3¼@2 5-16% last week. Call money at the British centre was a trifle firmer for a while, but closed at 1¾% after having touched 2¼%, against 2% a week ago. The open market discount rate at Paris is still quoted at 4⅛% and at Switzerland 1½%, unchanged.

The Bank of England announced a small gain in gold, namely £15,503, and an increase in total reserve of £1,201,000, the result of a contraction in note circulation of £1,185,000. In addition to this, the proportion of reserve to liabilities advanced to 19.64% from 18.22% a week ago and 17.19% the week before. In 1922 the ratio stood at 17.51% and a year earlier at 13.78%. Public deposits were reduced £6,516,000, but "other" deposits expanded £3,396,000. There was a small decline in the Bank's temporary advances to the Government, namely, £150,000, while loans on other securities fell £4,130,000. Threadneedle Street's stock of gold now stands at £127,517,057, as against £128,863,165 last year and £128,348,222 in 1921. Total reserve aggregates £24,353,000, against £24,873,820 in 1922 and £18,261,172 a year earlier. Loans amount to £68,886,000, in comparison with £77,673,770 and £99,692,685 one and two years ago, respectively, while note circulation is £121,610,000, as against £122,439,345 last year and £128,537,050 in 1921. No change has been made in the Bank's official discount rate from 3%, the level previously ruling. Clearings through the London banks for the week totaled £838,494,000, against £676,851,000 a week ago. 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. April 11.	1922. April 12.	1921. April 13.	1920. April 14.	1919. April 16.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	121,610,000	122,439,345	128,537,050	106,018,425	76,213,226
Public deposits.....	15,976,000	17,430,957	18,316,342	19,315,303	27,709,840
Other deposits.....	206,868,000	124,572,039	114,124,395	122,888,542	116,563,412
Government securities.....	48,445,000	57,139,146	32,209,621	55,118,694	56,114,144
Other securities.....	68,886,000	77,673,770	99,692,685	79,891,326	73,304,624
Reserve notes & coin.....	24,353,000	24,873,820	18,261,172	24,881,165	27,472,068
Coin and bullion.....	127,517,057	128,863,165	128,348,222	112,449,590	85,234,983
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	19.64%	17.51%	13.78%	17.50%	19%
Bank rate.....	3%	4%	7%	7%	5%

The Bank of France continues to report small gains in its gold item, the increase this week being 123,200 francs. Thus the Bank's total gold holdings are brought up to 5,536,458,325 francs, comparing with 5,526,372,933 on the corresponding date last year and with 5,505,145,290 francs the year previous; of the foregoing 1,864,344,927 francs were held abroad in 1923 and 1,948,367,056 francs in both 1922 and 1921. During the week, silver increased 78,000 francs; advances rose 79,455,000 francs and Treasury deposits were augmented by 5,228,000 francs. Bills discounted, on the other hand, fell off 767,279,000 francs, while general deposits were reduced 331,827,000 francs. Note circulation took a favorable turn, a contraction of 527,904,000 francs being recorded. The total of notes outstanding is now 37,296,948,000 francs, which contrasts with 36,035,467,585 francs at this time last year and with 38,528,892,225 francs the year before. In 1914, just prior to the outbreak of war, the amount was only 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in both 1922 and 1921 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCES' COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		April 12 1923.	April 13 1922.	April 14 1921.
Gold Holdings—	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
In France.....Inc.	123,200	3,672,113,398	3,578,005,877	3,556,778,234
Abroad.....	No change	1,864,344,927	1,948,367,056	1,948,367,056
Total.....Inc.	123,200	5,536,458,325	5,526,372,933	5,505,145,290
Silver.....Inc.	78,000	291,564,400	282,251,537	270,301,251
Bills discounted.....Dec.	767,279,000	2,358,690,000	2,652,216,782	2,795,672,891
Advances.....Inc.	79,455,000	2,178,796,000	2,370,255,799	2,208,956,908
Note circulation.....Dec.	527,904,000	37,296,948,000	36,035,467,585	38,528,892,225
Treasury deposits.....Inc.	5,228,000	23,392,000	63,792,472	38,609,685
General deposits.....Dec.	331,827,000	2,040,607,000	2,134,461,987	2,940,631,558

The Imperial Bank of Germany in its statement, issued as of March 29, showed another huge expansion in the output of notes—this time 562,284,770,000 marks—which carried the total of outstanding notes up past the five-trillion mark. to 5,517,916,642,000 marks, as compared with 129,289,793,000 marks a year ago and 64,382,188,000 marks in 1921. Other sensational increases were 267,554,347,000 marks in discounts and Treasury bills, 158,631,466,000 marks in Treasury and loan association notes, 90,110,309,000 marks in bills of exchange and checks, and 76,533,714,000 marks in other assets. Deposits expanded 18,560,054,000 marks, other liabilities 14,578,102,000 marks, and investments 145,080,000 marks. There were declines in notes of other banks 53,512,000 marks, and 358,452,000 marks in advances. Total coin and bullion gained 2,359,974,000 marks, but gold was unchanged and continues at 1,004,830,000 marks, against 996,877,000 marks in 1922 and 1,091,521,000 marks a year earlier.

Analysis of the Federal Reserve Bank statement issued at the close of business on Thursday, discloses a substantial shrinkage in bill holdings, both locally and nationally, accompanied by a gain for the system as a whole in gold reserves. The combined statement shows an expansion in holdings of the precious metal of \$16,000,000. Rediscounting of all classes of paper was reduced approximately \$72,000,000 to \$897,039,000, which compares with \$955,109,000 last week and \$667,151,000 at this time last year. Earning assets were reduced \$59,000,000 and deposits \$46,000,000. A decline in the amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation of \$9,000,000 was shown. The New York bank, in its operations with the interior, lost gold to the amount of \$11,000,-

000, but aside from this feature, indicated very similar conditions to those reported by the banks as a group. The holdings of purchased bills increased \$19,000,000, but discounts of Government paper and "All other" were reduced \$28,000,000, so that total bills on hand fell \$9,000,000 to \$229,015,000. This compares with \$101,746,000 last year. Federal Reserve note circulation decreased \$9,000,000. Member bank reserves showed a falling off of \$18,000,000 for the system, but increased \$2,000,000 at New York. The net result of these changes was an increase of 1.3% to 76.3% in the reserve ratio of the System, while that of the local bank advanced 0.7% to 83.7%.

Last Saturday's statement of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies was noteworthy, chiefly by reason of the sharp contraction in both loans and discounts, following the large expansion in these items a week earlier. The loan account fell \$79,649,000. Net demand deposits fell off \$56,237,000, to \$3,727,378,000. This total is exclusive of Government deposits to the amount of \$126,126,000. On the other hand, time deposits increased \$8,618,000, to \$491,006,000. Other changes of lesser importance included an increase in cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank of \$2,144,000, to \$52,254,000 (not counted as reserve), and additions of \$228,000 and \$509,000, respectively, to the reserves of State banks and trust companies in own vaults and in other depositories. Member banks reduced their reserve credits at the Reserve Bank \$10,466,000, which served to counteract the curtailment in deposits and resulted in a loss in surplus reserves of \$2,622,930, thus reducing the total of excess reserves to \$2,276,570, as against \$4,899,500 a week ago. The figures here given for surplus are on the basis of reserves above legal requirements of 13% for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but not including cash in own vaults to the amount of \$52,254,000 held by these institutions on Saturday last.

The trend of the call money market was irregular. Following the surprisingly low rates last week there was a corresponding upturn until just before the close on Wednesday, when there was a recession to 4½%. Thursday there was a drop to 4%. When call money was advancing, time money was reported as being a little firmer, but there was no real change in quotations, the range remaining 5¼@5½%, until yesterday, when it dropped to 5@5¼%. Intimations were heard that the advance in quotations on call loans was due to a desire on the part of bankers to check speculation in stocks, and even to cause some liquidation. Whether this idea was founded on fact, undoubtedly there was considerable liquidation at times, particularly in certain oil stocks, which had been carried up rather rapidly over a period of several weeks. Whether this kind of selling was sufficient to bring about an important net change in brokers' loans at this centre is to be doubted. Attention was called again to the fact that some of the large member institutions of the New York Federal Reserve Bank are not borrowing anything there, and that the accommodations being carried for others are small. The further liquidation of discounted bills, as shown by the Federal Reserve System statement is significant also. Considerable attention was given to interviews with Charles

M. Schwab and Frank A. Vanderlip, both of whom declared that the business and credit positions in the United States are sound. There seems to be a rather general disposition to heed the words of warning that have been uttered at frequent intervals relative to the dangers of over-extension of credit. If this tendency is continued, there can be no real ground for apprehension. The advance of 11% in wages granted, first by the United States Steel Corporation, and subsequently by other important steel manufacturers, and the advancing tendency in the pay of various other classes of workers, together with higher prices for commodities, call attention, among other things, to the larger amount of money that will be required to carry on business, without any further increase in the volume. So far there appears to have been a pretty general absence of reckless competitive buying of commodities and bidding for labor. Both may come later. There is more difference of opinion than there was a week ago, as to the probable trend of the local money market in the immediate future. As the week closes the quotations for call money are back to where they were a week ago.

Dealing with specific rates for money, loans on call during the week covered a range of 4@5½%, the same as a week ago. On Monday 5½% was the high, with 4½% the low and the rate for renewals. Tuesday increased firmness prevailed, so that while the maximum was still 5½%, 5% had to be paid for renewals, which also was the low for the day. No loans were negotiated above 5% on Wednesday; the low was 4½% and renewals still at 5%. Thursday's range was 4@5% and 5% the renewal rate. A flat rate of 4½% ruled on Friday. The figures here given are for both mixed collateral and all-industrial loans alike. As to fixed-date maturities the undertone was firm, the rate for a while advancing to 5½%, but later all periods were quoted at 5¼@5½%, the same as last week. Offerings were in better supply; trading, however, was not active. A few loans for thirty and sixty days for moderate amounts were noted.

Mercantile paper rates continue at 5@5¼% for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, unchanged, with names less well known at 5¼%. A falling off in the demand has been noted, institutions appearing less disposed to make new commitments than of late. Local banks continue the principal buyers.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances have been moderately active. New York and out-of-town institutions as well as individual investors have been in the market, but offerings have not been large, so that the turnover has been only moderate. The undertone has been steady and quotations still the same as heretofore. For call loans against bankers acceptances, the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council is now 4½%, against 4% last week. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rate on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks 4⅞% bid and 4% asked for bills running for 30 to 90 days, 4¼% bid and 4% asked for 120 days and 4½% bid and 4¼% asked for bills running for 150 days. Open market quotations are as follows:

	SPOT DELIVERY.		
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills.....	4½@4	4¼@4	4⅞@4
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.			
Eligible member banks.....	4¼ bid		
Eligible non-member banks.....	4⅞ bid		

Following the adoption of a rediscount rate of 4½% by the Federal Reserve banks of San Francisco, Atlanta and St. Louis for agricultural and live-stock paper having a maturity between six and nine months, a similar rate for this class of paper has been put into effect by the Federal Reserve banks of Cleveland, Richmond, Minneapolis and Dallas, while the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston has established a 5% rate for this particular paper. The following is the schedule of rates now in effect for the various classes of paper at the different Reserve banks:

DISCOUNT RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS IN EFFECT
APRIL 13 1923.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.	Paper Maturing—					
	Within 90 Days.				After 90 Days, but Within 6 Months.	After 6 Months.
	Com'rcial & Livest'k Paper, n.e.s.	Secur. by U. S. Govt. Obligations.	Bankers' Acceptances.	Trade Acceptances.	Agricul. and Livestock Paper.	Agricul. and Livestock Paper.
Boston.....	4½	4½	---	4½	4½	5
New York.....	4½	4½	---	4½	4½	---
Philadelphia.....	4½	4½	---	4½	4½	---
Cleveland.....	4½	4½	---	4½	4½	---
Richmond.....	4½	4½	---	4½	4½	---
Atlanta.....	4½	4½	---	4½	4½	---
Cleveland.....	4½	4½	---	4½	4½	---
St. Louis.....	4½	4½	---	4½	4½	---
Minneapolis.....	4½	4½	---	4½	4½	---
Kansas City.....	4½	4½	---	4½	4½	---
Dallas.....	4½	4½	---	4½	4½	---
San Francisco.....	4½	4½	---	4½	4½	---

*Including bankers' acceptances drawn for an agricultural purpose and secured by warehouse receipts, &c.

Trading in sterling exchange this week was marked by slightly increased activity, although unaccompanied by higher price levels. As has been the case during the recent past, there has been a downward tendency and after an opening quotation of 4 66 11-16, demand bills sagged off to 4 64. Later on, some of the loss was regained and the final quotation was 4 65 9-16. In the early dealings the market was subjected to persistent selling pressure, largely as a result of reports of serious labor disturbances in Great Britain. Threats of a general strike by British railway workers had a depressing influence on sentiment and London cable rates came sharply lower. As the week progressed, rumors indicating more favorable prospects for a settlement of the Ruhr problem, also advices that the British labor crisis had been safely bridged, brought about a better feeling. Selling of sterling bills by prominent English banking institutions, however, figured in the week's dealings practically throughout. This was coupled with buying by the British Government of Liberty bonds, presumably in preparation for future payments on war debts to the United States.

So far as the local market is concerned, the volume of transactions even for strictly routine business is still light. Operators steadfastly persist in their determination to hold aloof until the Franco-German deadlock has been broken; hence there is very little new to report. Bankers here do not look for any material increase in British purchases of our securities, for the present at least. Talk is heard regarding the possibility of another advance in Reserve bank discount rates, which would in all probability lead to higher local money rates and of course make for increased foreign buying of American bonds. A factor of some interest as bearing upon the probable trend of exchange during the next few weeks is the heavy exodus of American tourists to Europe, which should insure a steady inquiry for exchange accommodation.

Referring to quotations in greater detail, sterling exchange on Saturday last was steady and advanced fractionally to 4 66½@4 66 11-16 for demand, with

cable transfers 4 66 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4 66 15-16 and sixty days 4 64 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4 64 9-16; trading was dull and inactive. On Monday weakness set in as a result of selling, largely for British account, and lower cable quotations from London, so that demand declined to 4 64 15-16 @4 66 7-16, cable transfers to 4 65 3-16@4 66-11-16, and sixty days to 4 62 13-16@4 64 5-16; unfavorable labor conditions in England had a depressing influence. There was a further lowering on Tuesday to 4 64@4 65 9-16 for demand, 4 64 $\frac{1}{4}$ @4 65 13-16 for cable transfers and 4 61 $\frac{7}{8}$ @4 63 7-16 for sixty days; increased activity at the lower levels was noted. On Wednesday part of the loss sustained earlier in the week was recovered and demand advanced on better foreign news to 4 65 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4 63 $\frac{1}{8}$, cable transfers to 4 65 $\frac{5}{8}$ @4 66 $\frac{5}{8}$ and sixty days to 4 63 $\frac{1}{4}$ @4 64 $\frac{1}{4}$. Dulness characterized Thursday's operations and the day's range was 4 65 5-16@4 65 $\frac{7}{8}$ for demand, 4 65 9-16@4 66 $\frac{1}{8}$ for cable transfers and 4 63 3-16@4 63 $\frac{3}{4}$ for sixty days. On Friday the market was quiet and irregular, with demand bills at 4 65 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4 65 $\frac{3}{4}$, cable transfers at 4 65 $\frac{5}{8}$ @4 66 and sixty days at 4 63 $\frac{1}{4}$ @4 63 $\frac{5}{8}$. Closing quotations were 4 63 7-16 for sixty days, 4 65 9-16 for demand and 4 65 13-16 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 65 5-16, sixty days at 4 62 9-16, ninety days at 4 61 11-16, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 63 1-16 and seven-day grain bills at 4 64 9-16. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 65 5-16.

The gold movement is still of minimum proportions, the only shipment reported this week being 78 cases of bar gold on the Tuscania from Glasgow and Liverpool, valued at \$2,250,000.

Continental exchange gave a better account of itself, and values, at least in some instances, responded to more cheerful European news by advances of several points. Paris francs once more took the lead and sold up to 6.74 $\frac{1}{2}$, a gain of 30 points from the low level established a week ago; before the close, however, there was a recession to 6.67 $\frac{1}{2}$. Belgian currency, which at present shows a differential of approximately 100 points from that of France, hovered around 5.69@5.79, with a high figure of 5.81 $\frac{1}{2}$. Cable advices to the effect that the outlook for a settlement of the Ruhr problem had brightened found apparent support in the announcement that the German Finance Minister is to present a concrete proposal before the Reichstag shortly, besides which rumors were again put in circulation that overtures would be made to France in the very near future. All this had a favoring influence on French exchange, as also did publication of a stronger Bank of France statement, showing substantial reduction in note circulation, notwithstanding the enormous strain of financing the occupation of the Ruhr. Trading, in consequence, was more active and a fairly large turnover was reported, although still primarily for foreign account. Speculators showed a greater degree of interest in the market, especially in the latter part of the week, when covering of short commitments figured in the advance which followed the rumors of a coming Franco-German agreement. Reichsmarks, however, failed to participate in this renewal of activity, and the quotation remains at close to 0.0047 $\frac{1}{2}$. Italian lire were steady, having been maintained at about 4.97 throughout. Greek exchange was well maintained and the same is true of the Central European currencies.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 69.47, against 70.57 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 6.67 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 6.64 1-16; cable transfers at 6.68 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 6.65 $\frac{1}{4}$; commercial sight at 6.65 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 6.58 $\frac{3}{4}$, and commercial sixty days at 6.62 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 6.55 $\frac{1}{4}$ a week ago. Antwerp francs closed at 5.77 for checks and at 5.78 for cable transfers, against 5.69 and 5.70 a week ago. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 0.0047 $\frac{5}{8}$ for both checks and cable remittances, which compares with 0.0047 $\frac{5}{8}$ the previous week. Austrian kronen are still stationary and have ruled at 0.0014 $\frac{1}{8}$, against 0.0014 $\frac{1}{4}$ last week. Lire closed at 4.98 for bankers' sight bills and 4.99 for cable transfers. Last week the close was 4.96 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 4.97 $\frac{1}{2}$. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.98 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 2.98 $\frac{1}{8}$; on Bucharest at 0.48, against 0.47 $\frac{3}{4}$; on Poland at 0.0023 $\frac{3}{4}$, against 0.0023 $\frac{1}{2}$, and on Finland at 2.74 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 2.72 $\frac{1}{2}$ the week before. Greek exchange closed at 1.16 for checks and at 1.17 for cable transfers, against 1.21 and 1.22 last week.

Weakness developed in the former neutral exchanges and guilders dropped to 38.98 for checks, a loss of about 25 points from the close on last Friday, but rallying in part before the close. Swiss francs were lower; losses of from 5 to 15 points were recorded in the Scandinavian rates, while Spanish pesetas also lost ground, though closing at a slight advance. Withdrawal of German funds, also the lowering in sterling values, were given as a reason for the weakness. Trading, however, was "spotty" and devoid of special feature. The decline attracted some little attention, as at this time of the year the European exchanges are due for an advance.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at 39.11, against 39.21; cable transfers 39.20, against 39.30; commercial sight, 39.06, against 39.16, and commercial sixty days 38.75, against 38.85 last week. Closing quotations on Swiss francs were 18.20 for bankers' sight bills and 18.21 for cable transfers. This compares with 18.35 and 18.36 the preceding week. Copenhagen checks closed at 18.84 and cable transfers at 18.88, against 19.01 and 19.05. Checks on Sweden finished at 26.57 $\frac{1}{2}$ and cable transfers at 26.61 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 26.53 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 26.54 $\frac{1}{2}$, while checks on Norway closed at 17.90 $\frac{1}{2}$ and cable transfers at 17.94 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 18.02 and 18.06 a week ago. Spanish pesetas closed the week at 15.33 for checks and 15.34 for cable transfers, in comparison with 15.30 and 15.31 a week earlier.

With regard to South American exchange, the trend has also been lower and the check rate on Argentina declined to 36.50 and cable transfers to 36.55, with the close 36.75 and 36.80, against 36.85 and 36.95. For Brazil there was partial rally from the extreme low and the close was 10.90 for checks and 11.00 for cable transfers, as compared with 10.60 and 10.65 last week. Chilean exchange, however, receded slightly, finishing at 12.45, against 13, but Peru remained at 4 29, the same as last week.

Far Eastern exchange, so far as Chinese currency is concerned, showed weakness, as a result of a drop in the price of silver, and Hong Kong finished at 54 $\frac{5}{8}$ @54 $\frac{7}{8}$, against 54 $\frac{3}{4}$ @55; Shanghai, 74 $\frac{1}{2}$ @74 $\frac{3}{4}$, against 74 $\frac{1}{2}$ @74 $\frac{3}{4}$; Yokohama, 48 $\frac{5}{8}$ @48 $\frac{7}{8}$, against 48 $\frac{3}{8}$ @48 $\frac{7}{8}$; Manila, 49 $\frac{3}{4}$ @50 $\frac{1}{8}$, against 50 $\frac{1}{4}$ @50 $\frac{1}{2}$; Singapore, 54 $\frac{3}{4}$ @55, against 55@55 $\frac{1}{4}$; Bombay,

31½@31¾, against 31¾@32, and Calcutta, 31⅞@32 (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 BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922. APRIL 7 1923 TO APRIL 13 1923, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	April 7.	April 9.	April 10.	April 11.	April 12.	April 13.
EUROPE—						
Austria, krone.....	\$.000014	\$.000014	\$.000014	\$.000014	\$.000014	\$.000014
Belgium, franc.....	.0569	.0581	.0575	.0575	.0577	.0580
Bulgaria, lev.....	.007743	.00745	.007857	.007857	.0079	.007843
Czechoslovakia, krone.....	.029855	.029865	.02983	.029833	.029828	.029835
Denmark, krone.....	.1904	.1904	.1896	.1900	.1894	.1889
England, pound sterling.....	4.6677	4.6619	4.6512	4.6628	4.6570	4.6593
Finland, marka.....	.027244	.0272	.027189	.027281	.027356	.027378
France, franc.....	.0661	.0672	.0667	.0667	.0668	.0671
Germany, reichsmark.....	.000047	.000047	.000047	.000047	.000047	.000047
Greece, drachma.....	.0118	.011894	.011839	.011839	.011703	.011633
Holland, guilder.....	.3926	.3921	.3908	.3917	.3915	.3916
Hungary, krone.....	.000231	.000237	.00023	.00023	.000228	.000225
Italy, lire.....	.0496	.0498	.0496	.0498	.0498	.0499
Norway, krone.....	.1803	.1802	.1794	.1796	.1796	.1795
Poland, mark.....	.000024	.000024	.000024	.000024	.000024	.000024
Portugal, escudo.....	.0480	.0471	.0466	.0465	.0462	.0459
Rumania, leu.....	.004775	.004778	.004760	.004749	.004767	.004733
Spain, peseta.....	.1531	.1532	.1530	.1531	.1532	.1533
Sweden, krona.....	.2656	.2656	.2657	.2659	.2660	.2660
Switzerland, franc.....	.1834	.1832	.1826	.1827	.1826	.1821
Yugoslavia, dinar.....	.01008	.01007	.010065	.010128	.01020	.010288
ASIA—						
China, Chefoo tael.....	.7675	.7633	.7583	.7567	.7579	.7567
" Hankow tael.....	.7625	.7583	.7525	.7508	.7525	.7517
" Shanghai tael.....	.7427	.7418	.7348	.7377	.7375	.7396
" Tientsin tael.....	.7754	.7713	.7658	.7642	.7654	.7625
" Hongkong dollar.....	.5455	.5449	.5411	.5421	.5423	.5448
" Mexican dollar.....	.5352	.5365	.5321	.5308	.5340	.5360
" Tientsin or Pelyang dollar.....	.5375	.5458	.5421	.5379	.5371	.5388
" Yuan dollar.....	.5475	.5463	.5429	.5438	.5429	.5450
India, rupee.....	.3136	.3134	.3129	.3131	.3123	.3130
Japan, yen.....	.4848	.4859	.4864	.4865	.4866	.4865
Singapore (S. S.) dollar.....	.5483	.5475	.5479	.5475	.5479	.5483
NORTH AMERICA—						
Canada, dollar.....	.981424	.981319	.981309	.980295	.979609	.978711
Cuba, peso.....	.999875	1.00	1.00	.999838	.999813	.999813
Mexico, peso.....	.4860	.484531	.485781	.484875	.484156	.484156
Newfoundland, dollar.....	.978828	.979063	.97875	.977969	.977031	.976094
SOUTH AMERICA—						
Argentina, peso (gold).....	.8341	.8308	.8289	.8314	.8325	.8327
Brazil, milreals.....	.1044	.1049	.1049	.1057	.1060	.1082
Chile, peso (paper).....	.1239	.1225	.1225	.1220	.1230	.1232
Uruguay, peso.....	.8373	.8367	.8335	.8369	.8371	.7382

The New York Clearing House banks in their operations with interior banking institutions have gained \$1,987,218 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending April 12. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$4,747,218, while the shipments have reached \$2,760,000, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week ending April 12.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$4,747,218	\$2,760,000	Gain \$1,987,218

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, April 7.	Monday, April 9.	Tuesday, April 10.	Wednesday, April 11.	Thursday, April 12.	Friday, April 13.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 51,000,000	\$ 67,000,000	\$ 47,000,000	\$ 56,000,000	\$ 66,000,000	\$ 78,000,000	Cr. 365,000,000

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, reflect only a part of the Reserve Bank's operations with the Clearing House institutions, as only the items payable in New York City are represented in the daily balances. The large volume of checks on institutions located outside of New York are not accounted for in arriving at these balances, as such checks do not pass through the Clearing House but are deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank for collection for the account of the local Clearing House banks.

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

Banks of	April 12 1923.			April 13 1922.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
England.....	127,517,057	-----	127,517,057	128,863,165	-----	128,863,165
France a.....	146,884,536	11,640,000	158,524,536	143,120,236	11,280,000	154,400,236
Germany.....	50,110,130	3,572,333	53,682,463	49,991,830	879,700	50,871,530
Aus.-Hun.....	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000
Spain.....	101,018,000	26,330,000	127,348,000	100,834,000	25,421,000	126,255,000
Italy.....	35,399,000	3,033,000	38,432,000	34,308,000	2,998,000	37,306,000
Nethland.....	48,483,000	559,000	49,042,000	50,496,000	464,000	50,960,000
Nat'l Belg.....	10,757,000	2,374,000	13,131,000	10,663,000	1,616,000	12,279,000
Switz land.....	21,316,000	4,188,000	25,504,000	21,821,000	4,320,000	26,141,000
Sweden.....	15,200,000	-----	15,200,000	15,241,000	-----	15,241,000
Denmark.....	12,681,000	245,000	12,926,000	12,684,000	231,000	12,915,000
Norway.....	8,115,000	-----	8,115,000	8,183,000	-----	8,183,000
Total week.....	588,424,723	54,310,333	642,735,056	587,149,231	49,578,700	636,727,931
Prev. week.....	588,206,292	54,237,340	642,443,632	587,162,304	49,654,700	636,817,004

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £74,573,797 held abroad.

THE COURSE OF WAGES—INTERFERENCES WITH THE LAW OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND.

It is an old adage that—"When two workmen run after one employer, wages fall; when two employers run after one workman, wages rise." There are some interesting considerations connected with the recent advances in wages in the woolen and cotton mills. These advances seem to be largely, or at least in part, voluntary upon the part of employers. It cannot be said, however, that production in manufacture under present conditions is ever free from a more or less concealed coercion on the part of labor. But the element of supply and demand in these mills has undoubted bearing upon the circumstance of a raise in wages. At least our reading does not indicate these advances have been made under direct threat of strike. And therefore, we do find that the economics of capital and labor has not been wholly set aside, though greatly diverted, disordered and partially nullified, by the activities of labor organizations in recent years.

We are not inclined to a belief that the reduction of immigration (it is said below that of 1913) has had any close connection with the industry of textiles. More potent were the vast supplies of appurtenances and the uniforms of soldiers occasioned by the war. Not an inconsiderable item in creating scarcity was the so-called strike of buyers a few years ago. The influence of tariff taxes upon importations of foreign-made cloths is a contributing factor to increase in demand (we doubt not to be followed quickly by price). And then the general revival in trade adds to the energizing of endeavor upon the part of owners and management. So that despite some former cuts in wages, there has come about this advance, in spite of the lingering too high scale of wages in this industry and in all industries. We say too high because wages in trades remain above the levels in unorganized labor.

We note that credit has been comparatively easy; there having been many flotations in industrial lines. And it is clear that a spirit of resumption is animating business too long in the lethargy of despond. Activity in one line begets that in another. In the matter of textiles we might remark that people are no longer wearing old clothes as an act of devotion to country! The point of it all is that the workman is not without relief under the natural conditions of supply and demand. And that were capital, credit and labor wholly free to respond to natural laws the equalization of wages and of production and consumption would go on apace. As it is, as long as any one industry is coerced into excessive wages, as in the building trades, equilibrium is destroyed, and the profiteer in wages in one line feeds upon the toil of his fellows in another. The process of natural

equalization is thus impeded, and reaction must some time set in against the profiteer.

It is no part of our purpose here to go into the interminable tariff argument. It is predicted now in advance that the sugar investigation ordered will show in conclusion a greater "spread" between production abroad and at home than obtained when the present schedule was established and that the rate will be raised rather than lowered. But this feature aside—tariff or no tariff—it must be manifest that if neither goods nor labor can enter in the freedom of a world competition, we are establishing an economic isolation where the divergences of wages must become greater and longer resist the natural laws of supply and demand. These increases in the mills we have just noticed, therefore, do not indicate a benefit to the whole people resultant upon an equable resumption. The mechanic will pay more for his clothes, he may be amply able to do so, but countless salaried workers cannot.

We cannot have an equable wage level, either high or low, until all industries can readily respond to a free labor market and a free supply market. Labor is a major element in productive cost. The mill operatives are entitled to the worth of their labor in the general scheme of things. If, as we have surmised, they are, despite the past interferences, now reaping a reward induced by the demand, legitimate and natural to the conditions, well and good. Left to its natural influence this labor demand would draw all other wages upward according to their place and power in production and consumption. There could be no just complaint against this. But there is no such thing as a free labor market while influences other than supply and demand prevail.

The farmer bloc would artificially raise the price of foodstuffs and the labor bloc must pay it. The labor bloc would artificially raise the scale of wages and the farmer bloc must pay it. The one seeks direct Government intervention; the other seeks and exercises the coercive power of unionism. Neither bloc is a natural influence in affairs. Each is a selfish interference by a part of the industrial population, and prevents the equability, the adjustment, which comes from natural laws. That which is added to the one is taken, to a proportionate degree, from the other and from the whole. There has been a hue and cry against the alleged monopolistic and oppressive power of capital. Is there no such thing as a monopoly of labor and a corner in foodstuff supplies? And in proportion as wages and prices go by these bloc influences above or below the natural level of supply and demand the people suffer.

It is as predatory for labor to seize the Government as it is for capital. It is as monopolistic for farmers to combine to advance prices as it is for "workingmen" in industries to combine to advance wages. There is an element of conspiracy in both practices. But the power exercised respectively is dissimilar—the result must be increased disparity. As long as these selfish "drives" continue by parts of a common people to gain undue advantage by legislation or combination the majority of the people, workers and consumers, must pay the bill. And it follows, as the day the night, that until public opinion of a disinterested majority shall frown down these combinations and summarily reject all these appeals to legislation, the equalizing power of supply and demand will not function.

THE SUPREME COURT PASSES UPON MINIMUM WAGE LAWS.

This week's decision of the U. S. Supreme Court upon the minimum wage law of the District of Columbia was on appeal from a decision of the District Court of Appeals in November last, which then revised a finding of the same court in June of 1921, wherein the law had been sustained. The U. S. Supreme Court now upholds the November decision against the law. Justice Brandeis did not participate, having formerly acted as counsel on the other side in an Oregon case involving the same matter. The majority opinion is by Justice Sutherland, one of the recent accessions to the Court, with four concurring, while Chief Justice Taft and Justice Sanford dissent in one opinion, and Justice Holmes in another.

The majority opinion is of considerable length, and the dissenting opinions are also bulky. A children's hospital is the particular party whose action is involved in the case. Admitting that no absolute freedom of contract exists or can exist (any more than there can be an absolutely unqualified liberty of personal conduct), Justice Sutherland held that the irreducible minimum of interference with individual contracting should be maintained. This is the ground of the majority, and some past decisions of the Court are cited. Thus, by Justice Harland, it was once held that in contracting for labor both parties have an equality of right "and any legislation that disturbs that equality is an arbitrary interference with the liberty of contract which no Government can legally justify in a free land." On another occasion Justice Pitney declared that to disturb this right would be "a substantial impairment of liberty in the long-established constitutional sense; the right is as essential to the laborer as to the capitalist, to the poor as to the rich, for the vast majority of persons have no honest way to begin to acquire property save by working for money."

The law under review provided a Board to determine, inter alia, what minimum wage was adequate to furnish women in the District with the necessary cost of living, and the same as to minors; there was a provision permitting this Board to authorize, by special license, a woman to work at less than the declared minimum, if her earning power "has been impaired by age or otherwise"; but in one instance the complainant was a woman of 21 who was satisfied with her work and wage as an elevator operator in a hotel; she said this was the best job open to her and she wanted to keep it, but the Board's order plus the penalty for "misdemeanor" deprived her of it. The standard of the law was not what the woman or minor was willing to accept or what the labor market justified the employer in paying, but the old one of what the worker "ought" to have in order to properly live. Upon this, Justice Sutherland sees no difference in principle between selling labor and selling goods. When one goes out to buy food, said he, he is morally entitled to the worth of his money and not to more, and "if what he gets is worth what he pays he is not justified in demanding more simply because he needs more . . . should a statute undertake to vest in a commission power to determine the quantity of food necessary for individual support and require the shopkeeper, if he sells to the individual at all, to furnish that quantity at more than a fixed maximum it would undoubtedly fall before the constitutional test."

As did the District Court of Appeals in November, Justice Sutherland points out that power to limit wages in one direction necessarily involves or leads directly towards power to limit in the other; "if, in the interest of the public welfare, the police power may be invoked to institute the fixing of a minimum wage it may, when the public welfare is thought to require it, be invoked to justify a maximum wage." Why not, in the name of logic and consistency? Furthermore, what logical or practical difference is there between fixing wages and fixing all prices? If the number of dollars a person shall receive for services is fixed, equally (and as a natural corollary or equivalent) the quantity of commodities he shall receive in exchange for each unit of the dollar wage may be fixed; what, then, will become of the commodity dealer and of the carriers and producers behind him in the line between the raw material and the consumer? If any prices whatever are to be fixed, by statute or by the finding of some statutory body or other instead of by the meeting of buyer and seller in the open market, how can there be any permanent stopping-place short of fixing the price of everything consumable and purchasable?

In dissent, Chief Justice Taft cited sundry cases in which the police power had been held valid for limiting maximum hours of work; he does not see why it should not extend to include a minimum wage, and he thinks it a non-sequitur that conceding power to set a minimum carries with it power also to set a maximum. He admits the difficulty of marking the line of lawful exercise of police powers without conflicting with the constitutional guarantees of liberty; "our Court has been laboriously engaged in pricking out a line of successive cases," and he appreciates (as Justice Sutherland also clearly does) the nicety of work required for reconciling and discriminating, yet Mr. Taft seems to argue chiefly that the police powers are legal because they have been so much exercised. So, too, with Justice Holmes, who says he does not "understand the principle on which the power to fix a minimum for the wage of women can be denied by those who admit the power to fix a maximum on their hours of work . . . the statute does not compel anybody to pay anything, it simply forbids employment at rates below those fixed as the minimum requirement of health and right living . . . in short, the law in its character and operation is like hundreds of so-called police laws that have been upheld."

At this point we may as well dismiss the technical side of the question. It is undeniable that the habit of bending old straight lines to fit present assumed emergencies is a confirmed one and that few seem to be taking thought whither that will carry us. "To sustain individual freedom of action contemplated by the Constitution," says Justice Sutherland in conclusion, "is not to strike down the common good, but to exalt it; for surely the good of society as a whole cannot be better served than by the preservation against arbitrary restraint of the liberties of its constituent members." Unhappily, people do not seem to worry at present over society as a whole, but the prevailing notion of "liberty" is that when the individual wants something he wants it, wants it now, and won't be satisfied till he gets it. "Society" be hanged; what is society except individuals, and when they are happy how can society be in trouble?

In terms, this decision applies only to the District, and it is certainly not a final disposition of the sub-

ject, since some fourteen States have minimum wage laws, to be attacked and defended. The fever for constitution-tinkering will also burn with more heat. An amendment to our State Constitution has appeared in Albany since the decision was rendered, and the Executive of Washington State in asking Executives of five other States to join in a conference for urging a like step upon Congress. Trying to make people virtuous, contented and happy by legislation is miserable folly; the more we have of it the less satisfied they are, and the more they rush into blocs and clamor. So we drift and drift, and the fact of drifting is cited as conclusive reason for keeping on with it. That is superficially consistent, yet, some day it may decide us to stop the quackery and begin cutting the withes with which we have been tangling ourselves up and see whether liberty of individual action will not be better.

THE HERRIN AFFAIR MOVES ON.

The Herrin massacre occurred in June last. The first trial of persons charged with being participants or abettors ended in January by a verdict of acquittal for the five at the bar, those being the first to be tried out of 77 who had been indicted, after much difficulty in obtaining evidence and also about the necessary funds, the latter work having been taken up by business organizations in more distant parts of Illinois. The second trial has now ended, almost exactly three months after the first, in acquittal of the six persons at bar on the present occasion.

This second trial occupied more than a month, and inasmuch as several survivors of the attack distinctly identified several of the defendants as having taken part in the shooting it is somewhat surprising to read that the accused were acquitted for lack of direct evidence against them, or for lack of identification. The chief defense, we are told, was that of alibi, always the best if sustained; but the prosecution admitted that the jury had before it two stories diametrically opposed. It would be alike useless and unjust to question the desire of the jurymen (some of whom were women) to stand by their duty, and while the result is another failure to punish the guilty it would not be right to broadly condemn the trial as unfair and the verdict as legally unwarranted. Except through circumstantial evidence, dead men tell no tales. Eye-witnesses of any scene usually have some discrepancies in their accounts; this massacre was one which favored confusion in accounts, and while there seems to be a moral certainty that some at least of the six men under trial were guilty of murder it would be too much to aver that the evidence left no shred to which a "reasonable" doubt could cling. We may take the verdict, then, as a failure to present a flawless and unshakable chain of direct evidence.

Nor should there be either surprise or condemnation because the State's Attorney-General now consents to quashing the remaining 200 indictments. He has done his duty, which was both difficult and unpleasant and may have involved personal as well as political hazard. He obtained 44 indictments for murder, 58 for conspiracy to murder, 54 for assault with intent to kill, and 58 for rioting. It is to be assumed that the cases strongest in evidence have been first tried; so there is nothing left but to wipe off the slate. It is to be remembered—for it need not be assumed, having been shown—that in Williamson

County the union is at present almost supreme, and we know that the union there is the full rank flower of a growth which recognizes no right—even the right to exist—in any human being outside of its own membership. Recall—for it must not be denied recognition of its significance—the uncontradicted news story that a miners' committee, headed by the Mayor of Herrin, a union member himself, made the rounds of merchants and bankers, seeking sureties for the indicted, "on the plea that this would show who stood with the union." The meaning is that the county is practically a union or chain of unions, and that whoever ventures to become known as having more than a lukewarm disapproval of unionism is henceforth marked; earning a living there is virtually impossible, and in order to be personally safe in existing one must be rated harmlessly insignificant. In view of the news from that county in the past ten months, is this an overstatement?

The Herrin massacre, said the prosecutor at the late trial, was "the greatest tragedy in the history of this nation in all the years of its existence, a crime futile in its accomplishment and surpassing the barbarity of an Indian massacre in its horror." Well, what was the "accomplishment" which was futile is yet to be seen. What was intended was an object lesson of the supremacy of unionism and of the folly of those despicable creatures outside of it who dare try to earn wages by acting as "common strike-breakers." Whether unionism is establishing itself by murder or is hurrying to its own fall is yet to be shown.

The formal trial is over; but the real trial is only begun, although it may superficially seem to move with hopeless slowness. Once more the question: is the Herrin incident "closed"? The larger and all-comprehending case is still on trial, and in that this affair is only one incident. The question is the supremacy or the failure of law, of justice, of human liberty, of human society; for (however it may sound like exaggerated overstatement to say so) the truth is the present situation in unhappy Russia and in our own country differ mainly in degree, not in kind. By this we mean that here are the same destructive factors as there, the same forces of upheaval and dismemberment; here, the mortal disease shows symptoms, but in Russia it has progressed to the stage of struggle for the mastery.

No sound thinker fears the outcome here, yet the lesson of European disorder and misery should set us all thinking. We must begin to withstand and repress faction and "class" instead of yielding, and the first dictate of safety is to recognize and appreciate this. As for those whose blood still cries from the ground at Herrin, they may be deemed to have fallen for a cause, as did thousands along the Marne. "Vengeance is mine, I will repay." The blood of the martyrs is said to be the seed of the Church. It has proven so; they who become willing or even involuntary victims in the cause of liberty seem to bear an undue share of its cost, but recompense may come to them, beyond our human sight.

STUYVESANT FISH.

In the sudden death of Mr. Fish on Tuesday, just as he was entering the board room of the National Park Bank for attendance upon a board meeting, the city and State lose not only a financier and railroad man of what might be called the old-fashioned type but a New Yorker of the straightest and most honor-

able lineage. His grandfather, Colonel Nicholas Fish, was a gallant figure in the Revolution and a personal friend of both Washington and Hamilton. His father, who bore the name of Hamilton, was the eldest son of Nicholas; for eight years he was U. S. Secretary of State, and was also a Senator from this State and was once its chief Executive. His large red brick house, at the corner of Second Avenue and 17th Street, was one of the landmarks of early New York.

Stuyvesant Fish, the youngest son, went directly from graduation at Columbia in 1871 to a clerkship in the Illinois Central. From this he passed on to a connection with Morton, Bliss & Co., by whom he was sent to London as managing clerk while still in his twenties. His connection with the Illinois Central was resumed, and continued for a long while. He was the road's executive head for a score of years up to the time of his differences with E. H. Harriman. As such, he was a pioneer in seeking to establish close relations of moneyed and personal interest between road and employees by persuading and aiding them to become stockholders. He always remained in close touch with his native city, having many interests and connections here; a New Yorker at the first, he was a New Yorker to the last.

While his name was sometimes mentioned for political office, he never held any. Being recognized as sound upon money matters, upon all financial topics, and an uncompromising upholder of well-founded transportation, he was a member of a Monetary Commission in 1897, head of the American Railway Association in 1904-06, and of the Railway Conference in 1905. A man of strong personality, firm convictions, and fearlessly aggressive almost to the line of pugnacity, he was always a good fighter for causes he approved and against others which he did not; an instance of the latter was his recent active opposition to the Dry movement, which he deemed un-American and probably regarded also as ineffectual.

As a captain of industry, he saw scant hope for that unless it had behind it a sound currency and truthful economic doctrine; he therefore gave no countenance to the false teachings and perverted activities of present-day unionism. In every respect he was a figure of force. What he believed he believed with all his might, and what he advocated had no half-heartedness about it. His departure takes from us one more man of influence, and adds one more figure to the list of those who have left examples.

RAILROAD GROSS AND NET EARNINGS FOR FEBRUARY.

The encouraging expectations raised by the favorable exhibit of earnings made by the railroads of the United States in their returns for the month of January are entirely disappointed in the poor showing made by these roads in their statements for the month of February. Our January tabulations showed an addition of no less than \$105,816,364, or nearly 27%, to the gross earnings, and of \$35,012,892, or over 60%, to the net earnings as compared with the corresponding month in 1922. This naturally encouraged the idea that the carriers had now fully recovered from the effects of the shopmen's strike, had once more regained control of their expenses and accordingly had decidedly bright prospects ahead of them. Now comes the statement for the month of February and brings disillusion. The increase in

the gross earnings for February as compared with February 1922 is no more than \$44,745,531, or only a little over 11%, and this is over-topped by an augmentation in expenses of \$50,988,243, or 15.76%, leaving the net earnings for the month actually smaller by \$6,242,712 than for the same month last year. In other words, while the gross has risen from \$400,146,341 in 1922 to \$444,891,872 in 1923, the net above expenses has fallen from \$76,630,334 to \$70,387,622, as will be seen by the following:

February— (191 Roads)—	1923.	1922.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—)	
	\$	\$	\$	%
Miles of road.....	235,399	235,528	—129	—0.06
Gross earnings.....	444,891,872	400,146,341	+44,745,531	+11.18
Operating expenses.....	374,504,250	323,516,007	+50,988,243	+15.76
Net earnings.....	70,387,622	76,630,334	—6,242,712	—8.15

The explanation for the complete transformation in the character of the results for the two months is found almost entirely in the adverse weather experienced in February. In January the roads in New England and northern New York almost alone suffered from repeated snow storms and the depth of the accumulated snowfall. In February New England and northern New York continued to be afflicted in the same way, but the trouble at the same time extended to many other sections of the country—in fact, to practically all parts of the country outside of the South. The result was to embarrass transportation and to add greatly to the cost of operation. If the matter ended with February the change in the returns would not be of so much consequence. We might then count upon the poor returns for February being succeeded again by decidedly satisfactory results for the months following, leaving the prospect for the immediate future of the roads impaired only in slight degree. It happens, however, that the bad weather experienced in February continued through the month of March, in some cases in greatly aggravated form, leaving little reason to hope for a much better showing for this last-mentioned month when the statements for that month come to hand. Not only did the adverse weather add very greatly to transportation expenses, but we learn from a statement issued by the Bureau of Railway Economics of the American Railway Association at Washington that expenditures for maintenance of equipment amounted to \$112,143,600 in February 1923 as against \$91,901,300 for February 1922, being an increase of over \$20,000,000, or 22%, under this head. We are told in the statement referred to that this increase was due in part to the severe weather conditions that prevailed in certain parts of the country, but also that the reports show that the railroads during February repaired and turned out of their shops 34,692 locomotives, "the largest number ever repaired during any corresponding period in the history of the railroads." There is certainly consolation as well as encouragement in this last mentioned fact.

It is well enough to point out, too, that in some other respects the comparison for February, though unfavorable, is better than appears by the face of the figures. Taking first the comparison of the gross, while it is true that the improvement for February is only 11.18%, as against 26.81% in January, it should be recalled that last year in February the coal traffic over the railroads was unusually heavy. The result was that our February statement last year showed only \$4,772,834 loss in gross, whereas in January the falling off had been no less than \$75,303,279. The reason why the coal traffic was so heavy at this pe-

riod in 1922 was that it was practically certain at that time that the miners at the unionized mines throughout the country would cease work with the expiration of their old wage contracts on April 1 and hence the railroads and other large consumers of coal began to stock up in anticipation of the event. Accordingly, the movement of coal over the railroads proved very much heavier than in February of the year before and the same state of things, it is proper to note, also continued throughout March.

To a proper interpretation of the present year's comparison of the February gross it must also be borne in mind that the 1923 revenues are based on lower schedules of freight rates, though, to be sure, this also was the case in January, when the ratio of increase in the gross, as we have already seen, was so much larger. On July 1 last year on order of the Inter-State Commerce Commission the carriers were obliged to put into effect a horizontal cut in freight rates of 10%, applicable to all the railroads of the country and to all commodities except grain, grain products and hay in Western territory, where a reduction of 16½% had been operative since Jan. 1 1922. This horizontal cut of 10% continued through the whole of the last six months of 1922, and of course is still in effect, and therefore counts as a factor in the comparison with the first half of last year. Obviously, except for this cut in freight rates the additions to gross revenues would have been larger than appears by the face of the figures.

In the matter of the expenses the carriers the present year had the benefit of the lower wage scales put into force on July 1 last in the maintenance of ways department and in the railroad shops as well as among some minor groups of employees. This has been estimated to average 7@8% and, as noted in previous monthly reviews, is the only widespread decrease in wages there has been aside from the general reduction of 12% made in wages of all classes of employees on July 1 1921. The saving here, assuming it was not counterbalanced by the disorganization of the forces produced by the shopmen's strike (from the effects of which some carriers are still suffering) counted as an offset to the extra expenses growing out of the snowfalls and adverse weather conditions generally. Another circumstance, however, should also be borne in mind in considering this year's increase in expenses. We allude to the circumstance that in February 1922 expenses had been very heavily cut, so that comparison now in 1923 is with very small figures. At that time our February compilations showed a gain of no less than \$54,882,820 in net, in face of a loss of \$4,772,834 in the gross, indicating a reduction in expenses of \$59,655,654. Such exhibits—we mean large gains in the net in face of a shrinkage in the gross—were common at that time, but what gave additional emphasis to the decrease in the February 1922 expenses was that it was in addition to some decrease in the expenses in the previous year, too. The falling off in the gross in February 1921 had not been very heavy, notwithstanding that the shrinkage in traffic was of large dimensions, it having been no more than \$19,171,075, or 4.52%, and the explanation was found in the circumstance that the roads were still enjoying the benefits accruing from the much higher rates authorized by the Commerce Commission at the end of the previous July and which it was estimated would add \$125,000,000 a month (\$1,500,000,000 per year) to the revenues of the carriers. The reduction in ex-

penses at that time was also smaller than it would have been owing to the wage award made by the Railroad Labor Board the previous July, and which on the volume of traffic then being done it was computed would add an average of \$50,000,000 a month to the payrolls of the roads. Nevertheless, the decrease in expenses then reached \$30,707,874, or 7.40%, and it was succeeded, as we have seen, by a further decrease of \$59,655,654 in February 1922.

The weather last year was not of unusual severity—at least not of such severity in most of the country as to entail heavy extra expenses for the removal of snow and the clearing of tracks, though the winter is declared to have been a hard one in Wyoming and Montana and contiguous territory. Here in the East the winter did not differ greatly from the normal, being, if anything, milder than the average. In February 1921, too, the weather in most of the country had been milder than usual. In this city there was then only one severe snow storm and the effects quickly disappeared. On the other hand, in February 1920, expenses were swollen in unusual degree by the adverse conditions under which railroad operations had to be carried on at that time and it was the absence of this item of expense in 1921 that made possible much of the saving in expenses already noted in February 1921.

The winter weather encountered in February 1920 was indeed of exceptional severity and it was all the more noteworthy because in sharp contrast with the extremely mild weather of the year preceding and comparable only with the weather of 1918, when the country was still in the throes of war. Temperatures in 1920 were perhaps not quite so low as in February 1918, but the fall of snow was immensely heavier and the interference with railroad operations correspondingly greater. Stated in brief, gross earnings for February 1920 increased \$72,431,089, or 20.77%, but the augmentation in expenses aggregated \$88,859,980, or 27.62%, leaving a loss in net of \$16,428,891.

Extra significance attached to this loss, moreover, inasmuch as it followed a long series of additions to the expense account in previous years. In February 1919, notwithstanding the winter was extremely mild and comparison was with weather in 1918 of exceptional severity, accompanied by snow blockades, railroad embargoes and freight congestion of great intensity, expenses increased so heavily that a gain of \$61,656,597 in gross was converted into a loss of \$1,191,014 in the net. In February of the years preceding, results were even worse. In other words, for February 1918 our compilation showed \$25,148,451 gain in gross, accompanied by \$54,093,271 addition to expenses, leaving \$28,944,820 loss in net, while the year before (February 1917) our tables registered an increase of \$2,655,684 in gross but a contraction of \$21,367,362 in the net. It was in this long continued augmentation in expenses, with resulting losses in net, that explanation was found for the better results in 1921 and 1922; and with unusually severe weather again in 1923 it is perhaps not strange that expenses should have mounted up once more, especially after the large antecedent saving in 1921 and 1922. In the following we give the February totals back to 1906. We use for 1911, for 1910 and for 1909 the Inter-State Commerce totals, but for the 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

these earlier years, owing to the refusal of some of the roads in those days to give out monthly figures for publication.

Year.	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Increase or Decrease.	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Increase or Decrease.
February	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1906	120,728,671	95,625,938	+25,102,733	33,486,634	19,937,363	+13,549,271
1907	123,920,810	115,123,660	+8,797,150	30,669,082	32,319,653	-1,650,601
1908	123,389,288	141,102,297	-17,713,009	26,154,613	34,919,215	-8,764,602
1909	174,423,831	161,085,493	+13,338,338	49,194,760	37,311,537	+11,883,173
1910	202,825,380	174,574,962	+28,250,418	56,976,253	49,241,904	+7,734,299
1911	199,035,257	202,492,120	-3,456,863	49,888,584	56,920,786	-7,032,202
1912	218,031,094	197,278,939	+20,752,155	57,411,107	49,135,958	+8,275,149
1913	232,726,241	218,336,929	+14,389,312	59,461,341	57,458,572	+2,002,769
1914	209,233,005	233,056,143	-23,823,138	39,657,965	59,553,012	-19,895,047
1915	210,860,681	212,163,967	-1,303,286	51,257,053	39,274,776	+11,982,277
1916	267,579,814	209,573,963	+58,005,851	79,929,463	51,043,120	+28,886,343
1917	271,928,066	269,272,382	+2,655,684	58,904,299	80,331,661	-21,367,362
1918	285,776,203	260,627,752	+25,148,451	27,305,808	56,250,628	-28,944,820
1919	351,048,747	289,392,150	+61,656,597	27,623,406	28,814,420	-1,191,014
1920	421,180,876	348,743,787	+72,431,089	10,688,571	27,117,462	-16,428,891
1921	405,001,273	424,172,348	-19,171,075	20,771,731	9,294,032	+11,536,799
1922	400,430,580	405,200,414	-4,772,834	76,706,840	21,824,020	+54,882,820
1923	444,891,872	400,146,341	+44,745,531	170,387,622	76,630,334	+93,757,288

Note.—Includes for February 101 roads in 1906, 94 in 1907; in 1908 the returns were based on 151,580 miles of road; in 1909, 232,007; in 1910, 239,725; in 1911, 242,640; in 1912, 237,082; in 1913, 240,986; in 1914, 244,925; in 1915, 246,186; in 1916, 245,541; in 1917, 249,795; in 1918, 238,891; in 1919, 232,957; in 1920, 231,304; in 1921, 235,653; in 1922, 235,625; in 1923, 235,399.

As far as the separate roads are concerned, while there are comparatively few losses in the case of the gross the number is large in the case of the net and some of them are for heavy amounts. The best exhibits, as a rule, are made by Southern roads which by reason of their geographical location were exempt from snow storms and the extra outlays entailed thereby, while the poorest exhibits are made by the New England carriers and the anthracite coal roads. The Boston & Maine the present year in February fell \$507,336 short of operating bare operating expenses, as against net above expenses of \$787,292 in February 1922, involving, therefore, a loss of \$1,294,628 in the net, and the New Haven road reports net of only \$1,066,068 for Feb. 1923 against \$1,721,204 for Feb. 1922, a decrease of \$655,136. The Maine Central, the Central of Vermont and the Atlantic & St. Lawrence all failed to earn their expenses in the month the present year. The anthracite coal roads, with the exception of the Reading, sustained losses even more noteworthy. The Delaware & Hudson, the Lehigh Valley and the Ontario & Western all failed to earn operating expenses, while the Lackawanna has net of only \$390,180, against \$1,401,665, and the Erie reports a loss in net of \$255,952. The Reading managed to add \$277,481 to its net of last year. These anthracite carriers, where their lines extend into northern New York and into New England, had a double drawback to contend with. They suffered from heavy snowfalls, in common with other roads in those sections, and at the same time they were obliged to move coal at the sacrifice of other kinds of freight. Thus, on the one hand their expenses were heavily increased, and on the other hand they had to sacrifice merchandise freight and other traffic bearing relatively high rates and confine themselves to bulky tonnage like coal moving at low rates. As indicating what a serious matter the weather was, President Loree of the Delaware & Hudson was recently quoted as saying that in the territory traversed by the Delaware & Hudson, the snow fall had been 32 inches in January, to which was added 20 inches more in February.

In certain sections of the country, and on certain roads, weather conditions do not appear to have been sufficiently adverse to prevent the making of very satisfactory exhibits of net earnings. Southern roads, as already indicated, belong in this category but not Southwestern roads as a rule, and among the transcontinental lines the Milwaukee & St. Paul on the north and the Atchison further south are distinguished for exceptionally great improvement in the

net, due to large additions to gross receipts, with no corresponding increase in expenses.

Among the trunk lines the New York Central has added \$3,497,508 to gross, but has nevertheless suffered a loss of \$240,280 in the net, and of course adverse weather must have added greatly to the expense outlays. These figures relate to the New York Central itself. Some of the Western lines, and particularly the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie and the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis, report very substantial improvement in the net. The result is that when the various auxiliary and controlled roads are included, the whole going to form the New York Central System, the result is a gain of \$7,047,755 in gross and also a gain of \$1,647,625 in the net. The Pennsylvania on the lines directly operated reports \$3,871,816 addition to gross, but \$2,883,560 loss in net, and the whole Pennsylvania System shows \$4,140,329 addition to gross with \$3,085,800 loss in net. The Baltimore & Ohio, lying further south, and hence to that extent better off as far as weather conditions were concerned, is able to report \$3,658,721 gain in gross and \$773,632 gain in net. In the following we show all changes for the separate roads for amounts in excess of \$100,000, whether increases or decreases, and in both gross and net:

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN GROSS EARNINGS FOR FEBRUARY

	Increase.		Increase.
Pennsylvania	\$3,871,816	New York Connecting	\$191,273
Baltimore & Ohio	3,658,721	Missouri Pacific	177,018
New York Central	3,497,508	Los Angeles & Salt Lake	176,364
Southern Railway	2,097,279	Alabama Great Southern	163,209
Chicago Milw & St Paul	1,943,907	Denver & Rio Grande	163,050
Atch Topoka & S Fe (3)	1,909,405	Del Lack & Western	160,636
Illinois Central	1,818,617	El Paso & Southwestern	150,885
Southern Pacific (8)	1,771,051	N Y Chicago & St Louis	145,983
Erie (3)	1,765,751	Chic St P Minn & Om	145,684
Chicago & North Western	1,551,229	Chicago & Eastern Ill	144,490
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	1,492,598	Chicago Great Western	137,621
Seaboard Air Line	1,133,230	Chicago Ind & Louisville	128,100
Philadelphia & Reading	1,253,949	Union RR of Pa	124,529
Atlantic Coast Line	1,250,267	Indiana Harbor Belt	117,418
Michigan Central	1,215,558	Yazoo & Miss Valley	113,083
Great Northern	1,077,407	Cincinnati Northern	112,240
Chicago Burl & Quincy	1,043,815	Detroit Gr Hav & Milw	109,526
Minn St Paul & S S M	863,915	Gulf Mobile & Northern	106,533
Louisville & Nashville	702,884	Duluth & Iron Range	106,371
N Y N H & Hartford	701,470	Duluth South Sh & Atl	105,513
Buffalo Roch & Pitts	697,889	Georgia RR	103,064
Northern Pacific	675,401	Atlanta Birm & Atlantic	100,578
Cleve Cinc Chic & St L	612,433	Rich Fred & Potomac	100,559
Union Pacific (4)	597,537		
Central of Georgia	510,531	Representing 63 roads	
Cinc New Ori & Tex Pac	479,981	in our compilation	\$45,510,400
St Louis Southwest (2)	467,786		
Elgin Joliet & Eastern	372,122	Decrease.	
St Louis-San Fran (3)	366,073	Delaware & Hudson	\$853,449
Bessemer & Lake Erie	341,587	Lehigh Valley	692,812
Missouri Kan & Tex (2)	331,966	Colorado Southern (4)	303,924
Mobile & Ohio	329,879	Bangor & Aroostook	207,962
Nashville Chat & St L	318,525	Chesapeake & Ohio	160,856
Pere Marquette	314,686	Maine Central	143,985
Florida East Coast	280,969	Chicago & Alton	140,561
Norfolk & Western	269,944	N Y Ontario & Western	113,797
Toledo St L & West	257,876	Central New England	103,182
Long Island	219,599	Chicago Peor & St Louis	101,703
Grand Trunk Western	210,960		
Western Maryland	202,717	Representing 10 roads	
		in our compilation	\$2,822,291

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 \$3,871,816 increase. For the entire Pennsylvania System, including all roads owned and controlled, the result is an increase in gross of \$4,140,329.

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 \$7,047,755.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN NET EARNINGS FOR FEBRUARY.

	Increase.		Increase.
Chicago Milw & St Paul	\$1,545,962	N Y New Hav & Hartf	\$655,136
Atch Top & Santa Fe (3)	1,351,323	Great Northern	586,187
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	1,267,032	Chicago Burl & Quincy	583,571
Southern Railway	990,585	Norfolk & Western	563,585
Baltimore & Ohio	773,632	N Y Chicago & St Louis	433,696
Michigan Central	637,937	Chicago & Alton	424,292
Atlantic Coast Line	608,573	Chesapeake & Ohio	397,808
Seaboard Air Line	544,724	Denver & Rio Grande	384,485
Minn St Paul & S S M	500,741	Missouri Pacific	374,738
Southern Pacific (8)	459,316	Colorado Southern (4)	317,054
Louisville & Nashville	320,846	N Y Ontario & Western	280,091
Philadelphia & Reading	277,481	Maine Central	273,378
Cin New Ori & Tex Pac	239,631	Hocking Valley	271,814
Central of Georgia	211,585	Erie (3)	255,952
Chicago & Northwestern	208,414	New York Central	240,280
Florida East Coast	190,097	Central New England	212,609
Nashville Chat & St Louis	184,197	Chicago & Eastern Illinois	188,401
New York Connecting	181,009	Atlantic & St Lawrence	184,990
Grand Trunk Western	119,875	Illinois Central	183,267
St Louis Southwestern (2)	102,023	Wheeling & Lake Erie	180,366
		Bangor & Aroostook	174,075
		Northern Pacific	170,822
Representing 20 roads		Union Pacific (4)	168,329
in our compilation	\$10,714,986	Monongahela	158,743
		Virginian	142,843
Pennsylvania	\$2,883,560	Ann Arbor	120,559
Lehigh Valley	1,541,704	Elgin Joliet & Eastern	116,983
Boston & Maine	1,294,628	Indiana Harbor Belt	100,339
Delaware & Hudson	1,183,986		
Delaware Lack & Western	1,011,485		
Chic Rock Isl & Pac (2)	978,868	Representing 35 roads	
Missouri Kan & Tex (2)	691,282	in our compilation	\$17,729,906

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 \$2,883,560 decrease. For the entire Pennsylvania System, including all roads owned and controlled, the result is a decrease in net of \$3,085,800.

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 \$1,647,625.

When the roads are arranged in groups, or geographical divisions, according to their location, we find what would be expected from what has already been said, namely that all the groups without any exception register improvement in the gross and that most of the groups record losses in the net. The exceptions where there is improvement in the net are in the case of the Southern Group, the Middle Western Group and the group of roads bordering on the Pacific Ocean. Our summary by groups is as follows:

SUMMARY BY GROUPS.

Section or Group—	Miles		Gross Earnings		Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)	
	1923.	1922.	1923.	1922.	\$	%
February—			\$	\$	\$	%
Group 1 (9 roads), New England	19,199,158	18,558,775	19,199,158	18,558,775	+640,383	3.45
Group 2 (33 roads), East & Middle	144,694,186	131,074,037	144,694,186	131,074,037	+13,620,149	10.39
Group 3 (27 roads), Middle West	39,223,875	33,964,597	39,223,875	33,964,597	+5,259,278	15.48
Groups 4 & 5 (34 roads), Southern	65,769,690	57,143,174	65,769,690	57,143,174	+8,626,516	15.10
Groups 6 & 7 (28 roads), Northwest	89,868,256	79,184,236	89,868,256	79,184,236	+10,684,020	13.49
Groups 8 & 9 (48 roads), Southwest	63,545,070	60,164,654	63,545,070	60,164,654	+3,380,416	5.62
Group 10 (12 roads), Pacific Coast	22,590,637	20,056,863	22,590,637	20,056,863	+2,533,779	12.63
Total (191 roads)	444,891,872	400,146,341	444,891,872	400,146,341	+44,745,531	11.18
Section or Group—	Miles		Net Earnings		Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)	
	1923.	1922.	1923.	1922.	\$	%
Group No. 1	7,471	7,480	902,949	3,298,305	-2,395,356	72.63
Group No. 2	34,599	34,722	18,830,077	25,857,070	-7,026,993	27.18
Group No. 3	15,739	15,768	7,930,786	6,818,034	+1,112,752	16.32
Groups Nos. 4 & 5	39,015	39,029	14,874,586	11,879,535	+2,995,051	25.21
Groups Nos. 6 & 7	66,934	66,821	13,522,920	13,545,618	-22,698	0.17
Groups Nos. 8 & 9	54,768	54,873	10,037,294	11,790,667	-1,753,373	14.87
Group No. 10	16,873	16,835	4,289,010	3,441,105	+847,905	24.64
Total	235,399	235,528	70,387,622	76,630,334	-6,242,712	8.15

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.

In the matter of the movements of the leading staples, Western roads suffered from falling off in the grain movement. The receipts of corn were heavily reduced and the receipts of wheat and oats also fell off. Combining wheat, corn, oats, barley and rye, the receipts of the five cereals at the Western primary markets for the four weeks ending Feb. 24 1923 were only 73,84,00 bushels, against 106,007,000 bushels for the corresponding four weeks of last year. The details of the Western grain movement in our usual form are set out in the table we now present:

WESTERN FLOUR AND GRAIN RECEIPTS.

4 Weeks end.	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
Feb. 24.	(bush.)	(bush.)	(bush.)	(bush.)	(bush.)	(bush.)
Chicago—						
1923	1,027,000	1,545,000	12,801,000	5,842,000	641,000	965,000
1922	926,000	1,402,000	33,348,000	6,798,000	961,000	227,000
Midwaukee—						
1923	47,000	254,000	2,384,000	2,193,000	665,000	379,000
1922	98,000	114,000	3,567,000	2,190,000	607,000	301,000
St. Louis—						
1923	336,000	2,337,000	3,134,000	2,189,000	85,000	26,000
1922	374,000	2,233,000	4,219,000	2,524,000	76,000	25,000
St. Joseph—						
1923		542,000	1,044,000	232,000		
1922		714,000	1,013,000	74,000		
Toledo—						
1923		229,000	292,000	204,000	1,000	24,000
1922		332,000	636,000	249,000	1,000	22,000
Detroit—						
1923		98,000	165,000	269,000		
1922		147,000	504,000	195,000		3,000
Peoria—						
1923	151,000	135,000	1,690,000	946,000	27,000	114,000
1922	266,000	132,000	4,070,000	1,099,000	42,000	5,000
Duluth—						
1923		4,098,000	147,000	36,000	100,000	1,804,000
1922		6,985,000	1,753,000	218,000	4,000	518,000
Minneapolis—						
1923		7,365,000	826,000	1,735,000	954,000	1,327,000
1922		7,654,000	2,613,000	2,100,000	605,000	250,000
Kansas City—						
1923		3,759,000	1,902,000	1,003,000		
1922		7,902,000	2,232,000	1,392,000		
Omaha & Indianapolis—						
1923		1,553,000	3,973,000	1,780,000		
1922		1,858,000	6,523,000	1,870,000		
Total—						
1923	1,561,000	21,915,000	28,358,000	16,429,000	2,473,000	4,639,000
1922	1,664,000	23,173,000	60,478,000	18,709,000	2,296,000	1,351,000

Jan. 1 to Feb. 24.	Flour. (bbls.)	Wheat. (bush.)	Corn. (bush.)	Oats. (bush.)	Barley. (bush.)	Rye. (bush.)
Chicago—						
1923.....	2,053,000	3,658,000	27,322,000	11,593,000	1,529,000	1,856,000
1922.....	1,651,000	2,019,000	58,061,000	11,833,000	1,585,000	288,000
Minneapolis—						
1923.....	117,000	627,000	4,436,000	3,887,000	1,367,000	838,000
1922.....	188,000	173,000	6,554,000	3,876,000	1,295,000	371,000
St. Louis—						
1923.....	626,000	5,417,000	6,376,000	6,197,000	177,000	58,000
1922.....	728,000	3,794,000	8,226,000	4,992,000	137,000	33,000
Toledo—						
1923.....	-----	461,000	668,000	306,000	1,000	48,000
1922.....	-----	430,000	1,321,000	446,000	1,000	26,600
Detroit—						
1923.....	-----	247,000	391,000	675,000	-----	-----
1922.....	-----	282,000	778,000	416,000	-----	3,000
Peoria—						
1923.....	310,000	265,000	4,237,000	2,757,000	59,000	182,000
1922.....	497,000	223,000	6,646,000	2,271,000	76,000	14,000
Duluth—						
1923.....	-----	7,504,000	157,000	64,000	134,000	4,086,000
1922.....	-----	1,504,000	3,198,000	642,000	24,000	1,045,000
Minneapolis—						
1923.....	-----	22,104,000	1,884,000	4,020,000	2,434,000	3,547,000
1922.....	-----	14,290,000	4,866,000	3,758,000	1,179,000	450,000
Kansas City—						
1923.....	-----	10,446,000	3,595,000	2,041,000	-----	-----
1922.....	-----	12,344,000	3,745,000	1,770,000	-----	-----
Omaha & Indianapolis—						
1923.....	-----	3,701,000	9,275,000	4,252,000	-----	-----
1922.....	-----	2,607,000	12,670,000	3,760,000	-----	-----
St. Joseph—						
1923.....	-----	542,000	1,044,000	232,000	-----	-----
1922.....	-----	714,000	1,013,000	74,000	-----	-----
Total—						
1923.....	3,106,000	54,972,000	59,385,000	36,024,000	5,701,000	10,615,000
1922.....	3,064,000	38,380,000	107,078,000	33,838,000	4,297,000	2,230,000

The Western live stock movement, however, was heavier than a year ago. At Chicago the receipts for the month comprised 23,263 carloads, against 20,906

in February 1922; the receipts at Kansas City 9,468 carloads, against 8,271, and the receipts at Omaha 9,931 carloads last 8,604.

The cotton movement the South, as measured by the receipts at the outports, was somewhat heavier in February 1923 than in February 1922, though the comparisons vary widely for the different ports. The aggregate of the receipts all the Southern outports was 337,720 bales in Feb. 1923, as against 311,924 bales in Feb. 1922, but comparing with 419,441 bales in Feb. 1921 and 672,332 bales in Feb. 1920, as will be seen by the following:

RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT SOUTHERN PORTS IN FEBRUARY AND FROM JAN. 1 TO FEB. 28 1923, 1922 AND 1921.

Ports.	February.			Since Jan. 1.		
	1923.	1922.	1921.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Galveston..... bales.	111,932	129,150	184,039	299,134	306,547	443,400
Texas City, &c.....	47,730	39,279	48,545	125,744	75,714	69,493
New Orleans.....	118,721	73,016	110,191	254,499	164,104	268,969
Mobile.....	2,569	10,694	4,670	8,746	20,909	16,127
Pensacola, &c.....	4	3,981	6,083	2,469	4,331	8,801
Savannah.....	27,003	31,313	35,523	52,670	92,262	91,121
Brunswick.....	1,100	475	610	2,475	2,210	661
Charleston.....	8,726	4,546	6,143	26,326	11,190	11,753
Wilmington.....	4,210	4,966	4,600	7,614	10,052	8,210
Norfolk.....	15,725	14,504	18,859	45,439	37,712	50,733
Newport News.....	-----	-----	178	-----	-----	363
Total.....	337,720	311,924	419,441	825,116	705,031	969,631

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, April 13 1923.

The big industries of the country are still busy; but retail trade has suffered from bad weather over much of the country. Heavy rains and unseasonably cold weather have hurt it, especially in the country towns. But within a day or two city retail trade has been helped by better weather. Mail order business is rapidly expanding. The number of failures is gradually decreasing. Wages are being advanced in the steel trade, with an output of iron and steel recently eclipsing anything known since the peak days of the war. Building is on an enormous scale. For March and the first quarter, the figures are something unparalleled in the business history of the country. They are put at some 50% above the peak of 1922. The grain markets have been rising. Wheat and corn are up some 3c. to 4c. per bushel, and there has been large buying of rye by Germany, the transactions in a few days being estimated at about 2,000,000 bushels, suggesting that Russia's stock is much depleted. Jobbing trade is on a fair scale in many lines of trade. And it is considered certain that the retail business in the country districts will increase with better weather. At the same time, the bad weather conditions have undoubtedly interfered with field work and delayed the growth of grain and the planting of cotton. Cotton planting is a week or two late, after rains in the Southwest, in the latter part of the week, of anywhere from 2 to 5 inches. But to-day the forecast was for better weather in that section of the country; so much so that cotton, which had been rising from the bad "map" turned downward. It is a regrettable fact that cotton exports are so small, being well behind the total for the season at this time last year, but we have not much cotton to spare for Europe. The exports of wheat, on the other hand, are large, exceeding at this date some 350,000,000 bushels. The Government grain report, however, put the winter wheat crop at only 572,000,000 bushels, or 12,000,000 less than last year, and nearly 30,000,000 less than two years ago. The condition of 75.5% was, with one exception, that of April 1 six years ago, the lowest on record. The weather is still too cold for growth over much of the agricultural sections of the country. The seeding of the oats crop is late.

But at the same time, the makers of agricultural implements are the busiest that they have been since 1920. The lumber output is very large. Buying of lumber at Southern and Pacific Coast markets is on a big scale. Meanwhile the country needs warm, dry weather to help the trade and promote farm work and the planting and germination of the crops. At one time the stock market was more or less depressed; and this did not help the tone in general business, although it could have no more than a transient effect. Some stress was laid on the decline in crude oil prices. But

on the other hand, sugar has risen. The great drawbacks in trade just now, apart from the bad weather over many sections of the country, are the high and rising costs of labor, and consequently, the continued high cost of living, especially as the scarcity of labor, largely traceable as it is to the 3% immigration restriction, is to a considerable extent artificial. In the building trades, although unheard-of wages are being paid—i. e. to plasterers, sometimes \$16 to \$18 a day and even higher—there is, strange as it sounds, a demand for still higher wages. Finally, in general trade there is a conservative tone in this country. There are no runaway markets. There is little buying for far off delivery. Unduly rapid advances in prices are deprecated by clear-headed business men as likely in the end to check consumption, although as yet there are no signs of a buyers' strike. "Better safe than sorry" is to all appearances the motto in many branches of trade, a sentiment which does not preclude healthy activity in many leading industries of the country and some advance in prices where it is justified.

It is true that some fear that if prices continue to rise there will be a buyers' strike. But employment is almost universal in the United States, wages are high and the buying power of the working population has, of course, increased. It is also true, to be sure, that the farmers and the salaried classes in the big towns and cities get far less for their services than the working classes. The salaries of office workers, etc., have either not been advanced at all or have not been advanced in anything like the same proportion as the wages of mill, factory and other workers. So that the farmer and the clerk may be prevented from buying freely if because of increased labor costs, prices of general merchandise continue to rise.

The Supreme Court of the United States on April 9 handed down a decision in the matter of the minimum wage which is likely to prove historic. It upholds the right to make contracts. That ought, it would seem, to have been considered as fundamental as the inviolability of contracts and in quite as strict accordance with the genius of American institutions. But some States have thought otherwise. The Court now declares, 5 to 3, that the fixing of minimum wages for women and minor girls in the District of Columbia is unconstitutional. This by implication takes similar ground in regard to the minimum wage laws passed by New York, California, Kansas, Oregon, Wisconsin and Washington. Legal experts assert that the ruling in the District of Columbia proceeding by implication renders nugatory laws passed by States affecting both men and women. In other words, the Court declares that employers have a right to make contracts or agreements with employees without restraint in determining what wages are acceptable. A minimum wage law is unconstitutional as being in violation of the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution, which guarantees freedom of con-

tract about one's affairs and is declared to be part of the liberty of the individual protected by the Constitution.

The U. S. Steel Corporation has advanced wages of day laborers 11% and the independent steel producers have followed suit. This latest wage raise will be effective April 16 to all day laborers in the manufacturing plants of the U. S. Steel Corporation's subsidiary companies and wage rates for other classes of labor will be adjusted accordingly. More than 150,000 employees will be benefited. The increase, it is estimated, will add \$500,000 to the weekly payroll of the U. S. Steel Corporation. The wages will be increased from 36 cents to about 40 cents per hour. The advance follows closely those of the copper mining and textile industries and in certain of the building trades. Manufacturing plants of the Corporation are now being operated at 92% of capacity. In all something like 250,000 iron workers have had their wages increased this week 10 to 12½%.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture says that complaints of labor shortage come from all parts of the State. There are apparently only about three men for every four or five farm jobs in the State. The indications are for about three-quarters of a wheat crop in Ohio this year. The South complains of a 12% labor shortage.

At Cohoes, N. Y., all knitting mills have granted a wage increase effective April 30 of 12½%. At Chattanooga, Tenn., cotton mills are running at 100% and many mills are making additions to their plants. Labor is plentiful in North Carolina mills, according to Charlotte, N. C., advices. But the boll weevil pest has led to an abandonment of farm work by small farmers. In the South close to 1,200,000 new spindles are in sight. This would mean something like 15,700,000 for the South, against 14,499,000 last year and 12,217,000 in 1914.

It was cool here early in the week after a mild Sunday with some rain. At Sudbury, Ont., on April 8 and 9, 10 inches of snow fell and a strong wind piled up drifts which made the streets impassable. On the 9th there was snow and sleet in South Carolina and temperatures of 32 to 34 degrees in other parts of the South. Latterly the weather here has been for the most part pleasant and rather cool. To-day it is milder and cloudy. It has been cold and stormy over much of the United States during the week, with heavy rains in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi, though to-day it looked like clearing up in the Southwest generally.

Building Operations Continue Large.

In keeping with general business activities throughout the country, new building operations continue to gain momentum as the season advances. March building permits in the 207 principal cities were \$422,591,923, a gain over March 1922 of \$161,564,177, or 61%, according to figures given out by S. W. Straus & Co. These figures warrant, it is stated, an estimate of total permits issued in the entire country of \$600,000,000. The same cities reported \$825,344,407 for the first quarter of the year, a gain of \$278,320,726, or 50%. S. W. Straus & Co.'s estimate of total permits for new buildings and alterations issued during the three months' period is \$1,400,000,000. Accompanying these record breaking achievements, there was a steadily advancing range of building costs for both labor and material. In many parts of the country shortages were reported. Notwithstanding these activities, there were indications, it is stated, of a continued large potential demand for buildings of various types throughout the country. The greatest proportionate activities were in the Pacific Coast States, which showed a March gain of 171%. There were indications of greatly increased activities in the South, where a March gain of 62% was recorded as compared with a February gain of 10%. The Central States gained 75% and the Eastern States 41%.

Locomotive Shipments Largest Since 1920.

Shipments of railroad locomotives from the principal manufacturing plants increased to 282 in March, and were the highest since Dec. 1920, according to figures published by the Department of Commerce from compilations of the Bureau of the Census. Unfilled orders continued to increase and made a new high record at 2,316 locomotives, an increase of 96 during the month. Unfilled foreign orders increased for the first time since last October. The following table compares the March 1923 figures with the previous month and with the corresponding month last year, as well as totals for the year to date, compared with a year ago, in number of locomotives:

	LOCOMOTIVES.			—3 Months' Total—	
	Mar. 1923.	Feb. 1923.	Mar. 1922.	Jan. 1923.	Mar. 1922.
Shipments—					
Domestic -----	269	196	35	682	86
Foreign -----	13	11	4	36	71
Total -----	282	207	39	718	157
Unfilled orders—					
Domestic -----	2,214	2,141	255	---	---
Foreign -----	102	79	75	---	---
Total -----	2,316	2,220	330	---	---

Wage Advances Announced by U. S. Steel Corporation — Similar Action by Other Steel Companies.

An increase of about 11%, effective April 16, in the wage rates of day labor at the plants of the United States Steel Corporation was announced on the 9th inst., the statement in the matter, it is said, having been authorized by Judge Elbert H. Gary, Chairman of the board of directors of the corporation, who arrived from abroad on the steamer Mauretania yesterday (April 13). The announcement follows:

It has been recommended to the presidents of the manufacturing subsidiary companies of the United States Steel Corporation that the wage rates of day labor at their plants be increased about 11% and that other wage rates in the manufacturing plants be equitably adjusted, to become effective April 16 1923.

The "Iron Age" of the 12th inst. stated that the increase occasioned little surprise in Pittsburgh, since it was in line with general expectations. It added:

It will be followed by other steel and iron producing companies; indeed some of the smaller producing units had previously announced an increase of about the same amount, advancing common labor from 36 cents an hour to 40 cents, with adjustments in the scales of other classes of labor. Among the local companies to make the advance, effective April 1, were the A. M. Byers Co., at both its local and Girard, Ohio, plants; the Union Drawn Steel Co., the Moltrop Steel Products Co., and the Standard Gage Steel Co., all of Beaver Falls, Pa., where the shortage of labor has been notably acute for some time past. Indeed, manufacturers in that district for some time have paid the equivalent of more than the prevailing rate, as they have been feeding and housing the men in an effort to prevent too frequent turnovers.

The Pittsburgh Steel Co. has announced its intention to follow the raise of the Steel Corporation, which, according to local advices, applies only to workmen in the manufacturing plants, this distinction being made in the latest announcement, presumably because it is not the intention of the corporation to this time include salaried employees in the increase. The Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation also will advance wages in line with the Steel Corporation's increase. Merchant pig iron producers also will go along with the increase.

The New York "Times" of the 10th inst. said:

The United States Steel Corporation has about 215,000 men in its employ, including all branches of its industry. The wage increase, however, affects only the 150,000 employees in the manufacturing plants. The other branches of the Corporation's business include the coal and coke properties, which employ about 27,000 men; iron ore properties, which employ about 12,000, and transportation properties, which employ about 21,000. The remainder of the force includes the sales and administrative departments. None of the latter are affected by the increase announced yesterday.

At present, the Steel Corporation is paying common labor 36 cents an hour, or \$3 60 for a ten-hour day. The increase of 11% effective next Monday will bring the rate up to 40 cents an hour, or \$4 a day. This is exactly 100% above the rate of \$2 paid in 1915, prior to the numerous increases in wages announced during and immediately after the war which brought the wage scale up to a peak of \$5 06 a day for a ten-hour day. That peak represented an increase of 153% above the 1915 rate. The \$5 06 rate was made effective Feb. 1 1920. In the period of deflation which started in the Autumn of 1920, three wage reductions brought the scale down from \$5 06 a day to \$3 a day effective Aug. 29 1921. Last September an increase of 20% was put into effect, bringing the rate up to \$3 60 a day, or 80% above the 1915 rate.

The wage changes of the corporation since 1915 are indicated in the following:

Date—	Wages 10 Hours	Per Cent Advance	Adv. Over 1915 Rate
1915.....	\$2 00	---	---
1916, Feb. 1.....	2 20	10	10
1916, May 1.....	2 50	13.6	25
1916, Dec. 15.....	2 75	10	37.5
1917, May 1.....	3 00	9	50
1917, Oct. 1.....	3 30	10	65
1918, April 16.....	3 80	15	90
1918, Aug. 1.....	4 20	10.5	110
1918, Oct. 1.....	*4 62	10	131
1920, Feb. 1.....	5 06	10	153
1921, May 16.....	b4 05	br20	r103
1921, July 16.....	br3 70	rr8.5	85
1921, Aug. 29.....	3 00	ar20	50
1922, Sept. 1.....	3 60	20	80

* Eight-hour basic day established and time and one-half paid for over time. b Approximated. r Decrease. a Time and one-half abolished.

The following is taken from the "Times":

The increase in wages, it is understood, was announced not only for the purpose of attracting additional men, a task which, in the opinion of some steel men, seems almost hopeless, because of the wages paid in industries in which more favorable conditions prevail in the summer, but also to hold the men at present employed. It is not unusual to witness an exodus of workers from the steel mills in the spring and summer to outdoor work or other employment.

An interesting side light on the labor situation as affecting the Steel Corporation, it is pointed out, is that the corporation will not work its men seven days a week, as is done in most of the larger steel plants of the country. The Steel Corporation, it was said, for several years has been working its men only six days a week and paying them on an hourly basis for work actually done. In this connection, it is said that many men, in the desire for more compensation, have left the mills of the Steel Corporation, for plants which operate on a seven-day week basis.

These conditions have resulted in much competition between the various steel companies and other industries as well for unskilled labor, which, it is said, is more in demand now than at any time since the end of the World War. In the steel industry in particular the demand is greater, as production in this particular industry is on a greater scale than was witnessed even during the war.

Pittsburgh dispatches of the 9th inst. reporting the wage increase authorized by Jones & Laughlin, said:

The Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation, one of the largest independents in the country, late to-day announced an increase of approximately 11% in the wages of common labor, meeting the advance earlier in the day of the Carnegie Steel Co., a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation.

The increase affects about 12,000 men in the Jones & Laughlin plant in this city, and about 8,000 in the Aliquippa plant.

On the 10th inst. announcement was made by President Eugene G. Grace of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation that an increase of 11% in the wages of common labor would be made by the corporation at its various plants, effective April 16.

Independent steel companies of the Youngstown district also announced on the 10th increased wages following the action of the United States Steel Corporation. The announcements came from the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., Republic Iron & Steel Co., the Trumbull Steel Co. and Sharon Steel Hoop Co. The four concerns employ about 40,000 workers.

In a dispatch from Youngstown April 9 the New York "Times" said:

The increase of 11% for common labor was announced in the plant of the Carnegie Steel Corporation, and President James A. Campbell, of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., the largest competitor, announced that his company would make the same increase.

The A. M. Byers Co. with plants at Girard and the United Engineering Co. here had anticipated the corporation's wage increase by announcements last week. Approximately 8,000 Republic Iron & Steel employees here will be affected by the increase.

According to the "Iron Age" "on the basis of 40 cents an hour for common labor, instead of 36 cents, steel making costs are increased about \$1 75 a ton." "Prices," it states, have advanced much more than this since Sept. 1, when steel works wages last went up, but the great bulk of mill shipments, especially in the case of the Steel Corporation, are still at the lower prices of last fall."

Wages Advanced in Canadian Textile Mills.

The tidal wave of wage increases which started when the American Woolen Co. last month announced a raise of 12½%, effective April 30, has swept over the whole Atlantic Coast and into Canada. Announcement was made on April 6 that the Dominion Textile Co. had granted an advance in wages, effective April 30 of 12½%, the increase affecting about 7,000 employees in all the company's plants in Canada. Almost simultaneously textile mills in Taunton, Mass., announced a similar wage increase, and the Lawrence Manufacturing Co., hosiery, also made known its intention to raise wages the end of the current month.

Survey of United States Economic Conditions Review at Rome Meeting of International Chamber of Commerce.

American business is moving forward through increased production rather than increased prices or increased use of credits, according to the survey of American economic conditions submitted to the second meeting of the International Chamber of Commerce in session at Rome on March 23, and to which reference was made in these columns March 31, page 1360. The report has been made public by the American Section of the International Chamber. It was pointed out in the report that February of this year apparently saw a production rate achieved in basic industries which surpasses any previous record except for a month in 1917. Conditions in numerous lines of industry were reviewed to give evidence of the general business trend. The report set out:

Transportation, raw materials, fuel, and power, agriculture, manufacture wholesale and retail trade, employment and wages, Government finance, money and credit, are some of the principal subjects on which the reports offers data in summary form. Much of this data is presented in index numbers, which show not only the relation of volume of business and of prices to pre-war levels but also bring out the peak which was reached in the post-war period, the low point of the period of depression, and the relative change which is now to be recorded. The table included will illustrate the form in which the data has been thrown. This table contains the index numbers for wholesale prices by groups of articles, with prices before the war as 100, shows the peak, indicates whether the greatest decline in prices since the peak came in 1922, or before, and makes clear the relative advance which had occurred to Feb. 1 1923:

Retail sales value increases, shown in index figures with 1919 sales taken as 100, shows the following changes based on reports from establishments in eight cities as covering December business in 1921 and 1922 respectively: Boston, 189 to 198; New York, 187 to 205; Philadelphia, 171 to 185; Richmond, 177 to 184; Atlanta, 164 to 171; Minneapolis, 128 to 142; Dallas,

159 (correct) to 148; San Francisco, 184 to 204. Even in the case of Dallas, volume was probably larger in December, 1922 than the year before.

Rail freight traffic between Nov., 1922 and Feb., 1923, the report shows "has contradicted all earlier experience according to which there should be a pronounced seasonal decrease, with a rise in volume apparent only with the opening of spring." Ten-mile statistics were not yet available, it was added, but car loadings in December averaged \$36,000 per week and in January \$45,000.

Increased efficiency of the railroads is noticed, as disclosed in the ratio of operating costs to gross earnings. This has been achieved in the face of reduction in the compensation received by the roads for their services. The 1922 rate reduction by the Inter-State Commerce Commission brought the average of 1.28 cents per ten-mile the preceding year down to 1.12 cents for the latter part of 1922. Total freight receipts, however, were 8-10 of 1% more than in 1921.

In agriculture, the report said, the partial recovery in prices "has fortunately been applied to good crops," the report continued, value of all farm products for 1922 reaching a total of \$14,310,000,000 as compared to \$12,402,000,000 in 1921.

"The trend," it was added, "is undoubtedly toward a restoration of prices of commodities to a proper balance among themselves." Fuel and power use figures also point toward "expanding activity," it was stated, with the production of bituminous—"the great industrial fuel"—placed at 50,000,000 tons for Jan., 1923, "exceeding the output in any earlier January." The current January index figures on power use as compared to the January, 1913, figure taken at 100, were bituminous coal, 126 as compared to 94 in 1922; petroleum, 242, compared to 208, electric power, 142, compared to 117. Coal prices were held to "reflect the protracted strike—and the continuation of wages in the coal mines at a high level." In the manufacturing industries, mill cotton consumption was given an index of 127 compared to 61 at its low level in 1920; while trade reports were said to suggest a similar advance in wool with mills at 80% capacity and limited by lack of skilled labor rather than want of business. Silk production was given an index of 210 in late 1922 with a slightly lower standing for subsequent months though "still over the index for a year ago." Steel production for January, 1923, was placed at "84% of the rated capacity of the country," while automobile production reached a new production peak in 1922 and a monthly average index of 190 "which meant the production of 263,000 passenger cars a month."

Postal Receipts for Fifty Selected Cities.

Postal receipts at 50 selected cities for the month of March 1923 exceed those of March 1922 by 14.77%, the greatest percentage increase of any month during the present fiscal year with the exception of January, when the increase amounted to 18.99%, according to an announcement by the Post Office Department April 6, which continues:

In view of the existing shortage of funds available for the remainder of the present fiscal year, the enormous increase in the postal business of the country is accentuating the handicap under which the Department is laboring in its efforts to maintain the service at its present high standard of efficiency.

An idea of the tremendous increase in postal business may be gained by comparisons with receipts of other years. For forty years, or since 1883, the postal service has been growing at the average rate, expressed in postal receipts, of a fraction less than 7% each year.

The average rate of increase at the 50 leading cities for the nine months of the present fiscal year is 13.12%, or almost double the average for the past 40 years. Postal officials see no let-up in sight and while the average percentage for the year is expected to be reduced in May and June, because of large increases in those months last year over the year preceding, it is not believed the reduction will be material.

In the year 1882, postal receipts increased over the year 1881 by 13.81%. With the exception of the abnormal year 1920, when postal receipts were affected by the increased war postage and when a gain of 19.81% was recorded, there has been no other increase since 1882 approaching the great gain of 13.12% registered for the first nine months of the present fiscal year.

Fort Worth, Texas, again led the fifty cities in the amount of increase over March of last year, with a percentage gain of 48.62. Other cities in the order of increased percentage follow:

Rank in Per Cent of Gain.	City.	Percentage of Gain.
Second	Akron, Ohio.....	30.48
Third	St. Paul, Minnesota.....	27.04
Fourth	Los Angeles, California.....	24.74
Fifth	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.....	19.20
Sixth	Columbus, Ohio.....	18.59
Seventh	Detroit, Michigan.....	18.40
Eighth	Portland, Oregon.....	18.32
Ninth	Dallas, Texas.....	17.73
Tenth	Newark, New Jersey.....	17.58
Eleventh	Des Moines, Iowa.....	17.16
Twelfth	Chicago, Illinois.....	17.04

New York City registered an increase of 13.84%, which, expressed in dollars and cents, amounted to \$724,073 55, or nearly three-quarters of a million dollars. Chicago, while twelfth in percentage increase, was second in the amount of gain, the receipts exceeding those of March 1922 by \$698,176 18. Gains of more than \$100,000 were reported by Philadelphia, Pa., St. Louis, Mo., Los Angeles, Calif., Boston, Mass., and Detroit, Mich.

Total receipts of the fifty cities for the month amounted to \$27,869,691, as compared with \$24,283,276 for March 1922, an increase of \$3,586,416. Tabulated figures follow:

STATEMENT OF POSTAL RECEIPTS AT FIFTY SELECTED OFFICES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1923.

Offices—	March 1923.	March 1922.	Increase.	1923 Over 1922.	1922 Over 1921.	1921 Over 1920.
	\$	\$	\$	%	%	%
New York, N. Y.	5,955,626 51	5,231,552 96	724,073 55	13.84	4.90	*5.65
Chicago, Ill.	4,795,895 04	4,097,718 86	698,176 18	17.04	6.05	*10.74
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,659,283 40	1,473,036 74	186,246 66	13.32	6.98	*2.65
Boston, Mass.	1,248,007 52	1,140,402 89	107,604 63	9.43	5.75	2.72
St. Louis, Mo.	1,043,137 22	896,174 12	146,963 10	16.40	8.09	3.43
Kansas City, Mo.	761,250 31	669,758 85	91,491 46	13.66	12.36	3.97
Cleveland, Ohio	676,646 00	595,787 70	80,858 30	13.57	3.48	.28
San Francisco, Calif.	605,274 26	531,419 82	73,854 44	13.89	7.34	8.12
Brooklyn, N. Y.	671,257 74	587,902 09	83,355 65	14.18	13.72	*2.15
Detroit, Mich.	662,804 76	559,801 93	103,002 83	18.40	13.07	*5.17
Pittsburgh, Pa.	595,338 17	499,087 97	96,250 20	19.20	23.73	4.77
Los Angeles, Calif.	569,296 59	456,371 45	112,925 14	24.74	8.26	23.50
Minneapolis, Minn.	547,933 66	477,894 54	70,039 12	14.66	16.06	7.54
Cincinnati, Ohio	529,862 81	457,526 31	72,336 50	15.81	3.02	13.96
Baltimore, Md.	458,558 41	410,877 76	47,680 65	11.60	3.05	8.10
Washington, D. C.	389,727 19	337,170 87	52,556 32	15.58	3.22	3.71
Buffalo, N. Y.	405,563 74	379,092 51	26,061 23	6.87	12.11	7.86
Milwaukee, Wis.	362,860 89	325,945 16	36,895 73	11.32	7.81	11.83
Indianapolis, Ind.	338,650 14	289,404 04	47,246 10	16.32	9.97	12.00
St. Paul, Minn.	384,637 07	302,775 20	81,861 87	27.04	23.37	6.41
Atlanta, Ga.	292,501 86	250,810 29	41,691 57	16.62	4.25	*1.87
Denver, Colo.	264,822 76	230,222 60	34,600 16	15.03	8.00	*4.42
Omaha, Neb.	238,223 47	238,671 63	*448 16	*.19	16.91	4.85
Newark, N. J.	269,116 98	228,870 27	40,246 71	17.58	6.55	8.68
Dallas, Texas	258,459 00	219,519 41	38,939 59	17.73	.36	2.42
Seattle, Wash.	227,217 54	204,398 31	22,819 23	11.16	6.58	*3.28
New Orleans, La.	155,643 51	193,584 50	22,059 01	11.40	3.46	*3.25
Rochester, N. Y.	231,636 16	209,812 00	24,824 16	12.00	7.63	12.22
Des Moines, Iowa	247,993 59	211,663 15	36,330 44	17.16	3.22	*.13
Portland, Oregon	221,690 56	187,734 48	34,336 08	18.32	6.95	8.58
Louisville, Ky.	220,117 13	175,559 67	24,557 46	12.55	14.67	9.51
Columbus, Ohio	211,812 78	178,604 15	33,208 63	18.59	3.83	6.96
Toledo, Ohio	171,638 24	151,889 36	19,748 88	13.40	3.22	4.53
Richmond, Va.	149,175 95	139,276 26	9,899 69	7.10	3.64	17.74
Providence, R. I.	153,918 89	133,607 13	20,311 76	15.20	1.52	*1.19
Memphis, Tenn.	115,550 11	103,764 81	11,785 30	11.35	13.39	3.47
Hartford, Conn.	134,597 49	125,031 50	9,535 99	7.62	2.37	.84
Houston, Texas	120,076 23	110,455 28	9,620 95	8.70	10.45	*2.16
Nashville, Tenn.	140,532 44	125,287 46	15,244 98	12.17	1.61	11.96
Fort Worth, Texas	232,464 55	156,413 30	76,051 25	48.62	—	8.98
Syracuse, N. Y.	127,849 75	117,838 20	10,011 55	8.49	10.62	8.98
New Haven, Conn.	115,384 83	103,099 62	9,285 21	8.05	10.70	*3.68
Dayton, Ohio	130,268 88	127,913 65	8,355 23	6.53	30.11	7.85
Grand Rapids, Mich.	119,070 49	103,038 18	16,032 31	15.56	1.00	20.22
Jersey City, N. J.	104,705 38	91,069 90	13,635 48	14.97	4.56	4.95
Salt Lake City, Utah	97,826 84	89,832 33	7,494 51	8.34	4.07	*.99
Springfield, Mass.	103,502 67	93,043 23	10,459 39	11.24	.88	7.45
Akron, Ohio	112,249 15	86,025 90	26,223 25	30.48	10.20	*31.99
Worcester, Mass.	91,379 10	84,139 91	7,239 19	8.60	6.60	*17.93
Jacksonville, Fla.	75,173 36	72,311 25	2,862 11	3.96	.38	12.49
Total.....	27,869,691 12	24,283,275 55	3,586,415 57	14.77	6.68	*1.26

* Decrease.
 Per Cent of Increase.
 Dec. 1922 over Dec. 1921..... 9.05% Feb. 1923 over Feb. 1922..... 13.18%
 Jan. 1923 over Jan. 1922..... 18.92%

Building Trades Employers' Association Refuses Any Wage Advances.

The Building Trades Employers' Association of New York will not make an agreement to increase wages, Christian G. Norman, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Association, declared on April 10 in reply to the announcement of the Building Trades Council, the labor organization, that it would seek an increase of \$1 to \$2 a day in the wages of the various unions, to become effective May 1. In a statement of the viewpoint of his association, Mr. Norman predicted a "buyers' strike" in the building industry in a few months if the people engaged in housing construction continued to pay additional wages to the unions "because labor is in a position to hold them up." Mr. Norman asserted that thirteen crafts affiliated with the old Brindell Building

Trades Council have agreed to accept the 1922 scale of wages for the coming year. In his statement he says:

The twelve principles upon which trade agreements should be based were approved by the Building Trades Council on Oct. 17 1922. Directly following this approval, negotiations were undertaken with each of the unions except the Plasterers, Local No. 60, to whom no overtures were made because the legality of its form of government was being questioned by the Attorney-General.

The negotiations for agreements for 1923 conducted with the unions have resulted in the making of agreements with the hoisting engineers, composition roofers, elevator constructors, cement masons, concrete workers, sheet metal workers, house shiners, stone cutters, machine stone workers, electricians, carpenters, mosaic and terrazzo workers and mosaic and terrazzo helpers. Negotiations are still under way with the art glass workers, steamfitters, steamfitters' helpers, metallic lathers, marble workers, painters, plumbers, slate and tile roofers, stone setters and tile layers.

The agreements which have been made all provide for the payment of the old rate of wages for the year 1923.

After the twelve principles were agreed to, the Marble Workers Unions withdrew from the Building Trades Council. The Plumbers Union was suspended by the Council in 1922 for refusal to call off its strike on the work of a member of the Employers' Association. The Painters and Plasterers Union withdrew in 1921, and the Bricklayers Unions never were members. These unions formed a new council and received a charter from the Federation of Labor on Jan. 27 1923.

The Marble Cutters and Setters Union, Local No. 4, which left the Building Trades Council after the twelve principles were agreed to, was the first union to ask for an increase in wages, and declined to sign a new agreement unless an increase was allowed. The marble employers have been directed to arbitrate all questions upon which they are unable to agree with this union.

The Plumbers Union, Local 463, of Manhattan and The Bronx, demanded an increase in wages as a condition of making a new agreement.

The Bricklayers Unions have been working under the agreement of 1920, which, since its expiration, has been extended by mutual agreement from month to month. On April 5 1923 these unions submitted a proposed agreement calling for \$12 a day. Their proposal was not considered by the employers because the bricklayers were on strike on several jobs where the employers had refused to increase their wages to \$12 a day. The Mason Builders Association declined to enter into negotiations with them for a new agreement until their members had returned to work. They have not returned to work and negotiations have not been reopened.

The bricklayers have started a general movement to raise their scale from \$10 to \$12 a day by striking. They have been receiving a bonus and premium wages for over a year on all of the work of the speculative builders and contractors who are not members of the Employers Association. Recently many members of the Employers' Association have been compelled to give the bricklayers over time in order to man their jobs.

The Employers' Association has not changed its methods or in any way departed from its policy of dealing with labor, which is: "No strikes, no lockouts and the adjustment of all disputes by conference and arbitration."

The members of the Employers' Association have continuously since 1920 paid to all mechanics and laborers the peak wartime wage. This wage is now much in excess of the increase in the cost of living as compared with the wage rate and cost of living for the year 1913. In all of the industries which have recently reported wage increases wages have been reduced since the wartime peak, and the increases made in the steel and other industries give a wage rate much lower than that of the war-time peak.

The Employers' Association is of the opinion that its obligations to the public and its clients require a refusal of these wage demands of the unions' members of the recently organized council affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

We will not make an agreement to increase wages. We will not interfere with the housing construction by locking out the bricklayers or any other trade, and if the people engaged in housing construction continue to pay a bonus or increased wages, giving away all the benefits derived from tax exemption and the changes in the tenement house laws to union labor, merely because labor is in a position to hold them up, a buyers' strike is due in a very few months.

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

Net liquidation of \$72,600,000 of discounted bills and of \$1,000,000 of United States securities, as against an increase of \$14,500,000 in bills purchased in open market, is shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly bank statement issued as at close of business on April 11 1923 and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined. Reductions in the holdings of discounted bills are shown for all Reserve banks, except those at Cleveland, Richmond and Dallas, the largest decreases being reported for the Chicago and New York banks. Deposit liabilities declined about \$46,500,000, both Government and members' reserve deposits showing substantial reductions. Federal Reserve note circulation declined \$9,900,000, cash reserves increased \$11,400,000, while the reserve ratio shows a rise for the week from 75 to 76.3%. After noting these facts the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

The banks show a total increase in their gold reserves of \$16,300,000. Chicago reports an increase of \$30,600,000, and smaller increases aggregating \$9,900,000 are shown for six other Reserve banks. The gold movement for the week was away from New York, which reports a decrease in its gold reserve of \$11,600,000. Atlanta shows a decrease of \$5,700,000, and smaller decreases aggregating about \$7,000,000 are shown for the Cleveland, Boston and St. Louis banks.

Liquidation of discounted paper affected largely bills secured by Government obligations, which show a decline for the week from \$380,800,000 to \$327,400,000. Of the total held on April 11, \$184,200,000, or 56.3%, were

secured by United States bonds, \$2,700,000, or 0.8%, by Victory notes, \$134,900,000, or 41.2%, by Treasury notes, and \$5,600,000, or 1.7%, by Treasury certificates, compared with \$202,900,000, \$2,300,000, \$165,600,000 and \$10,000,000 reported the week before.

The statement in full in comparison with preceding weeks and with the corresponding date last year will be found on subsequent pages, namely pages 1622 and 1623. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks, as compared with a week and a year ago, follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) since	
	April 4 1923.	April 12 1922.
Total reserves.....	+\$11,400,000	+\$72,400,000
Gold reserves.....	+16,300,000	+100,000,000
Total earning assets.....	—59,100,000	—45,000,000
Discounted bills, total.....	—72,600,000	+49,100,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	—53,400,000	+116,800,000
Other bills discounted.....	—19,200,000	—67,700,000
Purchased bills.....	+14,500,000	+180,800,000
United States securities, total.....	—1,000,000	—274,800,000
Bonds and notes.....	—1,800,000	—98,800,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	+800,000	—176,000,000
Total deposits.....	—46,500,000	+139,100,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	—17,600,000	+150,400,000
Government deposits.....	—29,200,000	+6,600,000
Other deposits.....	+300,000	—17,900,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	—9,900,000	+30,700,000
F. R. bank notes in circulation—net liability.....	—	—79,600,000

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

Further increases of loans and discounts, totaling \$96,000,000 for the week, as against a total reduction of \$24,000,000 in investments, accompanied by increases of \$130,000,000 in net demand deposits and of \$41,000,000 in time deposits, are shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly consolidated statement of condition on April 4 of 777 member banks in leading cities. It should be noted that the figures of these member banks are always a week behind those of the Reserve banks themselves.

All classes of loans show larger totals than the week before; loans secured by Government obligations by \$5,000,000, loans secured by corporate and other obligations by \$63,000,000, and all other, largely commercial, loans and discounts by \$28,000,000. Investments in Government securities declined about \$19,000,000 and those in corporate and other securities about \$5,000,000. Corresponding changes in the loan account of the member banks in New York City comprise increases of \$6,000,000 in loans against Government securities, \$54,000,000 in loans against corporate and other securities, and of \$16,000,000 in all other loans and discounts. Further comment regarding the changes shown by these member banks is as follows:

Borrowings of the reporting institutions from the Federal Reserve banks show a decline from \$475,000,000 to \$469,000,000, or from 2.9 to 2.8% of their combined loans and investments. Member banks in New York City report a reduction from \$165,000,000 to \$151,000,000 in accommodation at the local Reserve bank and from 3.1 to 2.8% in the ratio of this accommodation to total loans and investments. Since Jan. 3 of the present year total loans and investments of the reporting banks have gone up \$216,000,000, and their borrowings at the Reserve banks about \$79,000,000. For the same period the member banks in New York City show a reduction of \$91,000,000 in their loans and investments, and an increase of \$23,000,000 in accommodation at the Reserve bank.

Reserve balances of the reporting banks show an increase for the week of \$12,000,000 and cash in vault an increase of about \$1,000,000. Corresponding changes for member banks in New York City comprise a reduction of \$18,000,000 in reserve balances and a nominal increase in cash.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 1623—we give the figures in full contained in this latest weekly return of the member banks of the Reserve System. In the following is furnished a summary of the changes in the principal items as compared with a week and a year ago:

	Increase (@) or Decrease (—) since	
	Mar. 28 1923.	April 5 1922.
Loans and discounts—total.....	+\$96,000,000	+\$1,006,000,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	+5,000,000	—103,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	+63,000,000	+673,000,000
All other.....	+28,000,000	+436,000,000
Investments, total.....	—24,000,000	+987,000,000
U. S. bonds.....	—5,000,000	+396,000,000
U. S. Victory notes and Treasury notes.....	—11,000,000	+459,000,000
Treasury certificates.....	—3,000,000	+79,000,000
Other stocks and bonds.....	—5,000,000	+53,000,000
Reserve balances with F. R. banks.....	+12,000,000	+93,000,000
Cash in vault.....	+1,000,000	+10,000,000
Government deposits.....	+179,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	+130,000,000	+756,000,000
Time deposits.....	+41,000,000	+868,000,000
Total accommodation at F. R. banks.....	—6,000,000	+202,000,000

Italian Government Studying War Debt to United States.—Refunding of War Debts of Finland and Czechoslovakia.

Rome, (Italy) press cablegrams April 12 stated that the Italian Government, according to an official statement issued that day, is carefully studying the question of the war debt to the United States, and has even gone to the extent of exchanging views with the other debtors of America, especially France, although no general agreement between such debtor Nations and the United States is anticipated. The cablegram added:

A special commission on the subject may be appointed later, it is said, but there are no actual plans at present for the formation of such a body.

On April 9 a press dispatch from Washington published by the New York "Times" said:

Belief was expressed to-day in official circles that debt-refunding settlements with three foreign Governments would be ready for submission to Congress at the December session, and at the Treasury it was stated that the British settlement, already accepted and ratified, would become operative within a week or ten days unless unforeseen hitches occurred.

Official information was received to-day by the State Department that a delegation representing the Czechoslovak Government would sail for America April 18, prepared to negotiate a funding of that Government's debt of \$106,292,000.

Private advices received by the Treasury have conveyed word of the intention of Italy to take steps toward funding its wartime borrowings from the United States. While these advices were somewhat indefinite and there was no information as to when the Italian Government would suggest the opening of conversations on its obligations, the prediction was made that a final adjustment would be affected soon.

For some weeks past, official reports from Italy have reflected a much improved economic and financial condition due in large measure, it is stated, to the reforms instituted by Premier Mussolini. In view of this fact, it has been expected that the Italian Government would take up the question of its

debt to the United States in the very near future. Italy's obligations to the United States with interest to Nov. 15 1922, amount to \$1,932,715,485, of which \$284,681,434 is interest and \$1,648,034,050 is principal.

Another settlement expected to be ready for submission to Congress next Winter is that with Finland. A tentative agreement has been reached with that Government, although an understanding was arrived at too late for action either by Congress or the Finnish Parliament.

It was understood at the Treasury that Secretary Mellon believed the Finnish settlement was acceptable, both here and abroad, and had suggested that it become operative purely on a tentative basis. He was said to see no reason why it should not become operative and to have suggested as much to the Finnish Government.

Although there was no official information from Finland on this point, private advices indicated that the Finnish Government would go ahead on the temporary basis and might make an initial payment on the principal and interest of \$9,000,000 some time this summer.

The personnel of the Czechoslovak delegation, which, according to the State Department's information, will arrive about April 26, includes Dr. Dendrive Stepanek, the Czechoslovak Minister in Washington; Dr. Chvalkovsky, Dr. Eugen Lippansky, counselor of the Ministry of Finance; Captain Stanislav Krenek of the Ministry of National Defense, and Director Francis Pisecky.

Belgium Pays \$475,000 in Interest to United States.

In Washington advices April 10 the "Journal of Commerce" said:

Payment of \$475,000 was made to the United States to-day by Belgium. The payment represented a semi-annual installment of interest on an obligation of \$19,000,000 incurred by that Government through the purchase of surplus materials from the War Department.

The Guaranty Trust Company made the payment to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in behalf of Belgium.

German Gold Reserve Sent to Switzerland—100,000,000 Gold Marks Transferred to Provide Facilities for Supporting Mark's Value.

Under date of April 1 copyright advices to the New York "Times" from Berlin said:

The market's interest in last week's statement by the Reichsbank was divided between the increase of 683,123,000 marks in circulation, larger by 232,000,000 marks than any previous weekly increase, and the addition of 100,000,000 gold marks to the 64,952,000 previously reported as deposited in foreign central banks. It is known that these hundred million gold marks were transferred last week by the Reichsbank to the Swiss National Bank, and that the purpose of the transfer was to serve as security if necessary, for advances from the Swiss institution made in the form of foreign exchange. The total gold deposited abroad by the Reichsbank now amounts to 164,952,000 marks, or 16½% of the Bank's total gold reserve.

The Reichsbank is severely criticized in the market for reporting 400,000,000 marks of new aluminum coins in its cash reserve along side of gold. These coins in reality have their insignificant actual value only as metal.

German Government Lifts 10% Tax on German and Foreign Securities.

Zimmerman & Forshay are in receipt of a communication from their Berlin correspondents that the German Government has lifted the 10% tax levied since 1920 on all coupons of German and foreign securities, as well as accounts current. All coupons and dividend warrants falling due after April 3 1923 will be paid therefore at their face value. Coupons and dividends payable before April 3 are still subject to tax.

Republic of Peru Bonds in Definitive Form Available in Exchange for Trust Receipts.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York announced on April 10 that on and after April 11 1923 Republic of Peru 10-year external 8% secured gold bonds due June 1 1932, in definitive form with coupons due June 1 1923, and subsequent attached, would be delivered in exchange for trust receipts now outstanding, upon presentation of the latter at its Trust Department, 140 Broadway, New York City.

Tenders Invited for Sale of Bolivia External Sinking Fund Gold Bonds.

The Equitable Trust Company of New York, as trustee under the trust contract dated May 31 1922, made by the Republic of Bolivia, this week invited tenders for the sale to it, at prices not exceeding 105 and accrued interest, of as many of the Republic of Bolivia External 25-Year Secured Refunding 8% Sinking Fund gold bonds as will be sufficient to exhaust as nearly as may be the sum of \$259,701 30 now held in the sinking fund under said trust contract. Tenders will be opened on April 18 1923.

Brazilian Ambassador Denies Rumors of Funding Loan.

A statement denying rumors that the Brazilian Government intends to negotiate another funding loan has been issued by Cochrane de Alencar, Ambassador of Brazil at Washington, the latter at the same time taking occasion to state that his Government "has already arranged for the payment in cash of interest on the funding loan which is due this month." We give his statement in full herewith:

The Brazilian Government has been informed of some rumors malevolently spread in this country concerning the financial situation of Brazil, and wishes to declare officially that the new administration which came into office a few months ago and which is going to conduct the country during the coming four years, has expressly stated in its first official note that it would consider as a point of honor the most exact punctuality in the payment of all the financial obligations of the country. The Government is fulfilling and will continue to fulfill this promise.

In accordance with this policy, the Government has already arranged for the payment in cash of interest on the funding loan which is due this month. It is equally prepared to pay all subsequent interest on this loan as well as on all other loans. There is no foundation for the rumor that the Government intends to negotiate another funding loan. The present one contracted in 1914 will expire in 1927. All the obligations of this loan have been fulfilled, and the Government has already declared that it will enable the new Administration which is to take office in 1926 to commence in 1927 the payment of the principal, thus completely terminating the funding loan.

In spite of the world financial crisis, the Brazilian Government has been able to achieve this result by the adoption of severe economic and financial measures, which it applied immediately at the beginning of the present Administration with the general approbation of Brazil and of other countries. Among these measures, the most important ones are the system of severe economy established in all branches of the Administration, the greatest care in the collecting of taxes and the encouragement of the increase of production which has already produced an increase in exports with a growing balance over imports.

The Government further points out the increasing of public revenue by the new taxes which have just been imposed with the patriotic support of all the country. This increase of the public revenue will guarantee and give added value to the bonds of Brazil.

The disturbances in the State of Rio Grande do Sul are concerned with questions of merely local policy, and have nothing to do with the National policy or with the Federal Government. Hence, the Federal forces stationed in that State are maintaining absolute neutrality, in accordance with our Constitution. It is clear that only rumors inspired by malevolence could attribute to the events in Rio Grande do Sul any influence on the finances of Brazil. The Brazilian Government furthermore is informed that false rumors spread in the financial centres of this country originate not only among speculators in Brazilian bonds, but also among similar interests whose plans have been prejudiced by the Government's present measures of rigid economy and the strict collection of public revenue, as well as by the Government's resolution to suspend, for a long time, the financial policy of making of new loans, and to refrain from the adoption of any other engagements contrary to the interests of the country.

The Future of Europe—Julian W. Potter Would Have the United States and Great Britain Make a Gold Loan to Germany.

Julian W. Potter, President of the Coal & Iron National Bank of this city, has written an article in which he advocates extending aid for the reconstruction of Germany through a gold loan to be obtained in the United States and Great Britain. He estimates that \$800,000,000 gold would be needed for the purpose, and he thinks this could be supplied by America and Great Britain in the proportion of three-quarters from America and one-quarter from Great Britain. He argues that this would certainly be more advantageous for the United States than "the cancellation of 10 billions in war debts." The following is the article:

In the mind of every American to-day is the wish for a settlement of the European chaos. It vitally affects the welfare of the whole world from an economic, financial and human standpoint. It is true that the industries of the United States have shown a profit for the year's operations, but it is also true that this prosperity has been intermittent and that its permanency is doubtful. The chaos in Europe is responsible for this condition.

So many panaceas have been offered for her illness that we are prone to lose interest when a plan is offered. But after all, the solution must be found and it must be builded on a financial foundation similar to that of the two most stable Powers, the United States and Great Britain. It is significant that these two countries have the greatest gold reserve, which points to the fact that the economic and financial trouble with Europe, and with Germany, specifically, is a lack of gold reserve. We must, of course, concede that Europe politically is even worse than Europe economically and financially. We must correct the latter two troubles at the outset in order to bring their citizens and statesmen to the right attitude. It has been said that straight thinking politically must come first but I believe it is impossible to think straight on an empty stomach, with poverty and suffering on all sides, and it is only necessary to recall the Bolshevik movement in Russia to confirm this reasoning.

When we look back on Armistice Day in 1918, knowing that the big guns had ceased firing, and the enemy had capitulated, how full of hope, relief and happiness the rest of Europe and America were, we were indeed brothers in spirit as well as in arms. We had suffered and sacrificed together and that sacrifice had sealed and glorified the relationship between the Allies; and yet in four short years that entente cordiale has been completely broken up—America has changed political parties and receded to her former policy of isolation, and her spirit of helpfulness apparently has changed to one of indifference. All the money we spent to prosecute the victory for civilization has been wasted because we have failed to "follow through on our shot." England has allowed her greed for commercial supremacy to complete the disruption of the Entente, and France, feeling this lack of sympathy, has become defiant and is undertaking to force Germany to her knees by taking over her great industrial section of the Ruhr. To-day the Allied nations, after having won the greatest and most terrible war in history, are about to "lose the Peace" because they could not keep unity of action. Germany could have been moulded along any lines we desired had all the Allies adopted a firm and harmonious stand toward her since the Armistice.

In a recent trip through Germany, the writer interviewed a great many German citizens in different walks of life, and his conclusion was that the spirit of autocracy and conquest is dead among the masses. The great pride in the Fatherland is also temporarily, at least, asleep; and while there is unquestionably a Royalist group who are as arrogant and imperialistic as ever, they are overwhelmingly in the minority. It was a matter of common report that one of the Princes of the royal blood had been detected fomenting a Royalist plot, and that a mob of Berlin citizens had practically disrobed him and sent him home in a taxicab in that condition. Such "lese majeste" would not have even been dreamed of before the Revolution. It reveals the spirit of the new Germany. The desire of the

average German is to have the reparations definitely fixed so he can work out his own salvation. Once convinced that the amount can be paid by Germany, he will set to work to pay his part of it.

The real secret of the evasion, trickery and depositing of German money outside of Germany comes from the unwise proviso of the Versailles Treaty, which puts a penalty on thrift by making Germany pay whatever she can accumulate. There is one solution left to the reparation question, and that is the restoration of Germany's gold reserve and the reorganization of her currency system. This gold reserve before the war amounted to about one billion dollars and to-day is about two hundred million dollars.

In order to do this, a commission of economists, industrial executives and bankers must determine the amount under normal conditions that Germany can pay each year in interest, with a 2% sinking fund, permitting Germany to issue bonds payable to the Allies, over a period of fifty to seventy-five years, in a proportion to which they must agree. The bonds should be a first lien on all the taxes of the Government, its provinces and municipalities, with the full faith and credit of the whole Government behind the issues. In discussing the plan with various Germans, it was universally agreed that this would re-establish the "will to pay" among the German people, which after all, is the only satisfactory way to collect a debt from any creditor.

It is generally conceded by bankers that were Germany's monetary system reorganized and her gold reserve restored, she would be a first-class credit risk because she has a thrifty citizenship, efficient industries and a world-wide demand for her goods. To-day, despite her complete financial disorganization, there is no unemployment and there is a greater demand for her products than she can meet under these conditions. Germany has no external debt and her internal debt is infinitesimal at the existing rate of exchange. It can be paid off now or repudiated, I am told, without serious consequences.

The 800 millions of gold needed to accomplish Germany's reconstruction can be supplied by America and Great Britain in the proportion of $\frac{3}{4}$ from America and $\frac{1}{4}$ from Great Britain. This is certainly more advantageous for America than the cancellation of 10 billions in war debts, for it gives our debtors a chance to regain their feet. Gold is only valuable to a country within certain limits and we are far beyond this maximum limit. Having almost one-half of the world supply we are already beginning to feel the effects, of a slight inflation and a raising of the price levels, which always follows an excessive supply of gold.

It would be necessary to cancel the existing reparation bonds, which are of no practical value even now, and issue new series of bonds with America and Great Britain holding a preferred claim for their gold advance. Each other Allied nation could then endorse such German bonds as she receives, and exchange them for her own bonds now held internally, or sell them with this endorsement, in small blocks in the open market, secure in the thought that the interest and sinking fund could and would be met by Germany, thereby offsetting the interest and amortization now being paid by the Allies. We are assured that Germany can retain this gold supply because the balance of trade is normally in her favor.

The assessment and collection of taxes for the interest and amortization of this external German debt would keep public opinion from permitting a large outlay for military operations, aside from the fact that the Allies are covered on that by the Treaty provisions. America can well afford to make this gold loan to Germany, knowing that it means the beginning of the rehabilitation of Europe.

Offering of Chicago Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds.

At 101½ and interest, to yield about 4.55% to 1932 and 4¾% thereafter, Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. offered on April 10 a \$2,500,000 issue of 4¾% bonds of the Chicago Joint Stock Land Bank. The bonds 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, coupon, of \$1,000 and \$10,000 denomination, 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 U. S. Supreme Court in its decision of Feb. 28 1921. By Act of Congress these bonds, prepared and engraved by the Treasury Department, are declared instrumentalities of the U. S. Government, legal investments 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 bank operates in the States of Illinois and Iowa; it has paid regular dividends since 1919, and now pays 10%. The latest financial statement is furnished by the President of the bank as follows:

Security.	
Total Chicago Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds outstanding, including the above issue (maturing 1937-1952).....	\$45,000,000
Security for above bonds is as follows:	
First mortgages upon farms, \$45,800,000 deposited (approximately \$800,000 amortization payments received on account of principal) secured by farms with government appraised value in excess of.....	\$110,600,000
Capital stock paid in (carrying double liability).....	3,000,000
Surplus and reserve.....	800,000
	\$114,400,000

Disregarding stockholders' double liability, this represents 254% of bonds to be outstanding. Average loans, March 30 1923, represented 41% of the appraised value of the farms.

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, whereas the average amount loaned per acre has been \$82.26, or less than 36¾% of the actual sale price.

The bonds are offered, when, as and if issued. They are expected to be ready for delivery on or about April 18. A previous issue of \$2,500,000 was referred to in these columns April 3, page 880.

Intermediate Credits Bank to Establish a Rediscount Farm Rate of 5½%.—Tentative Regulations.

The Federal Farm Loan Board announced on April 6 that a rediscount farm rate of 5½% would be established on April 20 by the Intermediate Credits banks to be created by the twelve Federal Farm Loan banks under the newly enacted Agricultural Credits Act. The maturity of the paper to be rediscounted, is to be limited for the present, it is announced, to nine months. Announcement was made at the same time by Farm Loan Commission Lobdell of the preliminary regulations which are to govern the operation of the new institutions, the "Journal of Commerce" under date of April 6, giving the following Washington advices in the matter:

Announcing the launching of the farm financial relief machinery created by the so-called Lenroot-Anderson provisions of the Agricultural Credits Act, Mr. Lobdell said that the rules adopted were to some extent tentative, as the first operations of the new loaning system would be experimental and changes in the regulations would be made as circumstances warranted.

Fixation of a 5½% rediscount rate for the intermediate credit banks means a 7% rate for the borrowers whose paper is to be handled by these institutions, as the law provides that the intermediate banks may not discount paper on which the rate of the direct loan is more than 1½% higher than the discount rate.

Mr. Lobdell expected that the 5½% rate adopted would have the effect of cheapening the commercial money rates now being charged the farmers, which he estimated vary from 6% to 24% in the different parts of the country with an average of about 8% to 12%.

The discount level of the credit departments was also taken as indicating as 5% the probable rate at which it is believed these institutions will endeavor to market their debentures when these securities are offered on the market. While the credit departments are expected to be able to function for some time on the \$5,000,000 capital provided for each by the law, and are to be started out with \$1,000,000 each from the Treasury, it is anticipated that if any heavy volume of business develops for them they will have to finance for themselves. To prevent losses from operations they will have to show a margin of earnings from their discounting of farm paper, and it is not believed that the debentures, which would be secured by such paper, could be marketed at much less than 5%.

The regulations provide in some detail the formalities to be complied with by organizations desiring to establish a line of discounts with the intermediate credit banks, such as statements of their conditions and plans of operation. The credit banks are authorized to deal with agricultural credit corporations and incorporated live stock loan companies, co-operative credit associations, State banks, trust companies and savings institutions and national banks. Rediscounts will be accepted from the first two named institutions only when they have a paid-up capital of at least \$10,000.

Specific limitations were placed on the discounting of paper for co-operative credit associations, although it was indicated that the powers of the credit banks with respect to dealing with such organizations would be broadened later.

"No paper," the regulations said, "will for the present be rediscounted for co-operative credit associations except the types of paper which may be rediscounted for co-operative producing or marketing associations, namely, where the notes or other obligations representing such loans are secured by warehouse receipts or shipping documents covering staple agricultural products or mortgage on live stock, and such loans may not exceed 75% of the market value of such staple agricultural product or live stock.

"Loans against warehouse receipts upon live stock must be accompanied by collateral agreement to provide such additional security from time to time as may be necessary to preserve the prescribed relation between the market value of the security and the amount loaned.

"The term staple agricultural product shall for the present be defined to mean grain, cotton, wool, tobacco and peanuts, dairy products, eggs, fruit and vegetable subject to future determination.

"Intermediate credit banks will accept the receipt of any warehouse licensed and bonded under the Federal Warehouse Act. In all other cases the warehousing laws and regulations of the State controlling the same must be submitted to the Federal Farm Loan Board for approval.

"No loans may, under the Act, be made or paper acquired with a maturity of less than six months from the date of the transaction, and for the present no paper will be taken with a maturity longer than nine months."

Formation of Telegraphers National Bank of St. Louis.

The Telegraphers National Bank, a co-operative bank with a capital of \$500,000 and a surplus of \$100,000, owned by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, with a membership of 75,000, reaching into every city, town, village and hamlet in the United States and Canada, has been formed in St. Louis. It has taken over the long-term ground lease and purchased the building now occupied by the Federal Land Bank at the corner of Broadway and Pine Street and after necessary alterations and repairs are made, the bank will open for business June 9. It is announced that on its board of directors are men from all sections of the country. The President of the bank is E. J. Manion, President of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. Leonard J. Ross is Vice-President and Cashier of the bank as well as Grand Secretary and Treasurer of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, with its \$2,000,000 in the various departments conducted by him and under his direction. The Manager of the bank, who will have direct supervision over its affairs, is Otto J. Gossrau, Vice-President, well known in St. Louis banking circles. He was for years Secretary-Treasurer of the South Side Trust Co. and has been connected with the South Side Bank and other financial institutions. The board of directors is composed of the officers and the following: B. E. Nason,

St. Paul, Minn.; Geo. E. Soyster, St. Louis, Mo.; J. F. Miller, Baltimore, Md.; H. G. Alexander, Greensboro, N. C., all of whom are members of the board of directors of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and Geo. E. Joslin, St. Louis, Mo.; N. S. Morgan, Clayton, Mo.; J. G. Campbell, Rolla, Mo.; Dr. S. A. Peake, St. Louis, Mo.; Albert von Hoffman, St. Louis, Mo., and W. S. Campbell, St. Louis, Mo. W. P. Hutchinson of Moncton, N. B., will be the Canadian representative. An official announcement also says:

The opening date, June 9th, will mark the thirty-seventh anniversary of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, which was founded at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 9 1886. From a handful of men it has grown to its present membership of 75,000, composed of men employed on every railroad in this country and Canada. From these members, among whom are men holding high State offices in Colorado, Kansas, North Carolina, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Missouri, Alabama and other States; a Senator from the Dominion of Canada; county and township officials by the hundreds, city officials from mayor to city clerk and including the Commissioner of Police of New York City—was secured authorization for the organization of the bank and from them come the funds necessary for capital and surplus.

The Telegraphers National Bank of St. Louis will operate along strictly sound business lines the same as any other national bank, but featuring the co-operative principle as well as the commercial.

Brotherhood Savings & Trust Co. of Pittsburgh.

The Brotherhood Savings & Trust Company is being formed in Pittsburgh, with a capital of \$125,000 and surplus of \$12,500, the stock being sold at \$110 per share to members of organized labor and organizations, lodges, divisions, &c., of organized labor only. No individual or organization can subscribe for or purchase more than ten shares. The opening of the bank is scheduled for May 1, or shortly thereafter, and it will be located at 137 Sixth Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The vault work will be installed by the Mosler Safe Co. and will be complete in every respect. Safe Deposit boxes will also be furnished by the Mosler Safe Co. The directors of the new institution elected the following as officers of the bank on March 26:

R. A. Knoff, President, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; W. W. Edinger, First Vice-President, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; H. N. Walker, Second Vice-President Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; W. T. Saul, Third Vice-President, Order of Railway Conductors; D. D. Miller, Fourth Vice-President, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen; J. A. Mumaw, Fifth Vice-President, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; W. W. Edinger, Secretary and Treasurer, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

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The formation of a labor bank in Cincinnati, under the name of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks National Bank of Cincinnati, was referred to in our issue of a week ago, page 1483, and on the same page mention was made of the new bank (which opens to-day at 103 East 14th Street, this city) formed by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, under the name of the Amalgamated Bank of New York.

Concert of Manufacturers Trust Co. for Charities of France, Italy and Germany—Employees Would Eliminate War Hatreds.

A concert for deserving charities of France, Italy and Germany was held on Tuesday evening last (April 10) at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, under the auspices of the employees of the Manufacturers Trust Co. of New York, Brooklyn and Queens. According to Nathan S. Jonas, President of the company, by a popular vote among themselves, the employees entered one of their number, Miss Mildred Grimes, in the good-will contest now being conducted in Brooklyn for the relief of devastated France. In the discussion leading up to this action, Mr. Jonas says a sentiment developed among the employees that the time demanded the sympathy of the American public for the relief of distress in other European countries. This sentiment was crystallized for an effort equally in behalf of deserving charities in three of the countries engaged in the late war. Mr. Jonas further says:

It is interesting to note that most of the young men from our company who went abroad, at the call of our country, and did their bit as patriotic American citizens, are of German descent. Many of them also have relatives in Germany. They feel that the war is over and that we are at peace with that country. They feel that this blessed country of ours, with its wonderful moral and financial strength, should make some unselfish effort in behalf of distressed civilized nations, remembering that the great mass of people in any country have had nothing to do with the declaring or making of war, but are merely the innocent victims of it.

If a private debtor through misfortune cannot immediately pay, he has a better chance of repaying if assisted in getting a fresh start than if shackled

or thrown into jail. A way should be found to help distressed debtor nations, and our boys believe that loans under the auspices of our Government to foreign countries, now weak and suffering, but inherently strong, even though part of same, were used to pay war indemnities, could be sold to the American public and would go far towards solving the problems of world peace and civilization.

We believe that the world is now ripe for a League of Nations, a World Court, or any agency by any other name, which will put a stop to the slaughtering of people, which will heal the wounded and tend to re-establish reciprocal relationship and prosperity to and with all nations.

It is the belief of the employees, says Mr. Jonas, that charity should know no race or creed, and to that end they felt that it was timely to set an example in the elimination of war hatreds and in the promotion of real peace-on-earth and good-will to all. In accordance with their sentiment the receipts from the concert will be divided equally between charities of France, Italy and Germany, the part to the latter two countries going for the relief of suffering children.

Legislation Proposed in New York for Taxation of National Bank Shares.

A bill which, it is stated, is designed to meet the views of City Comptroller Craig of New York with respect to the collection of taxes on national bank shares for the years 1920, 1921 and 1922 was introduced by Senator Sheridan at Albany on the 12th inst. According to Albany advices published in the "Journal of Commerce," the measure is offered as a substitute for the proposal to levy a 2% tax on bank shares and other moneyed capital coming into competition with national banks. The "Journal of Commerce" says:

This will now be abandoned and that drawn under the direction of Comptroller Craig given preference.

The Craig measure proposes a tax of 1% for the past three years "upon the value of moneyed capital, owned, held or employed in this State in the banking business or in competition with capital so employed, by every person, firm, partnership and corporation other than national bank associations, State banks and trust companies organized under the laws of the State."

The bill continues:

"The tax imposed by this section shall be levied, assessed, paid and collected and distributed in the same manner and with the same effect as is provided by the tax law for the levying, assessment, payment, collection and distribution of the taxes on banks."

Private banks therefore will be included within the scope of the bill.

The bill proposing a 2% tax on moneyed capital was introduced by Senator Walker on March 23 to meet the situation which arose through the decision of the Court of Appeals at Albany last December holding invalid the State law imposing a 1% tax on shares of national banks. According to the New York "Times" strong opposition to the Walker bill developed at a hearing before the Senate Committee on Taxation and Retrenchment on the 4th inst. The "Times" account added:

Howard Bissell of Buffalo, President of the New York State Bankers' Association, said that, while the banks were opposed to the Walker bill, they were willing to pay a tax equivalent to that imposed upon other corporations. He asserted that a tax of 2% was far too high, and there was no necessity for such a levy.

Jacob Herzog of Albany, a Vice-President of the National Commercial Bank & Trust Co., asserted that a 2% tax on bank shares was unjust.

Former State Senator Saxe pointed out that the banks now were paying a higher tax than mercantile and manufacturing corporations.

"The report of the Special Joint Committee on Taxation and Retrenchment," said Mr. Saxe, "shows that since the application of the business tax on the income of manufacturing and mercantile companies, in the aggregate the tax on national banks, on a three-year basis, was equivalent to 6.4-5% of their net income, while the tax on mercantile and manufacturing companies was only 4 1/2% of their net income."

Out of the 398 national banks reporting, only seventeen paid taxes as low as those paid by the business corporations generally. The taxes on five banks exceeded 40% of their net income, while only one bank paid less than 2%. Under the present measure, these five banks which I have just referred to would pay 80% of their net income."

Senator Walker told the bankers that the State was up against a "hard and fast proposition and that something has got to be done." He said, however, that if it could be shown that a 1% instead of a 2% tax would be sufficient, he would accept it in place of the rate called for in his measure.

Regarding a further hearing given to representatives of banks and investment companies before the same committee on the 11th inst. on the Walker bill, which it is reported was drafted by Assistant Corporation Counsel William H. King of New York, and another bill—the Knight bill calling for a tax of 4 1/2% on the net income of banks and moneyed capital used in competition with national banks, the New York "Times" said:

The Knight bill had the support of most of the bankers who attended, while they all opposed the Walker bill.

Mr. King defended the Walker bill and the increased tax on the ground that for three years the banks would have been immune from paying a tax, in view of the prospective refund.

Opposed by Investment Companies.

Several spokesmen for investment companies expressed their opposition to both measures on the ground that they would become the victims of unfair discrimination.

Philip W. Haberman, Vice-President and general counsel for the Commercial Investment Trust, Incorporated, said that in addition to paying the 2% under the Walker bill, investment concerns would be required to pay a 4 1/2% tax on income from money invested in industries, where the banks would pay only 2%.

"Banks and trust companies," Mr. Haberman said, "are not subject to income tax, but the bill does not relieve investing companies from paying the tax on dividends. An investment concern with \$1,000,000 capital and with a net income of \$100,000, under this legislation would pay 38% of that amount in taxes, State and Federal, and no institution could survive taxation of that sort."

State Tax Commissioner Merrill pointed out that investment companies would pay 2% only on such part of their moneyed capital as was being used in competition with national banks and 4 1/2% on the rest.

"What part is and what part is not used in competition? How would that question be determined?" asked one spokesman for the investment companies.

"The bill," said Mr. King, "places on moneyed capital the burden of making a report to cover that."

"But how are we to report unless the Act defines what constitutes moneyed capital used in competition?" retorted Franklin B. Lord, a lawyer representing private banking institutions.

Bissell Favors Knight Bill.

Howard Bissell of Buffalo, President of the New York State Bankers' Association, spoke in favor of the Knight bill.

"I think this bill is fair," he said, "because if fixes a tax on net income in accord with the rate charged upon the income of other institutions, and does not make a flat charge on the capital employed. A question has been raised as to the sufficiency of the return. We think it will yield sufficient revenue."

Former State Tax Commissioner Martin Saxe, who represented the banks in the litigation which resulted in the old law being invalidated, appeared to defend the Knight bill. He said the statement that the banks would escape tax for three years was erroneous.

"When the Income Tax Law became effective in this State intangible property was exempted from any other form of taxation, except the moneyed capital of banks, which continued to be taxed at the rate of 1%," said Mr. Saxe. "This was a discrimination, and the courts so said when they corrected the error."

"The Knight bill will give you all the money you need to refund what has been unlawfully collected under the 1% tax, and enough more to enable you to take care of the serial bonds it is proposed to float to raise the necessary money, including the cost of amortization for a ten-year period."

Saxe Figures \$12,375,000 Receipts.

The estimate of Mr. Saxe was that under the provisions of the Knight bill \$5,625,000 annually could be levied against the national banks and \$6,750,000 against moneyed capital used in competition with the national banks, a total of \$12,375,000.

"The Legislature of the State made a mistake in providing for this tax in the first place," said Mr. Saxe, and ought to have the courage to stand up and admit and correct it, without making the victims of the old law pay a penalty for the legislative blundering. I think you would be playing with fire were you to attempt again to tax bank shares in a State where you are using income as the chief base of taxation. The Walker bill is full of litigation."

The Walker bill may pass the Senate, but it is expected to go down to defeat in the Republican Assembly, where, on the other hand, the Knight bill is thought to have a fair chance of winning approval if the Senate should put it through.

The decision of last December of the Court of Appeals at Albany was referred to in our issues of Dec. 30, page 2867, and Jan. 27, page 367. The U. S. Supreme Court on March 12 handed down a decision denying the petition of the City of New York for a writ of certiorari to review the findings of the Albany court. This was noted in our issue of March 17 last (page 1127) in our item giving the text of the bill enacted at the last session of Congress providing for the taxation by States of shares of national banks.

Ralph Hayes Made Director of New York Community Trust.

Ralph Hayes, until last week assistant to Will H. Hays and formerly assistant to the late Fred H. Goff, President of the Cleveland Trust Co., has been named Director of the New York Community Trust. Alvin W. Krech, Chairman of the Board of the Equitable Trust Co., is Chairman of the Trustees' Committee, which, on behalf of the Community Trust, concluded the arrangements with Mr. Hayes. The Trustees' Committee acted upon the recommendation of a special committee consisting of Joseph N. Babcock, Vice-President of the Equitable Trust Co., Clarence H. Kelsey, Chairman of the Board of the Title Guarantee & Trust Co., and Frank J. Parsons, Vice-President of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. The Community Trust maintains contacts with the trust departments of the various financial institutions who act as trustees. Its principal purpose is to prevent future obsolescence in charitable gifts and to permit the pooling of bequests, large and small, becoming available, through the trustees, for promoting education and research, the improvement of living conditions, the furtherance of recreational facilities and other activities designed to benefit the community. Mr. Hayes sailed on Tuesday on the Aquitania for three months in England, Belgium, France and Switzerland; he will undertake his new post as Director immediately upon his return to America. Regarding the Community Trust, an announcement on April 2 said:

In February 1920 a form of resolution was adopted by a number of banking institutions in New York, creating the New York Community Trust. Much preliminary work has since been done, certain necessary legislation secured and a number of gifts under wills or living trusts acquired by the different trustees. Meanwhile, community trusts or foundations have been instituted in more than fifty American cities. As a result of

the experiences here and elsewhere, the New York Community Trust has selected a permanent Director and decided to develop vigorously the situation in this city.

The Distribution Committee which will have charge of allocating funds which become available to the Community Trust, consists of eleven persons, five appointed by the trustee institutions, and one each by the President of the New York Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor of the City of New York, the President of the New York Academy of Medicine, the President of the New York Bar Association, the President of the Board of Trustees of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, and the Senior Circuit Judge of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

It will be noted that the control of the Distribution Committee does not rest with the institutions acting as trustees for the Community Trust but with the several public and semi-public sources of appointment.

The list of participating trustees is not made public immediately, for the reason that several of the institutions which are expecting to act as trustees have not yet secured formal ratification by their directors. A number of views, however, were expressed to-day by officers of organizations which will be a part of the Community Trust.

Alvin W. Kreeh, Chairman of the Board of the Equitable Trust Co., stated:

The New York Community Trust plan marks a step forward in methods of charitable giving and will tend to restrict the making of unwise trusts and, through the powers reserved to the distribution committee, will keep alive and in the service of the community trusts which would otherwise become abortive or obsolete through changing conditions and the passage of time.

Mr. Clarence H. Kelsey, Chairman of the Board of the Title Guarantee & Trust Co., when asked his opinion of the plan, said:

In my judgment, the importance of it can hardly be over-estimated.

It provides for keeping securely and investing wisely the trust funds.

It provides for devoting the income to the purposes named by the donor and, with his consent, for transferring it to other uses when those originally selected have become obsolete or unworthy.

It provides for using in the best way large gifts which the donor may prefer to have elastic in their application or worked out in their usefulness with the help of those experienced in the fields selected.

It provides for receiving small gifts which otherwise it might not be thought worth while to make, and consolidating the income from a great number of them so as to enable each one, however, small, to have a part in a great service.

It should be the means of greatly encouraging gifts for benevolent purposes from those who recognize the duty and the pleasure of aiding their fellow men.

The New York Community Trust puts at the service of this community a plan which I am sure will, in the years to come, develop into a great agency for the promotion of its welfare.

Mr. Frank J. Parsons, Vice-President of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., said:

I heartily concur in the estimate of Colonel Leonard Ayres of the Cleveland Trust Co. that the Community Trust idea represents one of the most potent influences of the generation for turning the minds of men from an absorption that is selfish to a service that is social.

The Community Trust of Foundation idea was the conception of the late Judge F. H. Goff of Cleveland, President of the Cleveland Trust Co. and organizer, in 1914, of the Cleveland Foundation. The Cleveland institution has had gifts in excess of one hundred million dollars designated for its eventual use. These funds will become available during the next 50 to 100 years, usually upon fulfillment of specified conditions after the death of donors and their immediate families. In Cleveland the Foundation has carried forward major surveys of education, of recreation, and of punitive justice, in addition to carrying on numerous subsidiary activities, including the publication of a Year Book of Cleveland. Prior to his death last month, Judge Goff was consulted on numerous occasions by the Trustees' Committee of the New York Community Trust, and recommended the securing of his former Assistant Mr. Hayes, as Director. The will of Judge Goff is thought to have left a residue of his own substantial fortune to the Cleveland Foundation.

Death of Stuyvesant Fish.

Stuyvesant Fish, conspicuous for many years in railroad and financial affairs, died suddenly on April 10 in the National Park Bank of New York, in which he was a senior director. Mr. Fish had just entered the bank to attend a directors' meeting, the heart attack with which he was stricken occurring just as he reached the head of a stairway leading to the directors' room. Death, it is stated, followed almost immediately after he suffered the attack. Mr. Fish, who came of a distinguished family, was born in New York in 1851, and graduated from Columbia in 1871. With his graduation he entered the employ of the Illinois Central R.R. as clerk, and soon after was appointed Secretary to the President of the railroad. In 1877 he became a director, and in 1883 he was elected Second Vice-President; the following year he was made Senior Vice-President, and in 1887 succeeded to the presidency, a post he held until 1906.

A controversy between Mr. Fish and E. H. Harriman developed during the administration of the affairs of the road by Mr. Fish, and Mr. Harriman's efforts to wrest control from Mr. Fish resulted in the replacing of Mr. Fish in the presidency by J. T. Harahan, who represented the Harri-

man interests. Mr. Fish finally severed all connections with the road and became a director and member of the Executive Committee of the Missouri Pacific, one of the Gould properties. Mr. Fish also relinquished a trusteeship of the Mutual Life Insurance Co. after a contest at about the time of his fight in the Illinois Central. In his early business career Mr. Fish, for a brief period, was in the employ of the banking house of Morton, Bliss & Co., whom he represented abroad. During his connection with the banking house he became a member of the New York Stock Exchange. Mr. Fish served as a member of the Monetary Commission, created by the Monetary Conference at Indianapolis in 1897. At the time of his death he was a director of the National Park Bank (of which he had formerly been Vice-President); the Park Union Foreign Banking Corporation; the Union Bank of Canada; the Missouri Kansas & Texas Railway Co., and a trustee of the Bank of New York & Trust Co. Mr. Fish was the son of Hamilton Fish, once Governor of New York and Secretary of State in President Grant's Cabinet, and he was a grandson of Col. Nicholas Fish, who served during the Revolutionary War.

New York Stock Exchange Prohibits Members from Advertising Market Information by Use of Wireless or Radio—Quotations Permitted to Broadcasting Stations Approved by Quotations Committee.

The Governing Committee of the New York Stock Exchange on the 11th inst. adopted the following resolution:

Resolved That no member of the Stock Exchange or firm registered thereon shall make use of wireless or radio to transmit or broadcast market information or forecasts of business, or financial conditions or any other matter intended to advertise such member or firm or to stimulate interest in particular securities or in the market; provided, however, that members may supply quotations to broadcasting stations which have been approved by the Committee on Quotations and Commissions at such intervals and under such regulations as are prescribed by said Committee.

The New York "Times" on April 12 said:

It is understood that for some time past it has been the practice of a group of firms which are connected with the New York Stock Exchange to send out quotations during the day at noon and at 4 p. m., from some of the larger broadcasting stations. Such service was availed of generally by persons interested in the stock market and unable to get in touch with brokerage offices. Especially in the outlying districts, large crowds gather daily about the public receiving stations to get information on stock market prices. This practice, in the future, will be more closely regulated under the new ruling of the Stock Exchange.

Freeman I. Davidson, Boston, Bankrupt.

According to press dispatches from Boston appearing in the New York daily papers of April 11, a voluntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed in the Federal District Court by Freeman I. Davidson, a Boston broker. The liabilities, it is said, amount to \$84,600, with no assets.

Tomenson, Forwood & Co., Toronto, Assign.

According to "Financial America" of this city, of April 10, the assignment of the brokerage firm of Tomenson, Forwood & Co., of Toronto, has been announced by the Toronto Stock Exchange. The firm, it is said, was also a member of the Chicago Board of Trade.

D. G. Dery Corporation, New York, in Hands of Receivers.

On Mar. 26 Judge Augustus N. Hand in the Federal District Court appointed George A. Post, Joseph M. Praskauer and John P. McGuire temporary receivers in equity under a joint bond of \$50,000 for the D. G. Dery Corporation, 295 Fifth Avenue, this city, one of the largest silk houses in the country, owning silk mills in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Massachusetts. The receivers were appointed on application of E. Gerli & Co., Inc., a New York concern, with claims of \$159,015 on trade acceptances, the D. G. Dery Corp. consenting to the appointment. The receivership, it was said, was preliminary to a reorganization of the corporation. It would also, it was said, obviate threatening attachment suits and bring about a more speedy reorganization of the company into a going concern. Total assets are estimated at \$16,613,614 and liabilities at \$16,314,614. According to the "Wall Street Journal" of Mar. 27, the difficulties of the company were due to inability to liquidate inventories. The greater part of the output, it was said, is staple broad silks, while demand is now confined to fancy printed and novelty silks; the company was consequently unable to secure sufficient liquid working capital. Richard E. Dwight of Rounds, Schurman & Dwight, attorneys for the creditors, issued the following statement in connection

with the receivership. This statement, it was said, was endorsed by Alfred L. Rase of Rase & Paskus, who, with his law partner, I. Gainsburg, represents the corporation. It read:

About three weeks ago the D. G. Dery Corp., which claimed to be doing the largest business in its history, became embarrassed for lack of sufficient working capital. Stockholders and creditors, together with banking interests, endeavored to secure subscriptions to Preferred stock and underwriting of Common stock of D. G. Dery Corporation, which Common stock was to be donated to it by the stockholders in an amount sufficient to supply the required working capital.

Management of the corporation claimed that since Jan. 1 it had been making very substantial profits and underwriting of Common stock as well as subscriptions to Preferred were predicated upon this assumption. The accountants' examination failed to show profits since Jan. 1 in an amount large enough to warrant carrying out the proposed plan and underwriters thereupon withdrew.

Pending these negotiations, a large amount of obligations of corporation matured, which it is now unable to meet, and in this emergency it seemed to be to best interests of stockholders and creditors that application be made to Federal Court for receivers in equity with view to a speedy reorganization of the company.

Silver Producing Interests Protest Curtailment of Silver Purchases by United States Treasury.

The following special advices were reported from Washington by the "Journal of Commerce" on April 9:

Action of Secretary Mellon in reducing by 9,000,000 ounces the amount of silver to be purchased in the open market at \$1 an ounce by the Government is understood to have aroused a storm of protest from the silver-producing interests of the country.

In cutting down to 200,000,000 ounces the amount of silver to be bought under the Pittman Act, Mr. Mellon, it was disclosed to-day, followed an opinion rendered him last November by Comptroller General McCarl, defining the Treasury Secretary's authority under the Act.

Mr. McCarl held that allocations might be revoked if the silver allocated for subsidiary coinage is not now needed for that purpose. The Treasury expects to finish its purchases of silver in the open market at \$1 an ounce by July 1.

On the 10th inst. the New York "Times" had the following to say regarding last week's prediction by Director of the Mint Scobey (to which we referred on page 1484) that the Treasury requirements of silver bullion to be purchased under the Pittman Act would be fulfilled by July 1, and that silver purchases would terminate when the requirements were met.

Announcement by the Director of the Mint recently that purchases of silver bullion under the Pittman Act would be completed about the first of the fiscal year, July 1, has resulted, it is believed, in the decline of the price of foreign silver in anticipation of the time when the American product will be thrown upon the world market. Frankly, bullion brokers in the New York market admit they are much at sea as to the ultimate effect the discontinuation of purchases by the Government will have on the world silver market.

Until now there have been two markets—one at approximately \$1 an ounce for silver mined in the United States and the other of approximately two-thirds as much for silver mined in foreign countries. Outside of the place of origin there was no difference in the two metals, and the price difference was due to the support the United States product received under the Pittman Act.

Origin of the Pittman Act.

The Pittman Act was made possible by the British Government's need of silver during the war to gain the assistance of India. When the British Government appealed to the United States for silver that might be sent to India in return for goods from India, currency and bullion from the United States to the extent of about 208,000,000 ounces were advanced to the British Government, with the understanding here that this silver was to be replaced from the mines in the United States at the price of \$1 an ounce. Of this amount 8,000,000 ounces was originally allotted for the production of minor coins, but has since been re-allotted under the Pittman Act, thus reducing the total to be purchased to 200,000,000 ounces.

Until the recent announcement from the Director of the Mint it was generally believed that there was about 40,000,000 ounces still to be purchased and that the purchasing would continue until next September or perhaps October. The Director's announcement, though, made it plain that approximately 178,000,000 ounces had been purchased to date, thus leaving 22,000,000 to be purchased under the Act.

Brokers in bullion figure that the average production in the United States is more than 6,000,000 ounces a month, which should make it possible to complete the purchases by the first of July, or thereabouts, but they point out that this does not necessarily mean that this will throw the silver from the United States on the world market at once. The reason for this statement is that the Government makes the purchases at the mines and then allows several months for the refining processes to be completed.

To Prevent "Unloading" of Silver.

Provisions have already been made, it is said, to prevent a race between mines in the United States during the last few weeks to see whose product is accepted by the Government. The whole transaction will be handled on the percentage basis, with daily records kept of the amounts purchased, so that it will be impossible for any mine to slip several million ounces in at the last minute and thus crowd out other mine owners.

Just what effect the American product will have on the world market when it is forced to compete is a question that cannot be answered so easily, specialists in silver say. The effect of the announcement of the Director of the Mint was to send down the price of foreign silver about 1½ cents an ounce and to give the general market the idea that all silver will drop after the purchases of the Government ceases.

The decline in silver prices when the United States enters the world market will not be so much as anticipated, according to one authority on the silver situation, because silver does not always fluctuate in price with the volume of production, and because the annual production is only a small part of the world's supply, as well as the fact that the lowering of silver prices tends to drive it into commercial usage.

Effect of Lower Prices on the Mines.

Various silver mines produce silver at various prices. When the price advances enough to make it a profitable undertaking for the respective

mines they start operations. Just the same, when the prices decline they must cease operation. For this reason when the mines in the United States can no longer sell to the Government at a fixed price of \$1 an ounce and must accept less than two-thirds this amount from the outside markets many of them will automatically suspend operations. Similarly if the price of foreign silver drops a large number of foreign mines will cease operating.

Cheaper silver creates a great market for commercial uses, it is pointed out, so that the price will not fall as far as anticipated. Especially is this true in India and China. In India large quantities of silver are used as ornaments, this being the reason so much of the coinage fails to remain in circulation. The women of India wear large strings of battered coins as necklaces, bracelets and other ornaments.

London Silver Market Disturbed at Outlook.

The New York "Times" reports the following copyright advices from London April 8:

The decline of silver bullion on the London market last week from 32½ pence per ounce to 32 1-16 shows the extent to which the market has been upset by the announcement of the United States Mint that only 20,000,000 ounces remain to be purchased under the Pittman Act. It had been thought that American producers would find an outlet for their silver in that direction until next Autumn.

As the situation looks now, it is felt that the much earlier date at which it will be necessary to find a fresh market for such supplies, in the absence of Government support, has rendered the general outlook for silver very uncertain. It was also noted last week that India, China and the Continent were all suspending orders for silver in this market—possibly in view of a lower level of prices. The price is still 1½ penny above the year's lowest level.

Senator Sterling Succeeds the Late Senator Nicholson as a Member of the Senate Commission on Gold and Silver Inquiry.

Announcement was made on April 9 that Vice-President Coolidge had appointed Senator Sterling (Republican), of South Dakota as a member of the Senate Commission on Gold and Silver Inquiry to take the place of the late Senator Nicholson. Provision for the inquiry is made, as stated in our issue of March 17 (page 1122), in a resolution agreed to by the Senate on March 3.

Five Per Cent Discount Rate on Nine Months' Agricultural Paper Adopted by Federal Reserve Bank of Boston—Other Banks Adopt 4½% Rate.

In addition to the 4½% rediscount rate, which we previously announced (March 31, page 1368 and April 7, page 1485) had been put into effect by the Federal Reserve banks of San Francisco, Atlanta and St. Louis for agricultural and live stock paper having a maturity between six and nine months, the same rate for that class and maturity of paper has been established by the Federal Reserve banks of Cleveland, Richmond, Minneapolis and Dallas. The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston has adopted a 5% rediscount rate for agricultural paper maturing between six and nine months.

State Institutions Admitted to Federal Reserve System.

The following institution was admitted to the Federal Reserve System during the week ending April 6:

District No. 11—	Capital.	Surplus.	Total Resources.
First State Bank, Abernathy, Texas-----	\$25,000	\$5,000	\$231,915

Institutions Authorized by Federal Reserve Board to Exercise Trust Powers.

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

- The Brick Church National Bank, Orange, N. J.
- The National Bank of Long Beach, Long Beach, N. Y.
- The Citizens National Bank, Sycamore, Ill.

Tax Proposals of Congressional Progressive Group.

Representative Frear (Republican), of Wisconsin, announced on April 1 a tentative program for tax legislation agreed on by the so-called "Progressive group" in Congress for presentation at the next session of that body. The proposals embody a constitutional amendment to bring investments in tax-free securities and stock dividends within the taxing powers of the Federal Government, the adoption of an increase in the inheritance tax, enactment of a gift tax, restoration of the excess profits tax, and a retroactive tax on undistributed profits. Legislation which would require the Treasury to make tax records public also will be sponsored, said Mr. Frear, adding that "any proposal to enact a sales tax will meet with certain defeat." Representative Frear's statement as given in the New York "Commercial" of April 2, follows:

"Pursuant to requests that bills be prepared and submitted next session for revision of the income tax laws, several measures have been drawn to meet weaknesses in the 1921 revenue law," said Mr. Frear.

"Tentative bills will be ready for submission to the progressive group and members of the Congress regardless of party who feel the need of definite

legislation to meet wholesale investments in tax free securities and in stock dividends, that are destroying the effectiveness of the income tax law. Over \$20,000,000,000 invested in tax free securities and stock dividends pay no personal income tax to-day. When estimates for Government purposes were made these wholesale tax evasions were never anticipated.

Tax Needs of Government Grow.

"The high prices and profiteering disclosed by recent corporation melon cutting are an aftermath of war in other countries as well as our own, but with a \$22,000,000,000 dollar debt to pay and annual expenditures four times what they were ten years ago, taxes must be levied to meet the Government's needs and must be paid by those best able to do so. To this problem are added unheard of tax evasions not met with in other countries.

"One tax proposal relates to an inheritance tax with larger rates than are found in existing law, but certain credits will be proposed where State laws overlap the Federal laws on inheritance taxes. We cannot reach tax-free securities now, but the Government can get its just dues when mushroom estates are distributed.

"A gift tax should properly accompany the inheritance tax to prevent estate tax evasions, and one was introduced last session that will again be urged for passage.

"A third tax relates to undistributed profits, and should be retroactive, in order to reach corporate surpluses laid aside annually and afterward distributed in stock dividends. The practice is unjust to the little stockholder, and is responsible for great monopolies that have absorbed all rivals through surplus profits that pay no personal income tax.

Excess Profits Escape Tax.

"A fourth proposition relates to enormous corporate profits that are escaping any excess profits tax to-day. Profiteering is unlimited. It may reach 25 or 100% measured only by lack of conscience where a monopoly controls the price.

"A bill to restore the excess profits tax has been prepared, with a lower rate than the old law imposed in the lower brackets, but a heavy rate on higher profits or higher brackets is urged in order to remove the incentive for profiteering, which was never more unconscionable than to-day. A former exemption from the tax of 8% profits on the invested capital is continued in the new tax proposals.

"Publicity of treasury tax records will be offered, so that tax proceedings will be public, the same as court proceedings.

"Any proposal to enact a sales tax will meet certain defeat, whether offered as an independent measure or attached to a soldiers' bonus bill."

Representative Hawley in Criticism of Representative Frear's Tax Proposals.

Representative Hawley, of Oregon, a Republican member of the House Ways and Means Committee, was reported on April 4 as criticising the tax proposals of Representative Frear. Mr. Hawley was quoted to the following effect in special Washington advices to the New York "Commercial," April 4:

The radical tax revision program as outlined by Representative Frear of Wisconsin, was assailed to-day by Representative Hawley of Oregon, a Republican member of the House Ways and Means Committee.

"If it is desired to help the farmer and the laboring man, an increase in the tax burdens on business certainly will not do it," said Mr. Hawley. "I can't figure just what the theory is on which these proposals are based.

"Business was taxed to death during the war, and we have been trying to lighten its burdens since. Business men are not going to take a chance on the investment of large sums of money in productive enterprises if their profits are all taxed away from them. If there is an incentive to business men, they will go ahead. The more business activity there is the better will be conditions in general and the laboring man will have plenty of work and good wages.

"I do not believe Congress will pass anything of a retroactive nature and I doubt if it could be done legally.

It would have been better for the country if we could have reduced maximum surtax rates to 32% instead of 50%. The arguments of Secretary Mellon for such a reduction were sound."

Mr. Hawley is identified with the conservative element which has been in control of the Ways and Means Committee. Representative Frear received support from only one or two other Republicans on the Committee in his advocacy of radical tax measures during the last Congress. The radicals hope to obtain the appointment of at least one and possibly two of their number to fill Republican vacancies on the Committee in the next session, but a majority of Republicans will continue to be of the conservative group.

The best that the radicals can hope for is a sufficient increase in strength so that by combining with the Democrats the conservatives will be outvoted.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon Renews Recommendations Regarding Lower Surtaxes—March 1923 Collections.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon in renewing on April 8 his recommendations that the maximum income surtaxes be reduced to 25%, making a combined maximum normal and surtax of 33%, presented figures of the March 1923 income tax collections, which exceed by \$70,000,000 those of a year ago (when higher rates and additional taxes were in force), and which, said Mr. Mellon, make "a most significant commentary on the revision of the internal revenue laws, and the recommendations which the Treasury has heretofore made with respect to taxation." Secretary Mellon in his statement of this week observed that "the high rates sound productive, but the fact remains that, year by year, they are becoming increasingly ineffective and are operating to reduce rather than increase the revenues. He added that "the surtax rates if readjusted to the maximum of 25% recommended by the Treasury, would much better accomplish their purpose and yield at least as large, and probably larger, revenues than the existing rates, without at the same time involving the country in the unwholesome consequences which follow from the artificial conditions growing out of

the present law." The following is Secretary Mellon's statement of the 8th inst.:

The Treasury has collected during March, 1923, on the basis of daily Treasury statements, income taxes to the amount of \$463,000,000, as compared with \$393,000,000 of income and profits taxes collected in March, 1922, or an increase of about \$70,000,000 in 1923, as compared with 1922. The best possible estimates indicate that this probably means increased collections of income taxes for the calendar year 1923, amounting to about \$200,000,000 more than for the calendar year 1922.

The March, 1923, collections represent the first quarterly payment of income taxes under the new rates fixed by the Revenue Act of 1921, and are based on the business of the calendar year 1922, while the collections in March, 1922, were made at the old rate on the basis of the business of the year 1921. Business in 1922 was markedly better than in 1921, but under the new law the maximum surtax rate is 50%, as compared with 65% under the law, giving a combined maximum of 58% normal and surtax, as compared with a combined maximum of 73% under the old law.

The new law, however, repealed the excess profits tax, effective Jan. 1, 1922, and as a partial substitute imposed a 2½% flat additional tax on the net income of corporations. The March, 1923, collections, therefore, contain no excess profits taxes (except perhaps small payments of back taxes), while the March, 1922, collections included a full quarterly payment of excess profits tax levied in respect to the business of the year 1921.

The Revenue Act of 1921 also liberalized in other respects the provisions of the income tax laws by allowing increased credits for dependents, limiting the tax on capital gains, and making other changes calculated to simplify the law and reduce the tax burdens.

The collections in March, 1923, have amounted to \$70,000,000 more than in March, 1922, when higher rates and additional taxes were in force, makes a most significant commentary on the revision of the internal revenue laws, and the recommendations which the Treasury has heretofore made with respect to taxation. In my letter of April 30, 1921, to the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, I recommended the repeal of the excess profits tax, with a flat additional income tax as a partial substitute, and the reduction of the income surtaxes to a maximum of 32% for the 1921, and 25% thereafter, "with a view to producing aggregate revenues substantially equivalent to the estimated receipts from the income tax under existing law."

In this connection, the letter stated:

"The higher rates of income surtaxes put constant pressure on taxpayers to reduce their taxable income, interfere with the transaction of business and the free flow of capital into productive enterprise, and are rapidly becoming unproductive. The excess profits tax is artificial and troublesome. Taxes of this extreme character are clogs upon productive business and should be replaced by other and more equitable taxes upon incomes and profits. An intelligent revision of these taxes should encourage production and, in the long run, increase rather than diminish the revenues."

The actual results of the revision, which was made, have fully justified these predictions. Actual collections of taxes this year under the new law are substantially larger than collections last year on the old basis, and at the same time there has been a substantial revival of business, so that under the downward revision the effect has actually been to "increase rather than diminish the revenues."

Revenue revision presents a practical problem and what has already been accomplished indicates the practical answer and shows clearly what course further revision should take. There is no point in maintaining high rates of taxation which do not produce revenue, and there is no doubt that the high income tax rates which are still in effect are gradually defeating their own purpose and creating artificial conditions that tend to hamper the development of business and industry and reduce the volume of income subject to taxation.

The surtax rates, even under the Revenue Act of 1921, rise as high as 50%, giving a combined maximum normal and surtax of 58%, and, as the Treasury has frequently pointed out in the past, these excessive rates put such heavy pressure on the larger taxpayers to reduce income subject to surtaxes that inevitably they seek every permissible means of avoiding the realization of taxable income. The high rates sound productive, but the fact remains that year by year they are becoming increasingly ineffective and are actually operating to reduce rather than increase the revenues. I accordingly recommended to the last Congress that the surtaxes be reduced to a maximum of 25%, making a combined maximum normal and surtax of 33%, and that at the same time various avenues of escape from the surtaxes to closed so far as possible under the law.

Congress had already acted to close some of the gaps, but for the most part the evil still remains, and the only effective way to reach it is to reduce the surtax rates themselves to a more reasonable level, in order to reduce the pressure for avoidance of taxable income and keep the surtaxes from becoming completely unproductive.

I have previously stated, and am confirmed in this conclusion by the results of the March payments, that the surtax rates, if readjusted to the maximum of 25%, recommended by the Treasury, would much better accomplish their purpose and yield at least as large and probably larger, revenues than the existing rates, without at the same time involving the country in the unwholesome consequences which follow from the artificial conditions growing out of the present law.

Secretary Mellon's recommendations to Congress respecting reduced income taxes were contained in his annual report, details of which were given in our issue of Dec. 9, page 2533.

President Harding's Views Regarding the Income Taxes—Disposed to Go Slow.

On April 10 it was reported in press dispatches from Washington that President Harding was in favor of a general reduction in income taxes, instead of restricting the cut to surtaxes as recommended by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon. From the special Washington advices to the "Journal of Commerce," April 10, we take the following:

President Harding favors reduction of income tax rates all along the line, if the revenue laws are to be revised downward, it was stated to-day at the White House. The President was reported to see some merit in Secretary Mellon's suggestion for a further scaling down of surtaxes to a maximum of 25%, but would not make any recommendations to Congress on those tax brackets alone.

White House spokesmen declared that the President was extremely gratified with the results of the March 15 income tax collections as reported at the Cabinet meeting by Mr. Mellon, and the showing made of prospective increases in tax receipts this year as compared with 1922 at a lower rate of taxation.

Policy Not Yet Favored.

However, the President was said to feel that it was a little too early to attempt to analyze the effects of the reduction of surtaxes by 15% and the abolition of the excess profits taxes, both effective this year. Formulation of an Administration tax policy, with a view to action by the next Congress, it was stated, has yet to come up for consideration, and it would be premature to draft a program for the revision of the revenue law at the present time.

Nevertheless, it was stated officially, that if the President found it expedient to recommend a reduction in the tax rates now in force he would recommend a reduction in the rates all the way down through the smaller incomes rather than to call for a downward revision of the surtaxes only.

This stand by President Harding on the question of tax revision places him squarely in accord with what have been the prediction in Administration circles of the probable attitude of the new Congress, which meets in December. The Administration is somewhat uncertain as to the legislative trend of the next Congress, with its heavy representation of the extremely progressive element, but the forecasts made here of its probable line of procedure in attacking the problem of revising the taxes have all pointed to a lessening of the burden on the smaller taxpayers.

Attitude of Mellon.

While Secretary Mellon has confined his suggestions for lowering taxes to the scaling down of the 50% maximum surtax to a limit of 25%, he has not indicated any decided opposition to some reductions in the lower brackets. The Treasury Secretary has based his arguments for a lessened surtax on the ground of the greater revenues to be obtained by the Government from an easing up of the tax burden on that end of the scale.

Possible reduction of the lower rates have yet to be thoroughly studied by the Treasury in the light of an Administration program along such lines, but it has been the contention thus far that to reduce the lower levels would be to lessen revenue, while to lessen the surtaxes would be to increase receipts.

Of the total of approximately \$1,600,000,000, which the Government expects to collect this year from incomes taxes, the Treasury estimates that only about \$92,000,000 will be obtained from surtaxes above 25%.

Question of Revenue.

On the other hand, there is a feeling at the Treasury that the low tax rate could be cut but little without making a hole in the revenue receipts when it is considered, on the basis of past performances that more than 6,500,000 tax payers out of about 7,500,000 pay taxes at the rate of 4% on income of less than \$5,000.

A reduction of 1% in this rate, it is argued, means a reduction of 25% in the corresponding amount of revenue collected, while a cut of 25% in the surtax limit means a lessening by 50% of the inducement to avoid the accumulation of income on which the higher surtax brackets apply.

Intimations that President Harding was disposed to delay the revision of the tax laws for another year came from Washington on the 11th inst., on which date a conference in the matter was held between the President and Senator Smoot. In indicating the President's attitude that day, the "Journal of Commerce" said:

President Harding is expected to forego any program for revising the tax laws downward—either in line with Secretary Mellon's suggestion for lowering surtaxes or a cut all along the line—for another year, in accordance with the advice given to-day by Administration leader in the Senate.

Rather than risk the uncertainties of the new Congress until it has found itself or the progressive policies which might be put over, the President is being urged to let the tax laws alone for the time being and rest content with the increasing revenues being collected from the present law.

Smoot Favors Delay.

Senator Smoot of Utah, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, held a conference on the question of revenue law revision with the President to-day and voices the opinion that it would be highly inexpedient for the Administration to attempt to alter the present rates of taxation at the coming session of Congress. He maintained that the present law should be tried out for at least a year until it could be definitely determined just how the existing rates are operating.

In view of the existing prosperous conditions of the country the Utah Senator argued against any tinkering with the tax laws, which, he maintained, always unsettled business and might retard the continuance of the progress now under way.

He favored a further reduction of surtaxes, but also joined with the President in holding that when the cut in taxes comes it must come along the line. But the Senator argued that well enough should be let alone for the time being, holding that with the revenues coming in very satisfactorily, it would be folly to attempt changes before an accurate picture of the tax problem both from the standpoint of the taxpayers and the Government can be obtained.

Urges Further Study.

Senator Smoot took the position that the Administration would not be prepared to go before Congress for a revision of the taxes until it could try out the present law sufficiently to learn how the reduction from last year levels was working out, and what might be expected from another cut. He argued that the Government could not tell until after the June installment of income taxes just what the volume of freceipts for the year would be, and how the taxes are being paid, either in full or by installments, in the majority cases.

Careful study of the results of the operations of the law this year, he contended, would be necessary before the Administration leaders in Congress could point out just where the most revenue was coming from and how much each source might be expected to yield under changed rates.

Some administrative changes may be made in the law at the next session, he believed, but he thinks the subject of the revenue act should not be thrown open to debate for fear of the adoption of an undesirable of revision by the progressive element. He asserted that most of the administrative difficulties in the act might iron themselves out with time, but expressed himself as in favor of closing the gaps by which revenue is escaping from the Treasury.

Loss in Present Methods.

He estimated that hundreds of millions of dollars are being lost yearly from the present methods of taxing capital gains and losses, whereby the limit of taxation on capital gains is 12½%, while there is no limit to the amount deductible as losses.

In connection with the closing of gaps to prevent escaping revenue he endorsed Secretary Mellon's ideas of lowering surtaxes, but only if that action is accompanied by reductions in the lower income brackets.

Senator Watson of Indiana, one of the President's closest advisers, also talked with Mr. Harding to-day, and his advice on the question of taxes was emphatically expressed as "let them alone." He was outspoken in the view that if the subject is opened up before the new Congress there was no telling what might be done with the tax rates and gave the impression that the Administration would take few chances in that direction.

Internal Revenue Collector Bowers' Views Respecting Lower Income Tax Rate.

This week's reports of the likelihood of tax revision by Congress, was preceded by a statement several weeks ago by Frank K. Bowers, Internal Revenue Collector, in which he ventured the opinion that indications pointed to the income tax rate being materially lower than 4% the coming year. We quote his observations as given in the New York "Tribune" of March 25:

"While there is no telling what the Government's needs will be, and while I am not the one speak officially," said Mr. Brown, "it looks to me that with the fine showing the Treasury Department is able to make under the new tariff the income tax rate next year will drop to around 3%. This is purely a speculative suggestion of mine, and not based on Washington information. The Treasury officials are the only ones in position to speak officially on a matter of this character and importance.

"We received the news yesterday," continued Mr. Bowers, "that fifty-three out of sixty-four collection districts had exceeded last year's figures. In our Manhattan District we went over last year's mark by \$11,000,000, as compared with March 23 of last year. We anticipated a falling off last year because the surtax was reduced from 65 to 50, and because the surtax last year began at \$5,000, while this year it began at \$6,000. It looked for a long time as if these factors would reduce the receipts by 20%. Instead of that the receipts have jumped about 12%.

"Among the oddities in the returns was the biggest one for \$17,000,000, indicating corporation earnings of about \$136,000,000 for the concern turning it in, while the smallest return was a two-cent stamp, duly remitted by a taxpayer, whose accounting indicated that that amount was about what was coming to the Government. One taxpayer, over his signature, and accompanied by his oath, deposed that his business was bootlegging.

"And what will be done to him?" "Information in a tax return cannot be used against the taxpayer," said Collector Bowers, with a broad smile.

President Harding's Tour In Behalf of World Court—Republicans Divided.

According to press advices from Washington this week, President Harding intends to make the Permanent Court of International Justice, and membership therein by the United States, the leading issue of his proposed tour of the West. From the Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" April 7, we take the following:

With the resumption of official business by President Harding to-day it became known definitely that he was more than ever determined to press his proposal that the Senate give its sanction to American membership in the League of Nations' Court of International Justice. Persons who talked with the President said he would make this question a major topic of discussion in the addresses he is planning to deliver on his journey to the Pacific Coast during the coming summer on his way to Alaska.

From all accounts, the efforts to induce the President to let the World Court matter die of inanition have served only to make him stubborn in his intention to present it to the country as a foremost issue.

Not only will the President, according to what was said in Administration circles to-day, take the stump in behalf of American participation in the World Court in the summer, but members of his Cabinet will stress the issue in public speeches.

Apparently the policy of the President is to borrow a leaf from the book of Theodore Roosevelt, who made it a practice to test public opinion by advancing a proposal in a communication to Congress during a short session and thus give public opinion a chance to develop while Congress was taking the long recess prior to the long session.

President Harding advanced his World Court proposal just before the end of Congress on March 4. As Congress will not reassemble until December, unless something unforeseen occurs, a period of nine months will be given for those in favor of or opposed to the World Court project to voice their views.

Already there has been a strong response on the part of those who desire American participation in the court. It is supposed that when the President tours the country in the summer, he will have ample opportunity to judge the sentiment of the people from the manner in which they receive his addresses advocating his proposal.

The first official caller at the White House to-day was Secretary Hughes, who conferred with the President for an hour and a half, and, while no disclosure was made as to the matters they discussed, it is taken for granted that they exchanged views in regard to the World Court idea.

Mr. Hughes is to make an address on the World Court before the International Law Association on April 27. It was supposed that this address would be the opening gun of the Administration campaign in behalf of American participation in the court, but it now appears that the speech which Secretary Hoover will deliver at Des Moines before the League of Women Voters on Wednesday will be devoted to the court proposal. Mr. Hoover was another of the President's visitors to-day.

President Harding's message to Congress urging the affiliation of the United States with the Permanent Court of International Justice, was referred to in our issue of March 3 last, page 889. The address of Secretary of Commerce Hoover in support of the Administration's proposal is given elsewhere in this issue.

Indications that some differences have arisen in the ranks of the Republicans respecting the issue were contained in special advices from Washington to the New York "Times" April 12, from which we quote the following:

President Harding's return to Washington and Secretary Hoover's address at Des Moines last night, inaugurating the Administration's campaign in behalf of the International Court of Justice, have started a battle royal in Republican ranks over the judicial body set up by the League of Nations. Almost as many sides are represented as participants, and in a confused masses of speeches, statements and interviews, blows are coming from all angles.

In many ways the situation is reminiscent of the fight for the ratification of the Treaty of Versailles in the Senate and the National political campaign of 1920. Most of the old, familiar arguments are being repeated. There is

this difference, however—the dispute at present is confined to the Republican Party. The situation has not developed far enough to justify predictions as to how the International Court will be brought into the 1924 campaign.

As for the Democrats, they are remaining aloof, looking upon the affair as a private quarrel. They waged their fight in 1920 in favor of this country's joining the League of Nations, and thus far no leader in their party has appeared to oppose a move to enter a court established by the international association for which they battled three years ago. The present indication is that if the Republican Party finally decides to favor its own administration's proposal to join the International Court the Democratic Party would feel that it could not logically oppose such a move, and, therefore, the question could not be a party issue in the next election.

Five Groups Developing.

Disregarding a few individuals who rush into the ring to deliver a blow or two and then retire to the sidelines, there appears to be five groups represented in the Republican controversy over the League court.

There is one group that speaks for the Administration proposal for the United States to participate in the international court and send representatives to the League's Council and Assembly for the sole purpose of taking part in matters affecting the court, such as the selection of judges. Secretary Hoover spoke for this side at Des Moines. He will be followed April 27 by Secretary Hughes, in an address to a meeting here of the International Law Association.

Another group of Republicans is urging President Harding to keep out of the dispute and let other members of the Administration carry on the campaign for the court. These leaders have not yet made up their minds on the advisability of this country's joining the International Court. Senator McCormick of Illinois, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, is understood to be one of those still with an open mind.

A third group, drawn mainly from the irreconcilables, is opposed to any participation in the court unless the United States has equal representation in the League on the subject with the six votes of Great Britain and its dominions. It was this group that Secretary Hoover described last night as those "who, as regards the phrase 'League of Nations,' are still under the tyranny of emotions associated with that phrase during the political controversy of the last four years. The most unyielding members of the group are believed to be Senators Moses, Brandegee and Johnson. The last named is now on his first trip to Europe, after having delivered a blast against the Court a few days before sailing.

Trying to Dissuade Harding.

Aside from Senator Johnson, the irreconcilable opponents of the International Court have not been engaged to any extent in public opposition to the President's proposal. Apparently they have not reached the point of an out-and-out break with the Administration upon the League Court issue. Their efforts have been mainly along the line of peaceful persuasion to have the President abandon his plan.

This was illustrated yesterday by Senator Watson's visit to the White House and his two-hour conference with Secretary Hughes at the State Department. Behind their efforts, however, is the threat of open opposition in the Senate should the President persist in calling for this country's participation in the Court.

Belief that the leading question in the next session of the Senate will be the World Court is shared by the fourth group, friendly to the League, for which Senator Pepper is the spokesman. The Pennsylvania Senator is one of those who believes that the Court does not go far enough, and tomorrow night in a speech at Atlantic City he will follow up his action of last week in declaring for the League of Nations with certain safeguards.

The fifth group agrees with Senator Pepper that the Court does not go far enough. This group is represented by Senator Borah. The Borah and Pepper viewpoints clash in other respects, however, for whereas Pepper, as a League of Nations advocate, favors the Court as a step toward an ideal, Borah opposes it on the same ground.

Differences Distress President.

It is this conflicting thought in the Republican Party with which President Harding is confronted at the present time. There is evidence that he is distressed over the controversy that has arisen in his own party since his submittal to the Senate last month of the Hughes letter advocating participation in the International Court.

Speaking at Augusta last week before he had come in intimate contact with the varying shades of opinion in opposition to the Administration proposal, he expressed the view that domestic problems were the first concern of the Government and that international relations never were in better condition. This was interpreted as a hint that his forthcoming Western speaking tour would deal mainly with domestic matters.

In view of the perturbation in the Republican Party over the International Court situation, speculation has arisen as to whether Mr. Harding will spend the summer in a campaign for the court. He has protested that he will speak this summer as President of the United States and not as a candidate for a second term. Those close to him have said that the President does not believe that the International Court will enter the 1924 campaign in any serious way.

There is also the assumption that by the time the 1924 campaign is begun the International Court question will have been disposed of in the Senate. This is further argument for the contention that the President will take the court question to the country this summer.

President Harding Returns to Washington—Warns of Blocs and Development of Classes—Purchase of Birthplace.

President Harding, who this week returned to Washington after a vacation of five weeks in Florida, delivered an address in Augusta, Ga., on April 6 in which he warned of the "menace to the Nation in the development of classes and in the organization of blocs." The President also called attention to the danger in envy and jealousy, and urged that we be on our guard against the developments of either. The President's address was delivered at a dinner given in his honor by the city of Augusta, and the following account of what he had to say is taken from the Augusta dispatch to the New York "Times":

"There is a menace to the Nation in the perpetuation of class and the organization of blocs," the President continued; "there is danger in envy and jealousy. Let us be on guard against envy jealousy, confident that the Government of the Republic is anxious to be the agency of just and fair and equal opportunity to all men.

"In the development of class under the modification of political systems there is no greater menace.

"The Government is not interested in farming because there are more farmer voters than in any other occupation, but it is interested in farming because agriculture is the fundamental industry of the Nation.

"The Government is not interested in the railroads because they are the representatives of capital, but because the railroads are the agency of essential service. The Government is not interested in the welfare of service men, of veterans of the World War, because of their number, but because it is a matter of honor to care for them.

"The Government of the United States, so far as this Administration is concerned, was not interested in the merchant marine because of those interested in shipping, but was concerned in the development of American commerce upon the seas in case this country ever should be called into war again."

Republic Not Run for Election Results.

"This Republic of ours cannot be run merely to effect results upon election day," President Harding exclaimed to vigorous applause.

"In the 1920 campaign (I am not speaking as a partisan, but merely to remind you of a statement I made then) I declared that it was essential that this country should be headed once more to normalcy. As to that phrase normalcy, I was often questioned. I have been frequently questioned since as to what I meant by the word.

"I meant that the American people must return to a normal temperature after the fever heat of war, the excesses of inflation and the distresses of deflation, and the intoxication of mere moneymaking.

"I hoped, and still hope, that in God's providence and by the common sense of this Republic, we would get back into the ways of a sane people, with abundance of employment and every one engaged in useful creative pursuits. I hoped for a round of contentment with it all, that America might pursue the highest ways, that men might go forward in a proud procession of confident Americans. I do not mean that some men should not make more than others. Genius drives the procession on.

"Our first concern is with domestic relations," the President went on. "There need be no worry about international relations. I am confident that they were never better than to-day. Of course, we are not so involved in old world affairs as some would have us, but I am confident that this will be the verdict of Europe, the Europe that is going to right herself, that the Republic of the United States is the most just and righteous Nation in the world."

The President, whose departure from Washington for the South with Mrs. Harding was referred to in our issue of March 10, page 1009, reached Washington on the 8th inst. Four weeks of the trip were spent in Florida and one in Augusta. On the 9th inst. it was stated in press dispatches from Washington that the President was taking up important matters with the intention of disposing of as many of them as possible in the next two months in order to clear the way for his proposed Western trip. The middle of June, it is said, is now set as the tentative time for the beginning of the trip, but the President has not yet definitely decided whether he will carry out the proposed tour to the Pacific Coast, with a possible extension to Alaska. Incidentally it was recently announced that the President had purchased the site of his birthplace in Ohio, the Associated Press advices from Marion, O., April 5, having the following to say in the matter:

When he leaves the White House, President Harding plans to return to the scenes of his early childhood, to become a gentleman farmer and spend much of his time writing.

This was announced here to-day by the President's close home town friends, following his purchase yesterday of the farm in North Bloomfield Township, Morrow County, where he was born. The purchase consists of 265 1/2 acres and was made by French Crow, Marion Postmaster, and an intimate friend of the President.

The original Harding farm, where the President was born, consists of 185 1/2 acres and is far away from any railroad. It is about a twenty-mile drive from Marion. The land is described as rolling, with corn the principal crop.

The house in which the Executive was born is still standing, although in a bad state of decay. At present it is being used as a storage space for farm machinery. Whether President Harding plans to restore it is not known to his friends.

E. W. Wilson Resigns as General Manager of Philippine National Bank.

The resignation of E. W. Wilson as General Manager of the Philippine National Bank was announced in Associated Press advices from Manila on the 8th inst., which stated that Wesclesao Trinidad, President of the bank, had been appointed Acting Manager until a permanent Manager is elected. These advices, as published in the "Journal of Commerce," added:

Governor-General Wood, after accepting Wilson's resignation, said: "This change is purely a matter of international administration and does not affect relations of the Government to the bank or the bank's policy toward the business of the community."

Wilson's resignation it is understood was caused mainly by a difference of opinion as to the policy to be adopted regarding sugar centrals, and to a difference of opinion between the bank officials and the Govern ent auditors in connection with the losses suffered by the bank last year.

Wilson, who has run only two years of his five-year contract with the bank, came here from San Francisco, where he was Vice-President of the Anglo & London-Paris National Bank.

A copyright cablegram to the New York "Times" from Manila, reported Mr. Wilson as making the following statement to a "Times" representative on April 7:

General Wood has, from the first, been favorable to closing the bank. We are engaged in a salvaging proposition, but we could not operate as we should because we have been constantly hampered by the Government. As soon as a dollar comes into the bank the Government orders it out, with the result that the bank has been unable to function properly. There also

has been constant agitation over the matter and publication of the bank's weak points has reacted unfavorably. Nevertheless, we had a splendid year in liquidation during 1922, and although we collected no interest on our oil and sugar loans we returned 12,000,000 pesos to the Government.

The last payment was recently made and the Government is now nearly 2,000,000 pesos overdrawn. The sugar properties administered by the bank will return between 7,000,000 and 7,500,000 pesos this year, of which 2,000,000 represent interest this year, and the rest amortization on 40,000,000 pesos in loans outstanding against sugar properties.

Regarding the difference in opinion on the bank's annual financial statement, our statement was made by Mr. House, the bank's official auditor, appointed by General Wood. Ben F. Wright, General Wood's financial adviser, criticizes it but I believe the statement is correct and the directors approve it.

On the 10th inst. a communication addressed to the Editor of the "Times" by Vicente Villamin, said to be a representative of Philippine interests in the United States, was published as follows by that paper:

The wireless dispatch published in to-day's "Times" from its Manila correspondent announcing the resignation of Manager Wilson from the Philippine National Bank and stating that it marked the culmination of a "year and a half feud" between Mr. Wilson and Governor-General Wood over the latter's desire to close the bank in pursuance of his policy of "getting the Government out of business," requires an explanation as to the power of the Governor-General under the law to close or continue that bank.

The Philippine National Bank is a creature of the Philippine Legislature. It was created under the authority granted by the Act of Congress of Aug. 29 1916, giving that body general legislative powers with certain specified restrictions of which the present subject matter is not covered. The charter, therefore, of that bank can only be revoked, amended or altered by the Philippines Legislature.

The charter constitutes a Board of Control to exercise general supervisory powers over the bank composed of the Governor-General, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House. The bank has also the usual board of directors. As it stands, the majority of the Board of Control is definitely committed by their party to oppose any move to close the bank or abridge its functions. It is also a fact that the Legislature is overwhelmingly in favor of the indefinite continuance of the Philippine National Bank.

By reason of the constitution of the Government making the post of Governor-General appointive, the policy of the Chief Executive does not have the same probability of being carried out by the Legislature as that of the President of the United States, who assumes power as the head of the victorious party exercising party influence on the course of legislation. The Governor-General of the Philippines belongs to no party in that country.

Governor-General Wood's policy of leading the Government out of business with respect to the Philippine National Banks is diametrically opposed to the views of the great majority of the Legislature and Filipino public opinion. The avowed purpose of the bank is to help Philippine commerce, industry and agriculture. The bulk of the loans it made and is making is for the development of the sugar, oil and other staple industries of the country. With its creation the Government Agricultural Bank established by authority of Act of Congress of March 4 1907 was abolished.

If the Philippine National Bank is wiped out of existence by legislative fiat, the agricultural and industrial interests of the country will be left without banking assistance. It seems that what is necessary is to let that bank alone work out its complete rehabilitation, which it is in a fair way to accomplish, and when that is realized to determine upon the policy of laying more stress on aiding the development of agriculture.

VICENTE VILLAMIN.

New York, April 7 1923.

According to Washington advices April 9 of the "Journal of Commerce," a cablegram has been received from Gen. Leonard Wood, Governor-General of the Philippines, stating that there will be no immediate change in the policies affecting the Philippine National Bank as a consequence of Mr. Wilson's resignation. The "Journal of Commerce" also said in its dispatch:

General Frank McIntyre, Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, stated that General Wood has informed him a banker would be selected to succeed Mr. Wilson, but the latest advices are he has not yet been chosen. While press dispatches from Manila have indicated that General Wood favored the closing of the bank, it was pointed out that this could be accomplished by only two methods, an Act of the Philippine Legislature directing the liquidation or closing under the general banking laws because of a condition of insolvency.

According to General McIntyre, Governor Wood has informed the Bureau that he does not intend to take the latter action as the Philippine Legislature is not now in session.

Hope for Rehabilitation.

"The hope here is that the bank will be given an opportunity to work itself out of the difficult position," General McIntyre said.

It is possible that the question of what shall be done with the Philippine bank will come before the Legislature before the next regular session, which starts on next Oct. 16, General McIntyre said, as it is understood that a special session will be called in April or May to consider a proposed revision of the tax laws. Ordinarily the annual report of the bank is submitted at the regular session of the Legislature, but in view of the recent developments it may be brought to the front before that time.

The Philippine Bank has been struggling for several years to get on its feet and recoup losses sustained through loans it made to permit the construction of sugar centrals and coconut oil mills, coupled with a 13,000,000 pesos loss on exchange operations by the branch at Shanghai. General McIntyre said an audit made by Haskin & Sell, in September 1921 estimated the losses at 75,000,000 pesos, or approximately \$37,500,000.

One of the factors in the controversy between Manager Wilson and Governor Wood was the withdrawal by the Government of funds from the bank because the incoming revenues were not large enough to meet all expenses of the islands. Manager Wilson said that as the bank was engaged in a salvaging proposition and needed capital with which to operate, it could not function properly if the Government ordered out the money as it came in.

Government Overdrawn.

Mr. Wilson stated that the Government was nearly 2,000,000 pesos overdrawn, and General McIntyre said this meant that the withdrawals had presumably amounted to 14,000,000 pesos. The Government has roughly 30,000,000 pesos in stock and 40,000,000 in deposits, he said.

The Bureau has not received the latest annual financial statement and is not in a position to comment upon the condition of the bank as shown

by it, General McIntyre said. Differences of opinion as to the correctness of the statement are understood to have developed, and Governor Wood's financial advisor is said to have criticized it somewhat.

The troubles of the Philippine Bank are explained by General McIntyre as having grown out of its action in making loans to build sugar centrals and to coconut oil interest when prices were inflated. The plants were built when peak prices prevailed. When coconut oil dropped from 28c. to 7c. and sugar collapsed in price, the bank found itself in difficulties because it was found there was more coconut oil mills than were needed and the sugar controls were not operated at a rate to pay a return on the investment.

General McIntyre is understood to believe that the sugar properties if efficiently managed will work out and return the investment of the bank.

The Administration of the Philippine National Bank by Mr. Wilson was commended warmly in a resolution passed by the American Chamber of Commerce at Manila, according to Associated Press advices April 10.

Questionnaire Incident to Inquiry Into Failure of State Institutions to Join Federal Reserve System.

It is learned from the New York "Commercial" of the 10th inst. that the following questionnaire to be sent to State banks inquiring why they have not become members of the Federal Reserve System was completed on the 9th inst. by members of the Joint Congressional Committee appointed to investigate the situation:

1. What reasons have made it inadvisable for your bank to become a member of the Federal Reserve System?
2. What amendment of the law would you suggest to attract eligible State banks?
3. What regulations, if any, of the Federal Reserve Board or banks operate to repel eligible State banks and what changes would you make to insure membership of State banks?
4. What suggestions, if any, would you make with reference to the policy of the Federal Reserve System which in your belief, would induce State banks to become members?
5. In your opinion what service or benefits do you procure outside of the system that you cannot get by becoming a member?

It is stated in the same advices that the Joint Committee plans to hold hearings at various points in the United States next fall. Reference to the proposed inquiry, which is to be conducted under the provisions of the Agricultural Credits Act, was made in these columns March 10, page 1003.

United States Government Denies Admission to Wife of Russia's President Following the Execution of Vicar of Moscow.

The execution by the Soviet Government of Russia on March 31 of Vicar-General Butchkavitch, which aroused widespread protests, is responsible for the refusal of the Government at Washington to allow entrance into the United States to Mme. Ekaterine Kalinin, wife of the President of the Russian Soviet Republic. Responding to the protests which poured in to the State Department from all over the United States, Secretary Hughes has ordered the visa of the Russian woman canceled. The action of the department was made known on March 10 by the following official statement:

The Department of State has canceled the authorization for a visa for Mme. Kalinin, wife of the President of the so-called Soviet Republic of Russia. The presence of Mme. Kalinin in this country is rendered wholly undesirable by the deep feeling which has been aroused by the execution of Vicar-General Butchkavitch. The action of the Department is taken especially in protest against this execution.

Apropos of the above, Washington advices to the New York "Times" on April 10 had the following to say:

Objections to the entrance of Mme. Kalinin into the United States, even though it was represented that she was to come here on a purely charitable mission, and not to indulge in politics or propaganda, began as soon as her contemplated arrival was announced several weeks ago. Many Americans had no desire to allow the wife of one of the most important officials of the Red regime to come here, no matter under what guise. Opposition to her coming began to be voiced to the State Department even then.

These protests were only a gust of wind, however, to the storm that broke during the trials of Archbishop Zepiak and Mgr. Butchkavitch, and the other Roman Catholic priests. The storm of objection reached its height after the execution of Vicar-General Butchkavitch.

Kalinin Ordered Execution.

Kalinin, husband of the woman who wanted to come to the United States, was the man who wrote the death warrant of the heroic Butchkavitch, for, as President of the Republic, he, with Saponoff, Secretary of the Central Executive Committee, signed the decree that condemned Zepiak to ten years' solitary confinement and the other priest to death. This cold-blooded document read:

"As regards Citizen Butchkavitch, who in criminal activity on the ground of religion combined very clear counter-revolutionary action with a direct connection with an enemy bourgeois State and who used his position as a priest to carry on a direct and active State treason, the request for a reprieve is left without consequences."

A few days later Constantine Butchkavitch, the Father Superior of the Church of St. Catherine in Petrograd, was shot to death in the cellar of a Russian prison.

Among the organizations whose protests the State Department has heeded was that from the National Catholic Welfare Council, which was made to Secretary Davis. This society declared that the Soviet Government had refused to entertain the plea for justice made by our Government in the case of Mgr. Butchkavitch, and asserted that Mme. Kalinin is "an official representative of the Soviet Government."

To admit her into the United States, it was declared, "will arouse widespread indignation, will encourage forces that are trying to overthrow our

Government and will lower our dignity as a nation in the eyes of the whole world."

This was only one of many similar expressions of indignation that reached the Government from all sorts of sources, though particularly from religious organizations. Representatives of the State Department abroad reported that foreign nations and many American citizens were vigorous in their objections.

The visa of Madam Kalinin's passport had been granted only on condition that she adhere strictly to her avowed mission, which was to speak for relief for Russian children. The Russian Red Cross backed her request to tour the United States with a plea for the orphans. Her visit to this country had been arranged for by Paxten Hibben, once an American Army officer, later attached to the American Relief Mission in Russia.

Jury in Case of William Z. Foster Fail to Reach Agreement.

A retrial is expected to be asked in the case of William Z. Foster of Chicago, who was tried on a charge of violation of the Michigan law against criminal syndicalism before a jury at St. Joseph, which, on April 5, after thirty-one and a quarter hours' deliberation, was still deadlocked. The jury was dismissed by Judge Charles White, who presided during the trial. The jurors stood six to six on all of their thirty-eight ballots without changing a vote. Five men and one woman voted for Foster's acquittal and six men for his conviction. Foster, who took a leading part in the steel strike of 1919 which was a failure, was the first to face trial of the thirty-two men and women arrested as a result of the raid on the convention of the Communist Party of America held near St. Joseph last August. Charles E. Ruthenberg, one of his co-defendants, will be placed on trial on April 16.

New York Legislature Passes Bill Exempting From Taxation Dwellings Brought Under Construction Before April 1 1924.

An extension of one year's time, or until April 1 1924, within which new buildings erected in New York State for dwelling purposes may be commenced to avail of the exemption from local taxation until Jan. 1 1932, is provided in a bill passed by the State Senate on April 10 and the Assembly April 11. It was stated on the latter date that Governor Smith was expected to sign the bill without delay. The time limit expired on April 1, but the bill is retroactive. It provides that "the legislative body of a county, or the legislative body of a city, with the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, if there be one in such city, or the Governing Board of a town, village or school district, may determine that, until Jan. 1 1932 new buildings therein, planned for dwelling purposes exclusively, except hotels, shall be exempt from taxation for local purposes, other than for assessments for local improvements during construction and so long as used exclusively for dwelling purposes, or if a building of four stories or more in height, used exclusively for dwelling purposes above the ground floor, provided construction was completed since April 1 1920, or if not so completed, that construction be commenced before April 1 1924 and completion for occupancy be effected within two years after such commencement, or if in course of construction on Sept. 27 1920, within two years thereafter." The bill also stipulates that "construction shall be deemed commenced when the plans have been filed with the proper authority and excavation actually and in good faith begun."

Purchase of Ford Cars Possible With Initial Deposit of \$5.

Announcement a week ago by the Corn Exchange Bank of this city that a \$5 deposit in the bank would enroll the depositor in the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan was made coincident with an announcement by Edsel B. Ford, President of the Ford Motor Co., that a selling plan for the Ford cars had been arranged under which an initial payment of \$5 would be accepted, delivery of the car being made when the further payments equalled the price of the car. According to the New York "Times" of the 8th inst., it was explained by Gaston Plantiff, Mr. Ford's Eastern representative, that the length of time in making the payments will make no difference. The "Times" continued:

The prospective buyer's name will be kept on the list and after a substantial payment is made it will be possible, provided satisfactory references are given, to obtain possession of the car, the balance being paid on the installment plan, as is now the case with the deferred payment system in vogue with the Ford Motor Co. as well as by many other automobile concerns.

This new plan, which goes into effect to-morrow, is different from the customary deferred payment system, in that the small payments will be made at any local savings bank and will draw the regular interest of savings deposits. A special card for these payments is provided. It provides for weekly payments of a stated sum, but the prospective owner may increase his weekly installments at will, thereby advancing the date when he will get possession of the car.

In the formal announcement, signed by Edsel B. Ford as President of the Ford Motor Co., it is stated that this plan "extends to the whole family an opportunity to participate in the car purchase by permitting each member to contribute a small amount weekly to the plan with the wholesome effect of inculcating thrift and also demonstrating the benefits to be received from regular and consistent accumulation of funds to spend for things desired. The price reduction of Ford cars and trucks which went into effect last October, bringing them to the lowest level in the history of the Ford Motor Co., opened a market of unusual proportions and with the inauguration of the Ford weekly purchase plan this market now becomes even more comprehensive."

The regulations on the weekly purchase card specify that interest will be payable only on completion of all payments if made regularly, or when delivery can be made by the dealer through applying the total amount of the deposit as a first payment.

In the event of a condition arising whereby the prospective buyer should find it impossible to complete his payments for the car selected, the amount of money deposited in the bank may be withdrawn, entailing no loss to the depositor. It is stipulated, however, that this privilege of withdrawing deposits credited to the Ford weekly purchase plan will be permitted only in cases of extreme emergency at the discretion of the bank and the dealer.

United States Supreme Court Holds Minimum Wage Law Unconstitutional.

The right to regulate wages by law is denied by the United States Supreme Court in a decision handed down on April 9, holding unconstitutional an Act of Congress providing for the fixing of minimum wages for women and children in the District of Columbia. The majority conclusions of the Court were delivered by Justice Sutherland, whose views were concurred in by Justices McKenna, Van Devanter, McReynolds and Butler. Chief Justice Taft delivered a dissenting opinion for himself and Justice Sanford, while Justice Holmes read a dissenting opinion which followed in its main features that of Chief Justice Taft. Justice Brandeis did not participate in the decision. The decision, it is expected, will affect the minimum wage laws passed by the Legislatures of several States, viz. New York, California, Kansas, Oregon, Wisconsin and Washington. According to press dispatches from Washington, legal experts, after reading the decision, declared that the ruling in the District of Columbia proceeding, by implication, throws doubt upon the validity of similar laws passed by States, affecting both men and women. The Court referred incidentally to the fixing of hours of labor, stating in part that "enough has been said to show that the authority to fix hours of labor cannot be exercised except in respect of those occupations where work of long continued duration is detrimental to health." The Court pointed out that "if in the interest of the public welfare, the police power may be invoked to justify the fixing of a minimum wage, it may, when the public welfare is thought to require it, be invoked to justify a maximum wage. . . ." The Court further said:

If, in the face of the guaranties of the Fifth Amendment, this form of legislation shall be legally justified, the field for the operation of the police power will have been widened to a great and dangerous degree. If, for example, in the opinion of future lawmakers, wages in the building trades shall become so high as to preclude people of ordinary means from building and owning homes, an authority which sustains the minimum wage will be invoked to support a maximum wage for building laborers and artisans and the same argument which has been here urged to strip the employer of his constitutional liberty of contract in one direction will be utilized to strip the employee of his constitutional liberty of contract in the opposite direction. A wrong decision does not end with itself; it is a precedent, and, with the swing of sentiment, its bad influence may run from one extremity of the arc to the other.

Any attempt to fix a rigid boundary would be unwise as well as futile. But, nevertheless, there are limits to the power, and when these have been passed it becomes the plain duty of the courts in the proper exercise of their authority to so declare. To sustain the individual freedom of action contemplated by the constitution is not to strike down the common good, but to exalt it; for surely the good of society as a whole cannot be better served than by the preservation against arbitrary restraint of the liberties of its constituent members.

The Associated Press accounts reviewing the decision said:

The majority of the Court based its position broadly upon the right of contract, insisting that while laws could be enforced to regulate working conditions, the employer and the employee must be free of restraint in determining between themselves what wages are acceptable.

The minority contended that there was no greater police power in Congress and the State legislatures to regulate working conditions than to regulate wages and that as there had been wide uniformity in holding that working conditions could be prescribed by law-making bodies it followed in their judgment that wages were also a proper subject for legislation.

Justice Sutherland pointed out that the minimum wage law was attacked upon the ground that it authorizes an unconstitutional interference with the freedom of contract included within the guaranties of the due process clause of the fifth amendment.

The right to contract "about one's affairs," he stated, "is a part of the liberty of the individual protected by this clause." The fact, he asserted, "was settled by the decisions of this Court and is no longer open to question."

"It is based wholly," the opinion added, "on the opinion of the members of the Board and their advisers—perhaps an average of their opinions, if they do not precisely agree—as to what will be necessary to provide a living for a woman, keep her in health and preserve her morals."

Justice Sutherland said he was not willing to concede that the wages a woman received had any direct bearing upon her morals.

Pointing out that some States had minimum wage laws while many more did not, Justice Sutherland insisted that "the power to fix minimum wages carried with it, if lawful, the power to fix maximum wages."

The arguments presented in the dissenting opinions were directed to establish that there was a parallel between wages and working conditions

which required the Court to sustain legislation fixing the former on the same exercise of police power which had been held to be sufficient to warrant legislative control over the latter.

Chief Justice Taft and Justice Holmes analyzed former opinions of the Court bearing on the power of legislatures to regulate private contracts, reaching the conclusion that there was ample precedent for holding the law constitutional.

The following is the text of the majority opinion in full as printed in the New York "Tribune":

The question presented for determination by these appeals is the constitutionality of the Act of Sept. 19 1918, providing for the fixing of minimum wages for women and children in the District of Columbia. 40 Stat. 960 C 174.

The Act provides for a Board of three members, to be constituted so far as practicable, so as to be equally representative of employers, employees and the public. The Board is authorized to have public hearings, at which persons interested in the matter being investigated may appear and testify, to administer oaths, issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses and production of books, &c., and to make rules and regulations for carrying the Act into effect.

By Section 8 the Board is authorized:

"(1) To investigate and ascertain the wages of women and minors in the different occupations in which they are employed in the District of Columbia; (2) To examine, through any member or authorized representative, any book, pay-roll or other record of any employer of women or minors that in any way appertains to or has a bearing upon the question of wages of any such women or minors, and (3) To require from such employer full and true statements of the wages paid to all women and minors in his employment."

And by Section 9—"To ascertain and declare, in the manner hereinafter provided, the following things: (A) Standards of minimum wages for women in any occupation within the District of Columbia, and what wages are inadequate to supply the necessary cost of living to any such women workers to maintain them in good health and to protect their morals and (B) Standards of minimum wages for minors in any occupation within the District of Columbia, and what wages are unreasonably low for any such minor workers."

Procedure in Wage Increases.

The Act then provides (Section 10) that if the Board, after investigation, is of opinion that any substantial number of women workers in any occupation are receiving wages inadequate to supply them with the necessary cost of living, maintain them in health and protect their morals, a conference may be called to consider and inquire into and report on the subject investigated, the conference to be equally representative of employers and employees in such occupation and of the public, and to include one or more members of the Board.

The conference is required to make and transmit to the Board a report including, among other things, "recommendations as to standards of minimum wages for women workers in the occupation under inquiry and as to what wages are inadequate to supply the necessary cost of living to women workers in such occupation and to maintain them in health and to protect their morals."

The Board is authorized (Section 12) to consider and review these recommendations and to approve or disapprove any or all of them. If it approve any recommendations it must give public notice of its intention and hold a public hearing, at which the persons interested will be heard. After such hearing, the Board is authorized to make such order as to it may appear necessary to carry into effect the recommendations, and to require all employers in the occupation affected to comply therewith. It is made unlawful for any such employer to violate in this regard any provision of the order or to employ any woman worker at lower wages than are thereby permitted.

There is a provision (Section 13) under which the Board may issue a special license to a woman whose earning capacity "has been impaired by age or otherwise" authorizing her employment at less than the minimum wages fixed under the Act.

All questions of fact (Section 17) are to be determined by the Board, from whose decision there is no appeal; but an appeal is allowed on questions of law.

Any violation of fact (Section 17) by an employer or his agent or by corporate agents is declared to be a misdemeanor, punishable by fine and imprisonment. Finally, after some further provisions not necessary to be stated, it is declared (Section 23) that the purposes of the Act are "to protect the women and minors of the District from conditions detrimental to their health and morals, resulting from wages which are inadequate to maintain decent standards of living; and the Act in each of its provisions and in its entirety shall be interpreted to effectuate these purposes."

The appellee in the first case is a corporation maintaining a hospital for children in the district. It employs a large number of women in various capacities, with whom it had agreed upon rates of wages and compensation satisfactory to such employees, but which in some instances were less than the minimum wages fixed by an order of the Board made in pursuance of the Act. The women with whom the appellee had so contracted were all of full age and under no legal disability. The present suit was brought by the appellee in the Supreme Court of the District to restrain the Board from enforcing or attempting to enforce its order on the ground that the same was in contravention of the Constitution, and the due process clause of the Fifth Amendment.

Woman Protests Board Rule.

In the second case the appellee, a woman twenty-one years of age, was employed by the Congress Hall Hotel Company as an elevator operator, at a salary of \$35 a month and two meals a day. She alleges that the work was light and healthful, the hours short, with surroundings clean and moral, and that she was anxious to continue it for the compensation she was receiving, and that she did not earn more. Her services were satisfactory to the hotel company and it would have been glad to retain her, but was obliged to dispense with her services by reason of the order of the Board and on account of the penalties prescribed by the Act. The wages received by this appellee were the best she was able to obtain for any work she was capable of performing and the enforcement of the order, she alleges, deprived her of such employment and wages. She further averred that she could not secure any other position at which she could make a living with as good physical and moral surroundings, and earn as good wages, and that she was desirous of continuing and would continue the employment but for the order of the Board. An injunction was prayed as in the other case.

The Supreme Court of the District denied the injunction and dismissed the bill in each case. Upon appeal the Court of Appeals, by a majority, first affirmed, and subsequently, on a rehearing, reversed the trial Court. Upon the first argument a Justice of the District Supreme Court was called in to take the place of one of the Appellate Court Justices, who was ill. Application for rehearing was made, and by the Court as thus constituted, was denied. Subsequently, and during the term, a rehearing was granted

by an order concurred in by two of the Appellate Court Justices, one being the Justice whose place on the prior occasion had been filled by the Supreme Court member. Upon the rehearing thus granted, the Court of Appeals, rejecting the first opinion, held the Act in question to be unconstitutional and reversed the decree of the trial Court.

Lower Court Overrules Law.

Thereupon the cases were remanded and the trial Court entered decrees in pursuance of the mandate, declaring the Act in question to be unconstitutional and granting permanent injunctions. Appeals to the Court of Appeals followed and the decrees of the trial Court were affirmed. It is from these final decrees that the cases come here.

Upon this state of facts the jurisdiction of the lower Court to grant a rehearing, after first denying it, is challenged. We do not deem it necessary to consider the matter further than to say that we are here dealing with the second appeals, while the proceedings complained of occurred upon the first appeals. That the lower Court could properly entertain the second appeals and decide the cases does not admit of doubt; and this the appellants virtually concede by having themselves invoked the jurisdiction. See *Rooper et al. vs. Fidelity Trust Company et al.*, United States, Feb. 19 1923.

We come, then, at once, to the substantive question involved.

The judicial duty of passing upon the constitutionality of an Act of Congress is one of great gravity and delicacy.

The statute here in question has successfully borne the scrutiny of the legislative branch of the Government, which, by enacting it, has affirmed its validity; and that determination must be given great weight. This Court, by an unbroken line of decisions from Chief Justice Marshall to the present day, has steadily adhered to the rule that every possible presumption is in favor of the validity of an Act of Congress until overcome beyond rational doubt. But if by clear and indubitable demonstration a statute be opposed to the Constitution, we have no choice but to say so. The Constitution, by its own terms, is the supreme law of the land, emanating from the people, the repository of ultimate sovereignty under our form of government.

Gravity and Delicacy Involved in Passing upon an Act of Congress.

A Congressional statute, on the other hand, is the act of an agency of this sovereign authority, and if it conflict with the Constitution must fall; for that which is not supreme must yield to that which is. To hold it invalid (if it be invalid) is a plain exercise of the judicial power—that power vested in courts to enable them to administer justice according to law. From the authority to ascertain and determine the law in a given cause there necessarily results, in case of conflict, the duty to declare and enforce the rule of the supreme law and reject that of an inferior Act of legislation which, transcending the Constitution, is of no effect and binding on no one. This is not the exercise of a substantive power to review and nullify Acts of Congress, for no such substantive power exists. It is simply a necessary concomitant of the power to hear and dispose of a case or controversy properly before the court, to the determination of which must be brought the test and measure of the law.

Freedom of Contract Involved.

The statute now under consideration is attacked upon the ground that it authorizes an unconstitutional interference with the freedom of contract. In making such contracts, generally speaking, the parties have an equal right to obtain from each other the best terms they can as the result of private bargaining.

In *Adair vs. United States*, supra, Mr. Justice Harlan (pp. 174, 175), speaking for the Court, said:

"The right of a person to sell his labor upon such terms as he deems proper is in its essence the same as the right of the purchaser of labor to prescribe the conditions upon which he will accept such labor from the persons offering to sell. In all such particulars the employer and employee have equality of right, and any legislation that disturbs that equality is an arbitrary interference with the liberty of contract which no Government can legally justify in a free land."

In *Coppage vs. United States*, supra (p. 14), this Court, speaking through Mr. Justice Pitney, said:

"Included in the right of personal liberty and the right of private property—partaking of the nature of each—is the right to make contracts for the acquisition of property. Chief among such contracts is that of persons employment, by which labor and other services are exchanged for money or other forms of property. If this right be struck down or arbitrarily interfered with there is a substantial impairment of liberty in the long-established constitutional sense. The right is as essential to the laborer as to the capitalist, to the poor as to the rich; for the vast majority of persons have no other honest way to begin to acquire property, save by working for money."

"An interference with this liberty so serious as that now under consideration and so disturbing of equality of right must be deemed to be arbitrary unless it be supportable as a reasonable exercise of the police power of the State."

There is, of course, no such thing as absolute freedom of contract. It is subject to a great variety of restraint. But freedom of contract, is nevertheless, the general rule and restraint the exception; and the exercise of legislative authority to abridge it can be justified only by the existence of exceptional circumstances. Whether these circumstances exist in the present case constitutes the question to be answered. It will be helpful to this end to review some of the decisions where the interference has been upheld and consider the grounds upon which they rest:

1. Those dealing with statutes fixing rates and charges to be exacted by business impressed with a public interest.

There are many cases, but it is sufficient to cite *Munn vs. Illinois*, 94 U. S. 113. The power here rests upon the ground that where property is devoted to a public use the owner thereby, in effect, grants to the public an interest in the use, which may be controlled by the public for the common good to the extent of the interest thus created. It is upon this theory that these statutes have been upheld and, it may be noted in passing, so upheld even in respect of their incidental and injurious or destructive effect upon pre-existing contracts. See *Louisville & Nashville Railway Co. vs. Motley*, 219 U. S. 467. In the case at bar the statute does not depend upon the existence of a public interest in any business to be affected, and this class of cases may be laid aside as inapplicable.

Public Work Contracts Cited.

(2) Statutes relating to contracts for the performance of public work. *Atking vs. Kansas*, 191 U. S. 207; *Heim vs. McCann*, 239 U. S. 175; *Ellis vs. United States*, 206 U. S. 246. These cases sustain such statutes as depending, not upon the right to condition private contracts, but upon the right of the Government to prescribe the conditions upon which it will permit work of a public character to be done for it, or, in the case of a State, for its municipalities. We may, therefore, in like manner, dismiss these directions from consideration as inapplicable.

(3) Statutes prescribing the character, methods and time for payment of wages. Under this head may be included *McLean vs. Arkansas*, 211 U. S. 539, sustaining a State statute requiring coal to be measured for payment of miners' wages before screening; *Knoxville vs. Marbison*, 183 U. S. 13, sustaining a Tennessee statute requiring the redemption in cash of store orders issued in payment of wages; *Erie Railway Company vs. Williams*, 233 U. S. 685, upholding a statute regulating the time within which wages

shall be paid to employees in certain specified industries, and other cases sustaining statutes of like import and effect. In none of the statutes thus sustained was the liberty of employer or employee to fix the amount of wages the one was willing to pay and the other willing to receive interfered with. Their tendency and purpose was to prevent unfair and perhaps fraudulent methods in the payment of wages and in no sense can they be said to be, or to furnish a precedent for, wage-fixing statutes.

Chief Emphasis in Argument Is Laid Upon Law Fixing Work Hours.

(4) Statutes fixing hours of labor. It is upon this class that the greatest emphasis is laid in argument and, therefore, and because such cases approach most nearly the line of principle applicable to the statute here involved, we shall consider them more at length. In some instances the statute limited the hours of labor for men in certain occupations, and in others it was confined in its application to women. No statute has thus far been brought to the attention of this Court which by its terms, applied to all occupations. In *Holden vs. Hardy*, 169 U. S., 366, the Court considered an Act of the Utah Legislature, restricting the hours of labor in mines and smelters. This statute was sustained as a legitimate exercise of the police power, on the ground that the Legislature had determined that these particular employments, when too long pursued, were injurious to the health of the employees, and that, as there were reasonable grounds for supporting this determination on the part of the Legislature, its decision in that respect was beyond the reviewing power of the Federal Courts.

That this constituted the basis of the decision is emphasized by the subsequent decision in *Lochner vs. New York*, 198 U. S. 45, reviewing a State statute which restricted the employment of all persons in bakeries to ten hours in any one day. The Court referred to *Holden vs. Hardy* supra and, declaring it to be inapplicable, held the statute unconstitutional as an unreasonable, unnecessary and arbitrary interference with the liberty of contract, and therefore void under the Constitution.

Justice Peckham Quoted.

Justice Peckham, speaking for the Court (p. 56), said:

"It must, of course, be conceded that there is a limit to the valid exercise of the police power by the State. There is no dispute concerning this general proposition. Otherwise the Fourteenth Amendment would have no efficacy and the Legislatures of the States would have unbounded power, and it would be enough to say that any piece of legislation would be valid, no matter how absolutely without foundation the claim might be. The claim of the police power would be a mere pretext—become another and delusive name for the supreme sovereignty of the State to be exercised free from constitutional restraint."

And again (pp. 57-58):

"It is a question of which of two powers or rights shall prevail—the power of the State to legislate or the right of the individual to liberty of person and freedom of contract. The mere assertion that the subject relates, though but in a remote degree, to the public health, does not necessarily render the enactment valid."

"The Act must have a more direct relation, as a means to an end, and the end itself must be appropriate and legitimate, before an Act can be held to be valid which interferes with the general right of an individual to be free in his person and in his power to contract in relation to his own labor."

Coming then directly to the statute (p. 58) the Court said:

"We think the limit of the police power has been reached and passed in this case. There is, in our judgment, no reasonable foundation for holding this to be necessary or appropriate as a health law to safeguard the public health or the health of the individuals who are following the trade of a baker. If this statute be valid, and if, therefore, a proper case is made out in which to deny the right of an individual sui juris, as employer or employee, to make contracts for the labor of the latter, under the protection of the provisions of the Federal Constitution, there would seem to be no length to which legislation of this nature might not go."

And, after pointing out the unreasonable range to which the principle of the statute might be extended, the Court said (p. 60):

"It is also urged, pursuing the same line of argument, that it is to the interest of the State that its population should be strong and robust, and therefore, any legislation which may be said to make people healthy must be valid as health laws. enacted under either police power. If this be a valid argument and a justification for this kind of legislation, it follows that the protection of the Federal Constitution is visionary wherever the law is sought to be justified as a valid exercise of the police power. Scarcely any law but might find shelter under such an assumption, and conduct, properly so-called, as well as contract, would come under the restrictive sway of the Legislature."

And further (p. 61):

"Statutes of the nature of that under review, limiting the hours in which grown and intelligent men may labor to earn their living, are mere meddling interferences with the rights of the individual whose rights are interfered with, unless there be some fair ground, reasonable in and of itself, to say that there is material danger to the public health or to the health of the employees if the hours of labor are not curtailed."

Subsequent cases in this Court have been distinguished from that decision, but the principles therein stated have never been disapproved.

Test Case of the Adamson Law and Chief Justice's Ruling Recalled.

In *Bunting vs. Oregon* (243 U. S. 426) a State statute forbidding the employment of any person in any mill, factory or manufacturing establishment more than ten hours in any one day, and providing payment for overtime not exceeding three hours in any one day at the rate of time and a half of the regular wage, was sustained on the ground that, since the State Legislature and State Supreme Court had found such a law necessary for the preservation of the health of employees in these industries, this Court would accept their judgment in the absence of facts to support the contrary conclusion. The law was attacked on the ground that it constituted an attempt to fix wages, but that contention was rejected and the law sustained as a reasonable regulation of hours of service.

Wilson vs. New, 243 U. S., 332, involved the validity of the so-called Adamson law, which established an eight-hour day for employees of interstate carriers, for which it fixed a scale of minimum wages with proportionate increases for overtime, to be enforced, however, only for a limited period. The Act was sustained primarily upon the ground that it was a regulation of a business charged with a public interest. The Court, speaking through the Chief Justice, pointed out that, regarding "the private right and private interest as contra-distinguished from the public interest, the power exists between the parties, the employers and employees, to agree as to a standard of wages free from legislative interference," but that this did not affect the power to deal with the matter with a view to protect the public right, and then said (P. 353):

"And this emphasizes that there is no question here of purely private right, since the law is concerned only with these who are engaged in a business charged with a public interest, where the subject dealt with as to all the parties is one involved in that business and which we have seen comes under the control of the right to regulate to the extent that the power to do so is appropriate or relevant to the business regulated."

Both Sides Left Free.

Moreover, in sustaining the wage feature of the law emphasis was put upon the fact (page 345) that it was in this respect temporary. "Leaving the employers and employees free as to the subject of wages to govern their relations by their own agreements after the specified time." The Act was not only temporary in this respect but it was passed to meet a sudden and great emergency. This feature of the law was sustained principally

because the parties, for the time being, could not or would not agree. Here they are forbidden to agree.

The same principle was applied in the rent cases (*Block agt. Hirsh* 256 U. S. 135 and *Marcus Brown Holding Co. agt. Feldman*, 256 U. S. 170), where this Court sustained the legislative power to fix rents as between landlords and tenants upon the ground that the operation of the statutes was temporary to tide over an emergency and that circumstances were such as to clothe "the letting of buildings with a public interest so great as to justify regulation by law. The Court said (p. 157):

"The regulation is put and justified only as a temporary measure (citing *Wilson agt. New*, supra). A limit in time to tide over a passing trouble, well may justify a law that could not be upheld as a permanent change."

In a subsequent case, *Pennsylvania Coal Co. vs. Mahon*, decided Dec. 11 1922, this Court, after saying "We are in danger of forgetting that a strong public desire to improve the public condition is not enough to warrant achieving the desire by a shorter cut than the constitutional way of paying for the change," pointed out that the rent cases dealt with laws intended to meet a temporary emergency and "Went to the verge of the law."

Other Decisions That Apply.

In addition to the cases cited above there are four decisions of this Court dealing with laws especially relating to hours of labor for women: *Muller vs. Oregon*, 208 U. S. 412; *Riley vs. Massachusetts*, 232 U. S. 671; *Miller vs. Wilson*, 236 U. S. 373; *Bosley vs. McLaughlin*, 236 U. S. 385.

In the *Muller* case the validity of an Oregon statute, forbidding the employment of any female in certain industries more than ten hours during any one day was upheld. The decision proceeded upon the theory that the difference between the sexes may justify a different rule respecting hours of labor in the case of women than in the case of men. It is pointed out that these consist in differences of physical structure, especially in respect of the maternal functions, and also in the fact that historically women have always been dependent upon man, who has established his control by superior physical strength. The cases of *Riley*, *Miller* and *Bosley* follow in this respect the *Muller* case. But the ancient inequality of the sexes, otherwise than physical, as suggested in the *Muller* case (p. 421), has continued, with diminishing intensity.

"In view of the great—not to say revolutionary—changes which have taken place since that utterance, in the contractual, political and civil status of women, culminating in the Nineteenth Amendment, it is not unreasonable to say that these differences have now come almost, if not quite, to the vanishing point. In this aspect of the matter, while the physical differences must be recognized in appropriate cases, and legislation fixing hours or conditions of work may properly take them into account, we cannot accept the doctrine that women of mature age, sui juris, require or may be subjected to restrictions upon their liberty of contract which could not lawfully be imposed in the case of men under similar circumstances. To do so would be to ignore all the implications to be drawn from the present day trend of legislation, as well as that of common thought and usage, by which woman is accorded emancipation from the old doctrine that she must be given special protection or be subjected to special restraint in her contractual and civil relationships. In passing, it may be noted that the instant statute applies in the case of a woman employer contracting with a woman employee as it does when the former is a man.

Essential Difference Between Pay and Hours of Labor Emphasized.

The essential characteristics of the statute now under consideration, which differentiate it from the laws fixing hours of labor, will be made to appear as we proceed. It is sufficient now to point out that the latter as well as the statutes mentioned under paragraph (3), deal with the incidents of the employment having no necessary effect upon the heart of the contract; that is, the amount of wages to be paid and received. A law forbidding work to continue beyond a given number of hours leaves the parties free to contract about wages and thereby equalize whatever additional burdens may be imposed upon the employer as a result of the restrictions as to hours, by an adjustment in respect of the amount of wages.

Enough has been said to show that the authority to fix hours of labor cannot be exercised except in respect of those occupations where work of long continued duration is detrimental to health. This Court has been careful in every case where the question has been raised, to place its decision upon the limited authority of the Legislature to regulate hours of labor and to disclaim any purpose to uphold the legislation as fixing wages, thus recognizing an essential difference between the two. It seems plain that these decisions afford no real support for any form of law establishing minimum wages.

Statute Analyzed.

If now, in the light furnished by the foregoing exceptions to the general rule forbidding legislative interference with freedom of contract, we examine and analyze the statute in question, we shall see that it differs from them in every material respect. It is not a law dealing with any business charged with a public interest or with public work, or to meet and tide over a temporary emergency. It has nothing to do with the character, methods or periods of wage payments. It does not prescribe hours of labor or conditions under which labor is to be done. It is not for the protection of persons under legal disability or for the prevention of fraud. It is simply and exclusively a price-fixing law, confined to adult women (for we are not now considering the provisions relating to minors), who are legally as capable of contracting for themselves as men. It forbids two parties having lawful capacity—under penalties as to the employer—to freely contract with one another in respect to the price for which one shall render service to the other in a purely private employment where both are willing, perhaps anxious, to agree, even though the consequence may be to oblige one to surrender a desirable engagement and the other to dispense with the services of a desirable employee."

The price fixed by the Board need have no relation to the capacity or earning power of the employee, the number of hours which may happen to constitute the day's work, the character of the place where the work is to be done, or the circumstances or surroundings of the employment, and while it has no other basis to support its validity than the assumed necessities of the employee it takes no account of any independent resources she may have. It is based wholly on the opinions of members of the Board and their advisers—perhaps an average of their opinions if they do not precisely agree—as to what will be necessary to provide a living for a woman, keep her in health and preserve her morals. It applies to any and every occupation in the district without regard to its nature or the character of the work.

"The standard furnished by the statute for the guidance of the Board is so vague as to be impossible of practical application with any reasonable degree of accuracy. What is sufficient to supply the necessary cost of living for a woman worker and maintain her in good health and protect her morals is obviously not a precise or unvarying sum—not even approximately so. The amount will depend upon a variety of circumstances—the individual temperament, habits of thrift, care, ability to buy necessities intelligently, and whether the woman lives alone or with her family. To those who practice economy, a given sum will afford comfort, while to those of contrary habit the same sum will be wholly inadequate. The

co-operative economies of the family group are not taken into account though they constitute an important consideration in estimating the cost of living, for it is obvious that the individual expense will be less in the case of a member of a family than in the case of one living alone. The relation between earnings and morals is not capable of standardization. The well to do are not less likely than the poor to lapse morally.

It cannot be shown that highly paid women safeguard their morals more carefully than those who are poorly paid. Morality rests upon other considerations than wages; and there is, certainly, no such prevalent connection between the two as to justify a broad attempt to adjust the latter with reference to the former. As a means of safeguarding morals the attempted classification, in our opinion, is without reasonable basis. No distinction can be made between women who work for others and those who do not; nor is there ground for distinction between women and men, for certainly, if women require a minimum wage to preserve their morals men require it to preserve their honesty. For these reasons and others which might be stated the inquiry in respect of the necessary cost of living and of the income necessary to preserve health and morals presents an individual and not a composite question, and must be answered for each individual considered by herself and not by a general formula prescribed by a statutory bureau.

Note—This is the exact situation in the Lyons case, as is shown by the statement in the first part of this opinion.

Uncertainty Emphasized.

This uncertainty of the statutory standard is demonstrated by a consideration of certain orders of the Board already made. These orders fix the sum to be paid to a woman employed in a place where food is served or in a mercantile establishment at \$16 50 per week; in a printing establishment at \$15 50 per week; and in a laundry at \$15 per week, with a provision reducing this to \$9 in the case of a beginner. If a woman employed to serve food requires a minimum of \$16 50 per week, it is hard to understand how the same woman working in a printing establishment or in a laundry is to get on with an income lessened by from \$1 to \$7 50 per week. The Board probably found it impossible to follow the indefinite standard of the extraneous circumstance that the employee needs to get a prescribed sum of money to insure her subsistence, health and morals.

The ethical right of every worker, man or woman, to a living wage may be conceded. One of the declared and important purposes of trade organizations is to secure it. And with that principle and with every legitimate effort to realize it in fact, no one can quarrel; but the fallacy of the proposed method of attaining it is that it assumes that every employer is bound to furnish it. The moral requirement implicit in every contract of employment, viz., that the amount to be paid and the service to be rendered shall bear to each other some relation of just equivalence is completely ignored. The necessities of the employee are alone considered and these arise outside of the employment, and as great in one occupation as in another. Certainly the employer by paying a fair equivalent for the service rendered, though not sufficient to support the employee, has neither caused nor contributed to her poverty. On the contrary, to the extent of what he pays he has relieved it.

In principle there can be no difference between the case of selling labor and the case of selling goods. If one goes to the butcher, the baker or grocer to buy foods, he is morally entitled to obtain the worth of his money, but he is not entitled to more. If what he gets is worth what he pays he is not justified in demanding more simply because he needs more, and the shopkeeper, having dealt fairly and honestly in that transaction, is not concerned in any peculiar sense with the question of his customer's necessities. Should a statute undertake to vest in a commission power to determine the quantity of food necessary for individual support and require the shopkeeper, if he sells to the individual at all, to furnish that quantity at not more than a fixed maximum, it would undoubtedly fall before the constitutional test.

The fallacy of any argument in support of the validity of such a statute would be quickly exposed. The argument in support of that now being considered is equally fallacious, though the weakness of it may not be so plain. A statute requiring an employer to pay in money, to pay at prescribed and regular intervals, to pay the value of the services rendered, even to pay with fair relation to the extent of the benefit obtained from the service, would be understandable. But a statute which prescribes payment without regard to any of these things and solely with relation to circumstances apart from the contract of employment, the business affected by it and the work done under it, is so clearly the product of a naked, arbitrary exercise of power that it cannot be allowed to stand under the Constitution of the United States.

We are asked, upon the one hand, to consider the fact that several States have adopted similar statutes, and we are invited, upon the other hand, to give weight to the fact that three times as many States, presumably as well informed and as anxious to promote the health and morals of their people, have refrained from enacting such legislation. We have also been furnished with a large number of printed opinions approving the policy of the minimum wage, and our own reading has disclosed a large number to the contrary. These are all proper enough for the consideration of the lawmaking bodies, since their tendency is to establish the desirability or undesirability of the legislation, but they reflect no legitimate light upon the question of its validity, and that is what we are called upon to decide. The elucidation of that question cannot be aided by counting heads.

It is said that great benefits have resulted from the operation of such statutes, not alone in the District of Columbia but in the several States where they have been in force. A mass of reports, opinions of special observers and students of the subject and the like, has been brought before us in support of this statement, all of which we have found interesting, but only mildly persuasive. That the earnings of women now are greater than they were formerly and that conditions affecting women have become better in other respects may be conceded, but convincing indications in the logical relation of these desirable changes to the law in question are significantly lacking. They may be, and quite probably are, due to other causes.

Earnings on Increase

We cannot close our eyes to the notorious fact that earnings everywhere in all occupations have greatly increased—not alone in States where the minimum wage law obtains but in the country generally—quite as much or more among men as among women and in occupations outside the reach of the law as in those governed by it. No real test of the economic value of the law can be had during periods of maximum employment, when general causes keep wages up to or above the minimum; that will come in periods of depression and struggle for employment, when the efficient will be employed at the minimum rate while the less capable may not be employed at all.

Finally, it may be said that if, in the interest of the public welfare, the police power may be invoked to justify the fixing of a minimum wage, it may, when the public welfare is thought to require it, be invoked to justify a maximum wage. The power to fix high wages connotes, by like course of reasoning, the power to fix low wages. If, in the face of the guaranties of the Fifth Amendment, this form of legislation shall be legally

justified, the field for the operation of the police power will have been widened to a great and dangerous degree. If, for example, in the opinion of future lawmakers, wages in the building trades shall become so high as to preclude people of ordinary means from building and owning homes, an authority which sustains the minimum wage will be invoked to support a maximum wage for building laborers and artisans, and the same argument which has been here urged to strip the employer of his constitutional liberty of contract in one direction will be utilized to strip the employee of his constitutional liberty of contract in the opposite direction. A wrong decision does not end with itself; it is a precedent, and, with the swing of sentiment, its bad influence may run from one extremity of the arc to the other.

It has been said that legislation of the kind now under review is required in the interest of social justice, for whose ends freedom of contract may lawfully be subjected to restraint. The liberty of the individual to do as he pleases, even in innocent matters, is not absolute. It must frequently yield to the common good, and the line beyond which the power of interference may not be pressed is neither definite nor unalterable, but may be made to move within limits not well defined, with changing need and circumstance. Any attempt to fix a rigid boundary would be unwise as well as futile. But, nevertheless, there are limits to the power, and when these have been passed it becomes the plain duty of the courts in the proper exercise of their authority to so declare. To sustain the individual freedom of action contemplated by the Constitution is not to strike down the common good, but to exalt it; for surely the good of society as a whole cannot be better served than by the preservation against arbitrary restraint of the liberties of its constituent members.

It follows from what has been said that the act in question passes the limit prescribed by the Constitution, and accordingly the decrees of the court below are

Affirmed.

Text of Chief Justice's Opinion Dissenting From Majority Decision.

The dissenting opinion of Chief Justice Taft is as follows:

I regret much to differ from the Court in these cases.

The boundary of the police power, beyond which its exercise becomes an invasion of the guaranty of liberty under the Fifth and Fourteenth amendments to the Constitution, is not easy to mark. Our Court has been laboriously engaged in pricking out a line in successive cases. We must be careful, it seems to me, to follow that line as well as we can and not to depart from it by suggesting a distinction that is formal rather than real.

Legislatures in limiting freedom of contract between employee and employer by a minimum wage proceed on the assumption that employees, in the class receiving least pay, are not upon a full level of equality of choice with their employer, and by their needful circumstances are prone to accept pretty much anything that is offered. They are peculiarly subject to the overreaching of the harsh and greedy employer. The evils of the sweating system and of the long hours and low wages which are characteristic of it are well known. Now, I agree that it is a disputable question in the field of political economy how far a statutory requirement of maximum hours or minimum wages may be a useful remedy for these evils, and whether it may not make the case of the oppressed employee worse than it was before. But it is not the function of this Court to hold Congressional Acts invalid simply because they are passed to carry out economic views which the Court believes to be unwise or unsound.

Legislatures which adopt a requirement of maximum or minimum wages may be presumed to believe that when sweating employers are prevented from paying unduly low wages by positive law they will continue their business, abating that part of their profits which were wrung from the necessities of their employees, and will concede the better terms required by the law, and that while in individual cases hardship may result the restriction will inure to the benefit of the general class of employees in whose interest the law is passed and so to that of the community at large.

Line Well Defined.

The right of the Legislature under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to limit the hours of employment on the score of the health of the employee, it seems to me, has been firmly established. As to that, one would think, the line had been pricked out so that it has become a well formulated rule. In *Holden vs. Hardy*, 169 U. S. 366, it was applied to miners and rested on the unfavorable environment of employment in mining and smelting. In *Lochner vs. New York*, 198 U. S. 45, it was held that restricting those employed in bakeries to ten hours a day was an arbitrary and invalid interference with the liberty of contract secured by the Fourteenth Amendment. Then followed a number of cases, beginning with *Muller vs. Oregon*, 208 U. S. 412, sustaining the validity of a limit on maximum hours of labor for men to which I shall hereafter allude, and following these cases came *Bunting vs. Oregon*, 243 U. S. 426. In that case this Court sustained a law limiting the hours of labor of any person, whether man or woman, working in any mill, factory or manufacturing establishment to ten hours a day, with a proviso as to further hours to which I shall hereafter advert. The law covered the whole field of industrial employment, and certainly covered the cases of persons employed in bakeries.

Yet the opinion in the *Bunting* case does not mention the *Lochner* case. No one can suggest any constitutional distinction between employment in a bakery and one in any other kind of a manufacturing establishment which should make a limit of hours in the one invalid and the same limit in the other permissible. It is impossible for me to reconcile the *Bunting* case and the *Lochner* case, and I have always supposed that the *Lochner* case was thus overruled, sub silentio. Yet the opinion of the Court herein in support of its conclusion quotes from the opinion in the *Lochner* case as one which has been sometimes distinguished but never overruled. Certainly there was no attempt to distinguish it in the *Bunting* case.

Bunting Case Not Overruled.

However, the opinion herein does not overrule the *Bunting* case in express terms and therefore I assume that the conclusion in this case rests on the distinction between a minimum of wages and a maximum of hours in the limiting of liberty to contract. I regret to be at variance with the Court as to the substance of this distinction. In absolute freedom of contract the one term is as important as the other, for both enter equally into the consideration given and received; a restriction as to one is not any greater in essence than the other, and is of the same kind. One is the multiplier and the other the multiplicand.

If it be said that long hours of labor have a more direct effect upon the health of the employee than low wage, there is very respectable authority from close observers, disclosed in the record and in the literature on the subject quoted at length in the briefs, that they are equally harmful in this regard. Congress took this view, and we cannot say it was not warranted in so doing.

With deference to the very able opinion of the Court and my brethren who concur in it, it appears to me to exaggerate the importance of the wage term of the contract of employment as more inviolate than its other terms

Its conclusion seems influenced by the fear that the concession of the power to impose a minimum wage must carry with it a concession of the power to fix a maximum wage. This, I submit, is a non sequitur. A line of distinction like the one under discussion in this case is, as the opinion elsewhere admits, a matter of degree and practical experience and not of pure logic. Certainly the wide difference between prescribing a minimum wage and a maximum wage could as a matter of degree and experience be easily affirmed.

Legislative Limitation on Wage Term Recalled in Other Suits.

Moreover, there are decisions by this Court which have sustained legislative limitations in respect to the wage term in contracts of employment. In *McLean vs. Arkansas*, 211 U. S., 539, it was held within legislative power to make it unlawful to estimate the graduated pay of miners by weight after screening the coal. In *Knoxville Iron Co. vs. Harbison*, 183 U. S. 13, it was held that store orders issued for wages must be redeemable in cash. In *Paterson vs. Bark Eudora*, 190 U. S., 169, a law forbidding the payment of wages in advance was held valid. A like case is *Stratheran S. S. Company vs. Dillon*, 252 U. S. 348. While these did not impose a minimum on wages, they did take away from the employee the freedom to agree as to how they should be fixed, in what medium they should be paid and when they should be paid, all features that might affect the amount or the mode of enjoyment of them. The first two really rested on the advantage the employer had in dealing with the employee. The third was deemed a proper curtailment of a sailor's right of contract in his own interest, because of his proneness to squander his wages in port before sailing.

In *Bunting vs. Oregon*, supra, employees in a mill, factory or manufacturing establishment were required if they worked ten hours a day to accept for the three additional hours permitted not less than 50 per cent more than their usual wage. This was sustained as a mild penalty imposed on the employer to enforce the limitation as to hours; but it necessarily curtailed the employee's freedom of contract to work for the wages he saw fit to accept during those three hours. I do not feel, therefore, that either on the basis of reason, experience or authority the boundary of police power should be drawn to include maximum hours and exclude a minimum wage.

Without, however, expressing an opinion that a minimum wage limitation can be enacted for adult men, it is enough to say that the case before us involves only the application of the minimum wage of women. If I am right in thinking that the Legislature can find as much support in experience for the view that a sweating wage has as great and as direct a tendency to bring about an injury to the health and morals of workers as for the view that long hours injure their health, then I respectfully submit that *Muller vs. Oregon* (208 United States 412) controls this case. The law which there sustained forbade the employment of any female in any mechanical establishment or factory or laundry for more than ten hours. This covered a pretty wide field in women's work, and it would seem that any sound distinction between that case and this can be built upon the fact that the law before us applies to all occupations of women, with power in the Board to make certain exceptions. Mr. Justice Brewer, who spoke for the Court in *Muller vs. Oregon*, based its constitutionality on the natural limit to woman's physical strength and the likelihood that long hours would therefore injure her health, and we have had since a series of cases which may be said to have established a rule of decision. *Riley vs. Massachusetts* (232 U. S. 671), *Miller vs. Wilson* (236 U. S. 373), *Bosley vs. McLaughlin* (236 U. S. 385).

The cases covered restrictions in wide and varying fields of employment, and in the later cases it will be found that the objection to the particular law was based not on the ground that it had general application but because it left out some employment.

Women's Physical Power Unchanged

I am not sure from a reading of the opinion whether the court thinks the authority of *Muller vs. Oregon* is shaken by the adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment. The Nineteenth Amendment did not change the physical strength or limitations of women, upon which the decision in *Muller vs. Oregon* rests. The amendment did give women political power and makes more certain that legislative provisions for their protection will be in accord with their interests as they see them. But I don't think we are warranted in varying constitutional construction based on physical differences between men and women because of the amendment.

But for my inability to agree with some general observations in the forcible opinion of Mr. Justice Holmes, who follows me, I should be silent and merely record my concurrence in what he says. It is perhaps wiser for me, however, in a case of this importance, separately to give my reasons for dissenting.

I am authorized to say that Mr. Justice Sanford concurs in this opinion.

Justice Holmes Holds Right of Congress is Free From Doubt.

Following is Justice Holmes's dissenting opinion:

The question in this case is the broad one, whether Congress can establish minimum rates of wages for women in the District of Columbia with due provision for special circumstances, or whether we must say that Congress has no power to meddle with the matter at all. To me, notwithstanding the deference due to the prevailing judgment of the Court, the power of Congress seems absolutely free from doubt. The end, to remove conditions leading to ill-health, immorality and the deterioration of the race, no one would deny to be within the scope of constitutional legislation. The means are means that have the approval of Congress, of many States, and of those Governments from which we have learned our greatest lessons. When so many intelligent persons, who have studied the matter more than any of us can, have thought that the means are effective and are worth the price, it seems to me impossible to deny that the belief reasonably may be held by reasonable men.

If the law encountered no other objection than that the means bore no relation to the end or that they cost too much, I do not suppose that any one would venture to say that it was bad. I agree, of course, that a law answering the foregoing requirements might be invalidated by specific provisions of the Constitution. For instance, it might take private property without just compensation. But in the present instance the only objection that can be urged is found within the vague contours of the Fifth Amendment, prohibiting the depriving of any person of liberty or property without due process of law. To that I turn.

Growth of Fourteenth Amendment.

The earlier decisions upon the same words in the Fourteenth Amendment began within our memory and went no further than an unpretentious assertion of the liberty to follow the ordinary callings. Later that innocuous generality was expanded into the dogma, Liberty of Contract. Contract is not specially mentioned in the text that we have to construe. It is merely an example of doing what you want to do, embodied in the word liberty. But pretty much all law consists in forbidding men to do some things that they want to do, and contract is no more exempt from law than other acts. Without enumerating all the restrictive laws that have been upheld, I will mention a few that seem to me to have interfered with liberty of contract quite as seriously and directly as the one before us.

Usury laws prohibit contracts by which a man receives more than so much interest for the money that he lends. Statutes of frauds restrict many contracts to certain forms. Some Sunday laws prohibit practically all contracts during one-seventh of our whole life. Insurance rates may be regulated. *German Alliance Insurance Co. vs. Kansas* (233 U. S. 359). (I concurred in that decision without regard to the public interest with which insurance was said to be clothed. It seemed to me that the principle was general.) Contracts may be forced upon the companies. *National Union Fire Insurance Co. vs. Wandberg*, Nev. 13 1922. Employers of miners may be required to pay for coal by weight before screening. *McLean vs. Arkansas* (211 U. S. 539). Employers generally may be required to redeem in cash store orders accepted by their employees in payment. *Knoxville Iron Co. vs. Harrison* (183 U. S. 13). Payment of sailors in advance may be forbidden. *Patterson vs. Bark Eudora* (190 U. S. 169). The size of a loaf of bread may be established. *Schmidinger vs. Chicago* (236 U. S. 578).

The responsibility of employers to their employees may be profoundly modified: *New York Central RR. Co. vs. White*, 243 U. S. 188; *Arizona Employers' Liability Cases*, 250 U. S. 400. Finally women's hours of labor may be fixed: *Muller vs. Oregon*, 208 U. S. 412; *Riley vs. Massachusetts*, 232 U. S. 671, 679; *Hawley vs. Walker*, 232 U. S. 718; *Miller vs. Wilson*, 236 U. S. 373; *Bosley vs. McLaughlin*, 236 U. S. 385, and the principle was extended to men with the allowance of a limited overtime to be paid for "at the rate of time and one-half of the regular wage," in *Bunting vs. Oregon*, 243 U. S. 426.

Two Contentions Linked.

I confess that I do not understand the principle on which the power to fix a minimum for the wage of women can be denied by those who admit the power to fix a maximum for their hours of work. I fully assent to the proposition that as elsewhere the distinctions of the law are distinctions of degree, but I perceive no difference in the kind or degree of interference with liberty, the only matter with which we have any concern, between the one case and the other. The bargain is equally affected whichever half you regulate. *Muller vs. Oregon*, I take it, is as good law to-day as it was in 1908. It will need more than the Nineteenth Amendment to convince me that there are no differences between men and women or that legislation cannot take those differences into account. I should not hesitate to take them into account if I thought it necessary to sustain this Act. *Quong Wing vs. Kirkendall*, 223 U. S. 59, 63. But after *Bunting vs. Oregon*, 243 U. S. 426, I had supposed that it was not necessary, and that *Lochner vs. New York*, 198 U. S. 45, would be allowed a deserved repose.

This statute does not compel anybody to pay anything. It simply forbids employment at rates below those fixed as the minimum requirement of health and right living. It is safe to assume that women will not be employed at even the lowest wages allowed unless they can earn them, or unless the employers' business can sustain the burden. In short, the law in its character and operation is like hundreds of so-called police laws that have been upheld. I see no greater objection to using a board to apply the standard fixed by the Act than there is to the requirement of a license in other cases. The fact that the statute warrants classification, which, like all classifications, may bear hard upon some individuals, or in exceptional cases, notwithstanding the power given to the Board to issue a special license, is no greater infirmity than is incident to all law. But the ground on which the law is held to fail is fundamental and therefore it is unnecessary to consider matters of detail.

The criterion of constitutionality is not whether we believe the law to be for the public good. We certainly cannot be prepared to deny that a reasonable man reasonably might have that belief in view of the legislation of Great Britain, Victoria, and a number of the States of this Union. The belief is fortified by a very remarkable collection of documents submitted on behalf of the appellants, material here, I conceive, only showing that a belief reasonably may be held. In Australia the power to fix a minimum for wages in the case of industrial disputes extending beyond the limits of any one State was given to a Court, and its President wrote a most interesting account of its operation, 29 *Harv. Law Rev.* 13. If a legislature should adopt what he thinks the doctrine of modern economists of all schools, that freedom of contract is a misnomer as applied to a contract between an employer and an ordinary individual employee," *ibid.* 25, I could not pronounce an opinion with which I agree impossible to be entertained by reasonable men. If the same legislature should accept his further opinion that industrial peace was best attained by the device of a court having the above powers, I should not feel myself able to contradict it, or to deny that the end justified restrictive legislation quite as adequately as beliefs concerning Sunday or exploded theories about usury. I should have my doubts, as I have them about this statute—but they would be whether the bill that has to be paid for every gain, although hidden as interstitial detriment, was not greater than the gain was worth: a matter that it is not for me to decide.

I am of the opinion that the statute is valid and that the decree should be reversed.

Railroads Move to Carry Out Program for Meeting Demands of Freight Traffic—Comments of Samuel Rea, of Pennsylvania Railroad.

It was announced by the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association on April 10 that definite plans to bring about a reserve car supply west of the Mississippi River in anticipation of the demands that will come this season for the movement of crops, had been made at a meeting on that day of transportation officers of the Eastern and Southern railroads with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. The statement went on to say:

The plans call for the prosecution of a systematic program on the part of the carriers as a whole in order to enable the Western roads to have on their lines all possible cars owned by them, which are especially adapted to meet agricultural and industrial requirements in the Western districts before traffic demands increase late this summer and fall.

The Car Service Division issued an order, the effect of which will be to bring about the movement westward, either loaded or empty, of all box cars of Western ownership now located on railroads east of Chicago and St. Louis.

The order applies to all box cars belonging to carriers operating in the Northwestern, Central Western and Southwestern districts, including also the Illinois Central and Wabash railroads, which are terminating on Eastern lines with loaded traffic originating in Western territory.

Under the provisions of the order all railroads east of Chicago and the Mississippi River are prohibited from holding box cars belonging to Western roads for prospective loading, and also from moving such cars, either loaded or empty, in an opposite direction from the home line. This also applies

to such cars now located in the Pocahontas district and the southeastern part of the country.

The meeting of the transportation officers on April 10 was one step in the general program agreed upon by the carriers last week in New York which is designed to bring about the greatest co-operation between the railroads in order to prepare for handling during 1923 of what is expected to be the greatest freight traffic in history. It also carries out a policy recently announced by the Car Service Division to anticipate as far as possible in advance the transportation needs of the agricultural sections of the country in order to facilitate the movement of crops to market.

Samuel Rea, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., it was pointed out in the New York "Commercial" of the 11th inst., issued on the 10th inst. the following statement regarding the billion and a half dollars being expended by the railroads in 1922 and 1923, as outlined at last week's meetings of the American Railway Association and of the Association of Railway Executives:

These expenditures are an act of good faith. The railroads express a reliance upon the public for ultimate justice. For years they have been under-compensated. The return which they have been permitted to earn has been far below the level commonly existing in other essential industries.

The railroads, nevertheless, are now venturing to make these vast capital expenditures for the development of an adequate service to the public. They hope this act of good faith on their part may bring from the public, and especially from their representatives in the State and Federal governments and commissions, a recognition of the equitable right accorded to other efficient industries in this country, of earning a reasonable return on the investment.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

A New York Stock Exchange membership was posted for transfer this week, the consideration being stated as \$91,000. The last previous transaction was for \$94,000.

A testimonial dinner to Gates W. McGarrah, Chairman of the Board of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, is to be tendered April 25 at the Hotel Astor. This dinner is to commemorate the rounding out of Mr. McGarrah's forty years' service in the New York banking field, and will also serve as an appreciation of the help he has given the younger bank men of New York City along educational lines. The dinner will be attended by representatives of every bank in New York City, and by bankers from Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Pittsburgh and many other cities. Mr. McGarrah's interest in educational work among the younger men dates back many years to the formation of the American Institute of Banking, and it is largely due to his efforts that funds have been provided which have supported the growth of New York Chapter to a membership of more than 5,000, and a yearly educational budget of more than a quarter of a million dollars.

Harrod C. Newland, Assistant Vice-President of the Chemical National Bank of New York, was on April 12 elected President of the Cosmopolitan Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio, effective at once. The bank has total resources of more than \$8,000,000. Mr. Newland was formerly with the National City Bank and went to the Chemical Bank in 1920 as Assistant to President Percy H. Johnston. He is well known in banking circles. Before coming to New York he lived for several years in Memphis. Mr. Newland is a graduate of Perdue University and a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Samuel S. Conover, President of the Fidelity-International Trust Co. of this city, has given out the following information:

The buyer of the property on the southeast corner of West Broadway and Chambers St., which was reported sold about two weeks ago, is the Fidelity-International Trust Co., which is now located on the northwest corner of West Broadway and Chambers St., with branch offices at 110 William St. and 17 Battery Place.

The site, which was acquired from Walter T. Merrill et al., by the trust company, includes the corner property at 130-132 Chambers St., occupied for many years by the Acker, Merrill & Condit Co. and also the adjoining parcel of 128 Chambers St., acquired from the Estate of Chas. L. Acker, making the plot of ground approximately 75 ft. on Chambers St. and 100 ft. on West Broadway.

The rapid growth of the Fidelity-International Trust Co. since its organization in 1907, coupled with its merger with the International Bank in 1920, has made the demand for increased accommodations imperative. The new site will afford three times the area of the present location at the main office. It is expected that a handsome new bank building will be erected on the property acquired.

Wm. H. Whiting & Co. were the brokers in the transaction.

Gardiner Howland Leavitt, a director of the Bank of the Manhattan Company, died on the 7th inst. Mr. Leavitt, who was born in 1845, had been Commissioner of Highways of the Borough of Queens for six years and he was one of the founders of the Chamber of Commerce of the Borough

of Queens. He was also one of the organizers of the Flushing Bank.

Funeral services for N. Devereux Putnam, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, who died suddenly on April 7, were held from his late home at Englewood, N. J., last Tuesday, April 10. Mr. Putnam's death came very suddenly, after an illness of only a few days. He was at his desk at the bank, as usual, until Tuesday of last week. Mr. Putnam had been in the service of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York for 28 years, having been in the employ of the old New York Guaranty & Indemnity Co. when that institution was authorized to assume the name of Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, in 1895. He entered the employ of the company as a messenger, and was afterwards in the registration, trust and loan departments. He became an Assistant Secretary of the company in 1910, Secretary in March 1916 and Treasurer in August of the same year. His appointment as Vice-President was made in 1919. Mr. Putnam was born in Brooklyn on Dec. 12 1876 and received his education at Polytechnic Institute and Pratt Institute.

Frank J. Parsons, Vice-President, United States Mortgage & Trust Co., of this city, addressed the Essex County Bankers' Forum at Newark on April 10 on the subject of mortgages.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Seamen's Bank for Savings of this city last week, Frank C. Munson, President of the Munson Steamship Line, was elected a trustee to fill a vacancy.

On April 9 by unanimous consent of the directors of the Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland; Harris Creech, one of the Vice-Presidents of the bank and a member of its Executive Committee, was elected President to succeed the late Frederick H. Goff, whose death was noted in these columns in our March 31 issue. Mr. Creech joined the forces of the Cleveland Trust Co. in February of last year when the Garfield Savings Bank Co. of Cleveland, of which he had been President for six years, was absorbed by the Cleveland Trust Co. The new President of the Cleveland Trust Co., is a native of Cleveland and was educated in its public schools. In August, 1892 at the age of eighteen he entered the employ of the Garfield Savings Bank Co. as a messenger and advanced rapidly, being elected Cashier of the Glenville branch of the bank in 1896; promoted to Assistant Secretary and Treasury of the institution in 1899 and shortly after that being elected Secretary and Treasurer. Finally in January, 1916, at the age of forty-two, he was elected President. At that time, it is said, Mr. Creech was reputed to be the youngest bank president in Cleveland.

J. J. Mitchell, heretofore Chairman of the Board of both the Merchants' Loan & Trust Co. and the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, and who was Chairman-elect of the new Illinois Merchants' Trust Co., was on April 7 chosen President of the new organization and its affiliated institution, the Corn Exchange National Bank, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Edmund D. Hulbert, at a meeting of the new Board of Directors, made up of the directorates of the three merged banks, namely the Merchants' Loan & Trust Co., the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank and the Corn Exchange National Bank. The new organization opened for business on Monday (April 9) in its magnificent new 24-story office building at the corner of Clarke Street and Jackson Boulevard. A statement of the new Illinois Merchants' Trust Co. at the commencement of business April 9 gives its capital as \$15,000,000, surplus and undivided profits as \$21,141,165; total deposits as \$229,389,352 and total resources as \$286,339,981. The capital of the Corn Exchange National Bank (which is operated separately) is given in the statement as \$5,000,000; surplus and undivided profits, \$11,736,261; total deposits, \$92,772,512, and total assets as \$120,026,921. The combined deposits of the united banks is \$322,161,865 and combined resources \$406,366,901. A chairman of the board for the Illinois Merchants' Trust Co. will not be chosen for the present, it is said.

Chauncey F. Bell has been elected Assistant Vice-President and Manager of the security sales department of the Bankers Trust Co. of Denver. He will assume his new duties May 1.

N. C. Stenning, New York, Agent of the Anglo-South American Bank, Ltd., has received a cablegram from the

head office of the bank in London announcing that the directors have declared an interim dividend of six shillings per share, less tax, on the paid up capital, payable April 30 1923. The issued capital of the bank is £8,733,400, of which £4,366,700 is paid up and, with a reserve fund of £4,000,000 and other special reserves, the total capital and reserves exceed £13,000,000.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of March 21 1923:

GOLD.

The Bank of England Gold reserve against its note issue on the 14th inst. was £125,679,120, as compared with £125,677,805 on the previous Wednesday. A considerable amount of gold came on offer, of which India is taking a fair proportion.

Gold arrivals in New York during the week amounted to \$6,500,000, all from London. It was reported that gold to the value of \$3,150,000 had been engaged in New York for shipment to India.

SILVER.

The market has been fairly active and rather sensitive. On Monday the Indian bazaars sold rather freely; the cash price fell to 32 1-16d. and that for two months' delivery to 31 1/4d. Yesterday China commenced buying again and a quick recovery of 7-16d. took place to 32 1/4d. and 32 5-16d. for the respective deliveries America did not offer at the rise. To-day the quotation for cash silver lost 1-16d., and the market is dull and inactive.

The "Capital" of Calcutta, under date of Feb. 22 last, thus comments upon silver: "If conditions improve in Europe it would mean that European countries would be better buyers of China produce. All that we require is a similar improvement in the producing market, that is, in China, but unfortunately it is feared that China being in such a disorganized state any improvement at present in Europe might do us no good. Orient takings of Occident commercial silver establish a new high record for last year at 133 million ounces. The United States shipped to Shanghai, Hong Kong, India and the Malay Peninsula about 67 1/2 million ounces, while the United Kingdom shipped last year about 61 1/2 million ounces, and Canada about two million ounces. The total of 133 million fine ounces establishes a new high record for all time, and is a remarkable achievement in view of the supposed saturation of the Far East with silver after the India imports of 1919-20. The figures show that there is seemingly no limit to the amount of silver that can be absorbed by the 900 million population of the East. Takings of Occident silver, principally by Shanghai and Hong Kong, were 121,264,000 fine ounces in the boom year of 1920 and 102,349,000 ounces in 1921. In pre-war years a record was established at 118,983,000 ounces in 1912 down to 100,562,000 ounces in 1913."

There are often wheels within wheels in the factors which influence the production of silver. The issue of the "Northern Miner" of Cobalt, Ontario, reported that the silver market in the Cobalt region had been helped last year by the rise in the value of white arsenic, or calcium arsenate, which is a by-product of Cobalt silver, and has been much used in the Southern States of the Union to combat the ravages of the boll-weevil, an insect injurious to cotton. The production in Cobalt runs to 60 tons a month. The price went up last year from 7 to 12 cents a pound. The benefit, however, seems to have been reaped by the exporters rather than by the mines, which as of old get nothing for it, probably because the extraction is very costly. This commodity does not seem to occur in silver generally, its presence being confined to the Cobalt in Ontario.

The United States Department of Agriculture states that the dusting method has been found effective in combating the ravages of this weevil, and that the use of aeroplanes for the purpose had been requested from the War Department.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In Lacs of Rupees.)	Feb. 28.	Mar. 7.	Mar. 15
Notes in circulation	17389	17396	17433
Silver coin and bullion in India	8629	8637	8673
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)	5743	5743	5743
Securities (British Government)	585	584	585

The coinage during the week ending March 15 amounted to 13 lacs of rupees.

The stock in Shanghai on March 17 consisted of about 27,900,000 ounces in sycee, 33,500,000 dollars and 290 silver bars, as compared with about 27,200,000 ounces in sycee, 31,500,000 dollars and 600 silver bars on Mar. 10.

The Shanghai exchange is quoted at 3s. 2d. the tael.

Quotations—	—Bar Silver, per Oz. Std.—		Bar Gold per Oz. Fine
	Cash.	2 Months.	
March 15	32 3/4d.	32 1/4d.	88s. 8d.
16	32 1/4d.	32 1-16d.	88s. 8d.
17	32 5-16d.	32 1/2d.	
19	32 1-16d.	31 1/2d.	88s. 4d.
20	32 1/2d.	32 5-16d.	87s. 8d.
21	32 7-16d.	32 5-16d.	88s. 2d.
Average	32.322d.	32.156d.	88s. 3.6d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and forward delivery are respectively 3-16d. 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 Apr. 13.	Apr. 7.	Apr. 9.	Apr. 10.	Apr. 11.	Apr. 12.	Apr. 13.
Silver, per oz.	32 3-16	32 1-16	31 11-16	31 13-16	31 15-16	32
Gold, per fine ounce	88s. 3d.	88s. 10d.	88s. 6d.	88s. 6d.	88s. 6d.	
Consols, 2 1/2 per cents	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	
British, 5 per cents	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	
British, 4 1/2 per cents	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	
French Rentes (in Paris)	57.35	57.45	57.15	57.42	57.60	57.40
French War Loan (in Paris)	74.52	74.45	74.75	74.50	74.20	

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

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):						
Domestic	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4
Foreign	66 1/2	66 1/4	65 1/4	65 1/4	65 1/4	66 1/4

THE CURB MARKET.

Trading in the Curb Market this week shows a decided falling off in volume, while the movement of prices continues erratic. Oil shares were the most conspicuous, and while under pressure for a time, made a good recovery as the week closed. Prairie Oil & Gas, after a loss of some 23 points to 211, recovered to 222 to-day and closed at 221. Prairie Pipe Line advanced from 110 to 112, reacted to 107 and sold finally at 109 1/2. South Penn Oil was off from 167 to 160, with the final figure to-day 163. Standard Oil (Indiana) improved, dropped from 64 1/2 to 61, but recovered to 63 1/2. Standard Oil (Kansas) lost 3 1/2 points to 45 1/2, but recovered to 47 1/2. Standard Oil (Kentucky) declined from 100 1/2 to 96. Vacuum Oil moved down some three points to 49 1/2, recovering finally to 50 1/4. Among other oil shares, Magnolia Petroleum declined from 155 to 149 and closed to-day at 152. Mammoth Oil was conspicuous for a drop from 52 to 45, the final transaction to-day being at 50 1/2. Maracaibo Oil was strong, advancing from 17 1/2 to 21 5/8, the close to-day being at 20 3/8. Schulte Retail Stores com. was a feature in the industrial list the stock advancing from 87 to 93, with the close to-day at 91. The company announced to-day a dividend of \$8 in preferred stock, payable in quarterly installments. Durant Motors, after early fractional advance from 59 1/2 to 60 1/2, fell to 58 1/2. To-day it sold up to 60 3/4 and at the close at 59 1/4. Hydrox Corp. com. rose from 20 3/4 to 23 3/8 and reacted finally to 22 1/8. Midvale Co. sold down from 20 1/2 to 16 1/2 and up finally to 18 1/2. National Supply Co. com. was off from 69 1/2 to 65 1/4, the close to-day being at 66.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 1636.

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings continue to show improvement. 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, April 14) 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 8.1% as compared with the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$7,549,523,010, against \$6,984,667,684 for the same week in 1922. It is quite possible, however, that the ratio of gain will be larger than this when the final figures for the week are available, as Good Friday occurred last year in this week with the result of reducing the Saturday clearings, which the present year will be of the usual proportions. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week ending April 14.	1923.	1922.	Per Cent.
New York	\$3,376,000,000	\$3,658,739,572	-7.7
Chicago	528,384,551	437,558,544	+20.8
Philadelphia	384,000,000	271,000,000	+41.7
Boston	313,000,000	263,000,000	+19.0
Kansas City	116,123,282	110,996,952	+4.6
St. Louis	a	a	a
San Francisco	132,800,000	122,200,000	+8.8
Pittsburgh	136,065,639	*85,000,000	+60.1
Detroit	101,718,510	81,265,594	+25.2
Baltimore	37,605,072	47,201,898	-20.3
New Orleans	48,021,531	37,155,154	+29.2
Ten cities, 5 days	\$5,173,718,585	\$5,114,117,714	+1.2
Other cities, 5 days	1,117,550,590	706,438,690	+58.2
Total all cities, 5 days	\$6,291,269,175	\$5,820,556,404	+8.1
All cities, 1 day	1,258,253,835	1,164,111,280	+8.1
Total all cities for week	\$7,549,523,010	\$6,984,667,684	+8.1

a No longer report clearings. * Estimated.

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday), and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day. 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 April 7. For that week the increase is 16.2%, the 1923 aggregate of the clearings being \$8,587,822,313 and the 1922 aggregate \$7,391,894,498. Outside of this city the increase is 23.9%, the bank exchanges at this centre having recorded a gain of only 11.0%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and once more the noteworthy feature of the return is that every one of these Federal Reserve districts records an increase as compared with the corresponding week last year. In the Boston Reserve District the clearings are larger by 28.8%; in the New York Reserve District (including this city) by

11.1%, and in the Philadelphia Reserve District by 26.6%. The Cleveland Reserve District shows an expansion of 33.6%; the Richmond Reserve District of 25.8%, and the Atlanta Reserve District of 27.9%. The Chicago Reserve District records an improvement of 21.6%; the St. Louis Reserve District of 27.6%, and the Minneapolis Reserve District of 7.9%. The Kansas City Reserve District has an increase of 14.5%; the Dallas Reserve District of 12.7% and the San Francisco Reserve District of 23.1%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week ending April 7 1923., 1923., 1922., Inc. or Dec., 1921., 1920. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (Boston, New York, Philadelphia, etc.) and Grand total.

We now add our detailed statement, showing last week's figures for each city separately, for the four years:

Main table of bank clearings by city and district. Columns: Clearings at—, 1923., 1922., Inc. or Dec., 1921., 1920. Rows include First Federal Reserve District (Boston), Second Federal Reserve District (New York), Third Federal Reserve District (Philadelphia), Fourth Federal Reserve District (Cleveland), Fifth Federal Reserve District (Richmond), Sixth Federal Reserve District (Atlanta), and Grand total.

Clearings at—

Week ending April 7 1923.

Table of bank clearings by city and district. Columns: 1923., 1922., Inc. or Dec., 1921., 1920. Rows include Seventh Federal Reserve District (Chicago), Eighth Federal Reserve District (St. Louis), Ninth Federal Reserve District (Minneapolis), Tenth Federal Reserve District (Kansas City), Eleventh Federal Reserve District (Dallas), Twelfth Federal Reserve District (San Francisco), and Grand total.

Week ending March 22.

Table of bank clearings by city and district. Columns: 1923., 1922., Inc. or Dec., 1921., 1920. Rows include Canada (Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, etc.) and Total Canada.

a No longer report clearings. b Do not respond to requests for figures. c Week ending April 4. d Week ending April 5. e Week ending April 6. * Estimated.

Treasury Cash and Current Liabilities.

The cash holdings of the Government as the items stood March 31 1923 are set out in the following. The figures are taken entirely from the daily statement of the United States Treasury for March 31 1923.

CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

GOLD.		SILVER DOLLARS.		GENERAL FUND.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$	Assets—	\$
Gold coin	307,366,350 72	Gold certis. outstand'g	681,693,769 00	Gold (see above)	214,240,769 37
Gold bullion	2,984,816,113 93	Gold fund F. R. Board (Act of Dec. 23 '13, as amended June 21 '17)	2,243,268,900 65	Silver dollars (see above)	18,257,622 00
		Gold reserve	152,979,025 63	United States notes	2,127,624 00
		Gold in general fund	214,240,769 37	Federal Reserve notes	2,217,546 00
Total	3,292,182,464 65	Total	3,292,182,464 65	Fed. Res. bank notes	565,790 00
<p>Note.—Reserved against \$346,681,016 of U. S. notes and \$1,471,783 of Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding. Treasury notes of 1890 are also secured by silver dollars in the Treasury.</p>					
GOLD.		SILVER DOLLARS.		GENERAL FUND.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$	Assets—	\$
Silver dollars	407,456,268 00	Silver certis. outstand'g	387,726,863 00	Depos. in F. R. banks	103,824,049 33
		Treas. notes of 1890 out.	1,471,783 00	Depos. in special depositories account of sales of Treasury notes	412,350,000 00
		Silver dollars in gen. fund	18,257,622 00	Depos. in foreign depositories	132,072 28
Total	407,456,268 00	Total	407,456,268 00	To credit Treas. U. S.	362,462 27
GENERAL FUND.		SILVER DOLLARS.		GENERAL FUND.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$	Assets—	\$
Depos. in F. R. banks	103,824,049 33	Treasurer's checks outst.	1,966,652 28	Depos. in F. R. banks	103,824,049 33
Depos. in special depositories account of sales of Treasury notes	412,350,000 00	Depos. of Govt. officers: P. O. Department	38,738,346 31	Depos. in special depositories account of sales of Treasury notes	412,350,000 00
Depos. in foreign depositories	132,072 28	Board of trustees, Postal Sav. System, 5% reserve, lawful money	6,567,992 80	Depos. in foreign depositories	132,072 28
To credit Treas. U. S.	362,462 27	Other deposits	2,807,696 45	To credit Treas. U. S.	362,462 27
To credit of other Government officers	362,462 27	Comptroller of the Currency, agent for creditors of insolvent banks	2,042,827 61	To credit of other Government officers	362,462 27
Depos. in nat'l banks	8,863,074 95	Postmasters, clerks of courts, disbursing officers, &c.	27,894,506 90	Depos. in nat'l banks	8,863,074 95
To credit of other Government officers	20,390,793 11	Deposits for: Redemption of—		To credit of other Government officers	20,390,793 11
Depos. in Philippine Treasury:		Fed. Reserve notes (5% fund, gold)	186,541,451 72	Depos. in Philippine Treasury:	
To credit Treas. U. S.	917,322 17	F. R. bank notes (5% fund, lawful money)	190,796 55	To credit Treas. U. S.	917,322 17
		Nat. banknotes (5% fd., lawful money)	31,171,535 65		
		Retirement of additional circulating notes, Act of May 30 1908	21,180 00		
		Exch'ges of currency, coin, &c.	6,768,731 12		
			304,711,717 39		
			530,124,298 44		
Total	834,836,015 83	Total	834,836,015 83		

* Includes receipts from miscellaneous sources credited direct to appropriations.
 Note.—The amount to the credit of disbursing officers and agencies to-day was \$793,815,129 55. 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 as part of the public debt. The amount of such obligations to-day was \$53,480,546 60.
 \$536,740 in Federal Reserve notes, \$553,790 in Federal Reserve bank notes and \$15,140,072 in national bank notes are in the Treasury in process of redemption and are charges against the deposits for the respective 5% redemption funds.

Preliminary Debt Statement of U. S. March 31 1923.

The preliminary statement of the public debt of the United States for March 31 1923, as made up on the basis of the daily Treasury statements, 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	49,800,000 00	
Conversion bonds	28,894,500 00	
Postal savings bonds	11,860,200 00	
		\$883,670,230 00
First Liberty Loan of 1932-1947	1,951,800,800 00	
Second Liberty Loan of 1927-1942	3,268,078,900 00	
Third Liberty Loan of 1928	3,439,488,650 00	
Fourth Liberty Loan of 1933-1938	6,329,613,650 00	
		14,988,982,000 00
Treasury bonds of 1947-1952	763,954,300 00	
		16,636,606,530 00
Total bonds		801,259,100 00
Notes—Victory Liberty Loan 4 1/2%, maturing May 20 1923		
Treasury Notes—		
Series A-1924, maturing June 15 1924	311,088,600 00	
Series B-1924, maturing Sept. 15 1924	390,681,100 00	
Series A-1925, maturing Mar. 15 1925	598,356,200 00	
Series B-1925, maturing Dec. 15 1925	330,334,800 00	
Series C-1925, maturing June 15 1925	449,210,850 00	
Series A-1926, maturing Mar. 15 1926	616,769,700 00	
Series B-1926, maturing Sept. 15 1926	459,040,100 00	
Series A-1927, maturing Dec. 15 1927	366,981,500 00	
		3,522,462,850 00
Treasury Certificates—Tax—		
Series TJ-1923, maturing June 15 1923	209,716,000 00	
Series TS-1923, maturing Dec. 15 1923	227,000,000 00	
Series TS2-1923, maturing Sept. 15 1923	154,252,000 00	
Series T-D-1923, maturing Dec. 15 1923	197,233,500 00	
Series TM-1924, maturing Mar. 15 1924	321,083,200 00	
		1,109,284,700 00
War Savings securities, series of 1919, 1920 and 1921 (net cash receipts)	93,550,114 27	
Treasury Savings securities (net redemption value of certificates outstanding)	226,203,626 09	
		319,753,740 36
Total interest-bearing debt		\$22,389,366,920 36
Debt on which interest has ceased		\$84,003,380 26
Non-interest-bearing debt		249,233,032 57
		22,722,603,333 19

* Includes \$75,976,050, principal amount, of 4 1/2% Victory notes called for redemption Dec. 15 1922.

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 March 1923 and 1922 and the nine months of the fiscal years 1922-23 and 1921-22.

	Mar. 1923.	Mar. 1922.	9 Mos. 1923.	*9 Mos. 1922.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Receipts—				
Ordinary	62,172,069	40,288,428	405,753,451	248,199,566
Customs	463,091,397	393,382,045	1,204,859,876	1,711,633,749
Internal revenue:				
Income and profits tax	76,655,438	83,671,800	715,198,833	939,350,033
Miscell. internal revenue				
Miscellaneous receipts:				
Proceeds Govt.-owned securities				
Foreign obligations—				
Principal	157,918		1,156,908	878,500
Interest	4,428,086		130,023,763	23,621,844
Railroad securities	8,141,055		94,063,125	43,663,251
All others	168,968	262,271	25,898,595	
Trust fund receipts (re-appropriated for invest't)	2,037,367	9,683,110	19,914,640	35,008,529
Proceeds sale of surplus property	3,304,772	9,546,922	56,226,500	68,077,018
Panama Canal tolls, &c.	1,652,583	959,995	11,159,281	8,913,927
Receipts from miscellaneous sources credited direct to appropriations	5,243,178		53,821,783	
Other miscellaneous	14,029,340	12,963,112	187,365,482	170,291,177
Total ordinary	641,082,171	550,767,683	2,923,206,893	3,231,872,938
Expenditures—				
Ordinary (Checks and warrants, paid, &c.)—				
General expenditures	155,316,949	166,695,901	1,470,401,962	1,624,376,801
Interest on public debt	414,494,953	99,700,420	471,037,461	667,875,669
Refunds of receipts:				
Customs	1,009,209	2,671,163	24,832,071	22,388,079
Internal revenue	8,909,489	6,315,663	94,234,975	26,860,776
Postal deficiency	305,000	8,000,000	47,526,915	51,178,850
Panama Canal	530,590	160,387	2,988,997	2,609,160
Operations in Special Accounts:				
Railroads	2,406,811	9,077,600	73,997,533	82,056,459
War Finance Corporation	68,993,394	24,399,988	692,453,775	113,496,668
Shipping Board	7,784,762	3,049,877	55,365,429	93,164,640
Allen property funds	643,917	63,799,172	2,346,521	61,584,497
Grain Corporation				32,000,000
Sugar Equalization Board				
Purchases of obligations of foreign governments				
Loans to railroads			7,125,587	
Investment of trust funds:				
Government Life Insurance Fund	2,017,775	1,665,187	19,777,116	18,563,342
Civil Service Retirement Fund	6972,704	7,999,900	8,091,417	8,283,174
Dist. of Columbia Teachers' Retirement Fund	19,592	18,022	137,524	162,012
Total ordinary	310,472,948	325,954,937	2,424,409,732	2,577,315,197
Public debt retirements chargeable against ordinary receipts:				
Sinking fund	30,539,700		266,858,500	258,460,000
Purchases from foreign repayments	160,400		1,159,300	16,579,750
Received for estate taxes	555,900	1,799,300	4,592,900	18,223,850
Purchases from franchise tax receipts (Federal Reserve banks)		24,240,000	10,815,300	33,360,000
Forfeitures, gifts, &c.	206,100	14,100	537,250	99,150
Total	31,462,100	26,062,400	283,963,250	326,727,750
Total expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts	341,935,048	352,017,337	2,708,372,982	2,904,037,947

* Receipts and expenditures for June reaching the Treasury in July are included.
 a The figures for the month include \$22,613,469 65 and for the fiscal year 1923 to date \$71,822,611 63 accrued discount on war savings certificates of the series of 1918.
 b Excess of credits.
 Note.—The analysis of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year 1923 is on the same basis as the Budget, with necessary adjustments to cover receipts credited to appropriations, including particularly proceeds of railroad securities. The analysis for the fiscal year 1922 is on the Budget basis, without adjustment. The figures given for operations in special accounts are net figures and make allowance for receipts and deposits credited to the account concerned.

TREASURY MONEY HOLDINGS.—The following compilation made up from the daily Government statements shows the money holdings of the Treasury at the beginning of business on the first of January, February, March and April 1923.

Holdings in U. S. Treasury.	Jan. 1 1923.	Feb. 1 1923.	Mar. 1 1923.	April 1 1923.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Net gold coin and bullion	340,833,972	340,083,095	356,037,986	367,219,795
Net silver coin and bullion	55,329,180	34,869,321	37,497,380	36,110,394
Net United States notes	3,853,756	3,297,796	3,692,509	2,127,624
Net national bank notes	17,553,571	17,354,327	16,791,999	15,326,703
Net Fed'l Reserve notes	2,636,090	2,257,701	2,856,398	2,217,546
Net Fed'l Res. bank notes	1,190,306	1,011,772	543,549	565,790
Deposit in Fed'l Land bks.	500,000			
Net subsidiary silver	12,876,643	12,650,974	12,530,193	12,370,959
Minor coin, &c.	5,857,837	7,494,935	7,088,989	5,036,457
Total cash in Treasury.	440,631,355	419,019,921	437,039,003	440,975,268
Less gold reserve fund	152,979,026	152,979,026	152,979,026	152,979,026
Cash balance in Treasury.	287,652,329	266,040,895	*284,059,977	*287,996,242
Dep. in spec. depositories:				
Acct. certs. of indebted.	469,557,000	187,640,000	126,273,000	412,350,000
Dep. in Fed'l Res. banks	34,162,029	70,980,837	56,861,723	103,824,049
Dep. in national banks:				
To credit Treas. U. S.	8,469,056	6,175,009	8,643,353	8,863,075
To credit disb. officers.	22,311,750	30,403,803	21,249,643	20,390,793
Cash in Philippine Islands	1,083,917	796,576	1,141,828	917,322
Deposits in foreign depts.	317,680	298,867	217,085	494,535
Net cash in Treasury and in banks.	823,553,761	562,335,987	498,446,609	834,836,016
Deduct current liabilities.	285,692,640	307,789,599	306,196,136	304,711,717
Available cash balance.	537,861,122	254,547,388	192,250,473	530,124,298

* Includes April 1, \$17,852,772 silver bullion and \$2,815,375 65 minor coins &c., not included in statement "Stock of Money."

TRADE AND TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS.

UNFILLED ORDERS OF STEEL CORPORATION.

The U. S. Steel Corporation on Tuesday, April 10, issued its regular monthly statement showing unfilled orders on the books of the subsidiary corporations as of March 31 1923 to the amount of 7,403,332 tons. This is an increase of 119,343 tons over the unfilled tonnage on hand Feb. 28 last, and contrasts with 4,494,148 tons on hand at the close of March 1922. In the following we give comparisons with previous months:

Table with 6 columns: Month, Tons, Month, Tons, Month, Tons. Rows from Mar. 31 1923 to Jan. 31 1919.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table with 4 columns: Bank/Trust Co., Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Lists various banks and trust companies with their share prices.

* Banks marked with (*) are State banks. † New stock. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-tents. ¶ Ex-100% stock dividend.

FOREIGN TRADE OF NEW YORK—MONTHLY STATEMENT.

Table with 6 columns: Month, Merchandise Movement at New York (Imports, Exports), Customs Receipts at New York (Imports, Exports). Rows from Jan. 1922 to Dec. 1922.

Movement of gold and silver for the 12 months:

Table with 6 columns: Month, Gold Movement at New York (Imports, Exports), Silver—New York (Imports, Exports). Rows from Jan. 1922 to Dec. 1922.

STEEL PRODUCTION IN MARCH.—The American Iron & Steel Institute has issued its regular monthly statement showing the production of steel in March by the leading companies in the United States. From this it appears that the production of steel ingots in March 1923 by 30 companies, which made about 87.50% of the steel ingot production in 1921, amounted to 3,402,007 tons, as contrasted with 2,370,751 tons for the same month last year. By processes the output was as follows:

Table with 6 columns: Process, 1923, 1922, 3 Months ending March 31 (1923, 1922, 1921). Rows: Open-heart, Bessemer, All other.

ANTHRACITE COAL SHIPMENTS.—The shipments of anthracite coal for the month of March 1923, as reported to the Anthracite Bureau of Information, Philadelphia, Pa., amounted to 7,183,518 tons, as compared with 6,778,667 tons during the corresponding month last year, an increase of 404,851 tons, or about 6%. Shipments of anthracite have exceeded 7,000,000 tons only six times previous to March of this year, and these were all in the war years of 1917 and 1918, when the washery tonnage was much more of a factor than it is at the present time.

Table with 4 columns: Road, March 1923, March 1922, March 1921. Rows: Philadelphia & Reading, Lehigh, Central Railway, Delaware Lackawanna & Western, Delaware & Hudson, Pennsylvania, Erie, New York Ontario & Western, Lehigh & New England.

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.

Table with 4 columns: Amt. Bds. on Deposit to Secure Circulation for (National Bank Notes, Fed. Res. Bank Notes), National Bank Circulation Afloat on (Bonds, Legal Tenders, Total). Rows from Mar. 31 1923 to Sept. 30 1921.

\$29,859,000 Federal Reserve bank notes outstanding Mar. 31 (of which \$3,451,300 secured by United States bonds and \$26,407,700 by lawful money), against \$97,443,400 Mar. 31 1922.

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 Mar. 31:

Table with 4 columns: Bonds on Deposit Mar. 31 1923, U. S. Bonds Held Mar. 31 to Secure (On Deposit to Secure Federal Reserve Bank Notes, On Deposit to Secure National Bank Notes, Total Held). Rows: 2s, U. S. Consols of 1930, 4s, U. S. Loan of 1925, 2s, U. S. Panama of 1935, 2s, U. S. Panama of 1935.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table with 4 columns: Company, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Rows: Alliance R'ty, Amer Surety, Bond & M. G., City Investing, Preferred, Lawyers Mtge, Mtge Bond, Nat Surety, N Y Title & Mortgage, Realty Assoc (Brooklyn), U S Casualty, U S Title Guar, Westchester, Title & Tr.

The following shows the amount of national bank notes afloat and the amount of legal tender deposits Mar. 1 and April 1, and their increase or decrease during the month of March:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes National Bank Notes—Total Afloat, Legal-Tender Notes, and Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes.

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

Table with 3 columns: Shares, Price, and Shares. Lists various stocks such as Mutual Trust Co., Atlantic Nat. Bank, and others.

By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston.

Table with 3 columns: Shares, Price, and Shares. Lists Boston stocks including American Mfg. Co., Waltham Bleachery, and others.

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table with 3 columns: Shares, Price, and Shares. Lists Boston stocks including National Shawmut Bank, Androsoggin Mills, and others.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table with 3 columns: Shares, Price, and Shares. Lists Philadelphia stocks including Franklin Securities Corp., Panna Realty Co., and others.

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

Table with 2 columns: Description and Capital. Lists applications to organize approved, such as The First National Bank of Wallington, N. J.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Capital. Lists applications to convert received, such as The Leonard National Bank, Leonard, Texas.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Capital. Lists applications to convert approved, such as The First National Bank of Jonesboro, Ill.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Capital. Lists charters issued, such as The Southwest National Bank of Wichita, Kan.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION. Apr. 3—11,874—The First National Bank of Bangs, Texas... APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ESTABLISH AN ADDITIONAL OFFICE. Mar. 15—10,391—The United States National Bank of San Diego, Calif. CERTIFICATE ISSUED AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL OFFICE. Apr. 2—4,192—The Northern National Bank of Philadelphia, Pa.

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, and Books Closed. Lists various companies and their dividend details, including Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and Miscellaneous.

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed. Lists companies and their previously announced but unpaid dividends.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. It lists various companies and their financial details under categories like Railroads, Public Utilities, Miscellaneous, and Banks.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed. Days Inclusive. Lists various companies and their financial details.

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 April 7. 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.)

Main table showing weekly returns for clearing house banks and trust companies. Columns include: Week ending, New Capital, Profits, Loans, Cash in Vault, Reserves, Net Demand Deposits, Time Deposits, Bank Circulation. Includes sub-tables for 'Members of Federal Reserve Bank' and 'Members of Federal Reserve Bank'.

Note.—U. S. deposits deducted from net demand deposits in the general total above were as follows: Average total April 7, \$126,104,000; actual totals April 7, \$126,126,000; Mar. 31, \$128,032,000; Mar. 24, \$126,093,000; Mar. 17, \$126,035,000; Mar. 10, \$33,765,000. Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, average for the week April 7, \$538,473,000; Mar. 31, \$547,816,000; Mar. 24, \$495,547,000; Mar. 17, \$502,147,000; Mar. 10, \$516,461,000. Actual totals April 7, \$754,000; Mar. 31, \$565,277,000; Mar. 24, \$527,224,000; Mar. 17, \$467,101,000; Mar. 10, \$513,991,000.

The reserve position of the different groups of institutions on the basis of both the averages for the week and the actual condition at the end of the week is shown in the following two tables:

STATEMENT OF RESERVE POSITION OF CLEARING HOUSE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES. Table with columns: Members Federal Reserve banks, State banks, Trust companies. Rows: Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve.

* 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. ‡ The New York Curb Market Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.

a Transfer books not closed for this dividend. d Correction. e Payable in stock. f Payable in common stock. g Payable in scrip. h On account of accumulated dividends. k Subject to approval of stockholders. l N. Y. Stock Exchange has ruled stock will be ex-stock dividend on Apr. 16. m Payable in pref. stock.

Actual Figures. Table with columns: Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserves in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve. Rows include Members Federal Reserve banks, State banks, Trust companies, and totals for April, March, and February 1923.

* 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...

State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House.

SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK, NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT. (Figures Furnished by State Banking Department.)

RESERVE. Table with columns: State Banks, Trust Companies. Rows include Cash in vault, Deposits in banks and trust cos., and Total.

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on April 7 was \$67,278,100.

Banks and Trust Companies in New York City.

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.

Table with columns: Loans and Investments, Demand Deposits, Total Cash in Vaults, Reserve in Depositories. Rows list weekly data from Dec 16 to April 7.

New York City Non-Member Banks and Trust Companies.

RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.

(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

Table with columns: Capital, Profits, Loans Discs., Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositories, Net Demand Deposits, Net Time Deposits, Nat'l Bank Circulation. Rows include members of clearing non-members, state banks not in clearing house, trust companies, and grand aggregate.

a U. S. deposits deducted, \$442,000. Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$2,257,000. Excess reserve, \$607,050 increase.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

Table with columns: April 11 1923, Changes from previous week, April 4 1923, March 28 1923. Rows include Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, Individual deposits, Due to banks, Time deposits, United States deposits, Exchanges for Clearing House, Reserve in Fed. Res. Bank, Cash in bank and F. R. Bank, Federal Reserve Bank.

Philadelphia Banks.

Table with columns: Members of F.R. System, Trust Companies, Total, March 31 1923, March 24 1923. Rows include Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, Exchanges for Clear. House, Due from banks, Bank deposits, Individual deposits, Time deposits, U. S. deposits, Reserve with legal deposit's, Reserve with F. R. Bank, Total reserve and cash held, Reserve required, Excess res. & cash in vault.

* Cash in vault not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve members.

Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Table with columns: Resources, April 11 1923, April 4 1923, April 12 1923. Rows include Gold and gold certificates, Gold settlement fund, Total gold held by bank, Total gold reserves, Total reserves, Bills discounted, Total earning assets, Total resources, Liabilities.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—John Moody, President of Moody's Investors' Service, has returned to New York from the Pacific Coast... —Watson, Armstrong & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce the removal of their offices from 7 Wall St. to the Blair Building 24 Broad St.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, April 12, 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 1597, 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 APRIL 11 1923

	April 11 1923.	April 4 1923.	Mar. 28 1923.	Mar. 21 1923.	Mar. 14 1923.	March 7 1923.	Feb. 28 1923.	Feb. 21 1923.	April 12 1922.
RESOURCES.									
Gold and gold certificates	\$ 324,630,000	\$ 325,484,000	\$ 320,401,000	\$ 323,572,000	\$ 313,211,000	\$ 311,550,000	\$ 302,611,000	\$ 302,668,000	\$ 326,345,000
Gold settlement fund, F. R. Board	657,410,000	677,216,000	653,708,000	648,228,000	638,208,000	645,235,000	604,008,000	574,857,000	509,369,000
Total gold held by banks	982,040,000	1,002,700,000	974,109,000	971,798,000	951,419,000	956,835,000	906,619,000	877,525,000	835,714,000
Gold with Federal Reserve agents	2,041,509,000	2,013,538,000	2,034,099,000	2,052,103,000	2,088,613,000	2,074,043,000	2,108,767,000	2,142,076,000	2,091,844,000
Gold redemption fund	62,210,000	53,257,000	55,586,000	50,400,000	58,262,000	52,763,000	57,427,000	55,641,000	58,180,000
Total gold reserves	3,085,759,000	3,069,495,000	3,063,794,000	3,074,301,000	3,078,294,000	3,083,641,000	3,072,813,000	3,075,242,000	2,985,738,000
Reserves other than gold	98,680,000	103,522,000	112,494,000	118,323,000	118,275,000	117,633,000	128,787,000	128,367,000	126,285,000
Total reserves	3,184,439,000	3,173,017,000	3,176,288,000	3,192,624,000	3,196,569,000	3,201,274,000	3,201,600,000	3,203,609,000	3,112,023,000
*Non-reserve cash	66,258,000	66,663,000	65,815,000	69,451,000	67,917,000	70,144,000	45,824,000	68,108,000	78,511,000
Bills discounted:									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	327,412,000	380,785,000	388,238,000	351,861,000	361,226,000	330,093,000	356,039,000	368,241,000	210,656,000
Other bills discounted	295,238,000	314,445,000	311,781,000	278,126,000	251,773,000	241,394,000	239,721,000	259,682,000	362,884,000
Bills bought in open market	274,389,000	259,879,000	254,251,000	237,965,000	225,416,000	218,886,000	207,678,000	182,353,000	93,611,000
Total bills on hand	897,039,000	955,109,000	954,270,000	867,952,000	838,475,000	790,373,000	803,438,000	101,276,000	667,151,000
U. S. bonds and notes	162,828,000	164,588,000	172,208,000	163,589,000	160,679,000	157,976,000	173,975,000	187,420,000	261,585,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness	75,328,000	74,563,000	77,201,000	128,322,000	184,034,000	186,911,000	189,099,000	186,614,000	251,376,000
Other certificates	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000
Municipal warrants	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000
Total earning assets	1,135,234,000	1,194,299,000	1,203,720,000	1,159,904,000	1,183,188,000	1,135,260,000	1,166,512,000	1,164,310,000	1,180,214,000
Bank premises	49,208,000	48,938,000	48,847,000	48,761,000	48,108,000	47,937,000	47,863,000	47,042,000	38,928,000
5% redemp. fund agst. F. R. bank notes	191,000	191,000	191,000	291,000	291,000	311,000	311,000	311,000	7,811,000
Uncollected items	638,391,000	621,453,000	559,481,000	645,874,000	689,039,000	618,956,000	608,167,000	608,089,000	546,351,000
All other resources	13,627,000	13,434,000	13,588,000	14,439,000	17,348,000	17,113,000	16,799,000	16,568,000	16,959,000
Total resources	5,087,348,000	5,118,000,000	5,067,930,000	5,131,344,000	5,202,460,000	5,090,995,000	5,087,076,000	5,106,755,000	4,902,286,000
LIABILITIES.									
Capital paid in	108,683,000	108,647,000	108,623,000	108,563,000	108,483,000	108,852,000	108,867,000	108,874,000	104,109,000
Surplus	218,369,000	218,369,000	218,369,000	218,369,000	218,369,000	218,369,000	218,369,000	218,369,000	215,398,000
Deposits—Government	45,218,000	74,423,000	85,432,000	98,627,000	42,442,000	38,773,000	43,401,000	46,306,000	38,634,000
Member bank—reserve account	1,876,414,000	1,894,035,000	1,871,373,000	1,866,475,000	1,932,714,000	1,879,697,000	1,857,552,000	1,897,691,000	1,726,016,000
Other deposits	20,499,000	20,148,000	19,465,000	19,931,000	20,633,000	24,392,000	21,364,000	21,917,000	38,381,000
Total deposits	1,942,131,000	1,988,606,000	1,976,270,000	1,985,033,000	1,995,789,000	1,942,862,000	1,952,317,000	1,965,914,000	1,803,031,000
F. R. notes in actual circulation	2,231,041,000	2,246,951,000	2,232,482,000	2,231,487,000	2,242,902,000	2,256,302,000	2,246,943,000	2,260,497,000	2,209,305,000
F. R. bank notes in circulation—net liab.	2,472,000	2,488,000	2,435,000	2,368,000	2,599,000	2,788,000	2,645,000	3,066,000	32,065,000
Deferred availability items	569,272,000	544,367,000	515,298,000	572,000,000	621,433,000	549,518,000	546,254,000	538,323,000	477,258,000
All other liabilities	15,380,000	14,572,000	14,453,000	13,524,000	12,885,000	12,309,000	11,681,000	11,712,000	20,120,000
Total liabilities	5,087,348,000	5,118,000,000	5,067,930,000	5,131,344,000	5,202,460,000	5,090,995,000	5,087,076,000	5,106,755,000	4,902,286,000
Ratio of gold reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	73.9%	72.5%	72.7%	72.9%	72.6%	73.4%	73.2%	72.7%	74.6%
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	76.3%	75.0%	75.5%	75.7%	75.4%	76.2%	76.2%	75.8%	77.7%
Distribution by Maturities—									
1-15 days bills bought in open market	\$ 80,670,000	\$ 60,462,000	\$ 68,201,000	\$ 66,559,000	\$ 73,178,000	\$ 61,624,000	\$ 58,137,000	\$ 59,427,000	\$ 35,987,000
1-15 days bills discounted	433,598,000	493,438,000	513,267,000	457,147,000	453,609,000	419,826,000	455,438,000	484,614,000	303,151,000
1-15 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	1,584,000	1,449,000	2,819,000	1,700,000	58,300,000	61,405,000	68,620,000	4,684,000	4,115,000
1-15 days municipal warrants	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	51,000
16-30 days bills bought in open market	45,052,000	53,095,000	50,121,000	43,874,000	41,627,000	39,323,000	42,253,000	34,755,000	20,171,000
16-30 days bills discounted	42,008,000	47,394,000	42,899,000	40,184,000	36,384,000	33,993,000	32,457,000	31,901,000	66,160,000
16-30 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	51,000
16-30 days municipal warrants	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	51,000
31-60 days bills bought in open market	67,678,000	61,977,000	57,897,000	63,421,000	60,442,000	64,662,000	57,810,000	44,669,000	20,997,000
31-60 days bills discounted	73,744,000	78,906,000	71,245,000	66,358,000	60,086,000	59,752,000	54,321,000	53,490,000	104,975,000
31-60 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	500,000
31-60 days municipal warrants	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	51,000
61-90 days bills bought in open market	68,045,000	70,003,000	63,829,000	52,110,000	38,968,000	44,344,000	38,789,000	30,738,000	15,217,000
61-90 days bills discounted	52,691,000	55,447,000	51,772,000	45,811,000	41,971,000	37,865,000	32,519,000	35,210,000	64,676,000
61-90 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	34,000	582,000	14,203,000	12,000,000	11,201,000	8,933,000	10,689,000	8,292,000	1,239,000
61-90 days municipal warrants	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	51,000
Over 90 days bills bought in open market	12,944,000	14,342,000	14,203,000	12,000,000	11,201,000	8,933,000	10,689,000	8,292,000	1,239,000
Over 90 days bills discounted	20,609,000	20,045,000	20,836,000	20,487,000	21,009,000	20,051,000	21,025,000	21,180,000	35,178,000
Over 90 days cert. of indebtedness	73,710,000	72,532,000	74,382,000	72,498,000	125,734,000	125,506,000	120,444,000	119,938,000	204,533,000
Over 90 days municipal warrants	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	51,000
Federal Reserve Notes—									
Outstanding	2,613,072,000	2,618,699,000	2,601,079,000	2,617,539,000	2,637,482,000	2,650,183,000	2,647,562,000	2,652,879,000	2,532,853,000
Held by banks	382,031,000	377,748,000	368,597,000	386,052,000	394,580,000	393,881,000	400,619,000	392,382,000	332,548,000
In actual circulation	2,231,041,000	2,240,951,000	2,232,482,000	2,231,487,000	2,242,902,000	2,256,302,000	2,246,943,000	2,260,497,000	2,200,305,000
Amount chargeable to Fed. Res. Agent in hands of Federal Reserve Agent	3,443,457,000	3,447,496,000	3,463,617,000	3,473,336,000	3,487,449,000	3,503,305,000	3,512,304,000	3,527,052,000	3,354,769,000
Issued to Federal Reserve banks	2,613,072,000	2,618,699,000	2,601,079,000	2,617,539,000	2,637,482,000	2,650,183,000	2,647,562,000	2,652,879,000	2,532,853,000
How Secured—									
By gold and gold certificates	314,899,000	314,899,000	314,899,000	314,899,000	312,399,000	322,399,000	317,399,000	327,398,000	403,713,000
By eligible paper	571,563,000	605,161,000	596,980,000	565,436,000	568,869,000	576,140,000	538,795,000	510,803,000	441,009,000
Gold redemption fund	130,285,000	128,082,000	129,141,000	123,454,000	126,836,000	124,765,000	136,023,000	126,833,000	127,032,000
With Federal Reserve Board	1,596,325,000	1,570,557,000	1,590,059,000	1,613,660,000	1,629,378,000	1,626,879,000	1,655,345,000	1,687,845,000	1,561,129,000
Total	2,613,072,000	2,618,699,000	2,601,079,000	2,617,539,000	2,637,482,000	2,650,183,000	2,647,562,000	2,652,879,000	2,532,853,000
Eligible paper delivered to F. R. Agent	861,802,000	910,978,000	907,160,000	813,671,000	789,610,000	756,301,000	749,098,000	760,241,000	645,597,000

* Not shown separately prior to Jan. 1923.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 11 1923

Two ciphers (00) omitted. Federal Reserve Bank of—	Boston	New York	Phila.	Cleveland	Richmond	Atlanta	Chicago	St. Louis	Minneap.	Kan. City	Dallas	San Fran.	Total
RESOURCES.													
Gold and gold certificates	\$ 17,725,000	\$ 159,620,000	\$ 23,243,000	\$ 12,497,000	\$ 7,619,000	\$ 5,935,000	\$ 53,193						

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	11,370.0	704.0	8,015.0	2,617.0	2,340.0	8,715.0	940.0	1,149.0	4,868.0	1,937.0	2,119.0	49,208.0
5% redemption fund against F. R. bank notes							65.0			100.0	26.0		191.0
Uncollected items	55,397.0	137,300.0	53,684.0	68,188.0	53,561.0	25,868.0	80,396.0	41,700.0	14,765.0	39,727.0	24,601.0	43,204.0	638,391.0
All other resources	139.0	1,465.0	399.0	564.0	402.0	403.0	737.0	330.0	1,812.0	772.0	2,080.0	4,524.0	13,627.0
Total resources	408,152.0	1,481,610.0	393,228.0	494,598.0	212,202.0	221,326.0	790,349.0	213,774.0	136,272.0	205,396.0	122,149.0	408,292.0	5,087,348.0
LIABILITIES													
Capital paid in	8,053.0	28,940.0	9,482.0	11,993.0	5,682.0	4,427.0	15,007.0	4,925.0	3,585.0	4,638.0	4,183.0	7,768.0	108,683.0
Surplus	16,312.0	59,800.0	18,749.0	23,495.0	11,285.0	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	5,418.0	15,258.0	3,001.0	3,178.0	1,505.0	3,714.0	2,316.0	2,401.0	1,960.0	2,580.0	1,771.0	2,126.0	45,218.0
Member bank—reserve ac't	122,921.0	691,416.0	113,066.0	161,594.0	61,328.0	54,508.0	277,572.0	71,539.0	50,390.0	79,744.0	52,182.0	140,174.0	1,876,414.0
Other deposits	433.0	11,034.0	428.0	1,193.0	179.0	259.0	1,203.0	565.0	709.0	548.0	242.0	3,706.0	20,499.0
Total deposits	128,772.0	717,708.0	116,495.0	165,965.0	63,012.0	58,481.0	281,091.0	74,505.0	53,059.0	82,872.0	54,165.0	146,006.0	1,942,131.0
F. R. notes in actual circulation	202,916.0	565,181.0	198,690.0	233,270.0	82,909.0	126,035.0	395,284.0	80,994.0	56,584.0	62,548.0	29,136.0	197,494.0	2,231,041.0
F. R. bank notes in circulation													
net liability	51,430.0	106,257.0	48,797.0	58,555.0	48,704.0	22,627.0	66,467.0	42,784.0	14,640.0	43,780.0	24,938.0	40,293.0	569,272.0
Deferred availability items	669.0	3,724.0	1,015.0	1,320.0	607.0	814.0	1,550.0	901.0	931.0	586.0	1,795.0	1,468.0	15,380.0
All other liabilities													
Total liabilities	408,152.0	1,481,610.0	393,228.0	494,598.0	212,202.0	221,326.0	790,349.0	213,774.0	136,272.0	205,396.0	122,149.0	408,292.0	5,087,348.0
Memoranda													
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities com- bined, per cent.	78.8	83.7	72.4	73.5	66.0	73.8	79.6	68.6	73.3	66.2	48.3	67.7	76.3
Contingent liability on bills pur- chased for foreign correspond'ts	2,711.0	5,560.0	3,109.0	3,904.0	1,880.0	1,482.0	5,025.0	1,591.0	1,229.0	1,555.0	1,301.0	2,567.0	31,914.0

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 11 1923.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Boston	New York	Phila.	Cleveland	Richm'd	Atlanta	Chicago	St. Louis	Minneapolis	K. City	Dallas	San Fran.	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Resources— (In Thousands of Dollars)													
Federal Reserve notes on hand	84,700	318,340	46,200	30,820	29,550	77,043	105,860	26,190	11,125	19,643	19,929	60,985	830,385
Federal Reserve notes outstanding	224,628	738,760	227,388	247,285	91,622	131,249	442,587	100,725	60,242	70,623	32,783	245,180	2,613,072
Collateral security for Federal Reserve notes outstanding													
Gold and gold certificates	25,300	235,531	7,000	13,275	2,400	-----	11,880	13,052	-----	6,461	-----	-----	314,899
Gold redemption fund	15,541	32,187	16,331	12,512	3,239	4,973	16,868	3,590	1,524	4,149	2,587	16,734	130,285
Gold Fund—Federal Reserve Board	128,000	371,000	134,889	180,000	50,795	93,500	354,644	53,500	34,000	47,360	4,000	144,637	1,596,325
Eligible paper (Amount required)	55,787	100,042	69,168	41,498	37,588	30,376	71,075	31,755	11,666	19,114	19,735	83,759	571,563
Excess amount held	8,437	108,456	3,882	55,765	14,863	16,551	41,037	3,563	8,921	3,284	17,533	7,947	290,239
Total	542,393	1,904,316	504,858	581,155	227,657	356,092	1,032,071	231,203	140,530	164,173	103,028	559,292	6,346,768
Liabilities—													
Net amount of Federal Reserve notes received from Comptroller of the Currency	309,328	1,057,100	273,588	278,105	121,172	208,292	548,447	126,915	71,367	90,266	52,712	306,165	3,443,457
Collateral received from (Gold)	168,841	1,723,718	158,220	205,787	54,034	100,873	371,512	68,970	48,576	51,509	13,048	161,421	2,041,509
Federal Reserve Bank (Eligible paper)	64,224	208,498	73,050	97,263	52,451	46,927	112,112	35,318	20,587	22,398	37,268	91,706	861,802
Total	542,393	1,904,316	504,858	581,155	227,657	356,092	1,032,071	231,203	140,530	164,173	103,028	559,292	6,346,768
Federal Reserve notes outstanding	224,628	738,760	227,388	247,285	91,622	131,249	442,587	100,725	60,242	70,623	32,783	245,180	2,613,072
Federal Reserve notes held by banks	21,712	173,579	28,698	14,015	8,713	5,214	47,303	19,731	3,658	8,075	3,647	47,686	382,031
Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation	202,916	565,181	198,690	233,270	82,909	126,035	395,284	80,994	56,584	62,548	29,136	197,494	2,231,041

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 777 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 1598.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business April 4 1923. Three ciphers (000) omitted.

Federal Reserve District.	Boston	New York	Phila.	Cleveland	Richmond	Atlanta	Chicago	St. Louis	Minneapolis	Kan. City	Dallas	San Fran.	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Number of reporting banks	46	107	55	84	77	39	107	36	30	78	52	66	777
Loans and discounts, gross:													
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	13,277	88,696	18,428	31,792	10,144	7,346	46,717	10,962	7,893	8,177	5,113	16,106	270,651
Secured by stocks and bonds	240,764	1,723,743	271,760	376,412	126,831	57,168	149,786	136,699	51,458	77,029	52,647	163,932	3,827,929
All other loans and discounts	610,127	2,496,653	327,953	680,483	321,870	341,972	1,149,143	301,909	192,410	365,202	212,993	781,219	7,781,039
Total loans and discounts	864,168	4,309,097	618,141	1,088,687	458,545	406,486	1,745,646	455,570	251,761	409,859	269,853	961,257	11,879,619
U. S. pre-war bonds	12,722	48,476	11,464	48,043	30,310	14,541	24,955	15,323	8,776	12,092	19,854	36,526	283,082
U. S. Liberty Notes	78,213	456,235	47,287	120,214	30,933	13,994	94,675	25,380	11,600	46,658	15,251	98,033	1,038,483
U. S. Treasury Notes	5,285	37,628	4,155	8,681	5,005	1,849	12,408	9,102	1,319	4,637	2,229	13,495	105,793
U. S. Victory notes & Treas' notes	23,749	501,625	53,295	58,600	9,947	6,354	128,248	24,743	25,832	20,670	14,146	50,833	918,042
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	6,161	77,224	7,767	16,459	4,131	9,321	25,666	5,537	4,276	7,358	8,604	15,557	188,606
Other bonds, stocks and securities	171,378	718,347	181,252	287,609	51,143	36,346	366,529	87,182	30,592	59,883	9,064	156,752	2,156,077
Total loans & disc'ts & invest'm'ts	1,161,676	6,148,632	923,361	1,628,293	590,014	488,891	2,398,127	622,837	334,166	601,706	339,001	1,332,452	16,569,156
Reserve balance with F. R. Bank	84,039	621,067	74,231	112,792	35,336	33,334	208,009	45,454	23,923	51,935	25,085	91,738	1,406,993
Cash in vault	18,447	83,654	16,434	3,070	13,627	10,004	55,786	8,061	5,875	11,103	9,225	20,811	283,491
Net demand deposits	796,796	4,754,414	696,130	925,402	332,561	278,707	1,477,038	365,671	211,534	458,505	235,221	680,325	11,212,307
Time deposits	249,534	926,541	88,386	551,393	154,318	169,150	772,429	183,978	83,677	124,508	75,528	609,805	3,989,247
Government deposits	19,253	153,498	28,859	24,968	9,778	11,017	29,882	10,322	5,540	6,913	14,826	24,226	337,082
Bills payable and rediscounts with Federal Reserve Bank:													
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	7,752	143,390	20,673	11,719	13,756	980	45,211	3,879	3,265	11,439	45	19,672	281,781
All other	21,520	39,356	15,009	11,778	18,486	6,038	31,292	12,087	3,736	5,754	3,101	18,920	187,077

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		Other Selected Cities		Total.			
	April 4.		Mar. 28.		April 4.		Mar. 28.		April 4.		Mar. 28.		Apr. 5 '22.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Number of reporting banks	63	63	49	49	259	259	208	207	310	311	777	777	801	
Loans and discounts, gross:														
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	79,780	74,356	37,150											

Bankers' Gazette

Wall Street, Friday Night, April 13 1923.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—Notwithstanding the steadily increasing volume of general business as evidenced by practically all the news from every source of information and also the easy money market, as seen in the Federal Reserves' weekly report, the stock market has been dull and prices have declined this week. Referring to the news mentioned it is interesting to note that the output of steel during the month of March broke all records, the daily output on April 1st was the largest ever reported and unfilled orders on the same day totaled nearly 120,000 tons more than on March 1. Also the quantity of cotton taken by American spinners in March was never equalled and 11,000 more cars were loaded during the last week of that month than in any previous week of the year.

The foreign exchanges have been irregular. Sterling declined to \$4 65 1/4, which was 7 points below the best price of the year, while French bills advanced almost as much. The latter is not surprising in view of the French Bank statement which showed that the Government had paid off 400,000,000 francs of its debt to the Bank, the total of which is now 100,000,000 less than it was three months ago. Moreover, French 8% bonds have sold in this market during the week at the highest quotation of the year to date.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Table with columns: Week ending April 13 1923, Stocks (Shares, Par Value), Railroad & Bonds, State, Mun. and Foreign Bonds, U. S. Bonds. Rows include Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Total.

Table with columns: Sales at New York Stock Exchange, Week ending April 13, Jan. 1 to April 13. Rows include Stocks—No. shares, Par value, Bonds, Government bonds, State, mun., & for bds, RR. and misc. bonds, and Total bonds.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table with columns: Week ending April 13 1923, Boston (Shares, Bond Sales), Philadelphia (Shares, Bond Sales), Baltimore (Shares, Bond Sales). Rows include Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Total.

* In addition there were sales of rights Wednesday, 1,510; Thursday, 834.

Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices.

Table with columns: Bond Name, Apr. 7, Apr. 9, Apr. 10, Apr. 11, Apr. 12, Apr. 13. Rows include First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, Third Liberty Loan, Fourth Liberty Loan, Victory Liberty Loan, and Treasury.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 22 1st 3 1/2s, 20 1st 4 1/2s, 122 2d 4 1/2s.

Foreign Exchange.—The market for sterling exchange displayed more activity, but the tendency was still toward slightly lower levels. Continental exchange made a better showing with French francs firmer than for some little time.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling were 4 63 1/4 @ 4 63 1/4 for sixty days, 4 65 1/4 @ 4 65 1/4 for checks and 4 65 1/4 @ 4 66 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4 65 1/4 @ 4 65 1/4; sixty days, 4 62 1/4 @ 4 62 1/4; ninety days, 4 61 1/4 @ 4 61 1/4, and documents for payment (sixty days), 4 62 1/4 @ 4 63 1/4. Cotton for payment, 4 65 1/4 @ 4 65 1/4, and grain for payment, 4 65 1/4 @ 4 65 1/4.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 6 62 1/2 @ 6 66 for long and 6 65 1/2 @ 6 69 for short. Germany bankers' marks were not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 38.71 @ 38.76 for long and 39.02 @ 39.07 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 69.47 francs; week's range, 69.47 francs high and 70.70 francs low.

Table with columns: Exchange for foreign exchange for the week follows, Sixty Days, Cheques, Cables. Rows include Sterling, Actual, High for the week, Low for the week, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$20.125 per \$1,000 discount. Cincinnati, par.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Large table with columns: STOCKS, Week ending April 13, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Railroads, Industrial & Miscell., and various individual stocks.

* No par value.

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For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table showing daily price fluctuations from Saturday, April 7, to Friday, April 13, 1923. Columns include dates and price ranges per share for various stocks.

Table listing various stocks under the heading 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE'. It includes columns for 'PER SHARE' (Lowest and Highest), 'Range since Jan. 1, 1923', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1922'. Stocks are grouped into categories like Railroads, Industrial & Miscellaneous, and others.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-rights. ‡ Less than 100 shares. § Ex-dividend and rights. ¶ Ex-dividend. ** Ex-rights (June 15) to subscribe share or share to stock of Glen Alden Coal Co. at \$5 per share and ex-dividend 100% in stock (Aug. 22).

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday April 7, Monday April 9, Tuesday April 10, Wednesday April 11, Thursday April 12, Friday April 13); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1 1923; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1922. Lists various stocks like American Cotton Oil, Amer. Express, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-div. and rights. ‡ Assessment paid. § Ex-rights. ¶ 100% stock div. ** Par value \$10 per share

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see third page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Sale day.	Monday, April 9.	Tuesday, April 10.	Wednesday, April 11.	Thursday, April 12.	Friday, April 13.
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
April 7.	April 9.	April 10.	April 11.	April 12.	April 13.
\$27 27 1/2	\$27 27 1/2	\$27 27 1/2	\$27 27 1/2	\$27 27 1/2	\$27 27 1/2
88 89 1/2	88 1/2 89	87 1/2 87 3/4	87 87 1/2	87 1/2 87 1/2	87 1/2 87 1/2
*97 1/2 98	*97 1/2 97 1/2	96 1/2 97	96 1/2 96 1/2	96 1/2 96 1/2	96 1/2 96 1/2
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69 69 1/2	68 1/2 68 1/2	68 1/2 68 1/2	68 1/2 68 1/2	68 1/2 68 1/2	68 1/2 68 1/2
49 1/2 50 1/2	49 1/2 51 1/2	45 1/2 50	46 1/2 49	46 1/2 48	47 1/2 48 1/2
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For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fourth page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par); PER SHARE (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Otis Steel, Owens Bottle, Pacific Development, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights. § Ex-dividend and rights. ¶ Ex-dividend. * Reduced to basis of \$25 par. † Range since merger (July 15) with United Retail Stores Corp. ‡ Ex-div. of 25% in common stock.

New York Stock Exchange—Bond Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now— "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds

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N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE										N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE												
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<p>First Liberty Loan— 3 1/2% of 1932-1947..... J D 101 1/2 Sale 101 1/2 101 1/2 567 100 92 101 90 Conv 4% of 1932-1947..... J D 97 1/2 Sale 97 1/2 97 1/2 Apr'23 228 97 1/2 98 90 Conv 4 1/4% of 1932-1947..... J D 97 1/2 Sale 97 1/2 97 1/2 228 97 1/2 99 08 2d conv 4 1/4% of 1932-1947..... J D 97 00 Sale 97 00 97 00 228 97 00 99 00</p> <p>Second Liberty Loan— 4% of 1927-1942..... M N 97 1/2 Sale 97 1/2 97 1/2 3 03 97 1/2 98 60 Conv 4 1/4% of 1927-1942..... M N 97 1/2 Sale 97 1/2 97 1/2 3 03 97 1/2 98 88</p> <p>Third Liberty Loan— 4 1/4% of 1928..... M S 97 1/2 Sale 97 1/2 97 1/2 2159 97 1/2 99 18</p> <p>Fourth Liberty Loan— 4 1/4% of 1933-1938..... A O 97 1/2 Sale 97 1/2 97 1/2 5619 97 1/2 99 18</p> <p>Victory Liberty Loan— 4 1/4% Notes of 1922-1923..... J D 100 00 Sale 99 1/2 100 1/2 242 99 1/2 100 30 Treasury 4 1/4% 1947-1952..... A O 99 1/2 Sale 99 1/2 99 1/2 1468 99 1/2 100 04</p> <p>Consol registered..... 41930 Q J Consol coupon..... 41930 Q J 4s registered..... 1925 Q F 4s coupon..... 1925 Q F Panama Canal 10-30-yr 2s..... 11931 Q N Panama Canal 3s gold..... 1981 Q M Registered..... 1981 Q M</p>																						
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<p>Argentina (Govt) 7s..... 1927 F A Argentine Treasury 6s of 1909..... M S Belgium 25-yr ext s f 7 1/2% 1945 J D 5-year 6% notes..... Jan 1925 J J 20-year s f 8s..... 1941 F A Bergen (Norway) s f 8s..... 1945 M N Berne (City of) s f 8s..... 1945 M N Bolivia (Republic of) s f 8s..... 1947 M N Bordeaux (City of) 15-yr 6s..... 1934 M N Brazil, U S external 8s..... 1941 J D 7s..... 1952 J J 7 1/2%..... 1952 A O Canada (Dominion of) 6s..... 1926 A O do do do 6s..... 1931 A O 10-year 5 1/2%..... 1929 F A 5s..... 1952 M N Chile (Republic) ext s f 8s..... 1941 F A External 5-year s f 8s..... 1926 A O 7s..... 1946 M N 25-year s f 8s..... 1946 M N Chinese (Hukuang Ry) 5s of 1911 J D Christiania (City) s f 8s..... 1945 A O Colombia (Republic) 6 1/2%..... 1927 A O Copenhagen 25-year s f 5 1/2%..... 1944 J J Cuba 6s..... 1944 M S Ext debt of 5s 1914 Ser A..... 1949 F A External loan 4 1/2%..... 1949 F A 5 1/2%..... 1953 J J Czechoslovak (Repub of) 8s..... 1951 A O Danish Con Municipal 8s "A"..... 1946 F A Series B..... 1946 F A Denmark external s f 8s..... 1945 A O 20-year 6s..... 1942 J J Dominican Rep Cons Adm s f 6 1/2%..... 1942 J J 5 1/2%..... 1942 M N Dutch East Indies ext 6s..... 1942 M N 60-year 6s..... 1942 M N 5 1/2%..... 1953 M S French Republic 25-yr ext 8s..... 1945 M S 20-year external loan 7 1/2%..... 1941 J D Great Brit & Ireland (UK of)..... 20-year gold bond 5 1/2%..... 1937 F A 10-year conv 5 1/2%..... 1929 F A Greater Prague 7 1/2%..... 1942 M N Haiti (Republic) 6s..... 1952 A O Italy (Kingdom of) Ser A 6 1/2%..... 1925 F A Second series 4 1/2%..... 1925 J J Sterling loan 4 1/2%..... 1931 J J Lyons (City of) 15-yr 6s..... 1934 M N Marseilles (City of) 15-yr 6s..... 1934 M N Mexican Irrigation 4 1/2%..... 1943 M N Mexico—External loan 5s of 1899 Q J Gold debt 4s of 1904..... 1954 J D Montevideo 7s..... 1952 J J Netherlands 6s (flat prices)..... 1972 M N Norway external s f 8s..... 1940 A O 6s..... 1952 A O Oriental Devel 6s..... 1953 M S Porto Alegre (City of) 8s..... 1961 J D Queensland (State) ext s f 7s..... 1941 A O Rio Grande Do Sul 8s..... 1946 A O Rio de Janeiro 25-year s f 8s..... 1946 A O 8s..... 1947 A O San Paulo (City) s f 8s..... 1952 M N San Paulo (State) ext s f 8s..... 1938 J J Seine (France) ext 7s..... 1942 J J Serbs, Croats & Slovenes 8s..... 1962 M N Solsons (City) 6s..... 1936 M N Sweden 20-year 6s..... 1939 J D Swiss Confer'n 20-yr s f 8s..... 1940 J J Tokyo City 6s loan of 1912..... M S Uruguay Republic ext 8s..... 1946 F A Zurich (City of) s f 8s..... 1945 A O</p>																						
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<p>NY City—4 1/4% Corp stock..... 1960 M S 4 1/4% Corporate stock..... 1964 M S 4 1/4% Corporate stock..... 1968 A O 4 1/4% Corporate stock..... 1971 J D 4 1/4% Corporate stock..... 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J J Car & Shaw 1st gold 4s..... 1932 M S Caro Cent 1st con g 4s..... 1949 J J Car Clinch & Ohio 1st 3-yr 5s 1938..... J D 6s..... 1952 J D Cart & Ad 1st g 4s..... 1951 J D Cent Br U P 1st g 4s..... 1948 J J Cent New Eng 1st g 4s..... 1961 J J Central Ohio 4 1/2% 1930..... 1930 M S Central of Ga 1st gold 6s..... 1945 F A 10-year gold 6s..... 1945 M N 10-year temp secur 6s June 1929..... J D Chatt Div pur money g 4s..... 1951 J D Mae & Nor Div 1st g 5s..... 1946 J J Mid Ga & Atl Div 5s..... 1947 J J Cent RR & B of Ga coll g 5s..... 1937 M N Central of N J gen gold 5s..... 1987 J J Registered..... 1987 Q J Cent Pac 1st ref g 4s..... 1949 F A Mort guar gold 3 1/2%..... 1929 J D Through St L 1st g 4s..... 1954 A O Charleston & Savannah 7s..... 1936 J J Ches & Ohio fund & tmpt 6s..... 1929 J J 1st consol gold 5s..... 1939 M N Registered..... 1939 M N General gold 4 1/2%..... 1992 M S Registered..... 1992 M S 20-year convertible 4 1/2%..... 1930 F A 30-year conv secured 5s..... 1946 A O Craig Valley 1st g 5s..... 1940 J J Fotts Creek Branch 1st 4s..... 1946 J J R & A Div 1st con g 4s..... 1989 J J Warm Spring 1st g 5s..... 1989 J J Chic & Alton RR ref g 3s..... 1949 A O Railway 1st lien 3 1/2%..... 1950 J J Chic Burl & Q—III Div 3 1/2%..... 1949 J J Illinois Division 4s..... 1949 J J Nebraska Extension 4s..... 1927 M N Registered..... 1927 M N General 4s..... 1958 M S 1st & ref 5s..... 1971 F A Chic City & Conn Rys 5s..... 1927 A O Chicago & East Illinois 1st 6s..... 1934 A O C & E III RR (new co) gen 5s..... 1951 M N Chic & Erie 1st gold 6s..... 1982 M N Chicago Great West 1st 4s..... 1959 M S Chic Ind & Louisy—Ref 6s..... 1947 J J Refunding gold 5s..... 1947 J J Refunding 4s Series C..... 1947 J J General 5s A..... 1960 M N General 6s..... 1956 J J Ind & Louisville 1st g 4s..... 1956 J J Chic Ind & Sou 50-year 4s..... 1956 J J Chic L S & East 1st 4 1/2%..... 1969 J D C M & Puget Sd 1st g 4s..... 1949 J J Ch M & St P gen g 4s Ser A..... 1989 J J General gold 3 1/2% Ser B..... 1989 J J General 4 1/2% Series C..... 1989 J J Gen & ref Ser A 4 1/2%..... 2014 A O Gen ref conv Ser B 5s..... 2014 F A Convertible 4 1/2%..... 1932 J D 25-year debenture 4s..... 1925 J D Chic & Mo Riv Div 5s..... 1926 J J Chic & N West Ext 4s..... 1886-1926 F A Registered..... 1886-1926 F A General gold 3 1/2%..... 1987 M N Registered..... 1987 M N General 4s..... 1987 M N Stamped 4s..... 1987 M N General 5s stamped..... 1987 M N Sinking fund 6s..... 1879-1929 A O Registered..... 1879-1929 A O Sinking fund 5s..... 1879-1929 A O Registered..... 1879-1929 A O Sinking fund deb 5s..... 1933 M N Registered..... 1933 M N 10-year secured 7s g..... 1930 J D 15-year secured 6 1/2% g..... 1936 M S Chic R I & P—Railway gen 4s 1988 J J Registered..... 1988 J J Refunding gold 4s..... 1934 J J Chic St L & N O gold 5s..... 1951 J D Registered..... 1951 J D Gold 3 1/2%..... 1951 J D Joint 1st ref 5s Series A..... 1963 J D Memphis Div 1st g 4s..... 1951 J D C St L & P 1st cons g 5s..... 1932 A O Chic St P M & O cons 6s..... 1930 J D Cons g reduced to 3 1/2%..... 1930 J D Debenture 5s..... 1930 M S H & S East 1st 5s..... 1945 J D</p>																						

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. s Due Jan. d Due April. e Due May. f Due June. g Due July. h Due Aug. i Due Oct. j Due Nov. k Due Dec. l Option sale.

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending April 13							N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending April 13						
Bid	Ask	Low	High	No	Low	High	Bid	Ask	Low	High	No	Low	High
BONDS.							BONDS.						
Week ending April 13							Week ending April 13						
Chic Un Sta'n 1st gu 4 1/2s A	1963	J	J	87 1/2	90 3/4	88 1/2	91 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2	96 1/2	97 1/2
5s B	1963	J	J	98 1/2	99 1/2	99	100	100 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2
1st Ser C 6 1/2s	1963	J	J	113 1/2	115	114 1/4	115 1/4	117 1/2	118 1/2	118 3/4	119 1/4	120 1/4	121 1/4
Chic & West Ind gen g 6s	41932	Q	M	105	105	105	105 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2	109 1/2	110 1/2
Consol 50-year 4s	1952	J	J	72 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 3/4	74 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	76 1/2	77 1/2	78 1/2
15-year 8 1/2s	1935	M	S	102 1/2	102 3/4	102 1/4	102 3/4	103 1/2	103 3/4	103 1/2	103 3/4	104 1/2	104 3/4
Choc Okla & Gulf cons 5s	1952	M	N	95 1/2	97 1/2	96 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2
C Find & F W 1st gu 4 1/2s	1923	Q	J	86 1/4	88 1/4	87	89	89 3/4	91 3/4	90 3/4	92 3/4	94 3/4	96 3/4
Cln H & D 2d gold 4 1/2s	1937	J	J	86 1/2	88	86 1/2	88 1/2	89 3/4	91 3/4	90 3/4	92 3/4	94 3/4	96 3/4
C I St L & C 1st g 4s	1936	Q	F	86 1/2	88	86 1/2	88 1/2	89 3/4	91 3/4	90 3/4	92 3/4	94 3/4	96 3/4
Registered	1936	Q	F	86 1/2	88	86 1/2	88 1/2	89 3/4	91 3/4	90 3/4	92 3/4	94 3/4	96 3/4
Cln Le & Nor gu 4s g	1942	M	N	81 1/2	83 1/2	82 1/2	84 1/2	85 3/4	87 3/4	86 3/4	88 3/4	90 3/4	92 3/4
Cln S & Cl cons 1st g 5s	1928	J	J	93 1/2	95	94 1/2	96 1/2	97 3/4	99 3/4	98 3/4	100 3/4	102 3/4	104 3/4
Clearf & Mah 1st gu 5s	1943	J	J	96 3/4	98 1/2	97 3/4	99 3/4	100 3/4	101 3/4	102 3/4	103 3/4	104 3/4	105 3/4
Cleve Cln Ch & St L gen 4s	1993	J	D	77 1/2	79	78 1/2	80	81 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2
30-year deb 4 1/2s	1931	J	J	90 1/2	92	91 1/2	93	94 1/2	96 1/2	95 1/2	97 1/2	98 1/2	100 1/2
General 5s Series B	1993	J	D	97 1/2	99	98 1/2	100	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2
Ref & Imp 6s Series A	1929	J	J	100 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2
6s C	1941	J	J	100 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2
Cairo Div 1st gold 4s	1939	J	J	73 1/2	75 1/2	74 3/4	76 3/4	77 3/4	79 3/4	78 3/4	80 3/4	82 3/4	84 3/4
Cln W & M Div 1st g 4s	1991	J	J	74 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	77 1/2	78 3/4	80 3/4	79 3/4	81 3/4	83 3/4	85 3/4
St L Div 1st col tr g 4s	1991	J	J	74 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	77 1/2	78 3/4	80 3/4	79 3/4	81 3/4	83 3/4	85 3/4
Spr & Col Div 1st g 4s	1940	M	S	83	84	83	84	85	86	85	86	87	88
W V Wat Div 1st g 4s	1940	J	J	80 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/2	83 1/2	84 3/4	86 3/4	85 3/4	87 3/4	89 3/4	91 3/4
C C & I gen cons g 6s	1934	J	J	103 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	109 1/2	110 1/2	111 1/2
Clev Lor & W con 1st g 5s	1933	A	O	95	97 1/2	96 1/2	98 1/2	99 3/4	101 3/4	100 3/4	102 3/4	104 3/4	106 3/4
Cl & Mar 1st gu 4 1/2s	1936	M	N	91 1/2	93 1/2	92 1/2	94 1/2	95 3/4	97 3/4	96 3/4	98 3/4	100 3/4	102 3/4
Cleave & Mahon Vall g 5s	1938	J	J	85	87 1/2	86 1/2	88 1/2	89 3/4	91 3/4	90 3/4	92 3/4	94 3/4	96 3/4
Cl & P gen gu 4 1/2s Ser A	1942	J	J	95	97 1/2	96 1/2	98 1/2	99 3/4	101 3/4	100 3/4	102 3/4	104 3/4	106 3/4
Series B	1942	A	O	94 1/2	96 1/2	95 1/2	97 1/2	98 3/4	100 3/4	99 3/4	101 3/4	103 3/4	105 3/4
Int reduced to 3 1/2s	1942	A	O	96 1/2	98 1/2	97 1/2	99 1/2	100 3/4	102 3/4	101 3/4	103 3/4	105 3/4	107 3/4
Series C 3 1/2s	1948	M	N	77	79 1/2	78 1/2	80 1/2	81 3/4	83 3/4	82 3/4	84 3/4	86 3/4	88 3/4
Series D 3 1/2s	1950	F	A	79 1/2	81 1/2	80 1/2	82 1/2	83 3/4	85 3/4	84 3/4	86 3/4	88 3/4	90 3/4
Cleve Shor Line 1st gu 4 1/2s	1961	A	O	101 1/2	103 1/2	102 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2	109 1/2
Cleve Union Term 5 1/2s	1972	A	O	111 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	114 1/2	115 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2	117 1/2	118 1/2	119 1/2
Coal River Ry 1st gu 4s	1936	A	O	92 1/2	94 1/2	93 1/2	95 1/2	96 3/4	98 3/4	97 3/4	99 3/4	101 3/4	103 3/4
Colorado & South 1st g 4s	1929	M	N	83	84 1/2	83 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	86 1/2	85 1/2	86 1/2	87 1/2	88 1/2
Refunding & exten 4 1/2s	1935	F	A	83	84 1/2	83 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	86 1/2	85 1/2	86 1/2	87 1/2	88 1/2
Col & H V 1st ext g 4s	1948	A	O	80 1/4	82 1/4	81 1/4	82 3/4	83 3/4	84 3/4	84 3/4	85 3/4	86 3/4	87 3/4
Col & T 1st ext 4s	1955	F	A	80 1/4	82 1/4	81 1/4	82 3/4	83 3/4	84 3/4	84 3/4	85 3/4	86 3/4	87 3/4
Cuba RR 1st 60-year 6s g	1952	J	J	82 1/4	84 1/4	83 1/4	84 3/4	85 3/4	86 3/4	86 3/4	87 3/4	88 3/4	89 3/4
1st ref 7 1/2s	1936	J	D	104 1/2	106 1/2	105 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110 1/2	111 1/2	112 1/2
Day & Mich 1st cons 4 1/2s	1931	J	J	91	93 1/2	92 1/2	94 1/2	95 3/4	97 3/4	96 3/4	98 3/4	100 3/4	102 3/4
Delaware & Hudson	1943	M	N	86	88 1/2	87 1/2	89 1/2	90 3/4	92 3/4	91 3/4	93 3/4	95 3/4	97 3/4
1st & ref 4s	1943	M	N	93 1/2	95 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	97 3/4	99 3/4	98 3/4	100 3/4	102 3/4	104 3/4
50-year conv 6s	1935	A	O	93 1/2	95 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	97 3/4	99 3/4	98 3/4	100 3/4	102 3/4	104 3/4
5 1/2s	1937	M	N	108 1/2	110 1/2	109 1/2	111 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	114 1/2	115 1/2	116 1/2
10-year secured 7s	1930	J	D	88 1/4	90 1/4	89 1/4	91 1/4	92 1/4	94 1/4	93 1/4	95 1/4	97 1/4	99 1/4
De R RR & Bdget 1st g 4s g	1935	F	A	73 1/2	75 1/2	74 1/2	76 1/2	77 1/2	79 1/2	78 1/2	80 1/2	82 1/2	84 1/2
Dn & R GR 1st cons g 4s	1936	F	A	77 1/2	79 1/2	78 1/2	80 1/2	81 1/2	83 1/2	82 1/2	84 1/2	86 1/2	88 1/2
Consol gold 4 1/2s	1936	F	A	83 3/4	85 3/4	84 3/4	86 3/4	87 3/4	89 3/4	88 3/4	90 3/4	92 3/4	94 3/4
Improvement gold 6s	1928	J	D	50 3/4	52 3/4	51 3/4	53 3/4	54 3/4	56 3/4	55 3/4	57 3/4	59 3/4	61 3/4
1st & refunding 6s	1955	F	A	50 3/4	52 3/4	51 3/4	53 3/4	54 3/4	56 3/4	55 3/4	57 3/4	59 3/4	61 3/4
do Registered	1955	F	A	49 1/2	51 1/2	50 1/2	52 1/2	53 1/2	55 1/2	54 1/2	56 1/2	58 1/2	60 1/2
Bankers Tr stamp cfs (Feb '22)	1922	J	J	47	48 1/2	47 1/2	49 1/2	50 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	53 1/2	55 1/2	57 1/2
Farmers L&Tr rectfs (Aug '55)	1955	F	A	46	48 1/2	47 1/2	49 1/2	50 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	53 1/2	55 1/2	57 1/2
Bankers Tr cfs	1922	J	J	46	48 1/2	47 1/2	49 1/2	50 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	53 1/2	55 1/2	57 1/2
do Stamped	1922	J	J	46	48 1/2	47 1/2	49 1/2	50 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	53 1/2	55 1/2	57 1/2
Am Ex Nat Bk (Feb '22) cfs	1922	J	J	46	48 1/2	47 1/2	49 1/2	50 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	53 1/2	55 1/2	57 1/2
do (Aug '22) cfs	1922	J	J	46	48 1/2	47 1/2	49 1/2	50 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	53 1/2	55 1/2	57 1/2
Des M & Ft D 1st gu 4s	1935	J	J	80 3/4	82 3/4	81 3/4	83 3/4	84 3/4	86 3/4	85 3/4	87 3/4	89 3/4	91 3/4
Des Plaines Val 1st gu 4 1/2s	1947	M	S	86 1/2	88 1/2	87 1/2	89 1/2	90 3/4	92 3/4	91 3/4	93 3/4	95 3/4	97 3/4
Des & Mack—lat lien g 4s	1995	J	D	60	62 1/2	61 1/2	63 1/2	64 3/4	66 3/4	65 3/4	67 3/4	69 3/4	71 3/4
Gold 4s	1995	J	D	85 1/2	87 1/2	86 1/2	88 1/2	89 3/4	91 3/4	90 3/4	92 3/4	94 3/4	96 3/4
Det Riv Tun 4 1/2s	1961	M	N	98 3/4	100 3/4	99 3/4	101 3/4	102 3/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	104 3/4	105 3/4	106 3/4
Dul Missabe & Nor gen 5s	1941	J	J	99	101 1/2	100 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2
Dul & Iron Range 1st 5s	1941	A	O	99	101 1/2	100 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2
Registered	1941	A	O	99	101 1/2	100 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2
Dul Sou Shor & Atl g 5s	1937	J	J	76	78 1/2	77 1/2	79 1/2	80 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/2	83 1/2	85 1/2	87 1/2
E Minn Nor Div 1st g 4s	1948	A	O	88 1/2	90 1/2	89 1/2	91 1/2	92 1/2	94 1/2	93 1/2	95 1/2	97 1/2	99 1/2
E Tenn reorg lien g 5s	1938	M	S	90 1/2	92 1/2	91 1/2	93 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	95 1/2	97 1/2	99 1/2	101 1/2
E T Va & G Div g 5s	1930	J	J	96 1/2	98 1/2	97 1/2	99 1/2	100 3/4	102 3/4	101 3/4	103 3/4	105 3/4	107 3/4
Cons 1st gold 6s	1956	M	N	96	98 1/2	97 1/2	99 1/2	100 3/4	102 3/4	101 3/4	103 3/4	105 3/4	107 3/4
Elgin Joliet & East 1st g 5s	1941	M	N	98 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2
Erle 1st consold gold 7s ext	1930	M	S	103	105 1/2	104 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	109 1/2	110 1/2	111 1/2
1st cons g 4s prior	1996	J	J	55 1/2	57 1/2	56 1/2	58 1/2	59 3/4	61 3/4	60 3/4	62 3/4	64 3/4	66 3/4
Registered	1996	J	J	55 1/2	57 1/2	56 1/2	58 1/2	59 3/4	61 3/4	60 3/4	62 3/4	64 3/4	66 3/4
1st consol gen lien g 4s	1996	J	J	45 1/2	47 1/2	46 1/2	48 1/2	49 1/2	51 1/2	50 1/2	52 1/2	54 1/2	56 1/2
Registered	1996	J	J	45 1/2	47 1/2	46 1/2	48 1/2	49 1/2	51 1/2	50 1/2			

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	April 13	Last Sale		Jan. 1		April 13	Last Sale		Jan. 1	
	Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High		Low	High
Mont C 1st gu g 6s.....	1937	J	109 1/8	112	114	Jan'23	111	114		
Registered.....	1937	J			180 1/4	May'06				
1st guar gold 5s.....	1937	J	99 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	Mar'23	100 1/4	101 1/2		
M & E 1st gu 3 1/2s.....	2003	J	74 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	Mar'23	75 1/2	78 1/4		
Nashv Chatt & St L 1st 6s.....	1928	A	99 1/4	102 3/4	98 3/4	Apr'23	95 1/2	101		
N Fla & S 1st gu 5s.....	1937	F	98	98 1/2	98	Apr'23	98 1/2	98		
Nat Ry of Mex pr lien 4 1/2s.....	1957	J			31	Sept'22				
July coupon on.....		J	30 1/2		30	31	26	32		
do off.....		J	29 1/4	30 1/2	29	Mar'23	29	29		
General 4s (Oct on).....	1977	A			26 1/2	Jan'23	26 1/2	26 1/2		
April coupon on.....		J			27 1/2	Feb'23	27 1/2	28		
do off.....		J	25 1/2	30	27 1/2	June'22				
Nat of Mex prior lien 4 1/2s.....	1926	J	39 1/2	40 1/2	39 1/4		36 1/2	39 1/4		
July coupon on.....		J			45		25 1/2	27		
do off.....		A			27	Feb'23	26	26 1/2		
1st consol gold 4s (Oct on).....	1951	A			27 1/2		24 1/2	26 1/4		
April coupon on.....		J	27 1/2	28	27 1/2	July'14	27 1/2	27 1/2		
do off.....		M	68 1/2		87	July'14				
Maugatt RR 1st 4s.....	1954	M	85	90 1/2	90 1/2	Mar'23	89	90 1/2		
New England cons 6s.....	1945	J	73		70	Sept'17				
Consols 4s.....	1945	J	76 1/4	83	82	Jan'23	82	82		
N J June RR 1st 4s.....	1936	F	76 1/4	78 1/2	78	78	7	6 1/2	8 1/2	
N O & N E 1st ref & Imp 4 1/2s A.....	'52	J	74 1/2	76	73 1/2	75 1/2	31	73 1/2	79 1/4	
New Orleans Term 1st 4s.....	1953	J	100 1/2	100 3/4	100	100 1/4	71	100	101 1/8	
N O Texas & Mexico 1st 6s.....	1925	J	79 1/2	80 1/2	79	79 1/2	43	77 1/2	83 1/2	
Non-conv Income 5s A.....	1935	A			89 1/2	Jan'23	89 1/2	89 1/2		
N C C Edge gen gu 4 1/2s.....	1945	J	90	97	96 1/2	Sept'22	101	103 1/2	135	101
N Y B & M 1st con g 6s.....	1935	A	103	104	103 1/2		76 1/2	82 1/2	76 1/2	82 1/2
N Y Cent RR conv deb 6s.....	1935	M	73 1/2	74 1/2	73 1/2		85	86	84	85 1/2
Consol 4 1/2s A.....	1998	F	85	85 1/2	85		94 1/2	95 1/4	62	92
Ref & Imp 4 1/2s "A".....	2013	A	94 1/2	95 1/2	94 1/2					
Ref & Imp 5s.....	2013	A			82	72	77 1/2	98 1/4		
N Y Central & Hudson River										
Mortgage 3 1/2s.....	1997	J	73 1/2	74 1/2	73 1/2		73 1/2	74 1/2	19	72
Registered.....	1997	J			78	Dec'22				
Debenture gold 4s.....	1934	M	85 1/2	85 1/2	85	89	32	86 1/2	91 1/8	
Registered.....	1934	M	89 1/2		89 1/2	Nov'22				
80-year debenture 4s.....	1942	J	83 1/2	86 1/2	86	Mar'23	86	90 1/4		
Lake Shore coll gold 3 1/2s.....	1998	F	70 1/2	70 1/2	71 1/4		68 1/2	76		
Registered.....	1998	F	71 1/2	72 1/2	71 1/2	Feb'23	71 1/2	72		
Mich Cent coll gold 3 1/2s.....	1998	F	71 1/2	72 1/2	72	72 1/2	34	71 1/2		
Registered.....	1998	F			70 1/2	70 1/2	10	70 1/2		
N Y Chic & St L 1st g 4s.....	1937	A	87	87 1/2	87 1/2		83 1/2	90 1/4		
Registered.....	1937	A			81 1/2	Jan'23	86 1/2	86 1/2		
Debenture 4s.....	1931	M	85	86 1/2	85	85 1/2	23	83 1/2	87 1/2	
2d 6s A.....	1931	M	100	100	99 1/2	100	50	100	100 1/2	
2d 6s B.....	1931	M	100	100	100	Mar'23	100	100 1/2		
N Y Connect 1st gu 4 1/2s A.....	1953	F	85 1/2	85 1/2	86	86	21	83	88 1/2	
N Y & Erie 1st ext g 4s.....	1947	M			87	July'22				
3rd ext gold 4 1/2s.....	1923	M			99 1/2	Jan'23		99 1/2		
4th ext gold 5s.....	1930	A	93		91 1/2	Nov'22		99 1/2		
5th ext gold 4s.....	1928	J			94 1/2	Nov'16				
N Y & Green L gu g 5s.....	1946	M	75		86 1/2	Nov'22				
N Y & Harlem g 3 1/2s.....	2000	M	73 1/4		73 1/2	Mar'23		73 1/2		
N Y Lack & Western 6s.....	1923	F	100	100 1/4	100	Mar'23	95 1/2	100 1/4		
Terminal & Improve't 4s.....	1923	M	99 1/2		99 1/2	Feb'23		99 1/2		
N Y L E & W 1st 7s ext.....	1930	M	103 1/4		103 1/2	Jan'23	103 1/2	103 1/2		
Dock & Imp 5s.....	1943	J	98 1/2		98	Mar'23	94	98 1/2		
N Y & Jersey 1st 5s.....	1932	F	95 1/2	99	94 1/2	Mar'23	94 1/2	98 1/2		
N Y & Long Br gen g 4s.....	1941	M	89 1/4	91 1/2	91	July'22				
N Y N H & Hartford.....										
Non-conv debent 4s.....	1947	M	47 1/4	49	49	Apr'23	49	57		
Non-conv debent 3 1/2s.....	1947	M	44 1/2	47	47	Feb'23	40	44 1/2		
Non-conv debent 3 1/2s.....	1954	A	43	45 1/2	43	Apr'23	40	47		
Non-conv debent 4s.....	1955	J	46 1/2	50	48 1/4	Apr'23	45	51 1/2		
Non-conv debent 4s.....	1956	M	47 1/4	50	47 1/4	47 1/4	11	43	51	
Conv debenture 3 1/2s.....	1956	J	43	43 1/2	42	Apr'23	40	48		
Conv debenture 6s.....	1948	J	65 1/2	66 1/2	65 1/4	67 1/2	38	65 1/4	73 1/4	
4 1/2 debentures.....	1957	M	41	41	40 1/2	41 1/2	12	38	43 1/2	
7 1/2 European Loan.....	1925	A	73	74	72 3/4	73	22	70 1/4	81 1/4	
7 1/2 Franc.....	1925	A	66 1/4	67	66 1/2	67	67	60	71 1/2	
Cons Ry non-conv 4s.....	1954	J	44	49	50 1/2	Dec'22		40 1/2	42	
Non-conv debent 4s.....	1954	J	44	49	44	Mar'23		44	44	
Non-conv debent 4s.....	1955	J	44	48	44	Dec'22		44	44	
Non-conv debent 4s.....	1956	J	44	48	44	Dec'22		44	44	
N Y & Northern 1st g 5s.....	1927	A	98 1/2		99	Oct'22		64	70 1/2	
N Y O & W 1st ref 1st g 4s.....	1992	M	64	64	64	65 1/2	12	64	70 1/2	
Registered \$5,000 only.....	1992	M			59	Nov'20		58	70 1/2	
General 4s.....	1955	J	56	58	59 1/2	Apr'23		58	70 1/2	
N Y Prov & Boston 4s.....	1942	A	74		83	Aug'13				
N Y & Pu 1st con g 4s.....	1998	A	81 1/4	85	81 1/4	Mar'23	80 1/2	82 1/4		
N Y & R B 1st gold 5s.....	1927	M	95	97 1/4	95	Apr'23	95	95		
N Y Busq & W 1st ref 5s.....	1937	J	55	56	51	Mar'23	51	60		
2d gold 4 1/2s.....	1937	F	45	48 1/2	48	48	1	42	49 1/2	
General gold 5s.....	1940	F	45	46	46	46	5	45	49	
Terminal 1st gold 5s.....	1943	M	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	Mar'23	81 1/4	93 1/2		
N Y W Ches & B 1st Ser I 4 1/2s.....	1943	F	43 1/2	44 1/2	43 3/4	43 3/4	21	41	50 1/4	
Norfolk Sou 1st & ref A 5s.....	1961	F	64 1/4	64 1/2	64 1/4	65	24	63 1/2	71	
Norfolk & Sou 1st gold 5s.....	1941	M	88 1/4	91 1/2	90 1/2	Apr'23	90 1/2	93 1/2		
Norfolk & West gen gold 6s.....	1931	M	105 1/2		108 1/2	Mar'23	108 1/2	108 1/2		
Improvement & extd.....	1934	F	106 1/2		110	Mar'23	108 1/2	108 1/2		
New River 1st gold.....	1932	A	105 1/4	108	106 1/2	Mar'23	106 1/2	106 1/2		
N & W Ry 1st con g 4s.....	1996	A	87 1/2	86	87 1/2	88	8	85 1/2	93 1/4	
Registered.....	1996	A	81	86	89 1/2	Feb'23	88 1/2	90		
Div 1st lien & gen g 4s.....	1944	J	84 1/2	92	84	Apr'23	82 1/2	86 1/2		
10-25 year conv 4 1/2s.....	1938	M	107 1/4		107 1/4	107 1/4	2	107 1/4	108 1/4	
10-year conv 6s.....	1929	M	110 1/2		110 1/4	111	121	107 1/2	117 1/4	
Peach C & C joint 4s.....	1941	J	85 1/2	86	85 1/2	85 1/2	1	85 1/2	88 1/2	
North Ohio 1st guar g 5s.....	1945	A	79	85 1/2	83	Jan'23	83	83		
North Pacific prior lien rail										
way & land grant g 4s.....	1907	J	83	84	82 1/2	84 1/2	78	81	87	
Registered.....	1907	J	81	83	81 1/2	83	21	81	83 1/2	
General lien gold 3s.....	2047	F	59 1/4	59 1/4	59 1/4	60	86	59	62 1/4	
Registered.....	2047	F	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	107 1/2	163	106	109 1/2	
Ref & Imp 6s Ser B.....	2047	J	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2					
Ref & Imp 4 1/2s Ser A.....	2047	J	84	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/4	45	82 1/2	90 1/2	
5c C.....	2047	J	95	95	94 1/2	96	34	92 1/2	100	
5s D.....	2047	J	94	94	93 1/2	95 1/2	439	92 1/2	99 1/4	
St Paul-Duluth Div g 4s.....	1996	J	85		89	Feb'23		89	89	
St Paul & Duluth 1st 6s.....	1931	F	98 1/2		98 1/2	Apr'23	98 1/2	98 1/2		
1st consol gold 4s.....	1968	J	79 1/2		84 1/4	Jan'23	84 1/4	84 1/4		
Nor Pac Term Co 1st g 6s.....										

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		April 13		Last Sale		Jan. 1		Jan. 1				April 13		Last Sale		Jan. 1		Jan. 1	
		Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High			Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High		
Utah & Nor gold 5s		1926	J	98 1/2	99 1/2	Jan'23	99 1/2	99 1/2			1943	F	91	91	90	92	14	90	95
1st extended 4s		1933	J	91 1/2	91 1/2	Mar'23	91 1/2	91 1/2			1930	F	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	92	17	85 1/2	94
Vandalia cons 4 1/2 Ser A		1955	F	82 1/2	86	Apr'22					1930	J	95 1/2	95 1/2	95	95 1/2	16	90 1/4	98 1/4
Consol 4 1/2 Ser B		1957	M	82 1/2	85 1/2	Nov'22					1931	M	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	31	106 1/2	107 1/2
Vera Cruz & P 1st gu 4 1/2		1934	J	37 1/2	37 1/2	Mar'23	34	37 1/2			1937	J	75	75	75	75	91	91	96 1/2
July coupon on				27 1/4	30	Mar'23	34	37 1/2			1933	A	93	93	93	93	32	91	93
July coupon off				27 1/4							1933	A	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	35	83 1/4	90
Verdi V 1 & W 1st g 5s		1926	M	98	98	Mar'23	98	98			1942	M	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	6	94 1/2	100 1/2
Virginia Mid Ser E 5s		1926	M	97 1/4	98 1/4	Mar'23	96	98 1/4			1942	M	93	93	93	93	24	91 1/4	98
General 5s		1936	M	96 1/8	97 1/8	Mar'23	96 1/2	98 1/4			1940	M	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	41	101	104
Va & So'w'n st gu 5s		2003	J	76 1/2	75 1/2	Mar'23	71	75 1/2	81		1932	J	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	29	81	85 1/4
1st cons 50-year 5s		1958	A	93 1/2	93 1/2	95	47	90 1/2	98		1936	M	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	56	105 1/2	108 1/2
Virginian 1st 5s Series A		1962	M	95	94 1/2	97	80	94 1/2	99		1927	A	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	16	49 1/2	64
Wabash 1st gold 5s		1939	F	85 1/2	85	85 1/2	14	83	92 1/4		1943	J	55 1/2	55	55 1/2	55 1/2	18	49	64
2d gold 5s		1954	J	68 1/4	68 1/4	68 1/4	1	68 1/4	69		1942	J	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	17	80 1/4	85 1/4
1st Hen 50-yr term 4s		1954	J	97	97	Mar'23	94	96 1/2			1942	J	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	39	84	93
Det & Ch Ext 1st g 5s		1941	J	65 1/2	73 1/2	Jan'23	73 1/4	73 1/2			1936	J	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	57	101 1/2	108 1/2
Des Moines Div 1st g 4s		1939	J	60	63	Apr'23	63 1/4	63 1/2			1931	M	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	57	107 1/2	108 1/2
Om Div 1st g 3 1/2		1941	A	72 1/2	75	Jan'23	77 1/2	77 1/2			1949	J	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	89	106 1/2	108 1/2
Tol & Ch Div g 4s		1941	M	70 1/8	71 1/2	Nov'22					1936	J	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	45 1/2	93	113 1/4
Warren 1st ref gu g 3 1/2		2000	F	74 1/2	79	May'22					1937	M	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	4	86 1/2	91
Wash Cent 1st gold 4s		1948	Q	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	10	97 1/2	98		1952	M	98	98	98	98	11	98	101 1/2
W & W 1st cy gu 4s		1924	F	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	1	87 1/2	87 1/2		1941	M	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	45	104	108 1/2
Wash Term 1st gu 3 1/2		1945	F	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2					1925	J	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	97	93	98 1/2
1st 40-year guar 4s		1945	F	80 1/2	85	87 1/2	83 1/2	89			1937	M	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	95	95	99 1/2
W Min W & N W 1st gu 5s		1930	F	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	14	79 1/2	85		1941	M	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	45	104	108 1/2
West W & N 1st g 4s		1932	A	75	77	77	77	81			1936	M	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	95	95	99 1/2
West N Y & Pa 1st g 5s		1932	A	75	77	77	77	81			1936	M	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	95	95	99 1/2
Gen gold 4s		1943	A	80 1/4	81	80 1/2	14	79 1/2	85		1941	M	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	45	104	108 1/2
Western Pac 1st Ser A 5s		1946	M	80 1/4	81	80 1/2	14	79 1/2	85		1941	M	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	45	104	108 1/2
West Shore 1st 4s guar		2361	J	78	78	78 1/2	14	77	83 1/2		1942	M	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	4	91 1/2	101
Registered		2361	J	75 1/2	78	77	77	75	82		1936	J	76 1/2	77 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	26	75	80 1/2
Wheeling & L E 1st g 5s		1926	A	97 1/2	99	97 1/2	99	97	99		1942	F	100	100	100	100	26	99 1/2	102 1/2
Wheeling Div 1st gold 6s		1928	J	95	95	Feb'23	95	95 1/2	99		1952	M	98	98	98	98	11	98	101 1/2
Exten & Impt gold 5s		1930	F	90 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	10	90 1/2	92		1952	M	98	98	98	98	11	98	101 1/2
Refunding 4 1/2 Series A		1966	M	90 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	10	90 1/2	92		1952	M	98	98	98	98	11	98	101 1/2
RR 1st consol 4s		1949	M	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	14	50 1/2	52		1940	F	98	98 1/2	98	99	11	98	101 1/2
Will & East 1st gu g 5s		1942	J	52	53	51 1/2	4	50	56 1/2		1947	J	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	104	99 1/2	102 1/2
Will & S 1st gold 5s		1938	D	98 1/4	101	Jan'23	101	101			1947	J	116 1/2	116 1/2	117	116 1/2	140	114 1/2	117 1/2
Winston-Salem S B 1st 4s		1980	J	78 1/4	79 1/4	77 1/2	5	77 1/2	81 1/2		1931	F	94	94	94	94	104	99 1/2	106
Wisc 50-yr 1st gen 4s		1949	J	74 1/2	75	75 1/2	6	74	82		1931	F	100	91 1/2	Jan'23	23	91 1/2	91 1/2	
Wis & Dul Div & term 1st 4s		1946	M	75 1/4	77 1/4	Mar'23	77	80 1/2			1928	M	93	92	Feb'23	92	92	92	
W & Con East 1st 4 1/2		1931	J	54 1/4	65	May'22					1925	M	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	10	96 1/2	100
INDUSTRIALS																			
Adams Express coll tr g 4s		1948	M	80	80 1/2	80	80	80 1/4			1940	M	90	90	90	90	33	88 1/2	91 1/2
Ajax Rubber 8s		1936	J	97 1/4	96 1/2	95 1/2	64	95 1/2	99 1/2		1952	J	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	205	89 1/4	94 1/4
Alaska Gold M deb 6s A		1925	M	6 1/2	6 1/2	Mar'23		6 1/2	8		1952	F	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	14	81	85 1/4
Conv deb 6s series B		1926	M	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	11	6 1/2	6 1/2		1942	M	98	98	98	98	47	97	100
Amer Chain 6s		1933	A	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	14	97 1/2	97 1/2		1947	J	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	104	99 1/2	102 1/2
Amer Agric Chem 1st 5s		1928	A	101	101 1/2	101 1/2	230	99	104 1/2		1949	J	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	49	97 1/2	99
1st ref s 1 7/2s g		1941	F	65	64	67 1/2	25	59	80 1/2		1942	M	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	26	88	96 1/2
Amer Cof Oil debenture 6s		1931	M	106 1/4	105 1/2	Dec'22					1940	A	90 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	26	88	96 1/2
Amer Dock & Inv 6s		1937	J	90	90	90	23	89	90 1/2		1936	M	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	50	89	91 1/2
Amer Republics 6s		1937	A	90	90	90	23	89	90 1/2		1936	M	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	50	89	91 1/2
Amer Sm & R 1st 30-yr 5s Ser A		1947	A	89	89	88 1/2	89	88 1/2	89		1947	A	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	50	89	91 1/2
American Sugar Refining 6s		1937	J	101 1/4	101 1/2	101 1/2	103	118	102 1/4		1952	M	95	95	95	95	10	92	92
Amer Teleg & Telep coll tr 4s		1929	J	91 1/2	88	90 1/2	92	86	90 1/2		1936	M	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	10	96 1/2	100
Convertible 4s		1936	M	86	86	86	86	86	86		1936	M	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	10	96 1/2	100
20-year conv 4 1/2		1933	M	99 1/2	102	101 1/4	2	100 1/4	103 1/2		1936	M	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	10	96 1/2	100
30-year temp coll tr 6s		1946	J	96 1/2	96	97 1/2	108	95	101		1936	M	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	10	96 1/2	100
7-year convertible 6s		1925	F	116	116	116 1/2	34	114 1/2	117										

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Table of New York Stock Exchange bond transactions. Columns include Bond Name, Price (Friday, Apr 4-13), Week's Range or Last Sale, and Range Since Jan. 1. Includes various municipal and corporate bonds.

Quotations for Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f."

Table of quotations for sundry securities. Columns include Security Name, Price, and Basis. Includes oil stocks, public utilities, and various equities.

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. † Due Jan. ‡ Due Apr. § Due Mar. ¶ Due May. ■ Due June. ▲ Due July. ◆ Due Aug. ♦ Due Oct. † Due Dec. *Option Sale.

* Per share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purchaser also pays accrued dividends. ¶ New stock. † Flat price. ‡ Last sale. § Nominal. ¶ Ex-div. † Ex-rights. ‡ Ex-stock div. § Ex cash and stock dividends.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT; BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE; Range since Jan 1 1923; PER SHARE, Range for Previous Year 1922. Includes sub-sections for RAILROADS and MISCELLANEOUS.

* Bid and ask'd prices; nosales on this day. *Ex-rights. bEx-dividend and rights. cEx-dividend. dEx-stock dividend. e Assessment paid.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange April 7 to April 13, both inclusive.

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange April 7 to April 13, both inclusive, compiled from official lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

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Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange April 7 to April 13, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange April 7 to April 13, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange April 7 to April 13, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Am Vitrified Prod, Am Wind Glass Mach, etc.

New York Curb Market.—Official transactions in the New York Curb Market from April 7 to April 13, inclusive:

Table with columns: Week ending April 13, Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Acme Coal Mining, Acme Packing, Aluminum Mfrs, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Lehigh Valley Coal Sales, Lucey Mfg, Lupton (F M) Pub, etc.

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.		
Akr Can & Youngst	February	\$ 203,917	\$ 159,019	\$ 393,460	\$ 314,535	Minneap & St Louis	1st wk Apr	\$ 33,049	\$ 234,429	\$ 4,562,359	\$ 4,297,966
Alabama & Vicksb	February	249,306	230,051	568,217	469,791	Minn St P & S S M	February	3,291,034	2,427,179	7,392,937	5,089,248
American Ry Exp	December	13932847	10390310	1525,3171	184896762	Mississippi Central	February	152,325	113,879	310,541	228,554
Ann Arbor	4th wk Mar	57,101	137,782	1,046,684	1,141,902	Mo Kan & Tex Syst	February	4,043,918	3,737,077	8,733,815	7,589,738
Atch Topoka & S Fe	February	14170447	12375461	30,619,347	24,774,102	Missouri Kan & Tex	February	2,441,079	2,116,922	5,311,111	4,256,292
Gulf Colo & S Fe	February	1,624,530	1,497,761	3,694,404	3,113,092	Mo K & T Ry of Tex	February	1,517,917	1,510,108	3,238,839	3,003,833
Panhandle S Fe	February	517,732	530,142	1,141,040	1,058,626	Mo & North Arkan	February	101,785	Not in op.	216,792	Not in op.
Atlanta Birm & Atl	February	374,665	274,087	777,591	547,839	Missouri Pacific	February	7,601,442	7,424,424	16,373,470	14,910,408
Atlanta & West Pt	February	223,255	160,008	463,931	341,570	Mobile & Ohio	1st wk Apr	404,757	341,532	1,371,137	4,424,612
Atlantic City	February	225,343	215,099	468,729	437,740	Colum & Greenv	February	105,524	95,704	246,089	216,852
Atlantic Coast Line	February	7,266,476	6,016,209	14,382,207	11,324,825	Monongahela Conn	February	205,123	93,186	205,123	93,186
Baltimore & Ohio	February	18692393	15033672	39,249,363	29,303,432	Nashv Chatt & St L	February	116,474	90,652	260,791	167,434
B & O Ch Term	February	262,787	209,522	556,518	410,607	Nevada-Cal-Oregon	4th wk Mar	1,820,018	1,501,493	3,749,141	2,957,616
Bangor & Aroostooks	February	490,118	698,080	987,067	1,376,649	Nevada Northern	February	58,621	4,088	60,413	43,740
Bellefonte Cen'ral	February	12,449	6,472	22,209	13,573	Newburgh & Sou Sh	February	162,200	169,045	321,843	366,579
Belt Ry of Cicago	February	552,255	495,621	1,173,070	932,055	New Or Great Nor	February	213,044	194,261	448,250	388,844
Bessemer & L Erie	February	920,607	579,020	2,101,927	1,138,520	N O Texas & Mex	February	258,750	216,868	533,982	434,486
Bingham & Garfield	February	32,994	9,618	65,183	19,600	Beaum S L & W	February	191,364	179,959	375,731	333,753
Boston & Maine	February	5,931,109	5,927,074	12,244,159	11,708,447	St L Browns & M	February	393,347	454,112	826,121	905,123
Bklyn F D Term	1st wk Apr	934,881	127,168	4,725,866	3,377,273	New York Central	February	29284565	25787057	63,749,275	51,657,739
Buff Roch & Pittsb	1st wk Apr	237,179	192,347	509,413	364,195	Ind Harbor Belt	February	845,510	728,092	1,842,946	1,407,499
Buffalo & Susq	February	5,460,557	3,691,358	37,553,310	32,653,661	Michigan Central	February	6,747,799	5,532,241	14,622,371	10,809,285
Canadian Nat Rys	1st wk Apr	3,111,000	2,970,000	39,875,000	38,250,000	C O C & St Louis	February	7,091,158	6,478,725	15,466,970	12,516,845
Canadian Pacific	February	652,784	583,132	1,380,368	1,182,212	Cin Cin & North	February	411,629	299,339	846,801	547,075
Caro Clinch & Ohio	February	2,157,738	1,647,207	4,317,485	3,154,094	Pitts & Lake Erie	February	3,324,913	3,312,315	6,861,797	3,608,588
Central of Georgia	February	4,055,034	4,045,016	8,419,606	8,014,923	N Y Chic & St Louis	February	3,125,989	2,980,006	6,739,164	6,695,997
Central RR of N J	February	511,986	615,168	1,032,625	1,143,242	N Y Connecting	February	9,278,493	8,577,023	19,190,049	17,301,526
Central Vermont	February	603,328	524,510	1,219,123	1,018,133	N Y N H & Hartf	February	846,129	959,926	1,807,668	1,766,229
Charleston & W Car	February	306,420	247,621	617,456	487,914	N Y Ont & Western	February	372,994	337,200	760,368	661,640
Ches & Ohio Lines	February	6,819,789	6,980,645	14,462,470	12,870,187	N Y Susq & West	February	696,651	620,240	1,380,288	1,140,105
Chicago & Alton	February	2,420,878	2,561,439	5,363,020	4,988,919	Norfolk Southern	February	6,595,565	6,325,621	13,494,474	12,353,292
Chic Burl & Quincy	February	2,230,408	2,085,918	4,876,540	4,141,553	Norfolk & Western	February	6,534,900	5,859,499	14,422,913	11,847,325
Chicago & East Ill	February	1,882,970	1,745,349	4,060,188	3,375,837	Northwestern Pac	February	509,200	475,870	1,043,504	983,269
Chicago Great West	March	1,611,535	1,397,685	4,374,416	3,748,235	Pennsylv RR & Co	February	49476813	45604997	105125743	91,192,066
Chic Ind & Louisv	February	123,668	104,027	26,816,921	21,275,022	Balt Ches & Atl	February	73,854	77,662	158,988	148,946
Chic Milw & St Paul	February	114,829	9,897,064	23,978,873	19,271,881	Maryd Del & Va	February	2,082,771	1,863,172	4,404,127	3,784,475
Chic & North West	February	101,180	262,943	261,871	394,120	Monongahela	February	46,921	55,415	113,677	112,373
Chic Peoria & St L	February	567,099		1,207,306		Tol Peor & West	February	347,023	436,038	787,782	806,668
Chicago River & Ind	February	8,563,857	8,532,715	18,930,248	17,100,951	W Jersey & Seash	February	151,899	146,904	337,881	270,039
Chic R I & Gulf	February	367,913	349,416	7,487,881	3,893,668	Penn RR (entire sys)	February	57029591	48562262	11,971,909	97,091,471
Chic St P M & Om	February	906,624	978,526	2,014,836	1,880,358	Peoria & Pekin Un	February	135,281	172,398	298,046	316,766
Cinc Ind & Western	February	646,819	679,007	1,379,471	1,351,838	Per Marquette	February	2,998,522	2,683,836	6,509,100	5,122,023
Cinc & Southern	February	128,329	327,787	293,953	191,599	Perkiomen	February	83,658	84,419	188,304	172,046
Cinc & West	February	2,954,654	3,808,103	6,260,170	7,217,716	Phila & Reading	February	8,177,517	6,923,568	17,428,556	13,044,326
Cinc & West	February	6,233,585	6,072,949	12,905,570	12,266,540	Pittsb & Shawmut	February	120,005	131,342	270,775	232,447
Chic Ind & Louisv	March	2,377,163	2,214,113	5,027,566	4,454,092	Pittsb & West Va	February	130,973	108,485	293,975	202,954
Chic Milw & St Paul	February	160,045	134,881	303,003	249,450	Port Reading	February	244,155	257,824	509,727	484,451
Chic Peoria & St L	February	21,126,999	21,126,999	21,126,999	21,126,999	Quincy Compa	February	255,063	227,242	579,883	405,471
Chic River & Ind	February	111,713	71,067	1,344,382	905,233	Rich Fred & Potom	February	5,101,273	4,216,373	10,673,496	9,639,772
Chic St P M & Om	1st wk Apr	229,884	148,250	443,357	316,427	Rutland	February	85,363	80,077	214,031	152,895
Cinc & Southern	February	2,616,488	1,644,366	4,296,146	3,112,006	St Louis-San Fran	1st wk Apr	1,696,299	1,655,300	22,792,482	20,585,373
Cinc & West	February	939,120	788,235	1,975,737	1,542,104	Pt W & Rio Grand	February	91,101	93,833	218,150	198,277
Cinc & West	February	9,316,309	7,658,078	18,968,694	14,835,328	St L-S F of Texas	February	105,055	119,454	241,413	258,551
Chic & Erie	February	946,194	842,538	1,967,666	1,692,916	St Louis Southwest	February	2,227,932	1,760,148	4,890,673	3,705,468
N J & N Y RR	February	117,438	113,553	242,330	216,115	St L S W of Tex	February	558,372	526,597	1,274,123	1,150,110
Evans Ind & Terre H	February	137,179	109,872	298,858	248,822	Total system	1st wk Apr	541,960	473,500	7,904,618	6,303,854
Florida East Coast	February	1,724,118	1,443,149	3,222,390	2,652,685	St Louis Transfer	February	76,074	105,000	148,288	212,087
Fonda Johns & Glov	February	128,153	120,717	263,114	237,846	San Ant & Aran Pass	February	359,718	388,799	773,261	753,599
Ft Smith & Western	February	119,065	107,493	260,861	216,844	San Ant Uvalde & G	February	76,236	66,259	157,264	132,083
Galveston Wharf	February	106,263	101,041	232,597	205,938	Seaboard Air Line	February	4,542,476	3,409,246	9,030,207	6,997,815
Georgia Railroad	February	439,099	336,035	912,028	680,417	Southern Pac Syst	February	19208874	17323550	40,449,256	35,968,006
Georgia & Florida	4th wk Mar	44,500	40,590	444,227	319,054	Southern Pac Co	February	13245017	11393771	27,475,969	23,795,506
Grand Trunk Syst	6d wk Mar	2,222,865	1,930,118	23,244,920	20,861,357	Atlantic S S Lines	February	1,078,638	996,091	2,261,663	1,888,314
Atl & St Lawrence	February	277,746	323,222	626,676	600,250	Arizona Eastern	February	1,676,959	1,655,847	3,588,315	3,285,439
Ch Det Can G T Jet	February	429,374	319,848	862,662	645,283	Calv Harris & S A	February	975,807	1,090,345	2,504,299	2,504,299
Det G H & Milw	February	1,291,600	1,080,640	2,691,342	2,093,422	Hous & Tex Cent	February	193,525	212,452	437,816	428,107
Grand Trk West	February	6,781,035	5,703,628	15,655,995	11,599,445	Hous & W Tex	February	326,272	374,439	759,503	719,234
Great North System	February	88,245	97,939	195,205	129,822	Louisiana Western	February	690,845	627,047	1,585,869	1,235,437
Green Bay & West	February	420,670	314,137	905,141	203,498	Texas & New Or	February	628,789	729,825	1,378,933	1,549,639
Gulf Mobile & Nor	February	228,915	215,650	487,218	431,944	Southern Railway	1st wk Apr	3,883,824	3,303,068	51,824,606	41,753,077
Gulf & Ship Island	February	1,124,374	1,058,942	2,431,833	1,997,337	Ala Great South	February	819,191	659,982	1,710,714	1,329,400
Hocking Valley	February	147,898	128,178	314,108	254,225	Cin N O & Tex P	February	1,741,934	1,261,953	3,615,943	2,566,559
Ill Cent (whole sys)	February	133,460	115,600	27,966,479	22,715,101	Georgia Sou & Fla	February	390,093	337,019	827,165	748,765
Illinois Central	February	1,414,367	1,301,284	3,777,629	2,710,869	New Or & Nor E	February	537,848	473,305	1,146,151	964,066
Yazoo & Miss Val	February	1,311,959	285,117	646,722	544,922	Northern Ala	February	117,926	82,921	267,703	167,987
Internat Ry of Me	February	1,025,329	1,001,660	2,253,277	2,038,020	Spokane Internat	February	91,048	80,137	192,337	170,966
Kan City Mex & Or	February	106,265	113,317	209,572</							

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the first week of April. The table covers 11 roads and shows 15.97% increase over the same week last year.

Table with 5 columns: First Week of April, 1923, 1922, Increase, Decrease. Rows include Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh, Canadian National Railways, Duluth South Shore & Atlantic, etc.

In the following we also complete our summary for the fourth week of March.

Table with 5 columns: Fourth Week of March, 1923, 1922, Increase, Decrease. Rows include Previously reported (9 roads), Ann Arbor Railroad Co, Duluth South Shore & Atlantic, etc.

Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Net Earnings.—The following table gives the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility gross and net earnings with charges and surplus reported this week:

Table with 5 columns: Companies, Current Year, Previous Year, Current Year, Previous Year. Rows include Amer Pr & Lt Co Subs, Kentucky Tr & Term Co, Lexington Utilities Co, etc.

a Net after taxes.

Table with 5 columns: Companies, Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Fixed Charges, Balance Surplus. Rows include Associated Gas & Electric Co, Fort Worth Power & Light Co, Idaho Power Company, etc.

* After allowing for other income.

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 March 31. The next will appear in that of April 28.

Central of Georgia Railway. (28th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1922.)

The remarks of Chairman Charles H. Markham, together with the income account for 1922 and 1921 and comparative balance sheet as at Dec. 31 1922, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on a subsequent page.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 5 columns: 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include Average miles operated, Rev. freight carr'd (tons), Rev. fr't carried 1 mile, etc.

The usual comparative income account was published in V. 116, p. 1523.—V. 116, p. 1523, 175.

Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co.

(45th Annual Report—Year Ending Dec. 31 1922.)

The remarks of President W. J. Harahan will be given fully another week.

Table with 4 columns: 1922, 1921, 1920. Rows include Operating Revenues, Freight traffic, Passenger traffic, Total operating revenues, Operating Expenses, Maintenance of way & structures, etc.

x In order to show a comparison of the results of operations for 1922 and 1921 with 1920 there is included in the accounts comprising the net ry. oper. income for 1920 the results of operations from March 1 to Dec. 31 1920, and the operating results of the Director-General for the months of Jan. and Feb. 1920. The corporate net ry. oper. income shown in above table for 1920 includes the compensation under contract with Director-General of RRs. for Jan. and Feb. 1920, less general expenses and Federal income tax accruals applicable to those months and net ry. oper. income of company from March to Dec. 1920, inclusive, and also \$2,700,000 received from the I.-S. C. Commission as an advance under the guaranty provided by Section 209 of Transportation Act 1920.—V. 115, p. 1531, 1048.

Chicago Great Western RR.

Balance Sheet as of Dec. 31, 1922.

A condensed income account for 1922 was given in V. 116, p. 1531.

Consolidated Balance Sheet December 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1922, 1921, 1922, 1921. Rows include Assets—Inv. road & equip, Misc. phys. prop, Int. in affil. cos., Liabilities—Common stock, Preferred stock, C.G.W. 1st ds., etc.

Northern Pacific Railway Co.

(Report for Year ended Dec. 31 1922.)

PASSENGER AND FREIGHT STATISTICS.

Table with 4 columns: 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include No. of pass. carried, No. pass. carried 1 mile, Av. rate per pass. per m., Average receipts per ton, etc.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1922.	1921.	Increase (+) Decrease (-)
Average mileage operated.....	6,640	6,658	-17.39
Operating Income—			
Operating revenues.....	\$96,076,066	\$94,538,059	+\$1,538,007
Operating expenses.....	72,654,711	77,630,897	-4,976,186
Net operating revenue.....	\$23,421,355	\$16,907,192	+\$6,514,163
Railway tax accruals.....	8,430,583	9,014,121	-583,537
Uncollectible railway revenues.....	24,983	17,896	+7,087
Railway operating income.....	\$14,965,790	\$7,875,176	+\$7,090,614
Equipment rents—net.....	2,566,626	1,445,606	+1,121,020
Joint facility rent—net.....	1,918,099	1,523,044	+395,055
Net railway operating income.....	\$19,450,514	\$10,843,826	+\$8,606,688
Non-operating Income—			
Income from lease of road.....	\$342,120	\$319,651	+\$22,469
Miscellaneous rent income.....	638,983	698,165	-59,182
Misc. non-oper. physical property.....	44,517	104,545	-60,028
Separately oper. properties—profits.....	99,229	94,817	+4,412
Dividend income.....	8,338,245	21,858,645	-13,520,400
Income from funded securities.....	1,038,570	2,346,639	-1,308,069
Income from unfunded sec. & acct's.....	758,448	806,643	-48,014
Inc. from sink. & other res. funds.....	150	48	+102
Miscellaneous income.....	1,429	323,710	-322,280
Total non-operating income.....	\$11,271,729	\$26,552,683	-\$15,280,953
Gross income.....	\$30,722,244	\$37,396,509	-\$6,674,265
Deductions from Gross Income—			
Rent for leased roads.....	\$51,321	\$51,321	-----
Miscellaneous rents.....	9,870	10,328	-458
Interest on funded debt.....	14,992,473	14,480,620	+511,794
Interest on unfunded debt.....	67,646	10,631	+57,015
Amort. of discnt. on funded debt.....	285,825	304,273	-20,449
Miscellaneous income charges.....	260,180	473,877	-213,696
Total deductions.....	\$15,665,314	\$15,331,110	+\$334,205
Net income.....	\$15,056,930	\$22,065,399	-\$7,008,470
Dividend appropriations.....	(5%)\$12,400,000(7)17,360,000	-----	+4,960,000
Income balance for year.....	\$2,656,930	\$4,705,399	-\$2,048,470

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1922.	1921.		1922.	1921.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Inv. in road and equipment.....	536,487,114	529,443,679	Capital stock.....	248,000,000	248,000,000
Sinking funds.....	22,501	4,809	Grants in aid of construction.....	21,194	9,730
Deposits in lieu of mtgd. prop.....	788,520	430,705	Funded debt.....	319,282,400	314,539,500
Misc. phys. prop.....	7,919,152	7,639,110	Traf. & car serv. bals. payable.....	808,987	807,165
Inv. in affil. cos.....	-----	-----	Vouch. & wages payable.....	8,597,511	6,717,590
Stocks.....	144,075,276	144,035,477	Misc. acct's pay.....	606,305	523,209
Bonds.....	31,065,698	31,065,698	Int. mat., unpd.....	5,205,611	2,043,551
Notes.....	2,388,699	4,899,399	Unmatured divs. declared.....	3,100,000	4,340,000
Advances.....	3,374,931	3,148,470	Unmatured int. accrued.....	546,418	477,668
Other invest'ts:			Unmatured rents accrued.....	6,147	6,147
Stocks.....	1	1	Oth. cur. liabls.....	203,958	131,538
Bonds.....	10,025,629	9,529,180	Due U. S. Govt. acct's various transactions.....	133,291	138,976
U. S. Treas'y etf. of indebt.....	1,000,078	4,133,893	Oth. def'd liabls.....	177,096	61,932
U. S. Treas'y notes.....	9,077,438	510,000	Tax liability.....	6,213,052	6,447,337
Contr. for sale of l'd rrt' d's.....	10,316,032	12,085,608	Oper. reserves.....	227,103	342,030
Cash.....	10,325,432	17,307,315	Accrued deprec. of equipment.....	37,409,532	39,034,609
Time drafts and deposits.....	1,000	3,184	Oth. unadj. red. Add'n's to prop. thru. income & surplus.....	1,646,257	1,318,875
Special deposits.....	9,661,167	1,984,428	Fund. y't retired thru. income & surplus.....	293,541	217,802
L'ns & bills rec'd.....	1,005	1,073	Misc. fund. res.....	401,227	330,152
Traf. & car serv. bals. receiv'le.....	1,980,615	1,640,123	Prof. & loss bal.....	159,554,435	167,114,943
Net bals. receiv. fr. agts. & con. m'tcs rec'd.....	1,117,733	970,309			
Misc. acct's rec'd.....	5,150,779	6,309,976			
Material & supp.....	13,845,525	15,084,506			
Int. divs. and rents receiv'le.....	318,857	263,146			
Oth. curr. assets.....	153,441	102,930			
Wkg. fund advs.....	29,127	41,123			
Due from U. S. Govt. account.....	2,361	2,582			
Oth. def'd assets.....	25,160	17,578			
Other unadjst. debits.....	8,955,847	13,825,474			
Total.....	\$85,139,120	\$88,069,776	Total.....	\$85,139,120	\$88,069,776

Delaware & Hudson Company.

(93d Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1922.)

The remarks of President L. F. Loree will be given another week.

INCOME STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	Corporate		Combined	Federal
	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Transportation of mdse.....	\$15,557,222	\$14,709,859	\$17,489,467	\$29,483,444
Transportation of coal.....	15,276,651	24,876,088	21,674,176	-----
Passengers.....	4,723,005	4,729,852	4,747,364	3,255,570
Miscellaneous.....	2,266,379	1,461,059	1,443,292	2,010,515
Total oper. revenue.....	\$37,823,256	\$45,776,859	\$45,354,299	\$34,749,709
Maintenance of way, &c.....	\$5,140,223	\$5,509,990	\$5,114,909	\$4,177,864
Maintenance of equip't.....	11,590,317	12,801,190	12,736,974	9,980,056
Traffic.....	526,017	393,428	356,448	237,029
Transportation.....	16,085,687	17,880,423	21,669,667	15,606,759
General, &c., expenses.....	2,199,029	2,140,301	2,218,331	1,885,002
Total oper. expenses.....	\$35,615,053	\$38,825,529	\$42,126,330	\$31,886,710
Net earnings before taxes.....	\$2,208,203	\$6,951,330	\$3,227,969	\$2,862,999
Other Income—				
Hire of freight cars.....	Dr. \$65,052	\$915,595	-----	-----
Rent freight equipment.....	225,180	184,243	\$201,323	\$135,548
Joint facility rents.....	122,804	167,056	136,502	132,131
Gross ry. oper. income.....	\$2,490,334	\$8,218,225	\$3,565,793	\$3,130,677
Railway tax accruals.....	\$879,053	\$993,974	\$1,186,054	\$1,075,803
Uncollectible railway rev.....	11,361	16,732	939	8,662
Rent for equipment.....	576,744	83,912	132,175	4,943
Joint facility rents.....	356,923	364,489	428,059	376,915
Net ry. oper. income.....	\$1,166,212	\$6,759,117	\$1,818,566	\$1,664,354
Non-Oper. Income—				
Income from leased road.....	\$101,832	\$88,124	\$88,933	\$86,764
Misc. rent income.....	68,151	49,410	85,198	58,800
Misc. non-op. phys. prop.....	10,673	12,149	23,468	96,398
Dividend income.....	1,282,295	1,327,617	1,038,041	934,268
Inc. from fund secs. and unfund. secs. & acct's.....	336,559	311,436	358,846	663,318
Miscellaneous income.....	1,913,680	1,644,050	1,396,801	1,581,313
Gross income.....	\$4,879,404	\$10,191,904	\$10,431,017	\$10,530,620
Deductions—				
Rent for leased roads.....	\$1,836,949	\$1,771,929	\$1,944,157	\$1,961,124
Int. on funded debt.....	3,427,066	3,284,580	3,228,948	2,919,237
Int. on unfunded debt.....	70,602	178,272	303,585	412,907
Miscellaneous.....	20,788	19,670	21,164	629,347
Net income.....	Loss \$476,000	\$4,937,452	\$4,933,163	\$4,605,004
Dividends at rate of 9% per annum since 1907.—V. 116, p. 934, 175.		\$3,825,270	have been paid regularly	

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.

(51st Annual Report—Year ending Dec. 31 1922.)

President E. J. Pearson, New Haven, Conn., March 28, wrote in substance:

Results.—Operation for 1922 resulted in a deficit after all charges of \$4,865,768, and while this represents an improvement over last year of \$9,255,855, it is not a satisfactory result. The principal causes of the unsatisfactory showing are: A 10% decrease in freight rates, due to the orders of the I.-S. C. Commission on Jan. 1 1922 and July 1 1922; the increase in the cost of fuel, owing to the coal strike of April 1 1922; an increase in operating expenses, owing to the shop strike of July 1 1922; and congestion of traffic following the settlement of the coal strike, aggravated by unusual winter adversity. But for these causes, it seems certain that company would have earned a small surplus above all charges.

The rate decreases ordered by the I.-S. C. Commission were made with the expectation of stimulating business, but it does not appear that in the territory served by this company the reduced freight rates have exercised any material influence on business.

New England Divisions Case.—This case has been decided by the unanimous opinion of the U. S. Supreme Court in favor of the New England lines, and in the opinion the Court emphasized the intention of the Transportation Act to insure adequate transportation service and to secure a fair return on the capital invested in such service, to secure which the I.-S. C. Commission was vested with new powers and charged with new duties. The Commission fully sustains the claims of the New England lines and justifies the expectation that the New Haven system will be permitted to earn a fair return upon the value of its property held and used in the service of transportation.

Interchangeable Scrip Mileage Book.—In Jan. 1923 the I.-S. C. Commission ordered an interchangeable scrip mileage book to be issued by all of the principal carriers of the country, entitling the holders to \$90 worth of travel, the book to be sold at \$72. It is estimated that if the order becomes effective, it will entail an annual loss of not less than \$2,500,000 in company's passenger revenue. Company has joined with substantially all of the carriers in the Eastern group in a petition to the Court to set aside and enjoin the enforcement of the Commission's order.

Increase in Mail Pay Asked.—Company has, together with other New England railroads, concluded a hearing upon an application to the I.-S. C. Commission for an increase in mail pay. From data which were presented based upon the revenue and expenses of company, it appears that the P. O. Dept. is falling by at least \$1,000,000 annually to adequately compensate company for the carriage of the mails. The case was argued in behalf of the New England roads in Nov. 1922 and a decision is awaited.

Express Rates.—Company has also joined with the carriers throughout the United States and with the American Railway Express Co. in an application for increases in express rates. Hearings upon this application are now being conducted and it is expected that a decision will be reached before the end of the year. In the meantime, the contract with the American Railway Express Co. has been renewed, in the hope and expectation that the increase in revenue sought, and the decrease in expenses due to increased efficiency and economy of operation by the Express Company, will result in a substantially larger revenue from this source to your company.

Motor Truck Competition.—The competition of motor trucks still continues during favorable weather, to the lessening of company's revenue and the detriment of the highways over which they run. There are signs that public opinion is coming to realize that if it is to have efficient rail transportation it must not handicap the railroads by subsidizing the motor trucks. Such a subsidy is created by maintaining highways free of any charge more than a nominal one, and by shifting to the taxpayers the expense of keeping up these highways, a considerable part of which falls upon the taxpaying railroads, who are thus handicapped by a subsidy which they pay to their competitors. Common justice should impose upon the operators of motor trucks who offer themselves to the public as common carriers the same duties and liabilities as are imposed upon common carriers by rail. The necessity of their operation in the public interest should be first established by a State public utility commission. The continuity of operation upon a regular schedule in bad weather as well as good should be imposed upon them as upon the railroads, and they should be made to pay for their use of the highways.

The handling in Connecticut of the problem of jitney competition with street railways points the way to a similar treatment of motor trucks.

Increase in Taxes.—In this connection, it is of interest to note during the past several years the steady increase in our railway taxes. The amount for the calendar year 1916 was a little over \$3,000,000, while the year 1922 was over \$4,500,000, an increase of more than 50%.

Refunding of European Loan.—The \$27,582,692 European loan maturing April 1 1922 was successfully refunded by a payment of 10% par value and an extension of the balance for 3 years at 7%. The U. S. Government loaned company \$2,600,000 with which to make the payment (V. 114, p. 1180, 1287, 1534, 1766, 2241; V. 115, p. 544).

Settlement with Government.—It seems likely that company will before the end of the present year make a settlement with the Government of the accounts during the Federal control and guaranty periods. Numerous conferences have been held with the representatives of the Government, particularly in connection with questions of maintenance and upkeep of the property during the Government control, and with the inventory of the materials and supplies delivered to and received from the Government. The most difficult question involved in maintenance is to translate labor and material costs during the period of Federal control into the actual performance of upkeep.

Physical Property, &c.—The condition of the physical property is generally good with the exception of freight cars and locomotives. At the present time there is an excess of substantially 89 locomotives in need of repairs beyond the average of past years. The number of bad order freight cars at the present time is 7,300 as compared with 8,700 at the end of 1921. Improvement in both is progressing.

Due to the prospective deficit after fixed charges, the addition and betterment program for the year was kept at the lowest possible minimum.

Tentative Valuation.—The tentative valuation of company and its leased lines was formally issued and served by the I.-S. C. Commission in November 1922. It shows an excess over the investment in road and equipment and miscellaneous physical property including cash, materials and supplies, of over \$70,000,000. A protest has been filed setting out that the tentative valuation is understated by over \$100,000,000 and a hearing thereon will be had and probably concluded before the end of the present year (V. 115, p. 2478, 2581; V. 116, p. 177).

representation upon the board of directors, in which it has so large an investment. Company has no desire as the owner of the beneficial interest in a substantial minority of the stock of the Boston & Maine to dominate the latter's policy...

It is the sincere hope of the company that the majority stockholders of the Boston & Maine will realize the justice in according representation to the New Haven, and the advantage to the Boston & Maine to be gained by a unity of plan and purpose of both companies.

Investigation of New England Railroad Situation.—During the year the Governors of each of the New England States appointed an advisory committee of five to investigate the New England railroad situation and report upon a plan of consolidation with respect to these railroads. These State committees have united in a joint New England Committee under the Chairmanship of James J. Storrow, Boston, and have been making inspections of all the New England lines and conducting hearings to develop all data pertinent to the proposed report.

The officers of this company have given all the assistance within their power, and have expressed the desire that before any plan of consolidation is agreed upon, a reasonable opportunity be given the New England lines to rehabilitate themselves under normal conditions. This is important in order that the stockholders of the different New England lines may be fully protected, which would not be the case if any plan of consolidation were agreed to based on the operations of the past two years.

Urges Against Further Legislative Regulations.—Notwithstanding the comparatively short time since the passage of the Transportation Act of 1920, and the subsequent exigencies as a result of which neither the New Haven Road nor the roads of the country as a whole have received the income contemplated by the Transportation Act, there are campaigns of misrepresentation and unfair attacks being conducted against the railroads. Adverse legislation has been introduced and more is contemplated. It is the opinion of the management, that the active influence of its stockholders should be directed against further restrictive legislation and for a sound policy towards the railroads.

The management of the road is confident that it can produce better results with more freedom from legislative and regulatory restraints, and therefore recommends and strongly urges stockholders to use their influence to prevent the enactment of either national or State legislation, or action of any character which will further complicate the railroad situation by imposing upon the railroads any unnecessary expense or will place them under more burdensome regulation.

Other Data from Annual Report (Condensed by "Chronicle").

Operating Results.—Operating revenues for the year were \$123,246,640, an increase of \$6,841,408, or 5.88% more than a year ago.

Freight.—Freight revenue increased \$6,337,747, or 11.83%. The number of tons of revenue freight carried one mile was 2,608,412,193, an increase of 115,347,726 ton miles, or 4.63%. The average amount received from each ton of freight was \$2.487, as compared with \$2.447 a year ago. Passenger revenue decreased \$1,716,498, or 3.37%. The number of passenger miles decreased 2,142, but the average revenue per passenger mile was 2.659 cents, as compared with 2.693 cents a year ago.

Expenses.—Due to decreases in wages, decreasing cost of material and fuel and closing of repair shops during the early part of the year, also to increased efficiency, operating expenses decreased \$6,413,439 as compared with last year. Maintenance of way and structures charge decreased \$866,999, or 5%; maintenance of equipment charge decreased \$1,020,244, or 3.72%; traffic expense charge decreased \$71,240, or 9.78%; transportation expenses charge decreased \$3,645,496, or 6.66%; miscellaneous operations charge decreased \$155,624, or 7.38%, while general expenses charge shows a decrease of \$656,348, or 16.16%. There was a decrease in salaries and expenses of general officers of \$38,415 and decrease in salaries and expenses of clerks and attendants of \$468,085, due to some decreases in salaries and to smaller forces due to increased efficiency.

Pay-Rolls.—On Dec. 31, 1922 the total number of employees was 35,774, or 5,939 more than the previous year, and the total charges for the year for all classes of labor paid for directly were \$55,959,291, a decrease of \$3,426,532, or 5.77%. There were 2,657, or 6.91%, less employees on Dec. 31, 1922 than Dec. 31, 1917, but pay-rolls were \$17,801,781 greater, an increase of 46.65%.

Expenditures this year for fuel and material of all kinds, except new equipment, amounted to approximately \$26,390,000, a decrease of \$4,010,000.

Taxes.—Railway tax accruals increased \$143,049, or 3.22%, due principally to increase in Connecticut gross earnings tax.

Non-Operating Income.—Dividend income increased \$71,272, principally due to increases in dividends. Income from funded securities increased \$41,567, principally on account of receipt of prior years' interest on New York & Stamford Railway Co. bonds. Income from unfunded securities and accounts decreased \$244,165. Miscellaneous rent income increased \$237,766, due largely to inclusion of certain items in this account formerly included in operating revenue.

Fixed Charges.—Deductions from gross income increased \$1,026,458. Interest charges increased \$907,020 on account of additional loans from the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States and change in interest rate on the extended European Loan debentures. Miscellaneous rents increased \$134,696.

Financial.—Company in the past two years has spent for the improvement of its property the following:

Table with 3 columns: Description, 1922, 1921. Rows include: For road and equipment, For initial and install'mt payments on trust equip., For add'ns and betterm'ts on leased ry. properties, For advances, to subsid, cos. for add'ns & betterm'ts.

Changes in Debt.—There was a decrease in the amount of debt in the hands of the public amounting to \$4,688,811.

Maturing Debt.—There will mature between April 1 and Dec. 31 1923 the following:

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include: 6% promissory note favor Keith Car & Mfg. Co., 5 1/2% mortgage note favor Suffolk Savings Bank for Seamen and others, 6% promissory note favor Keith Car & Mfg. Co., 6% collateral note favor Secretary of the Treasury of the U. S., Series "A" No. 2, due Oct. 1, 5% first mtge. bonds, Norwich Street Ry., due Oct. 2, 5% first mtge. bonds, New London Street Ry., due Oct. 2, The N. Y. N. H. & H. RR. Co., New Haven station, Debenture "R", due Nov. 1, Installment payments on trust equipment.

There will also mature on July 1 the following which are not direct obligations, but which your company is interested in refunding:

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include: Boston & Providence RR. Corp. 6% Gold Debenture Bonds, Bridgeport Traction Co. 5% First Mortgage Bonds, Hartford & Connecticut Western RR. 4 1/2% First Mtge. Bonds.

New England Investment & Security Co.—Company's guaranty on \$112,100 stock remains the same. Company has been unable to earn and pay interest on its gold notes owned by your company.

Boston & Maine RR. Held through the Boston Railroad Holding Co.—The U. S. District Court has fixed Oct. 1 1923 as the time within which the trustees of the Boston Railroad Holding Co. stock are required to sell the holdings of stock of the Boston & Maine RR.

Trolleys.—The general situation is encouraging, especially in Connecticut, where the regulation of the motor bus, reduction in tax rate and economies in operation have resulted in a substantial increase in net income notwithstanding a reduction in the rate of fare of 16.2-3%, effective March 1 1922, through the sale of three tokens for 25 cents, approximately 90% of the passengers taking advantage of the reduced rate. Further reduction in rates became effective April 1 1923, whereby two tokens are to be sold for 15 cents.

Under orders of the P. U. Commission the modification of the flat rate system of fares in Bridgeport and Norwalk was continued during the year.

While some of the other trolley properties have not shown a similar improvement in final net income, it is in part accounted for by increase in accidental settlements over the previous year, and also to heavy maintenance incidental to the repaving of certain streets in Westchester County, N. Y.

Steamship Lines.—All the stock of the New England Steamship Co. and the New Bedford Martha's Vineyard & Nantucket Steamboat Co., having been owned by the New Haven RR., and there being no reason why the separate corporate organizations should be continued, the New Bedford company sold, as of Sept. 30 1922, all of its property to the New England company for the investment cost as carried on its books and the corporation is being wound up and dissolved.

OPERATING AND TRAFFIC STATISTICS.

Table with 4 columns: 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include: Tons of rev. freight carried, Tons of rev. freight carried 1 mile per mile of road, Av. no. of tons of revenue freight per rev. tr. mile, Av. no. of tons all freight per rev. train mile, Total freight revenue, Av. amt. rec. for each ton of freight, Av. rev. per ton per mile, Av. rev. per mile of road, No. of interline revenue passengers carried, No. of local revenue pass. carried, No. of commutation pass. carried, Total no. of revenue passengers carried, Total no. of rev. pass. carried one mile, No. of rev. pass. car. one mile per mile of road, Total passenger revenue, Average amount received from each passenger, Av. rev. per pass. per mile, Total passenger service train revenue, Net operating revenue per revenue train mile.

x Includes in 1922 \$302,509 revenue from milk handled on freight trains.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns: Corporate 1922, Corporate 1921, Combined 1920, Combined 1919. Rows include: Average miles operated, Operating Revenues, Freight, Passenger, Mail, express, &c, Incidental, Joint facility, Total, Operating Expenses, Maintenance of way & structures, Maintenance of equipment, Traffic, Transportation, Miscellaneous operations, General, Transportation for investment, Total, Net operating revenue, Tax accruals, Uncollectible revenues, Operating income, Hire of freight cars, Rent for equipment, Joint facility rents, Net railway operating income, Non-Operating Income, Dividend Income, Income from funded securities, Income from unfunded securities, Income from lease of road, Miscellaneous rent income, Miscellaneous, Total non-operating income, Gross income, Deductions, Rent for leased roads, Interest on funded debt, Interest on unfunded debt, N. Y. W. B. Ry. guar. (bond interest), Separately operated property, Miscellaneous, Net income, Government guarantees, Net corporate income.

x The figures shown against this item cover lap-over items audited during the year applying to the Federal control or guaranty periods.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1922, 1921, 1922, 1921. Rows include: Assets—Road & equip., Impts. on leased ry. property, Sinking funds, Depos. in lieu of mtgd. prop'y sold, Misc. phys. prop. inv. in bldgs. at G. C. Terminal, N. Y. City, Stks. in hands of trus., unpledged, Stocks pledged, Unpledged, Bonds pledged, Unpledged, Notes pledged, Unpledged, Adv. unpledged, Cash, Special deposits, Net bal. due from agts. & con'd's, Mat'l's & suppl's, Int. & divs. rec., Loans & bills rec., Rents receivable, Oth. curr. assets, U. S. Govt. def'd assets, Work. fd. advs., Ins. & oth. fds., Rents & insur'ce premiums paid in advance, Liabilities—Capital stock, Grants in aid of construction, Mortgage bonds, Debentures, Equip. obliga's, Misc. obliga's, Non-nego. debt to affil. cos., L'n's & bills pay., Traffic & car service bal. pay., Audited acc'ts & wages pay., Misc. acc'ts pay., Matured divs. & int. unpaid, Matured funded debt unpaid, Unmatured int. accrued, Unmat'd rents accrued, Oth. curr. liab., U. S. Govt. def'd liabilities, Equip. & pers'l prop. leased, Oth. def. liab., Tax liability, Pers'l inv. res'v'd, Oper. reserves, Acc'r'd deprec'n., Oth. unadj. cred., Corp. surplus, Add'to prop. thru. inc. & surplus, Prof. & loss def'd.

Grand total... 562,524,375 568,718,064 -V. 116, p. 721, 616.

Erie Railroad Company.

(28th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1922.)

President F. D. Underwood, New York, April 10, wrote in substance:

Operating Revenues.—Gross operating revenues amounted to \$106,874,103, a decrease of \$6,553,972 from 1921.

The merchandise tonnage for the year was 21,679,949 tons, an increase of 4,596,992 tons, or 26.91%. The increase in revenue from haulage of merchandise was \$5,074,335, or 8.73% more than for 1921.

The total coal and coke tonnage for the year was 14,621,415 tons, a decrease of 2,987,945 tons, or 16.97% less than for 1921. The anthracite tonnage was 6,079,508 tons, a decrease of 3,894,179 tons, or 39.04%. The bituminous tonnage was 7,797,689 tons, an increase of 337,945 tons, or 12.04%. The coke tonnage was 744,218 tons, an increase of 68,289 tons, or 10.10%. The revenue from haulage of coal and coke decreased \$11,861,149, or 35.71%. The coal and coke tonnage was 40.28% of the total revenue tonnage hauled. The reduction in tonnage of coal transported during the year was due to the general mining strike during the period April to September.

The total number of passengers carried during the year was 30,273,963, a decrease of 1,366,093, or 4.32%. The decrease in gross revenue therefrom was \$1,146,527, or 7.63%. Of the total number of passengers carried, 29,791,815 were local and 482,148 were interline passengers.

Revenue from the transportation of mail was \$754,005, a decrease of \$16,463, or 2.14%. Revenue from the transportation of express amounted to \$2,407,424. The American Railway Express Co., upon the solicitation of the carriers' auditing committee, made large adjustments in their accounts for 1922, particularly in the amounts which had been charged to the operating expenses of the Express company, since Sept. 1 1920, the effective date of the uniform contract, to meet future payments account of loss and damage claims, casualties, &c. These adjustments resulted in increased allowances to the various carriers.

Revenue from the transportation of milk was \$1,752,638, an increase of \$45,812, or 2.68%. Revenue from miscellaneous sources was \$2,152,280, an increase of \$456,792, or 26.94%. Incidental revenues show an increase of \$34,353 as compared with 1921, or 2.53%. Joint facility shows a decrease of \$5,363 as compared with 1921.

Operating Expenses.—Operating expenses amounted to \$100,101,523, a decrease of \$6,015,519 as compared with 1921.

The expense of maintenance of way and structures was \$12,699,503, a decrease of \$1,421,372, or 10.07%. Maintenance of equipment expenses were \$32,712,642, a decrease of \$1,666,412, or 0.51%. Traffic expenses increased \$73,089, or 4.18%. Transportation expenses were \$48,582,288, a decrease of \$4,199,304, equal to 7.96%. Miscellaneous operations expenses show an increase of \$3,688, or 0.63% for 1922 compared with 1921. General expenses were \$3,817,682, compared with \$4,042,656 for 1921, a decrease of 5.56%.

Railway Tax Accruals.—Railway tax accruals for the year were \$3,863,225; miscellaneous tax accruals were \$248,817; total taxes were \$4,112,043, as compared with \$3,729,593 for 1921.

Additions and Betterments.—The net road and equipment expenditures for the year amounted to \$1,860,049.

Equipment Obligations.—Equipment obligations amounting to \$4,725,000 were made during the year covering 15 steam locomotives and 5,000 box cars. Equipment obligations outstanding Dec. 31 1922, \$17,286,300.

Collateral Notes.—On April 1 1922, \$15,000,000 Secured Gold notes matured and were retired through the issuance of a note to the War Finance Corp., due on demand after April 1 1923 for \$10,000,000 and the sale of \$5,000,000 Erie Ry. 1st Consol. Mtge. bonds, heretofore deposited as part collateral under U. S. Government loan of \$8,000,000, which were released by the substitution of \$8,000,000 Ref. & Impt. Mtge. bonds and \$600,000 Columbus & Erie RR. 1st Mtge. bonds. (Compare V. 114, p. 1407.)

General Remarks.—The small net railway operating income derived from operation during 1922 was largely caused by the strike in the anthracite and bituminous coal mines from April to September, whereby 3,000,000 less tons of coal were transported than in 1921, and the strike of Railroad Shop Crafts from July 1 to Sept. 27, involving an increase in the percentage of maintenance of equipment expenses, which were 30.61% of the gross operating revenues.

Another factor affecting revenues during the year by order of the I.-S.-C. Commission was a 10% decrease of all freight rates except where decreases equal to that figure were already in force subsequent to the rate increases granted in Aug. 1920 under their Ex Parte Decision 74, which gave a decrease of approximately 8% in your company's freight revenue from July to December.

The company is not receiving its fair share of the through freight rates on fruit and vegetables from California and North Pacific territorial points, and in consequence lost money during the year on that traffic. Application is before the I.-S.-C. Commission for an increased division of the through freight rate, and an early and favorable decision is expected.

The Commission from Jan. 30 1922 granted an increase in the divisions of the various New England Railroads of 15%, penalizing this company in that amount. This resulted in a substantial loss of revenue. An application is now before the Commission for relief for the Erie and its affiliated companies.

With the prospect of making up in 1923 the loss in coal tonnage during the year 1922, coupled with the visible revival in general business, it is estimated that the earnings will be larger than during the past three years.

Government Settlements.—The U. S. R.R. Administration has completed an investigation of all the items in company's claim, in connection with its operation of the property during the period of Federal control, except the items of maintenance allowance and material and supplies. The investigation respecting these items should be completed during the year. It is expected that a settlement with the Government covering amounts due company under the Government guaranty will shortly be made.

Valuation.—The cost of Federal valuation at the end of 1922 was \$1,143,492, of which \$745,487 was charged to the operating expenses, the remaining \$398,000 having been assumed by the U. S. R.R. Administration during the period of Federal control. The field work is practically finished. There have been received from the Bureau of Valuation for informal review the engineering reports of physical improvements on the Erie and Chicago & Erie railroads. These reports are being reviewed. Land reports upon the entire system are expected within the next few months. The entire work is about 85% complete.

OPERATING STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
No. tons mdse. freight car.	21,679,949	17,082,957	23,581,835	21,727,842
No. tons coal & coke car.	14,621,415	17,609,360	22,886,093	19,021,751
Total No. tons all freight.	36,301,364	34,692,317	46,467,928	40,749,593
Total No. tons all freight carried one mile.	8,277,891,171	8,574,212,099	1,137,692,379	1,010,230,127
Avg. rev. per ton p. mile.	1.021 cts.	1.055 cts.	.892 cts.	.774 cts.
Freight rev. per train mile.	\$7.90089	\$8.1379	\$7.3508	\$6.61785
Average No. tons freight in each train.	773.57	763.98	852.63	854.86
No. of passengers carried.	30,273,963	31,640,061	33,215,357	30,895,291
No. pass. carried 1 mile.	648,420,585	683,421,951	740,128,641	720,624,686
Avg. fare p. pass. per m.	2.139 cts.	2.198 cts.	2.073 cts.	2.028 cts.
Pass. fr. rev. p. fr. mile.	\$2.38281	\$2.29162	\$2.56764	\$2.30605
Gross rev. per m. fr. of road.	\$46,277.38	\$49,115.30	\$54,036.14	\$45,247.14

INCOME STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	Corporate.		Combined.	Federal.
	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Operating Revenues—				
Merchandise	\$63,191,282	\$58,116,947	\$64,924,726	\$53,394,929
Coal	21,353,924	33,215,074	31,097,038	24,901,486
Passenger	13,872,168	15,018,695	15,343,712	14,615,018
Mail, express, &c.	8,458,729	7,077,360	10,797,623	9,377,473
Gross operating revenues.	\$106,874,103	\$113,428,076	\$122,163,099	\$102,198,906
Maint. of way & structures.	12,699,503	14,120,876	17,175,194	11,626,081
Maintenance of equipment.	32,712,642	32,879,055	40,252,567	30,382,639
Traffic	1,822,461	1,749,372	1,651,305	882,987
Transportation	48,582,289	52,781,594	69,152,499	50,270,377
Miscellaneous operations.	589,490	585,802	580,468	610,133
General	3,817,683	4,042,656	3,955,853	2,739,414
Transportation for investm't	Cr. 122,546	Cr. 42,312	Cr. 33,757	Cr. 40,098
Railway tax accruals.	3,863,226	3,729,593	3,804,226	3,813,088
Uncollectible railway rev.	48,361	49,687	35,156	24,168
Oper. expenses, taxes, &c.	\$104,013,110	\$109,896,322	\$136,853,541	\$100,808,819
Operating Income	\$2,860,993	\$3,531,754	\$14,600,442	\$1,890,086

CORPORATE INCOME ACCOUNT, CALENDAR YEARS.

	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ry. oper. rev.	106,874,103	113,539,098	Inc. from lease of road	xdr. 51,829
Ry. oper. exp.	100,101,524	105,157,156	Miscell. income.	200,828
Net oper. rev.	6,772,580	8,381,942	Tot. non-oper. income	11,209,533
Ry. tax accruals	3,863,226	3,738,449	Gross income	11,854,444
Uncoll. ry. rev.	48,361	42,906	Deductions—	
Ry. oper. inc.	2,860,993	4,600,588	Rent for leased roads	2,392,894
Net hire of equip. rents deb. bal.	2,101,212	2,290,579	Miscell. rents	493,455
Net joint facility rents deb. bal.	114,871	176,312	Misc. tax accr.	248,818
Net ry. op. inc.	644,910	2,133,697	Separately oper. property loss	13,019
Non-Oper. Inc.			Interest	11,745,046
Dividend income	11,095,150	9,191,700	Amort. of disc. account, &c.	93,981
Claim under Gov. guaranty	xdr. 1,245,953	3,354,225	Appl. to s. f., &c.	946,047
Misc. rent inc.	506,081	513,131	Net	def. 4,078,817 sur. 1,595,254
Inc. fr. fund. sec.	379,918	680,856		
Inc. from unfr. secs. & accts.	325,339	725,034		

x The debit amounts in the accounts "Income from lease of road" and "claim under Government guaranty" are caused by the adjustment of various matters entering into the claim against the U. S. Government covering the Federal control and guaranty periods, such amounts having been credited to these accounts in previous years.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.	
\$	\$	\$	\$	
Road & equip't.	319,670,958	319,259,238	Common stock	112,481,900
Improvm'ts on leased ry. prop.	29,493,916	28,277,459	1st Pref. stock	47,904,400
Sinking fund	15,847,922	14,632,223	2d Pref. stock	16,000,000
Inv. in affil. cos.			Tire bonds	229,919,900
Stocks	94,585,677	94,585,627	Collateral bonds	37,699,500
Bonds	38,820,492	39,332,492	Collateral notes	19,824,450
Notes	1,403,202	1,335,702	Miscell. oblig's	574,192
Advances	7,245,290	7,404,369	U.S. Gov. liab.	17,286,300
Net bal. rec. fr. agts. & condue.	1,316,737	865,531	Miscellaneous	476,412
Other inv. &c.	1,534,131	4,143,120	Deferred charges	499,368
Cash	10,379,029	10,552,363	Accrued deprec.	22,828,015
Special deposits	7,235,185	2,492,026	Unadj. credits	6,851,523
Traffic, &c., bal.	4,077,026	3,625,492	Add'ns to prop'ty through income and surplus	8,042,191
Miscellaneous	6,271,211	5,204,039	Funded debt retired through income and surplus	367,218
Sec. iss. or ass'd—			Skg. fd. reserves	14,403,022
Pledged	63,187,000	66,668,000	Profit and loss	37,781,199
Unpledged	1,107,900	2,607,900	Total	657,634,298
Mat'l & supplies	9,643,635	14,879,947	Total	657,634,298
U. S. Gov. guar.	6,321,871	7,567,824		
Deferred assets	520,291	367,494		
Unadj. debits	2,303,257	2,729,475		
U. S. Govt. un-paid compen.	42,877	123,192		
Other U. S. Govt. assets	36,559,893	37,495,875		
Total	657,634,298	664,162,388		

Bangor & Aroostook RR.

(29th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1922.)

President Percy R. Todd, Bangor, Me., Feb. 23, wrote in substance:

Mileage.—Mileage decreased 13.55 miles to 868.95, the decrease being due principally to discontinuing 8.85 miles of the Iron Works Branch between Brownville Junction and Iron Works on authority of the I.-S.-C. Commission, and also to taking up a large number of abandoned side-tracks to exhausted ballast pits and a few industrial plants that had discontinued operations.

Results.—Earnings received from transportation of freight amounted to \$6,252,789, an increase of \$125,331, or 2.04%, over 1921 previous year. The reduction of 10% in freight rates on potatoes, hay, straw and apples, effective April 1, and the general reduction of 10% on all commodities, effective July 1, during the balance of the year caused a loss in freight revenue of approximately \$325,000.

Earnings received from passenger traffic were \$897,557, a decrease of \$58,764, or 6.1%, from the previous year.

The falling off in passenger revenue was due primarily to less number of passengers carried than the previous year and a reduction of 25% in round trip passenger fares made on May 1 at the urgent request of patrons. The revenues were also affected by the increased use of automobiles. Other revenue from transportation amounted to \$215,691, an increase of \$42,819, or 24.7% over the previous year. Incidental revenue amounted to \$70,931, a decrease of \$21,128, or 22.9% from last year, the loss being accounted for wholly from the operation of hotels and dining cars.

Operating Expenses.—Operating expenses for the year amounted to \$5,501,677, a decrease of \$336,774, or 5.7%, from the previous year.

Ballasting.—During the year 170 miles of road were ballasted, as compared with 48 1/2 miles last year. The average miles ballasted per year during the 10 years prior to 1921 was 20 miles.

Equipment.—The following cars were retired during the year: Box cars, 624; flat cars, 44; stock cars, 6; rack cars, 6; and 4 passenger and other cars. The following cars were added: Box cars, 450, and 15 maintenance of way and other cars.

Depreciation.—There was an accumulated balance on Dec. 31 1922, credited to reserves for accrued depreciation on all classes of equipment, of \$1,414,882.

Equipment Trusts.—Equipment trust payments made during the year amounted to \$32,544.

Funded Debt.—Was reduced during the year by payment of \$16,000. **Valuation.**—A tentative valuation of the company's properties has been made by the I.-S.-C. Commission and protest against same, stating the various errors and omissions, was filed in the manner required by the valuation Act. Hearings in the matters raised in the protests have been completed and final decision of the Commission is expected in due course, which if not satisfactory we propose to appeal to the Court of Claims.

Taxes.—Railway tax accruals increased \$122,843, or nearly 30% over the previous year. While there has been a moderate increase in Federal and municipal taxes, the State taxes have increased from \$81,180 in 1911 to \$399,116 in 1922, or 391.6%.

General Remarks.—On July 1 90% of the shop employees at Derby struck against a decision of the U. S. Railroad Labor Board ordering a reduction of 5 to 9 cents per hour in the rates of pay. Very little inconvenience was caused, as new employees were rapidly hired to take their places at the lower rates of pay and at the end of 30 days all vacancies had been filled. While lumber shipments handled increased during the year, other products of forest, such as logs, poles, posts and pulpwood, fell off materially from the corresponding period last year.

There were 17,051,187 bushels of potatoes handled during the year, compared with 15,103,200 bushels in 1921. Unfortunately, the prices received by the farmers throughout the year were extremely low, in many cases not allowing any profit whatever and in some cases losses, which naturally decreased the purchasing power of the citizens of Aroostook County and inward shipments of many commodities fell off accordingly.

Owing to the depressed conditions in Aroostook County, many applications for reduced freight rates on potatoes have been received, but while many local rates have been reduced, including those on starch potatoes, the management has resisted all attempts to reduce the through rates on potatoes for the reason that shippers of other commodities strenuously objected to reduction in freight rates being made on agricultural products without corresponding reductions being made on other classes of freight, also feeling that the effect of freight rates upon the market price is substantially nil. This would appear to be substantiated from the fact that just prior to April 1 1922, at which time a reduction of 10% in these rates was made, the price of potatoes at Caribou was \$1.75 to \$2 per bbl. and 15 days later was \$1.25 per bbl. This reduction cost the company many thousands of dollars but did not benefit the Aroostook farmer, the market price of

potatoes being governed by factors other than freight rates. The result of the 10% reduction, made voluntarily by all railroads, was that effective July 1 1922, the I.-S. C. Commission ordered a reduction of 10% on all other classes of freight.

Business received from Canada ex the Van Buren Bridge, on which the company received a haul, was very satisfactory for the year, the earnings accruing to the company amounting to \$240,036, as compared with \$159,266 last year.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS, CALENDAR YEARS.

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Tons revenue freight	2,157,019	2,136,483	1,969,225	2,154,229
Ton miles, rev. freight	267,482,345	232,548,773	235,876,903	242,823,083
Passengers carried	503,449	532,451	619,471	684,644
Pass. miles—revenue	20,580,555	20,866,348	25,079,846	27,345,129
Freight revenue	\$6,252,789	\$6,127,457	\$4,063,169	\$5,240,928
Passenger revenue	\$897,557	\$956,320	\$953,917	\$1,117,246
Av. fgt. rev. p. m. road	\$10,029	\$9,791	\$6,426	\$7,958

INCOME ACCOUNT CALENDAR YEARS.
(Corporate for 1922 and 1921 and Combined Federal and Corporate, 1919 and 1920, Disregarding Compensation and Guaranty.)

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Freight revenue	\$6,252,789	\$6,127,457	\$5,240,928	\$4,063,169
Passenger revenue	\$897,557	\$956,320	\$953,917	\$1,117,246
Mail, express, &c.	286,623	264,931	317,306	160,274
Revenue other than trans.				109,940
Railway oper. revenue	\$7,436,969	\$7,348,708	\$6,675,480	\$5,287,300
Maint. of way and struc.	\$1,399,771	\$1,192,469	\$1,445,082	\$1,177,240
Maintenance of equipm't.	1,620,212	1,768,399	1,585,035	1,506,244
Traffic	49,452	52,814	46,782	45,872
Transportation	2,179,791	2,538,523	2,649,211	2,040,865
General, miscellaneous, &c.	252,452	286,246	336,966	257,745
Net operating revenue	\$1,935,291	\$1,510,256	\$612,404	\$259,334
Tax accruals & uncollec.	\$37,695	414,475	334,759	301,784
Railway oper. income	\$1,397,596	\$1,095,782	\$277,645	def\$42,450
Hire of equipment	Cr. 254,231	Cr. 127,496	Cr. 428,107	967,291
Other income	61,578	62,983	67,529	24,593
Gross income	\$1,713,406	\$1,286,261	\$763,281	\$49,433
Interest on funded debt	\$1,031,335	\$1,018,965	\$984,877	\$956,144
Interest on unfunded debt	821	2,405	2,251	23,337
Miscellaneous charges	3,480	16,938	8,966	10,332
Preferred dividend (7%)	304,600	243,600	243,600	243,600
Common dividend (4%)	154,400	154,400	154,400	154,400

Balance, sur. or def. sur\$218,868 def\$150,047 def\$630,814df\$1,368,080

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
Inv. in road & eq't.	30,799,055	30,369,926	
Dep. in lieu of mtg. property sold	13,365	1,663	
Inv. in affil. cos.	250,000	250,000	
Cash	428,554	374,588	
Special deposits	228,328	578,225	
Loans & bills rec.	380,100	450,000	
Traffic & car serv. balances reciev.	273,774	56,419	
Net bal. rec. from agents & conduc.	23,464	60,156	
Misc. acc'ts reciev.	129,708	132,784	
Material & supplies	1,076,913	1,240,823	
Int. reciev. accrued	4,981	13,406	
Other curr. assets	7,660	13,836	
Working fund adv.	1,344	305	
Other defd. assets	577	1,076	
Unadjusted debits	452,155	403,748	
Total	34,079,888	33,946,955	
Preferred stock			3,480,000
Common stock			3,860,000
Funded debt			21,414,000
Equipment trust.			329,295
Traffic & car serv. balances payable			37,803
Acc'ts & wages pay			357,050
Misc. acc'ts pay'le			29,240
Int. mat'd unpaid			223,673
Unmat. divs., &c.			232,261
Oth. curr. liabil.			36,859
Deferred liabilities			5,374
Tax liability			81,594
Prem. on fund. debt			3,958
Accr. depr., equip.			1,414,883
Other unadj. cred.			22,444
Add'ns to property through surplus			192,284
Approp. surplus			61,371
Profit and loss			2,359,172
Total	34,079,888	33,946,955	

Note.—The company has a contingent liability for the guarantee of both principal and interest on \$250,000 of Van Buren Bridge Co. bonds.—V. 116, p. 1274, 720.

Long Island Railroad.

(41st Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1922.)

President Ralph Peters, New York, April 3, wrote in substance:

Results.—Total operating revenue increased \$2,230,630, or 7.8% over the preceding year. Passenger revenue increased 6.4%; freight revenue increased 8%; express, mail, other transportation and incidental revenue increased 15.1%.

Passenger.—The number of rail passengers carried was 79,656,891, an increase of 4,150,846, or 5.5%. 28,060,896 passengers used the Pennsylvania Station during the year, an increase of 2,145,259, or 8.3%, over 1921. Company on account of the increasing use of this station and the consequent increase of the revenues derived from such use expect to pay a higher rental than that now paid.

The number of passengers using the Flatbush Ave. Terminal was 34,094,580, an increase of 1,200,583, or 3.6%. The number of tickets sold at the Pennsylvania Station and the Flatbush Ave. Terminal was 4,096,073 and 4,335,392 respectively.

The total number of commutation tickets sold to and from western terminals of the road was 642,650, an increase of 55,960, or 9.5%. The number of tickets sold during February, the lightest month of 1922, was 43,564, which was only 1,436 less than the sales in August, the heaviest month of 1919.

Of the total commutation tickets sold, 56.1% were to the Pennsylvania Station, the proportion being slightly less than in 1921.

Freight.—Freight tonnage was 6,027,860, an increase of 455,181, or 8.2%, this notwithstanding the general coal strike between April and September.

Building operations throughout the year continued to be active. There were erected on Long Island during 1922, outside of Long Island City and the old City of Brooklyn, 28,762 buildings, 23,336 of which were dwellings, as compared with 19,771 buildings in 1921 and 16,197 in 1920.

This activity was reflected in the tonnage of building materials, which increased 348,907 tons, or 34%, over the preceding year.

111 new industries located along the lines of the road during the year, of which number 99 located in Long Island City.

Total fuel tonnage decreased 321,875 tons, or 15.7%. The cauliflower crop of 7,500 tons was larger than the preceding years. Long Island produced more potatoes in 1922 than in any previous year of record. There were from Long Island points 5,587 carloads, or 120,597 tons, an increase of 47%.

In accordance with decision of the I.-S. C. Commission, freight rates were reduced 10% generally, effective July 1 1922.

Operating Expenses & Taxes.—While maintenance of equipment and miscellaneous operations increased \$156,588, transportation, maintenance of way, and other expenses decreased \$164,753, making a net decrease in operating expenses of \$8,165.

Taxes amounting to \$1,795,861, an increase of \$260,584, or nearly 17%. Taxes in 1922 amounted to 23.3% of the net revenue from railway operations.

Merger.—The Long Island R.R., North Shore Branch, and New York & Rockaway Beach R.R., formerly leased, were merged with the Long Island R.R. during the year.

Road & Equipment.—Road and equipment investment shows an increase of \$3,415,904, as shown by the following items:

Equipment.—92 steel passenger train cars, 40 of which are to be equipped with electric motors, were authorized by the board, to be financed through Equipment Trust certificates, and are under contract for 1923 delivery. Eight steel passenger cars equipped with motors were also authorized. The 50 steel passenger cars authorized in 1921 were received during the year.

Financial.—\$92,000 Unified Mtge. 4% bonds, due March 1 1949, were cancelled, and a like amount of the Ref. Mtge. 4% bonds were issued in exchange.

The \$883,000 1st Mtge. 5% bonds of the New York & Rockaway Beach R.R., due Sept. 1 1927 together with \$1,334 2d Mtge. 5% Income scrip, are now shown as liabilities of the company.

The Long Island R.R. Co.'s Ferry 1st Mtge. 4½% bonds, maturing March 1 1922, were paid off, with the exception of \$13,000 outstanding on Dec. 31 1922, which are carried in "Funded debt matured unpaid."

While \$980,000 Equip. Trust 6% certificates, Series "D," were issued during the year, Equip. Trust obligations increased only \$362,521, due to \$617,479 certificates redeemed as follows: Series "A," \$106,000; Series "B," \$94,000; Series "C," \$138,000; P. R.R. Equip. Trust certificates—covering Govt. allocated equipment assigned to L. I. R.R., \$279,479.

Of the \$719,000 borrowed from the U. S. Government at 6% and for which Serial notes were issued, \$219,000 was paid in 1921. The balance, \$500,000, was paid in 1922.

The \$414,960 6% Serial notes due Aug. 1 1923-25, issued in connection with Equip. Trust Series "C," were reduced by the redemption, during the year, of \$165,984, leaving \$248,976 outstanding.

This company's holdings of the capital stock and Income bonds of the Prospect Park & Coney Island R.R. were sold during the year.

The \$20,000 5% Interim certificates of the Ocean Electric R.R., owned by the company, were paid during the year.

The West Jamaica Land Co., Ltd., all the stock of which was owned, was dissolved Nov. 21 1922.

Growth of 21 Years.—Nearly \$62,000,000 has been added to "road and equipment" since 1901. Over \$4,000,000 was due to the merger of the Great Neck & Port Washington, Montauk Extension, New York Bay Extension, Jamaica & South Shore, Long Island R.R. Co. North Shore Branch, and New York & Rockaway Beach Railroads.

789 passenger train cars have been added and 149 retired, increasing this equipment from 621 wooden cars in 1901 to 355 wooden and 876 steel, total of 1,261 cars in 1922.

2,209 freight train cars have been added and 711 retired, increasing freight equipment from 1,168 to 2,666 cars. One tug boat and 5 steel car floats of 20 car capacity were purchased and several wooden car floats of small capacity retired.

92 locomotives were added and 105 retired, there being 13 less in 1922 due to the electrification of the lines from Flatbush Ave. to Jamaica, Long Island City to Jamaica, Jamaica to Hempstead, Jamaica to Long Beach, Valley Stream to Far Rockaway, Whitepot to Far Rockaway, Hammel to Rockaway Park, Winfield to Port Washington and from Whitestone Jct. to Whitestone about 82 miles of line representing nearly 21% of total mileage.

The number of passengers carried increased from 14,520,218 to 79,656,891; tons of freight handled from 1,642,937 to 6,027,860, while the gross earnings increased from \$4,862,347 in 1901 to \$30,951,410 in 1922.

While the territory and the public has had the advantage of the great improvements in transportation which has resulted in accommodating such a great increase in traffic, it results chiefly from the broad-gauged policy of the Pennsylvania R.R., which advanced the funds for these purposes, and converted its large holding of Long Island R.R. debt into capital stock, thereby greatly reducing the Long Island R.R.'s fixed charges and to use all the earnings for such improvements, and to improve the company's credit. It also further assisted this improvement program by giving this company the use of Pennsylvania Station since 1910 at a nominal rental.

Nevertheless the earnings of this company during this period have not been sufficient to justify the payment of any dividends whatever on the capital stock, because the rates, chiefly the commutation rates, have been kept too low, and the taxes, wages and other costs are too high in comparison with those rates. Company has in prospect many plans for expansion of its property, extension of electrification, abolition of grade crossings and the increase of its steel cars and other equipment, but it seems only equitable to point out that unless the regulatory and municipal authorities are willing to deal fairly with this company in the matter of rates it may charge for the service rendered, so as to enable it to earn a fair return upon its investment, it cannot carry out the program it has in mind, although public convenience requires the improvements.

Transit Conditions in New York City.—Company has called the attention of the Transit Commission and the City authorities to the necessity for a 4-track rapid transit line which will afford both local and express service, extending from Jamaica, or some point east thereof, to and into Manhattan and under 34th St., or some adjacent street, to the west side of Manhattan, so as to make possible a high-class rapid transit service with convenient connections with all up and down-town lines on Manhattan Island. It has been demonstrated that it will be impossible within a relatively few years to accommodate the increasing number of passengers using Pennsylvania Station, notwithstanding the improvements and additions that have been made to that Station, which have been the means of very greatly expanding the revenues of the company and the number for the Pennsylvania R.R., and other lines using that station, over 28,000,000 Long Island passengers used the station in 1922, and this represents a 12 years' growth during which the company used the station. It is impossible to make provision sufficient to accommodate the traffic of the road and the others in that Station, as the Long Island passengers have been increasing at the average rate of 8% per annum, and it is only proper to emphasize the necessity for the City of Greater New York to give this section the increased transit facilities so urgently required.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31.

	1922.	1921.	1920.
Mileage operated	397	398	398
Number of passengers carried	79,656,891	75,506,045	72,743,820
No. of passengers carried one mile	1,239,167,160	1,152,026,714	1,105,939,480
Avg. revenue from each passenger	24.1 cts.	24 cts.	21.93 cts.
Avg. rev. per passenger per mile	1.551 cts.	1.571 cts.	1.508 cts.
Revenue tons carried	6,027,860	5,572,679	5,886,969
Revenue tons carried one mile	131,569,409	129,321,714	122,989,535
Average revenue per ton	\$1.48	\$1.48	\$1.23
Average revenue per ton per mile	6.626 cts.	6.383 cts.	5.893 cts.
Avg. net revenue per ton per mile	1.327 cts.	.865 cts.	loss. 578 cts.

OPERATING RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	Federal.	Combined.	Corporate.
	1919.	1920.	1921.
Freight	\$6,280,427	\$7,267,266	\$8,273,615
Passenger	15,607,723	15,956,229	18,086,144
Mail, express, &c.	2,493,824	2,620,254	2,361,152
Total operating revenues	\$24,381,974	\$25,843,749	\$28,720,911
Operating Expenses	\$23,917,160	\$23,917,160	\$23,917,160
Maint. of way & struc.	\$3,163,138	\$3,787,158	\$3,320,693
Maint. of equipment	4,334,035	5,501,296	4,993,378
Traffic expenses	166,877	226,053	221,478
Transportation	12,167,013	14,756,284	13,696,486
Miscellaneous operations, &c.	173,859	208,455	215,066
General	501,929	732,591	734,884
Operating expenses	\$20,586,850	\$25,211,837	\$23,181,985
Net earnings	\$3,795,124	\$631,911	\$5,538,926
Uncollectible revenues	5,314	5,868	34,361
Taxes	1,063,277	1,235,628	1,535,276
Operating income	\$2,726,533	def\$609,584	\$3,969,289
Hire of equipment	\$171,450	\$542,385	\$300,992
Joint facilities rents (net)	133,383	156,856	357,153
Miscellaneous	Cr. 86,873		
Net railway oper. income	\$2,508,572	def\$1,308,825	\$3,311,214
Non-operating income			1,158,377
Gross income			\$4,469,591
Deduct—Rents for leased roads			665,253
Miscellaneous rents			202,026
Miscellaneous tax accruals			14,492
Interest on funded debt			2,546,851
Interest on unfunded debt			412,566
Miscellaneous charges			29,124
Net income			\$599,189
Profit and Loss debit			\$6,779,067
Add—Net debits during year			143,260
Additions to property through inc. & surplus			Cr. 348,465
Net corporate deficit			\$5,974,673

	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
Assets—				
Road & equip't.	\$8,617,493	\$8,021,505		
Imp'ts. on leased rail property	6,586,143	6,551,201		
Inv. in affil. cos.:				
Stocks	1,467,071	1,531,790		
Bonds	237,000	744,296		
Notes	2,577,459	2,561,622		
Advances	3,018,861	3,018,861		
Other investm'ts	538,812	1,522,257		
Misc. phys. prop.	109,263	114,281		
Depos. in lieu of mtge. prop. sold	398,937	55,197		
Cash	2,838,315	1,725,200		
Special deposits	490,027	490,794		
Traffic, &c., bal.	21,558	15,837		
Agents & conduc.	1,158,058	868,577		
Materials & supp.	1,934,875	1,838,278		
Int., divs., &c., rec.	98,708	78,605		
Miscellaneous	2,368,395	2,612,930		
Oth. unadj. accts.	93,148	92,313		
Deferred assets	4,122,294	5,974,673		
Total	111,895,352	110,705,658		
-V. 116, p. 1275, 296.				
Liabilities—				
Capital stock	\$34,110,250	\$34,110,250		
Funded debt (see "Ty. & Ind.")				
Section	48,395,409	49,240,030		
Equip. trust oblig.	6,665,367	6,302,846		
Real est. mtges.	54,000	54,000		
Loans & bills pay.	1,810,096	2,458,361		
Accts. & wages	1,842,071	2,077,651		
Traffic, &c., bal.	3,042,436	2,207,224		
Matured interest	3,398,212	3,407,330		
Fund. debt mat'd, unpa'd	1,594,100	1,581,100		
Accrued interest and rents	678,020	788,489		
Miscellaneous	1,416,369	853,927		
Taxes	509,164	186,859		
Insur., &c., res.	10,098	10,451		
Accrued deprec.	5,970,289	5,263,406		
Other unadj'd accts.	1,205,096	1,113,144		
Deferred liabilities	1,197,377	1,050,231		
Total	111,895,353	110,705,658		

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.

(Report for Fiscal Year ended Dec. 31 1922.)

Vice-Pres. W. C. Dunbar Feb. 19 wrote in substance:

Results.—Income account for 1922 shows net income of \$1,829,278 available for the \$1,800,000 div. of 6% on \$30,000,000 P. R. T. capital stock. Our schedule is now in effect providing 10% better service than one year ago, representing an added cost of approximately \$1,000,000 per annum; this in accordance with the policy to use earnings of present fare over dividend requirements to increase service.

P. R. T. has paid 6% in 4 quarterly divs. for 1922 and has included in the wages paid to P. R. T. employees a 10% co-operative wage div. amounting to \$1,650,000. This payment is well earned and properly paid, as the added production of P. R. T. employees saves Philadelphia car riders many million dollars annually.

Reserve Fund.—In addition to cash working capital of \$1,410,118 there is \$3,069,500 of cash in the reserve fund for renewals. This reserve fund will be drawn on during 1923 in excess of \$2,500,000, to meet cash down payments on the 576 new cars, the cost of substation equipment, and other projected improvements.

Maintenance, &c.—P. R. T. basis of appropriation from earnings for maintenance, renewals and depreciation, as now in effect, is planned to overcome insufficient upkeep during the war, so that within the five-year period 1921-1925 deferred maintenance shall have been picked up, thereafter making possible a fuller use of P. R. T. earnings to meet the anticipated deficit resulting from the operation of city-built lines.

P. R. T. must now overcome a greater loss from the operation of Frankford "L" than the city-company estimate of \$1,000,000 per annum; this because of more duplicate service by surface car routes being required than was originally thought necessary by city-company engineers. Overcoming this loss of more than \$1,000,000 and the payment of \$150,000 rental to the city is made possible only by the 7c fare for 25c—fare and the assured super-co-operation of the men in still further reducing the cost of operation.

Valuation and Fares.—It is now privately admitted, by those connected with the valuation proceedings, that the value of P. R. T. property is more than ample to justify continuing the present rate of fare. Recent agitation for a return to the 5c. fare is unimpressive, since the general desire of the car rider, as expressed to P. R. T. men on the cars, is for more subways and better service which we are now spending our money to secure, but as almost every one knows, these things would be impossible with a lower rate of fare.

Equip. Trusts.—P. R. T., through its bankers, Dillon, Read & Co., accomplished the sale of \$7,750,000 equipment trusts as follows: Equipment Trust Series "P" 6% certificates, 1923-1932, \$3,000,000; Equipment Trust Series "G" 5 1/2% certificates, 1924-1933, \$4,750,000. Series "P" completes repayment of Government advances during the war and covers 210 war-time U. S. Government cars and 500 newsiecar cars formerly under Series "C" which has been retired. Series "G" covers 520 new passenger and 56 utility or work cars, representing a total of \$6,500,000, financed by \$1,750,000 cash-down payment from the renewal fund and by sale of \$4,750,000 equipment trusts. The sale basis of 5.20% to 5.50% was made possible through the improved credit of the company.

Improvements.—P. R. T. improvements and additions for 1923, now in contemplation or actually under way, represent over \$12,000,000, viz: (1) 520 passenger cars and 56 work or utility cars; (2) three cross-town lines between the Germantown-Nictown and Frankford districts, representing over 20 miles of track; (3) 60 miles of track construction in co-operation with the city program of repaving. (4) New substation equipment for additional power. (5) New car terminal in South Philadelphia.

The comparative income account was published in V. 116, p. 823.

	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
Assets—				
Property acct.	\$54,134,439	\$52,561,880		
Cash	1,410,119	756,866		
Reserve fund for renewals	3,075,179	1,671,679		
Materials and supplies accts., &c.	1,940,617	2,145,728		
Deferred assets	2,521,021	2,400,820		
Total	63,081,376	59,536,973		
Liabilities—				
Cap. stk. paid in	\$29,991,660	\$29,991,660		
Funded debt	17,502,000	16,432,000		
Accts. pay'le, &c.	1,210,555	751,571		
Accrued rent, int. and taxes	2,983,011	3,677,237		
Dividend payable	449,787			
Accident reserves	444,631	566,095		
Renewal reserve	4,737,993	2,258,555		
Other reserves	121,075	110,873		
Surplus	5,640,664	5,748,981		
Total	63,081,376	59,536,973		

x Property account includes road and equipment expenditures for leased lines, real estate, sinking funds, &c. y Reserve fund for renewals consists of cash, \$3,069,500, and securities, \$5,679. z Capital stock authorized, \$30,000,000.—V. 116, p. 823, 616.

Northern States Power Co. of Delaware and Subsidi.

(Report for Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31 1922.)

The remarks of President H. M. Bylesby, together with the income account and balance sheet, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on a subsequent page of this issue.

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Electric department	\$12,144,909	\$11,164,308	\$10,264,734	\$8,554,278
Gas department	671,557	705,959	660,594	523,120
Steam department	639,055	648,321	636,993	574,125
Telephone department	85,194	82,254	75,722	68,015
Street railway departm't	341,204	362,380	160,735	126,305
Total gross earnings	\$13,881,919	\$12,963,222	\$11,798,779	\$9,875,934
Operating expenses	\$6,037,793	\$5,833,109	\$5,610,005	\$4,405,964
Maintenance	919,788	937,634	799,938	642,951
Taxes	1,143,247	984,935	921,897	709,706
Net earnings	\$5,781,992	\$5,207,544	\$4,466,937	\$4,117,313
Interest charges (net)	\$2,311,432	\$2,295,682	\$2,148,470	\$1,999,056
Preferred dividends	1,841,534	1,601,165	1,341,374	1,176,998
Common dividends	(8%)493,600	(4%)246,800		
Depreciation	550,000	525,000	475,000	450,000
Amortization of debt discount and expenses	325,000	275,000	250,000	175,000
Balance, surplus	\$259,526	\$263,897	\$252,094	\$316,259
Total surplus	\$1,843,234	\$1,583,707	\$1,319,811	\$1,067,717

—V. 116, p. 1188, 84.

Grand Trunk Railway Co. of Canada.

(Report for Year ended Dec. 31 1922.)

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Operating Statistics—				
Miles oper. (in Canada)	3,611	3,611	3,611	3,616
Passengers carried	10,998,246	11,609,762	12,206,977	11,620,590
Tons freight carried	23,675,425	21,687,749	26,322,423	23,292,706
Revenue freight	3,661,618	3,339,690	3,162,686	x
Non-revenue	4,561,146	4,052,564	5,028,651	4,580,346
Revenue freight	304,838	284,232	280,968	x
Non-revenue tons	1,240 cts.	1,338 cts.	1,155 cts.	1,055 cts.
Average per ton mile	\$77,700,019	\$76,858,032	\$81,442,647	\$68,744,359
Total earnings	70,317,813	71,179,293	76,213,815	60,374,434
Total expenses				
Net earnings, bef. taxes	\$7,382,206	\$5,678,739	\$5,228,832	\$8,369,925

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Railway Oper. Rev.—				
Freight	\$56,561,068	\$54,239,904	\$58,102,054	\$48,313,551
Passenger	14,342,003	15,510,164	16,948,180	15,124,852
Mail	1,212,433	1,133,735	1,304,107	1,061,311
Express	2,883,700	3,285,111	2,659,572	2,129,706
Other passenger train	27,121	316,725	289,474	231,263
Milk	228,541	242,755	233,951	209,984
Switching	679,860	561,858	785,347	591,270
Dining and buffet	325,004	328,046	349,430	388,499
Demurrage	264,162	315,802	578,057	421,458
Grain elevator	284,801	275,967	201,217	251,194
Rents of buildings and other property	110,541	88,662	135,940	218,837
Miscellaneous	536,784	559,301	579,185	314,962
Total oper. revenues	\$77,700,019	\$76,858,032	\$81,442,647	\$68,744,359
Railway Oper. Expenses—				
Maint. of way & struct.	\$10,740,706	\$12,862,797	\$12,005,384	\$9,478,288
Maint. of equipment	20,792,314	17,809,497	21,103,422	16,537,827
Traffic expenses	1,815,853	1,583,830	1,304,107	1,061,311
Transportation rail line	34,020,685	35,574,798	38,518,233	30,713,902
Miscellaneous operations	4,113,244	4,622,320	501,361	392,541
General expenses	2,560,591	2,904,024	2,877,700	2,251,646
Trans'n for investment	Cr.26,433	Cr.17,974	Cr.6,392	Cr.1,084
Total oper. expenses	\$70,317,813	\$71,179,293	\$76,213,815	\$60,374,431
Net rev. from ry. oper.	\$7,382,206	\$5,678,739	\$5,228,832	\$8,369,927
Railway tax accruals	1,200,287	1,325,577	1,280,062	1,165,310
Uncoll. railway revenues	33,292	8,909	23,005	5,540
Total oper. income	\$6,148,627	\$4,344,254	\$3,925,765	\$7,199,077
Non-Oper. Income—				
Hire of freight cars				
Credit balance	\$1,525,788	\$1,306,972	\$675,862	\$271,417
Rent from equipment	1,229,560	812,908	653,035	420,290
Joint facility rent income	698,997	822,764	871,376	610,091
Income from lease of road	56,124	10,000	10,000	10,000
Miscell. rent income	266,930	262,060	179,592	131,686
Misc. non-op. phys. prop.	100,477	90,049	90,823	37,185
Separately oper. property (profit)	516,595			
Dividend income	359,930	157,819	141,986	698,397
Inc. from funded secur.	2,353,061	2,586,784	2,150,914	2,021,168
Income from unfunded securities and accounts	634,016	672,126	1,464,400	1,866,841
Inc. from sink., &c., fds.	11,950	11,843		
Miscellaneous income	1,048,741	1,900,776	1,468,283	79,724
Gross income	\$14,613,676	\$12,978,355	\$11,632,037	\$13,345,876
Deductions from Gross Inc.—				
Rent for equipment	\$249,419	\$364,821	\$638,725	\$454,108
Joint facility rents	87,702	93,763	101,868	63,443
Rent for leased roads	477,918	477,832	474,459	365,456
Miscellaneous	57,263	65,463	68,716	134,178
Misc. tax accruals	88,949			
Int. on unfunded debt	189,142	613,238	770,637	496,256
Amortization of discount on funded debt	159,975	275,804	253,934	232,934
Miscell. income charges	226,757	1,802,168	942,195	292,084
New England lines	1,398,600	1,881,094	990,869	599,743
Western lines	1,277,747	4,797,178	1,935,156	872,951
Ottawa Term. and Can. Atl. Tran. Co.	631,167	178,822		
Int. on Funded Debt—				
Debenture stock	8,988,634	8,988,634	6,555,300	5,133,244
Equip. bonds and notes	141,124	220,264	313,244	
Can. Atl. 1st M. bonds	60,000	640,004	640,004	
Other underlying bonds	30,932	32,457	32,500	
Equip. trust certificates	736,949	703,995		9,468,454
Sink. Fd. Gold Deb. bds.	3,232,010	2,133,491	218,750	
Secured notes		657,000	1,502,583	
Dominion Govt. loans	4,7			

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Period—	Year end. 9 Mos. end.	Year end. 9 Mos. end.
Dec. 31 '22.	Dec. 31 '21.	Dec. 31 '22.
Rev. pass. carr'd	191,924,926	141,869,551
Operating revenue	\$9,583,437	\$7,089,944
Maint. of way and structures	550,368	538,223
Maint. of equip't. (incl. dis-puted)	649,487	486,807
Transp. & traffic	1,442,410	1,123,284
General & miscell.	3,394,868	2,694,256
Taxes	811,712	470,223
	604,200	456,000
Net earnings	\$2,130,392	\$1,321,151
Other inc. credits	93,600	118,315
Gross income	\$2,223,993	\$1,439,465

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Assets—	1922.	1921.	Liabilities—	1922.	1921.
RRs. property and franchises	47,086,637	46,868,333	Prior P. 6% stock	11,617,000	11,603,000
Sinking funds	161,410	160,200	Prof. 6% stock	4,986,700	4,985,300
Inv. in securities	142,193	156,593	2d Pref. 6% stock	4,673,400	4,670,600
Mat'ls & supplies	416,692	510,524	Common stock	10,646,800	10,641,200
Cash	894,721	604,130	1st M. 5% s. f. bds.	9,560,100	9,730,900
Special deposits	308,800	271,069	1st 6% s. f. coll. trust bonds	4,326,000	4,500,000
Notes & accts. rec.	89,567	93,198	Equip. certificates		30,000
Accrued interest	1,239	2,892	payable	235,450	265,535
Insur. premiums	18,434	16,450	Interest accrued	257,050	258,152
Taxes pd. in adv.	7,845	7,842	Accrued taxes	226,309	228,363
Misc. def. items	2,307	4,577	Prior Pref. div. pay.	14,910	
			Def. credit items	62,091	64,468
			Depreciation res.	640,000	320,000
			Other reserves	1,037,994	911,372
			Surplus	846,042	487,521
Total	49,129,840	48,696,411	Total	49,129,846	48,696,411

Note.—No provision for 1922 Federal income tax has been included in the above statement.—V. 116, p. 1533, 1178.

Southern California Edison Co.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1922.)

The report of President John B. Miller, together with the income account and balance sheet for 1922, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages.

The usual comparative income account was published in V. 116, p. 1527.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Assets—	1922.	1921.	Liabilities—	1922.	1921.
Tangible prop's	120,604,312	107,485,008	Capital stock:		
Intangible values	11,424,853	12,041,459	1st preferred	4,000,000	4,000,000
Cash with trust	336,531	257,676	2d preferred	5,456,900	12,029,900
Inv. in sub. cos.	2,531,891	2,402,171	Com. stock	38,123,172	27,937,872
Sec. of oth. corp	1,148,439	1,167,377	Subser. com.	4,907,400	5,279,600
Com. stock subs	5,467,654	4,054,061	Public subscrip. capital stock	3,137,200	1,484,441
Cash	4,414,321	1,639,733	Bonds	74,644,700	65,931,700
Notes & accts. receivable	1,818,605	1,341,074	Debentures	5,925,900	6,987,100
Material & supp	4,535,902	3,471,789	Shay, Lake L. Co. (bds. gtd.)	621,000	868,000
U. S. obligations	295,000	37,632	Stk ret. note pay	750,000	
Miscellaneous	1,455,172	895,385	Accts payable	4,382,118	2,529,422
Unamort. disc. & prem. on bds.	5,201,914	4,421,235	Notes payable	1,300,000	984,331
Capital stock	277,908	2,691,393	Consum. depos.	776,466	863,493
Debentures	107,154	159,696	Interest accrued	1,473,792	1,317,150
			Taxes accrued	2,411,492	1,200,076
			Deprec. res.	8,418,591	8,903,989
			Res. for cont. Cas. & fire ins. reserve	701,216	414,216
			Los Angeles res.	81,266	79,621
			Surplus	721,552	1,224,777
Total	159,619,656	142,065,690	Total	159,619,656	142,065,690

x Due by officials, employees and public on Common stock subscriptions.
y After deducting \$89,071 reserve for doubtful accounts.
z Accrued taxes, including provision for 1922 Federal taxes.—V. 116, p. 1527, 947.

Mason Tire & Rubber Co., Kent, O.

(Results for Year Ended Dec. 31 1922.)

The profit and loss account for the calendar year 1922, together with the balance sheet as at Dec. 31 1922 (after giving effect to the issue of \$2,000,000 7% 20-year gold bonds, see offering in V. 115, p. 1059), will be found on advertising pages.

This company, organized Oct. 18 1915 in Ohio, manufactures a full line of cord tires in all sizes, including also in the 30x3 1/2 size, a lighter tire known as the Maxi-Cord. Also manufactures fabric tires in Ford sizes and inner tubes in all sizes. Solid tires are manufactured in three styles, plain, kno'd and cushion. Has three manufacturing plants: At Kent, fabric mills where cords and fabric are made from the raw ginned cotton; at Bedford, O., tire plant used exclusively for the manufacture of cord tires; and at Kent, plant for manufacture of inner tubes and various styles of solid and pneumatic tires.

The company, which ranks among the first dozen tire companies in the United States, produced its first tires in the latter part of 1916. It has, however, steadily increased its production and sales until it may now be considered one of the important companies in the industry. Net sales increased from \$2,146,000 in 1918 to \$10,244,000 in 1922. Company was among the first to go into the manufacture exclusively of cord tires except on Ford sizes.

During the past six years it has rapidly built up its own branch organization, which now consists of 25 branches, and during the past year has been unable to satisfy the demand for its tires. No important changes have taken place in the management since the company was organized.

Preliminary Results for First Quarter of 1923.

Gross sales for the first quarter of 1923 were approximately \$2,700,000. This is an increase of \$1,000,000 over 1921 and of \$500,000 over 1922 for the same quarter.

Net earnings for the first quarter of 1923, after all interest charges, were about 8% on sales, an increase of 2 1/2 times over 1921 and 2 times over the same period of 1922.

Owing to the lower prices of tires during the year 1923 as compared with the years 1921 and 1922, the number of units produced and sold in the first quarter of 1923 exceeds by 100% the same period of 1922.

The tire plants at Kent and Bedford are running at full capacity, and the textile mills at Kent are also running full capacity—all three plants operating 24 hours per day.—V. 116, p. 1059.

Consolidated Textile Corporation.

(3d Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1922.)

Secretary Henry B. Stimson, April 7, reports in substance: The Southern mills, directly owned, the Windsor Print Works, Converse & Co. and Terry Textile Corp., earned a profit. However, the net results of the year's operations were unfavorably affected by a 9 months strike in practically all of the mills of B. B. & R. Knight, Inc., and general trade

conditions which resulted in a financial loss. In view of these factors it was to be anticipated that the operations would show a loss. This loss has been minimized by improved conditions in the latter part of the year and by the efforts of the management.

Current assets, which on Dec. 31 1921, stood at \$18,367,145 have increased to \$19,551,986. Current liabilities for the same period show a reduction of \$3,146,000. Bills payable have been reduced from \$11,826,000 to \$8,730,000 on Dec. 31 1922. The reserve for depreciation has been increased from \$617,871 to \$1,252,633.

Accounts and notes receivable show an increase of from \$6,185,048 to \$8,180,212. The decrease in cash on hand may be accounted for largely by the cotton purchases made during the early fall months of 1922, prior to the present high price levels. By thus anticipating cotton requirements and making provision for advance needs, corporation and its affiliated companies have assured themselves of an ample supply of raw material up to the time of the new cotton crop, at a cost materially below present prices.

During the year the capital account was increased by the sale of 472,856 shares of the Capital stock, for which company received in excess of \$5,250,000, and which has materially increased the working capital. During the year the outstanding 1st Mtge. 8% bonds were reduced by the operation of the sinking fund from \$5,000,000 to \$4,750,000.

In Dec. 1922 William M. Wood, Andrew G. Pierce, Jr., George L. Shepley and Henry P. Binney of the American Woolen Co.; William M. Butler, Pres. of Butler Mills; Geo. deB. Greene, of E. H. Rollins & Sons, New York; Chas. T. Main, of Chas. T. Main & Co., engineers, Boston; Samuel F. Pryor, Chairman Remington Arms & Ammunition Co., New York; Henry L. Tiffany, Treas. Kilburn Mill, New Bedford, were elected to the board of directors. William M. Wood was elected director general and chairman; Andrew G. Pierce, Jr., was elected Pres.; Frederick K. Rupprecht was elected chairman of the executive committee.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1922.	1921.	1920.
x Profits from operation	\$335,119	\$923,513	\$2,310,794
Depreciation	635,000	150,000	238,282
Interest on bonds & bills payable, &c.	1,724,988	1,530,572	620,091
Proportion of bond disc't. written off.	153,004		
B. B. & R. K. Preferred dividend		200,000	y 1,204,367
Consolidated Textile Corp. dividend			
Balance	def \$2,177,871	def \$967,058	sur \$248,054

x After deducting adm., selling and gen. expenses (and in 1922, also shut down and strike expenses), and in 1920, after provision for Federal taxes and write down of inventories to market.

y The Consolidated Textile Corp. paid quarterly dividends of 75 cents a share (\$3 per annum) from Jan. 1920 to Jan. 1921, both inclusive, none since. Quarterly dividends of 2% each on the \$2,500,000 8% Cum. 1st Preferred stock of the B. B. & R. Knight Co., Inc., were begun in Jan. 1920 and continued thereafter at same rate to and including Jan. 3 1922; none since.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT DECEMBER 31 1922.

Capital and capital surplus, less operating deficit Dec. 31 1921—\$25,830,044
Deduct—Discount on bonds and premium on notes retired applicable to period prior to Jan. 1 1922, less sundry adjust.—297,642
Add—Proceeds of sale of 472,856 shares of no par value stock—Cr5,263,453

Less—Operating deficit for year ending Dec. 31 1922—2,177,872

Capital and surplus Dec. 31 1922—\$28,617,988

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Assets—	1922.	1921.	Liabilities—	1922.	1921.
Land, bldgs., &c.	33,648,458	34,683,701	Cap'l stock (no par, see Note b)	28,617,983	25,830,044
Goodwill, &c.	500,002	500,002	1st M. 8% bonds	4,750,000	5,000,000
Misc. investments	1,716,163	1,669,455	2-yr. 8% notes, '23	700,000	700,000
Inventories	9,124,015	8,378,754	B. B. & R. Knight 1st Pref. 8% stk.	2,500,000	2,500,000
Adv. to outside mills as invent'y	185,086	511,927	2d Pref. 7% stk.	2,325,000	2,325,000
Inv. in stks. of out-side textile cos.	475,008	475,008	1st M. 7% bonds	7,500,000	7,500,000
Accts. & notes rec.	8,180,213	6,185,409	Bills payable	8,730,000	11,826,000
Cash	1,587,665	2,816,403	Acceptances	429,921	263,420
Disc. & premiums unamortized	1,137,896	1,770,959	Accounts payable	1,700,013	1,916,948
Prepd. ins., int. &c.	246,437	269,158			
Org. exp. & miscell	451,977	600,954			
Total	57,252,918	57,861,405	Total	57,252,918	57,861,405

a Land, buildings and dwelling houses, machinery, and equipment, &c., \$34,901,089; less reserve, \$1,252,633 for depreciation.

b Authorized capital, 2,000,000 shares of no par value; outstanding, 1,273,895 shares without nominal or par value, representing capital and surplus (see table above).

Note.—The company has entered into certain option contracts which, if completed, will involve payments at various dates up to April 15 1924, not exceeding \$375,000.—V. 116, p. 1537, 1056.

Eastman Kodak Company.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1922.)

ANNUAL EARNINGS, DIVIDENDS, & C. FOR CERTAIN EARLIER YEARS, AND TOTAL FOR 1 1/2 YEARS ENDED DEC. 31 1922.

	Net Profits.	Prof. Divs.	Com. Divs.	Res'v Fund	Surplus.
1902 (6 mos.)	1,488,295	162,366	856,930		468,999
1905	4,013,913	365,217	2,348,196		1,309,499
1910	8,975,177	369,942	7,806,390		798,845
1915	15,741,453	369,942	11,719,680		3,651,831
1917	14,542,567	369,942	5,861,520		8,311,105
1918	14,051,969	369,942	8,792,280		4,889,747
1919	18,326,188	369,942	7,819,110		10,137,136
1920	18,566,210	369,942	7,865,840		10,330,429
1921	14,105,861	369,942	7,953,215		5,782,704
1922	17,952,555	369,942	12,574,963		5,007,650
Totals, 1 1/2 yrs.	230,137,240	7,545,003	138,414,466	5,250,000	78,927,772

Deduct—Reserve required in addition to previous reserves and appropriations to offset entire book value of good-will & pat'ts 15,798,081

Balance, surplus [being amt. of surplus Dec. 31 1922—Ed.]—63,129,690
The reserve fund, \$5,250,000, was accumulated in 1906 to 1909 and 1911 to 1913.

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (INCLUDING SUB. COS.)

Assets—	1922.	1921.	Liabilities—	1922.	1921.
Real estate, build-ings, &c.	34,669,241	34,706,183	Common stock	20,000,000	20,000,000
Supplies, &c.	22,150,104	23,742,803	Preferred stock	6,165,700	6,165,700
Accounts and bills receivable (net)	7,208,293	6,303,580	Accts payable, incl. prov. for Federal taxes	8,900,653	6,430,691
Call loans	3,000,000		Prof. div. Jan. 1	92,486	92,486
Bonds and stocks	3,273,175	3,633,245	Com. div. Jan. 1	2,520,438	498,765
U. S. obligations	28,396,165	16,059,730	Extra	2,918,850	1,496,295
Cash	8,733,772	12,283,182	Conting. reserve	4,614,172	4,386,540
Prepaid int., &c.	774,738	463,793	Surplus	63,129,690	58,122,040
Total	107,605,489	97,192,517	Total	107,605,489	97,192,517

a Includes real estate, buildings, plant, machinery and capital investments at cost less depreciation reserve. b 2,000,000 shares of no par value issued in 1922 in exchange for 200,000 shares of \$100 each, and 16,350 shares issued for cash at \$10 per share; there remains to be issued 41,210 shares of Common stock of no par value under plan for sale to employees, as approved by stockholders April 6 1920.—V. 116, p. 1637.

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."

Wheeling & Lake Erie RR. Advances Wages of Shopmen.—Increase of 7 cents per hour affects several thousand men. Phila. "N. B." Apr. 9, p. 3.

Delaware & Hudson Co. Has Filled Places of Shopmen Out on Strike.—L. F. Loree, President, declares strike is over as far as the road is concerned, as places of strikers have been filled. "Times" April 7, p. 20.

Transcontinental Lines Plan Further Rate Reductions as Step in Panama Canal Competition.—Reductions effective April 17, varying from 8% to 40% on commodities between Chicago and West coast, are not expected to attract much business because they are still too high. Now aim to compete with equal rates as well as quicker service. "Wall St. J." Apr. 10, p. 1.

I.-S. C. Denies Higher Rate on Newsprint.—Proposed increase in rates from Canada to Tennessee, amounting to 10 cents per 100 lbs., held unjustified. "Evening Post" April 12, p. 11.

I.-S. C. Upholds Mileage Books.—Reconsideration of ruling denied and books will be sold beginning May 15 on nearly all Class 1 roaocs (except in the East) unless court intervenes. "Times" April 11, p. 31.

I.-S. C. Orders Texas Roads to Reduce Rates on Oil.—Roads serving Houston, San Antonio, Dallas and Sherman, Tex., to reduce rates on peanut and cottonseed oil in varying amounts according to point of shipment. "Evening Post" April 10, p. 11.

I.-S. C. Will Investigate Pullman Co. Surcharge.—E. F. Cary, President of Pullman Co., says investigation will be welcomed as a chance to give public the facts concerning its rate schedules. "Times" April 10, p. 6.

Representatives of Western Utilities and Railroad Commissions Protest Against Demand of American Ry. Express Co. for Higher Rates.—Declare express rates in central territory were now nearly twice the standard return level permitted by present laws. "Times" April 10, p. 34.

Pittsburgh Ry. Co. Receivers Are Asked for 32% Increase in Wages by Motormen and Conductors.—3,000 men want new scale beginning May 1. Boston "Financial News" April 7, p. 6.

Car Shortage.—Shortage in all classes of freight car equipment amounted to 68,986 cars on March 31, a decrease of 2,457 since March 22, according to reports made public to-day by the Car Service Division of the American Railways Association.

The shortage in box cars totaled 30,849, a reduction of 2,841 in slightly more than a week; in coal cars totaling 29,281 a reduction within the same period of 634. Reports showed an increase of 821 in the shortage in stock cars, which brought the total to 1,401, and in refrigerator cars of 297, which totaled 2,310 cars.

Car Surplus.—Surplus freight cars in good repair totaled 14,196 on March 31. This was an increase of 1,455 in slightly more than a week. Surplus box cars in good repair totaled 3,266, an increase of 656 since March 22, while surplus coal cars totaled 3,785, or a decrease of 326 in the same period. Reports also showed 4,767 surplus stock cars in good repair, which was an increase of 891 since March 22, while 1,917 surplus refrigerator cars were reported, which was an increase of 166 in a little more than a week.

Car Loadings.—The Car Service Division of the American Railway Association issued the following statement: "Unprecedented loadings of revenue freight for this time of year was reported for the week ended March 31, when the total was 938,725 cars, exceeding week last year by 116,917 cars and the same week in 1921 by 275,554. This also exceeded by a wide margin the corresponding weeks in 1920, 1919 and 1918.

"The total for the week exceeded the preceding week this year by 21,689 cars. A total of 938,725 cars for any one week last year was not reached until September, while in 1921 it was October, and in 1920 that figure was not reached until July. Increases over the week before were reported in loading of all commodities other than coal.

"Principal changes compared with week ended March 24 were: Merchandise and miscellaneous freight, 575,190 cars, increase 15,851; grain and grain products, 41,842 cars, increase 2,459; livestock, 31,726 cars, increase 1,377; coal, 182,668 cars, decrease 2,394; forest products, 76,124 cars (only 7 cars less than the highest loading in history for that commodity, which was during the week ended March 3 last); ore, 15,435 cars, increase 735; coke, 15,740 cars, increase 901."

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" April 7.—(a) New drive at the railroads, p. 1469. (b) Further record-breaking railroad freight movement, p. 1472. (c) Brotherhood of Railway Clerks National Bank of Cincinnati, p. 1483. (d) Comprehensive program of railroads to meet expected record volume of traffic—of a billion and a half dollars planned, p. 1490. (e) Eastern roads seek injunction against issuance of mileage books, p. 1491. (f) Arthur T. Hadley's suggestion for regulation of railroad rates and wages by one body, p. 1491.

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—Conversion of Bonds.—Controller Gallup recently called attention to the fact that the 50-Year 4% Conv. bonds of 1910 cannot be converted after May 31 1923. This time limit on the conversion into Common stock was fixed by the indenture under which the bonds were issued.—V. 116, p. 1531.

Atlantic Ave. RR. Co. of Brooklyn.—Reorganization.—See under Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co., below.—V. 66, p. 183.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—New Grain Elevator.—The company has started at its Locust Point terminals, Baltimore, the construction of a new grain elevator with total capacity of 3,800,000 bu., the storage tanks holding 3,000,000 bushels and the workhouse bins 800,000 bushels. The shipping capacity will be 150,000 bushels an hour to six berths alongside present and proposed piers. In addition to the initial storage capacity as stated provision is made for the construction of more storage tanks for 6,000,000 bushels, which will insure a future capacity of 9,000,000 bushels, independent of the workhouse. The new elevator will cost approximately \$5,500,000. These new facilities will replace the two former grain elevators, B and C, destroyed by fire July 2 1922, caused by a thunderbolt.—V. 116, p. 1273, 615.

Boston Elevated Ry.—New Issue.—The company has applied to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities for authority to issue \$2,300,000 30-Year 6% bonds or notes to fund floating debt, &c.—V. 116, p. 1409.

Boston & Providence RR.—To Issue Debenture Bonds.—The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$2,170,000 of 15-Year debenture bonds with which to refund a like amount of 6% bonds maturing July 1 1923. The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities has approved the issuance of the debentures.—V. 108, p. 1274.

Brooklyn Bath & West End RR.—Reorganization Plan.—See under Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co., below.—V. 66, p. 183.

Brooklyn City RR.—Reorganization Plan.—See under Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co., below.—V. 116, p. 719.

Brooklyn Heights RR.—Reorganization Plan.—See under Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co., below.—V. 116, p. 719.

Brooklyn Queens County & Suburban RR.—Reorg.—See under Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co., below.—V. 116, p. 719.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.—Reorganization Plan.—The plan of reorganization for the B.R.T. System tentatively outlined in V. 116, p. 719, and referred to briefly in last week's "Chronicle," is given fully below. The names of the protective committees for the several securities involved in the plan, together with the names of the different depositaries were given in the advertising pages of the "Chronicle" of March 24, p. xxviii to xxxi.

Holder of any of the bonds or notes entitled to participate in the plan who have not heretofore deposited their bonds or notes may do so before April 23 with the proper depository. Holders of bonds or notes not represented by any committee may deposit the same with Chase National Bank, N. Y.

The plan has been formally adopted and approved by the committees representing the several classes of securities, except the committee representing the 1st Consol. Mtge. 50-Year 4s of the Coney Island & Brooklyn RR.

What the Reorganization Is Intended to Accomplish.—(1) Termination of receivership as soon as reorganization can be consummated. (2) Funding into long-term 6% bonds of over \$60,000,000 of short-term obligations, most of which now carry 7% interest.

(3) Payment in part, and the adjustment of the balance, of the accumulated arrears of interest, amounting to over \$27,000,000, on the bonded debt of the system so as to permit the resumption of the payment of current interest.

(4) Payment in cash of the principal amount of the tort claims for personal injuries, as allowed, estimated at approximately \$2,200,000. (5) Adjustment of claims of the general contract creditors, as allowed, estimated at approximately \$1,600,000. (6) Payment of receiver's certificates and other claims against the properties aggregating over \$12,000,000.

(7) Provision of \$26,000,000 of new money by stockholders or underwriters for the purposes of the reorganization. These include, in addition to the above cash requirements, the immediate provision of a fund of \$5,000,000 for the capital requirements of the rapid transit lines, among which are additional cars and the equipment of the lines still to be completed by the city under the existing contract, and the provision of working capital.

Brief History of Property of System, Contracts, &c.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit System.—From standpoint of both operation and financial structure, is roughly divided into three parts: (1) the subway and elevated rapid transit lines; (2) the street surface railway lines; and (3) the power plants and other common facilities.

The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. owns directly the power plants of the system and controls through ownership of stocks, bonds and certificates of indebtedness the companies operating the subway and elevated rapid transit lines and the street surface railways of the system. The properties have been in the hands of Lindley M. Garrison, as receiver, since Dec. 31 1918, and the principal companies operating the surface lines (not including Brooklyn City RR.) have been in the hands of the same receiver since July 14 1919.

Rapid Transit Lines.—The rapid transit subsidiaries are New York Municipal Railway Corp. and New York Consolidated RR., which together own most of the elevated lines and operate all of the elevated and subway lines. The remainder of the elevated lines, and all of the subway lines, are owned by the City of New York.

By contract (called Contract No. 4), dated March 19 1913, with New York City, New York Municipal Railway Corp. agreed to contribute certain funds towards the construction of subway and elevated lines to be built and owned by the city, to equip those lines, to reconstruct and extend the then existing elevated lines and to operate as a single system all of the then existing elevated lines and the subway and elevated lines to be constructed. On the same date the P. S. Commission granted to New York Municipal Railway Corp. two certificates authorizing, respectively, the construction of certain additional tracks upon and certain extensions to the elevated lines then existing.

To finance the obligations under Contract No. 4 and allied certificates, B. R. T. Co. issued \$60,000,000 6-Year Notes, with the proceeds of which and other funds it acquired a like amount of long-term bonds of its rapid transit subsidiaries, the bonds so acquired being pledged, together with \$10,000,000 First Ref. Mtge. Bonds, as security for the 6-Year Notes. Holders of \$2,265,000 of these Notes subsequently exchanged their Notes for a like amount of the pledged long-term bonds of the rapid transit subsidiaries. The 6-Year Notes matured in 1918, but all but \$475,000 thereof were refunded by the issue of 3-Year 7% Notes of B. R. T. Co. approximately 30% of which were acquired by the War Finance Corp. These 3-Year Notes were secured by the above collateral, and in addition by the pledge of approximately \$29,000,000 B. R. T. Co. Consol. & Ref. Mtge. Bonds.

At the time of the issue of the 6-Year Notes it was estimated that their proceeds would be sufficient to meet all of the company's obligations for construction, reconstruction and equipment under Contract No. 4 and allied certificates. However, costs of construction were tremendously increased as a result of the World War. For various reasons the city's part of the work under Contract No. 4 was delayed; and at the time of the receiver's appointment, the subway and elevated lines had only three of the six entrances into Manhattan, all of which it was contemplated under the contract would be completed by Jan. 1 1917, and lines in Manhattan intended as parts of a through system were being temporarily operated as detached local lines without proper connection with other parts of the system. This condition necessarily delayed the attainment of the gross earnings in reliance upon which the company entered into Contract No. 4 and allied certificates and at the same time, in conjunction with the abnormal conditions brought about by the war, greatly increased both construction costs and operating expenses during the period of construction. While additional lines have been placed in operation during the course of the receivership, the construction of the system of new subway and elevated lines required to be built by the city under Contract No. 4 is still far from complete. Certain important lines, including the Nassau St. loop and a large part of the Fourteenth St.-Eastern line, have not even been begun by the city. It is estimated by the operating officials that the net revenues are still suffering from this cause to the extent of fully \$1,000,000 a year.

There has been expended to date in performing the company's obligations, under Contract No. 4 and allied certificates, in addition to the proceeds of the \$60,000,000 Notes of 1913, approximately \$25,000,000 and additional amounts will be needed in the future.

Surface Lines.—When the receivership began the B. R. T. System of surface lines comprised a total of 245 miles (exclusive of trackage rights on bridges across the East River), of which approximately 138 miles were owned and operated by the following subsidiaries: Nassau Electric RR.; Coney Island & Brooklyn RR. (incl. De Kalb Ave. & North Beach RR.); Brooklyn Queens County & Suburban RR.; South Brooklyn Ry. Co. and subsidiary lessor companies; Coney Island & Gravesend Ry. Co.; Brooklyn Heights RR. (operating tracks across Williamsburg Bridge leased to Bridge Operating Co.); Brooklyn & North River RR. (operating tracks across Manhattan Bridge).

The remaining 107 miles were operated under a 999-year lease from Brooklyn City RR., the rental payable under which included interest on the bonds and a dividend rental of 10% on its outstanding \$12,000,000 capital stock. In the summer of 1919 the receiver reported that he was unable to meet the installment of dividend rental due in October of that year, and during that month, on the demand of Brooklyn City RR., the Court ordered the properties returned to that company. Since that date these lines have been operated independently by Brooklyn City RR.

Under the terms of the lease Brooklyn City RR. obligated itself upon termination to pay to the lessee the amount of certain improvements, additions and betterments to its lines, the amount so payable, according to the books of the B. R. T. System, being approximately \$10,000,000, exclusive of interest and also exclusive of the cost of a large number of cars upon which rental is now being paid by Brooklyn City RR. Brooklyn City RR. denies liability and the claim is being litigated in a suit pending in the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

The Brooklyn City RR. also asserts that upon the return of the formerly leased lines the stock of Brooklyn Queens County & Suburban RR., owning about 30 miles of lines (held by B. R. T. Co. under the terms of a certain escrow agreement) was forfeited to Brooklyn City RR. Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. holds approximately \$2,640,000 of demand certificates of indebtedness of Brooklyn Queens County & Suburban RR., purporting to create liens upon its property upon which obligations there is an accumulation of unpaid interest of over \$700,000.

Power Plants and Other Common Facilities.—The power plants, repair shops, car barns, &c., common to the use of both the surface lines and the subway and elevated lines, were operated by B. R. T. Co. itself, and the principal power plants are also owned by that company. This arrangement was continued during the receivership except that the rapid transit lines have taken over their own maintenance and repair work. Many of the common facilities are owned by the rapid transit companies and many by the surface companies.

By contract, approved by the P. S. Commission, Transit Development Co. (a subsidiary merged in 1918 into Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.) in order

to suspend the obligation of the rapid transit companies to construct a power plant in accordance with the provisions of Contract No. 4 and allied certificates, agreed to furnish power for the use of the rapid transit lines in Brooklyn and Queens for a period of ten years. The power for the operation of the rapid transit lines in Manhattan is provided for by a similar contract with Interborough Rapid Transit Co.

The power plants existing at the time of the receivership were inadequate for the needs of the system and work on the extension and enlargement of the principal plant (the Williamsburg plant) had been commenced prior to receivership. This work was carried to completion during the receivership at an aggregate cost of about \$4,000,000. As a result B. R. T. Co. owns a modern and efficient power production system able to meet all the immediate requirements of both the rapid transit and surface lines, including those of Brooklyn City RR., with which the receiver shortly before the return of the leased lines made a contract for the supply of power in connection with the acquisition of certain property of Brooklyn City RR. needed for the proposed power plant enlargement.

Receiver's Certificates—Completion of Contract.—Early in 1919 it was apparent that a large sum of money must be immediately raised in order to avoid a default under Contract No. 4 and the ancillary power agreement, with the attendant risk that the city might exercise one or the other of the rights given it by Contract No. 4. To insure against such a default, it became necessary to provide presently for the raising of \$20,000,000. To that end Federal Judge Sawyer authorized an issue of \$20,000,000 receiver's certificates, secured (through the pledge of certificates issued by the receiver of the rapid transit companies) by a lien upon the subway and elevated lines prior to the lien of New York Municipal Ry. Corp. 1st Mtge. 5% Bonds and secured also by a lien on all the property of B. R. T. Co. in the custody of the Court or subject to its administration. Of the receiver's certificates so authorized, \$18,000,000 were issued in Aug. 1919, and were successfully marketed. Since then the receiver has been able to pay or repurchase \$6,000,000 thereof so that there are now outstanding only \$12,000,000. These matured on Feb. 1 1923, but were extended to Aug. 1 1923. As a result of this financing, the receiver has been able to perform all of the obligations of the company as they have accrued under the contract with the city, and to put in operation many miles of additional rapid transit facilities.

Plans of the Public Authorities.—On Sept. 29 1921 the Transit Commission made public a outline of a plan of readjustment of the New York City street railways (V. 113, p. 431, 154). The City Administration has also had under consideration plans for the extension of the transit facilities of the city. Neither body, however, has as yet finally determined upon or formally promulgated a definitive plan. Nothing in the present plan is intended to conflict with the ultimate consummation of the plans finally adopted by the public authorities charged with responsibility for transit matters.

Foreclosure Proceedings and Decrees and Proposed Purchase by Committee.—Suits for the foreclosure of the mortgages securing respectively the 50-Year 5s, the First Ref. Mtge. 4s and the Consol. & Ref. Mtge. 6s, and also a general creditors' marshaling suit, have been brought and are now pending in the U. S. District Court. A decree of foreclosure and sale is about to be entered in the suits so pending and the properties of B. R. T. Co. are expected shortly to be sold under the decree. In addition a decree of foreclosure and sale is about to be entered in the suit brought to foreclose the mortgages securing the First Mtge. 5s of New York Municipal Railway Corp. and also in the general creditors' suit, to which New York Municipal Railway Corp. and New York Consolidated RR., as well as Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co., are parties. Steps are also being taken through sale or otherwise to realize upon the collateral pledged to secure the 3-Year 7% Notes and 6-Year 5% Notes.

The B. R. T. Co. stockholders' committee desires to purchase the properties and to vest in a new corporation to be formed, the ownership and control of the properties to be sold, as the same may be acquired, and to vest in the new company all the rights, privileges and franchises which belong to or are vested in B. R. T. Co. or its receiver.

[The sale at foreclosure of the B. R. T. properties will be held at the Kings County Court House, Brooklyn, N. Y., on May 11 next. The sale will be conducted by E. Henry Lacombe, special master, and the property will be offered as an entirety in one block.]

Digest of Reorganization Plan, Dated March 15 1923.

Estimated Application of Cash, Total \$34,048,015.

To pay receiver's certificates and car lease warrants	\$12,397,044
To pay or acquire tort claims, without interest	2,000,000
To pay on account of B. R. T. bank loans secured by its 1st Ref. 4s	1,991,468
To pay or acquire coupons or int. claims in arrears as at July 1 1923 on underlying bonds held by public	1,359,055
To pay on account of bonds and notes to be readjusted by issuance of new securities under the plan	4,616,329
To make provision for additional cars and other capital requirements of rapid transit lines	5,000,000

To pay or adjust claims against the companies and liabilities of the receivership not otherwise provided for; to provide for past-due taxes in litigation; to pay expenses of foreclosures and sales and cash expenses of reorganization, including compensation and expenses of committees, &c., and balance to new company for working capital and improvements (say) .. 6,484,119

The cash required for the purposes of the plan will, it is estimated, be provided as follows:

From sale of bonds and Pref. and Common stock of new company to stockholders or to underwriters .. \$26,048,015

Cash estimated to be available as of July 1 1923 in hands of receiver or in treasury of sub. co's not in receivership .. 8,000,000

The item of \$8,000,000 is subject to change, dependent upon the actual additions from earnings realized prior to the date when reorg. is effected.

Method of Reorganization.—The reorganization is to embrace, except so far as the committee shall otherwise determine, all the properties, including bonds, stocks and other securities and claims, belonging to B. R. T. Co. or its receiver. It is intended that these properties shall be sold under foreclosure and that the new company shall acquire title to such properties. It is further intended that the properties of N. Y. Municipal Ry. Corp. and N. Y. Consolidated RR. shall be sold on foreclosure and purchased by the committee, which will vest the property so acquired in a new subsidiary company (herein called the New Rapid Transit Subsidiary) organized in New York as the successor of the two companies above mentioned. The new subsidiary company so formed will thereupon be vested with the rights and obligations existing under contract No. 4 and allied certificates, including the leasehold interest in the city-owned lines, as well as with title to the company-owned elevated lines and other properties now embraced in the rapid transit lines, subject, however, to the 1st Mtge. bonds of Kings County Elevated RR. and of Brooklyn Union Elevated RR.

It is also intended to include the power plant properties of B. R. T. Co. as a part of the equipment under contract No. 4 and/or the allied certificates and to transfer title of those properties accordingly to the New Rapid Transit subsidiary or the City of New York. Pending the consummation of such arrangements and the transfer of the properties, the power plant properties may, as the committee shall determine, either remain in the new company itself or be vested in a power plant subsidiary organized for the purpose, all the stock and obligations issued by such subsidiary against the acquisition of the properties to be owned either by the New Rapid Transit subsidiary or by the new company itself; or title to the power plant properties may be vested in the New Rapid Transit subsidiary, notwithstanding that they shall not at the time have been included under contract No. 4 and/or the allied certificates, if the committee shall so determine.

The committee may also acquire on behalf of the new company, either directly or through a subsidiary company, the outstanding capital stock of Brooklyn City RR., in whole or in part, but not less than 51%, and the committee or the new company shall be empowered to effect such adjustments of the controversies with or claims against Brooklyn City RR. arising out of or in connection with the lease of the railroad properties of that company to Brooklyn Heights RR. or otherwise existing, as the committee or the new company may deem advisable. The acquisition of the stock of Brooklyn City RR. and the adjustment of existing controversies with that company are in no way essential features of the plan, and the committee may, in its discretion, declare the plan operative without acquiring any of the stock or effecting any adjustments with Brooklyn City RR.

The committee shall also be empowered to effect such mergers or consolidations of subsidiary companies as it may deem advisable and to organize or utilize one or more subsidiaries for the purpose of acquiring or holding any of the properties or securities subject to the reorganization or acquired under the plan.

Securities to be Issued by New Company.

(1) **Rapid Transit Security Sinking Fund Gold Bonds.**—New company is to authorize an issue of bonds to be known as its Rapid Transit Security S. F. gold bonds. These bonds are to be issuable in series in such amounts,

with such maturities, rates of interest, sinking fund, redemption, conversion and other provisions as may be determined from time to time at the time of the creation of any series (subsequent to Series A). These bonds are to be issued under a trust indenture under which it is intended that there shall ultimately be pledged new Rapid Transit Ref. Mtge. 5% bonds (see below) at the rate of \$6,000 of said bonds pledged for each \$5,000 of Rapid Transit Security S. F. gold bonds issued.

Pending the completion of such arrangements with the public authorities as may be necessary to consummate the inclusion of the power plant properties as part of the equipment under contract No. 4 and/or the allied certificates and the transfer of those properties accordingly, there may be pledged under the trust indenture securing the Rapid Transit Security S. F. gold bonds, in lieu of the collateral above provided for, for each \$5,000 of Rapid Transit Security S. F. gold bonds authenticated and delivered by the trustee, \$5,000 of Rapid Transit Ref. Mtge. 5% bonds and \$1,000 of Power Plant Gen. Mtge. 5% bonds (see below). There shall also be pledged under the indenture all other obligations and stocks acquired by the new company in the reorganization and representing its investment in the rapid transit lines and power plant properties. Pending the consummation of the foreclosure proceedings and the creation of the underlying bonds, there may be substituted as temporary security the entire investment of the new company in the rapid transit lines and power plant properties, represented by all the then outstanding receiver's certificates, bonds, certificates of indebtedness, stocks and other securities acquired by the new company resting upon the rapid transit lines and power plant properties.

The indenture will also provide that bonds (in addition to those issued under reorganization) may be issued to acquire additional Rapid Transit Ref. Mtge. bonds, the bonds so acquired to be pledged under this indenture at the rate of \$6,000 of bonds pledged for each \$5,000 of bonds issued. Pending the transfer of the power plant properties to the New Rapid Transit subsidiary of the City of New York, if the committee shall so determine, the indenture may provide that Rapid Transit Security S. F. gold bonds may be issued to acquire, and upon the pledge of, Power Plant Gen. Mtge. bonds as well as Rapid Transit Ref. Mtge. bonds, provided that the aggregate amount of additional Rapid Transit Ref. Mtge. bonds pledged shall be at least equal to the aggregate amount of additional bonds issued.

Under the indenture, there is to be authorized for issuance in reorganization \$92,697,207 (see below) *Rapid Transit Security 6% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Series "A"* of this issue, dated as of July 1 1923; payable July 1 1928; redeemable all or part at 105 and interest; a cum. sink. fund of 2-3% per annum on the maximum amount of bonds at any time outstanding, payable semi-annually, first payment to be made Jan. 1 1927, to be applied to the purchase or redemption (at above redemption price) of the bonds of this series, the company to have the right to tender bonds for purchase by the sinking fund at current market prices. If any dividend be paid on the Preferred or Common stock of the new company prior to Jan. 1 1927, then the sinking fund payments shall commence not later than the date of the payment of such dividend.

(2) **Preferred Stock.**—Authorized 350,000 shares, no par value, or if the committee shall so determine, of \$100 par. Issuable in series, each series (subsequent to series "A") to carry dividends at such rate and cumulative from such date, and to be redeemable on such terms, as directors may determine at the time of the creation thereof. Preferred as to assets on distribution to the amount of \$100 per share and dividends. Preferred stock shall have the same voting rights as holders of Common stock (one vote for each share held).

There is to be authorized for issuance in reorganization \$23,955,407 *Preferred Stock, Series "A"* (see below) entitled to dividends at the rate of \$6 per share per annum, but no more, cumulative without interest from and after July 1 1926 and redeemable, all or part, at \$100 and dividends.

(3) **Common Stock.**—Common stock will be authorized to an amount not exceeding \$50,000 shares, no par value, or, if the committee shall so determine, of such par value as it may fix. Holders of Common stock shall be entitled to one vote for each share held, but shall not be entitled to subscribe as a matter of right to any additional or unissued stock, whether Preferred or Common, or to securities convertible into stock. Common stock amounting to 766,530 shares will be issued as below.

The Common and (or) Preferred stock of the new company may also be issued in reorganization in exchange for the Common and Preferred stock of New York Consolidated RR., the Preferred stock of Nassau Electric RR., and the stock of Coney Island & Brooklyn RR. now outstanding, or for any part thereof, on such basis as the committee may determine. Such Common and (or) Preferred stock may also be used in effecting such other readjustments as the committee may approve.

Voting Trust.—The committee shall have power to create a voting trust for all or any part of the Common and Preferred stock for the purpose of providing for representation of the public authorities or of holders of any class of securities, on the board of directors, such voting trust to be for such period, not less than five years, and to contain such provisions as the committee may prescribe.

Authorized Bond Issues of Subsidiary Companies.

(1) **Rapid Transit 1st & Ref. Mtge. Bonds.**—The New Rapid Transit subsidiary may authorize an issue of 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds limited to \$50,000,000 at any one time outstanding in addition to any bonds that may be issued to refund any of the existing underlying elevated railroad bonds. These bonds will constitute a lien (ahead of the Rapid Transit Refunding Mortgage and subject only to the existing underlying elevated railroad bonds on certain of the properties) on the rights existing under Contract No. 4 and allied certificates and on all the other properties of the New Rapid Transit subsidiary. The bonds are to be issued only for the purpose of providing (after the exhaustion of the moneys provided in the reorganization for such purpose) for the cost of additional equipment and additions and betterments for the rapid transit lines or power house properties, provided after July 1 1923 under Contract No. 4 and the allied certificates, and also for the purpose of refunding any bonds previously issued and outstanding under this mortgage and any of the existing underlying elevated railroad bonds. None of these bonds will be issued in reorganization.

Pending the consummation of the proposed inclusion of the power plant properties under Contract No. 4 and/or the allied certificates and the transfer of those properties accordingly, the committee may authorize the creation of a Power Plant 1st Mtge. (ahead of the Power Plant Gen. Mtge.) of substantially the same character as the Rapid Transit 1st & Ref. Mtge. above. Such mortgage may be created and the bonds thereunder issued either by the new company itself, if the title to the power plant is permitted to remain therein, or by a subsidiary company, if title to the power plants be vested in a subsidiary. None of these bonds will be issued in reorganization.

(2) **Rapid Transit Refunding Mortgage Bonds.**—The New Rapid Transit subsidiary will authorize an issue of bonds known as Ref. Mtge. bonds limited to such total authorized amount at any one time outstanding as the committee may determine. The bonds are to be issued in series under a mortgage which will constitute a lien (subject to the existing underlying elevated railroad bonds on certain of the properties, and to the lien of the 1st & Ref. Mtge. above) on the rights existing under Contract No. 4 and allied certificates, and on all the other properties of the New Rapid Transit subsidiary. Under this mortgage there are to be authorized Series "A" bonds, bearing interest at rate of 5% per annum, in such amount and with such maturity, redemption and sinking fund provisions as the committee may determine. Series "A" bonds are to be issued in exchange for bonds of New York Municipal Railway Corp. now outstanding, and/or for the purpose of acquiring the rapid transit and power house properties to be acquired by such subsidiary company. Additional bonds are to be issuable for the purpose of providing (after the exhaustion of the moneys provided in the reorganization for such purpose) for the cost of additional equipment and additions and betterments for the rapid transit lines or power-house properties, provided after July 1 1923 under Contract No. 4 and/or the allied certificates, and also for the purpose of refunding any bonds previously issued and outstanding under this mortgage, or under the 1st & Ref. Mtge. (above), and any of the existing underlying elevated railroad bonds.

All bonds issued under this mortgage in reorganization are to be acquired by the new company and are to be pledged by the new company as security for its Rapid Transit Security S. F. Gold bonds.

Power Plant Gen. Mtge.—Pending the consummation of the proposed inclusion of the power plant properties under Contract No. 4 and/or the allied certificates and the transfer of those properties accordingly, the committee may authorize the creation of a *Power Plant General Mortgage* of substantially the same character as the Rapid Transit Refunding Mortgage above provided for, which shall be a lien upon the power plant properties subject only to the First Mortgage thereon if created as above provided. Such mortgage may be created and the bonds thereunder issued either by the new company itself, if the title to the power plant is permitted to remain therein, or by subsidiary company, if title to the power plants be vested in a subsidiary. In either event the entire

amount of such bonds issued in reorganization shall be pledged under the Rapid Transit Security Sinking Fund Gold bonds.

(3) *Surface Railway Refunding & Improvement Bonds.*—The committee may provide for the authorization by each of the surface railway operating subsidiary companies of a refunding and improvement mortgage for the purposes of refunding bonds issued and outstanding under mortgages constituting liens upon the surface railway properties and of funding advances made by the new company (or its predecessor) to the surface railway subsidiary companies for capital improvement or other proper corporate purposes, and also (unless otherwise determined by the committee) for the purpose of funding the certificates of indebtedness of the surface railway subsidiary companies to the extent properly fundable into long term obligations. None of these bonds will be issued in reorganization.

Provisions for Surface Railway Financing and Acquiring Stock of or Effecting Adjustments With the Brooklyn City Railroad.

The plan requires that there be subjected to the lien of the Rapid Transit Security Sinking Fund Gold bonds the new company's investments in the rapid transit lines and the power house properties. All other stocks, bonds, certificates of indebtedness and other securities and properties acquired by the new company, are to be available for use in such manner and upon such terms as the committee or the directors of the new company may determine, for the purpose of financing the requirements of the surface railway lines, for the purpose of effecting such adjustments as the committee may determine to be necessary or advisable in consummating the plan and for any other purpose of the reorganization. Such stocks, bonds, certificates of indebtedness and other securities and properties shall also be available for use by the committee in such manner and upon such terms as it may determine, for the purpose of acquiring the stock of Brooklyn City RR., in whole or in part, and for the purpose of effecting any adjustments with that company.

To this end the committee may provide for the creation of an issue of bonds of the new company to such amount as the committee may determine, issuable from time to time in series, in such amounts, rates of int. and other provisions as directors of new company may determine at time of creation of any series. The bonds may be issued under a mortgage under which there may be pledged all or any part of the new company's surface railway investment. The bonds may be issuable from time to time under certain restrictions for the purpose of providing for the capital requirements of the surface railway lines and other properties, for the acquisition of additional stocks, bonds, &c., or claims against companies owning or operating railroad properties, and for the refunding of any bonds previously issued and outstanding under this mortgage or under any mortgage of any subsidiary company and for other proper corporate purposes. It is not presently contemplated to issue any bonds under this mortgage for the purposes of reorganization unless and to the extent that the committee may determine to offer bonds issued under this mortgage to stockholders of Brooklyn City RR. in exchange for the stock of such company, and (or) to sell such bonds to provide cash for the purchase of such stock; but to give to the committee and to new company broad powers to deal with or provide for the refunding of the existing and future debts of the surface railway lines and for the development and improvement of the surface railway system.

Table of Readjustments of Old Securities and Claims for New Securities.

Existing Securities and Claims—	Held by Public	Unpaid Interest to July 1 '23.	Will Receive			
			New 6% Bonds.	6% Pref. Stock.	Com. Stk. No Par Shares.	Cash Received.
B. R. T. 50-yr. 5s.	6,963,000	1,653,712	6,266,700	870,375	11,315	348,150
Per \$1,000 bds.	1,000	237.52	900	125	1.625	50
B. R. T. 1st Ref. 4s	3,433,000	617,940	2,471,760	343,300	10,986	137,320
Per \$1,000 bds.	1,000	180	720	100	3.2	40
B. R. T. 7% Na. '21-27	253,700	20,038,795	62,979,070	10,505,666	---	4,007,759
Per \$1,000 notes	1,000	350	1,100	180	---	a70
B. R. T. 5% nts. '18	465,000	116,250	511,500	46,500	---	23,250
Per \$1,000 notes	1,000	250	1,100	100	---	50
N. Y. M. R. Y. Corp.						
1st Mtge. 5s.	1,997,000	499,250	2,196,700	199,700	---	99,850
Per \$1,000 bds.	1,000	250	1,100	100	---	50
Bklyn. Hgts. RR.						
1st Mtge. 5s.	250,000	53,125	---	300,000	---	---
Per \$1,000 bds.	1,000	212.50	---	1,200	---	---
B. R. T. bk loans.	3,300,000	937,166	1,991,468	254,230	---	1,991,468
			(47%)	(6%)		(47%)
*Tort claims (est.)	2,200,000	---	---	---	---	2,200,000
General contract creditors (est.)	1,600,000	---	---	---	---	12,397,044
Receiver's cts. & car lease warr's	12,397,044	x	---	---	---	---
B. R. T. stock on payment of \$35 per share.	74,422,959	---	16,280,009	9,768,008	744,229	---
Per 100 shares.	---	---	2,187.50	1,312.50	100	---
Total	164,281,703	23,916,238	92,697,207	22,087,777	766,530	21,204,841

a Subject to deduction of the amounts advanced (with int.) to holders of certificates of deposit in respect of Jan. 1 1919 int. and noted on certificates of deposit (so-called stamped certificates). x Interest on these obligations is paid currently by the receiver. y Secured by B. R. T. 4% Refunding bonds. z For provision for general creditors and for adjustment of other securities and claims (see below). No specific readjustment of these claims is proposed in the plan, but it is intended to make an offer of adjustment to the holders thereof as soon as the establishment of the claims shall have proceeded to a point making it practicable to do so. * See note (*) under Brooklyn Queens County & Suburban RR. below.

Underlying Bonds Undisturbed (Int. on which has not been defaulted—Total \$29,382,000).

Kings County El. RR. 1st Mtge. 4s	\$6,980,000
Brooklyn Union El. RR. 1st Mtge. 5s	15,956,000
Atlantic Avenue RR. of Brooklyn Gen. Consol. Mtge. 5s	2,241,000
Coney Island & Brooklyn RR. 1st Consol. 50-year 4s	1,986,000
Brooklyn City & Newtown RR. 1st Mtge. 5s	1,988,000
Jamaica & Brooklyn RR. 5s	231,000
\$17,130,000 Underlying Bonds to be Reinstated with Adjustment of Unpaid Interest (Unpaid Interest is Computed to July 1 1923, if an Int. Date; Otherwise to Nearest Date Preceding Said Date).	
a Brooklyn Bath & West End RR. Gen. Mtge. 5s	\$118,000
b Atlantic Avenue RR. of Brooklyn 40-year Impt. 5s	215,000
c Nassau Elec. RR. 1st Mtge. 5s	660,000
x Nassau Elec. RR. Consol. Mtge. 4s	10,337,000
d Coney Island & Brooklyn RR. Consol. 50-year 4s	1,500,000
e Brooklyn Queens County & Suburban RR. 1st Mtge. 5s	*1,497,000
y Brooklyn Queens County & Suburban RR. 1st Cons. Mtge. 5s	*2,803,000

Note.—Defaulted interest amounting: a \$23,600 (\$200 per \$1,000 bond); b \$43,000 (\$200 per \$1,000 bond); c \$132,000 (\$200 per \$1,000 bond); d \$270,000 (\$180 per \$1,000 bond and subject to the inclusion in the plan of the securities of and claims against Brooklyn Queens County & Suburban Ry.); e \$336,825 (\$225 per \$1,000 bond), will be paid in cash. x Defaulted interest amounting to \$1,860,660 (\$120 per \$1,000 bond) will be paid at rate of \$140 in 6% Pref. stock and \$40 in cash per \$1,000 bond. y Defaulted interest amounts to \$560,600 (\$200 per \$1,000 bond) will be paid \$150 in 6% Pref. stock and \$50 cash per \$1,000 bond.

* In addition to its general powers the committee expressly reserves the right to exclude from treatment under the plan or to postpone the readjustment of any bonds or other securities or of claims against Brooklyn Queens County & Suburban RR. in case an adjustment of existing controversies affecting the stock or bonds of that company satisfactory to the committee is not reached with the Brooklyn City RR.

Bank Loans.—Holders of claims in respect of bank loans made to Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. secured by its 1st Ref. Mtge. 4% Gold bonds entitled to participate in the plan may before April 23 deposit their claims, together with all notes evidencing the same and all collateral held as security therefor with Bank of America, 44 Wall St., New York, the depository, and upon completion of plan they will be entitled to securities and cash, as stated in table above.

Tort Claims for Personal Injuries.—Holders of tort claims for personal injuries who shall come in and avail themselves of the provisions of the plan within the period that may be fixed by notice to be published by the committee and deposit with Chase National Bank, New York, the depository for such purpose, an assignment of such claims and any and all judgments representing the same will be entitled on completion of the re-

organization to receive cash to an amount equal to the principal amount of the claims (as allowed but without interest).

Stock of Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.—Holders of certificates of deposit issued for stock of B. R. T. Co. by Seaboard National Bank, New York (successor to Mercantile Trust Co.) under the deposit agreement dated Jan. 2 1919, may become entitled to obtain the issue of Participation Warrants by depositing their certificates of deposit with Chase National Bank, New York, or with Seaboard National Bank, New York, before April 23, and by paying at the time of deposit the first installment, viz., \$15 per share, called for by the Participation Warrants. Holders of stock not heretofore deposited may become entitled to obtain the issue of Participation Warrants by depositing their certificates of stock with either of the depositories on or before above date, and by paying at the time of such deposit the first installment, viz., \$15 per share (in New York funds), called for by the Participation Warrants.

Participation Warrants will call for the payment on every share of the deposited stock of the sum of \$35, payable \$15 per share at the time of deposit and \$20 per share payable on or after June 22 1923, in one or more installments on 10 days' prior notice; provided that of the amount not more than \$10 per share shall be payable before July 23 1923.

The amount of bonds and Preferred and Common stock of the new company to be specified in the Participation Warrants will be at the rate for each share (\$100 par value) of stock deposited, of: \$21.875 new 6% bonds; \$13.125 new 6% Preferred stock; 1 share of new Common stock.

Provision for General Creditors and for Adjustment of Other Securities and Claims.—There are additional creditors and claimants whose claims against B. R. T. Co. or its subsidiary companies may not be paid by the receiver and the treatment of which is not specifically set forth in the plan, including the holders of claims for materials supplied and other general unsecured claims. It is intended to make adjustments with holders of unsecured debt of B. R. T. Co. and (or) its subsidiary companies when in the judgment of the committee the establishment of claims in the creditors' marshalling suit now pending shall have proceeded to a point making it practicable to do so. The committee may in its discretion, at such time or times as it may determine, make adjustments of or acquire any indebtedness of or claims against B. R. T. Co. or its receiver, or against any of its subsidiary companies, or the receiver of any such company, and for such purpose, as well as for any other purpose of the reorganization, the committee may use any available cash and (or) any of the securities presently issuable in the reorganization and not required for delivery to depositors, or in its discretion may procure the present issue of and may use any additional securities of any class or character contemplated by the plan. All statements of capitalization in the plan omit consideration of any additional securities which may be issued or used for this purpose.

Holders of claims for materials and supplies, and other general unsecured claims against B. R. T. Co. or any of its subsidiary companies in receivership, who shall come in and avail themselves of the provisions of any offer that may be made by the committee to adjust any class or classes of such claims within the period that may be fixed by notice to be published by the committee as provided in the plan and deposit such claims with Chase National Bank, New York, depository for such purpose, together with an assignment of such claims, shall be entitled, on completion of the reorganization, to receive cash and (or) securities to the amount specified.

Non-Assenting Security Holders.—The plan makes no provision for payment in cash under the terms of any bid at foreclosure or other sale to any holders of bonds or notes foreclosed (or not foreclosed) who do not participate in the plan. Any securities which would be deliverable under the plan to such holders had they participated may remain unused or be disposed of by the committee for the purposes of the reorganization.

Syndicates.—Chase Securities Corp., Hayden, Stone & Co. and J. & W. Seligman & Co. have agreed with the committee to form a syndicate, of which they will be managers, to underwrite the exercise by the stockholders of Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. of the right to purchase the stocks and bonds of the new company offered to them under the plan, and subject to the exercise of such right, to subscribe for and purchase such bonds and stocks as shall not have been purchased and paid for by such stockholders.

[The plan has been submitted to the New York Transit Commission by the stockholders' committee for its consideration and approval.]—V. 116, p. 1273.

Chicago Railway Company.—Annual Report.

Jan 31 Years—	1922-23:	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.
<i>(1) All Chicago Surface Lines—</i>				
Gross earnings	\$56,103,062	\$60,343,733	\$55,327,385	\$43,963,438
Operating expenses	44,416,070	46,516,150	43,300,393	33,254,015
Residue receipts	\$11,686,992	\$13,827,583	\$12,026,992	\$10,709,423
Chicago Railways (60%)	\$7,012,195	\$8,296,549	\$7,216,195	\$6,425,654
South Side Lines (40%)	4,674,797	5,531,033	4,810,797	4,283,769
<i>(2) Statement of Chic. Ry. Co.</i>				
Chicago Railways (60%)	\$7,012,195	\$8,296,549	\$7,216,195	\$6,425,654
Jt. accts. exp. & adjust.	360,000	290,000	84,834	56,371
Balance	\$6,652,195	\$8,006,549	\$7,131,361	\$6,369,283
Deduct—Int. at 5% on valuation	4,630,943	4,615,862	4,580,658	4,541,539
Net income	\$2,021,253	\$3,390,687	\$2,550,703	\$1,827,744
Chicago Railways (45%)	\$909,564	\$1,525,809	\$1,147,816	\$822,455
5% on investment	4,630,943	4,615,862	4,580,658	4,541,539
Miscellaneous interest	249,958	195,451	145,653	119,080
Gross income	\$5,790,462	\$6,337,124	\$5,874,127	\$5,483,104
<i>Deduct—</i>				
Total interest on bonds	\$4,716,680	\$4,725,386	\$4,742,259	\$4,744,888
Interest on loans	9,785	123,232	126,171	115,839
Sink fund reserve accr.	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Loss on securities	---	---	107,437	---
Fed. int. tax on int. coup	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000
Corp. expend. & adj.	131,712	131,100	142,761	147,916
Net inc. for int., &c.	\$555,285	\$1,065,405	\$463,587	\$182,461
Previous surplus	1,473,580	508,174	44,588	37,126
<i>Deduct—</i>				
Int. on adj. inc. bds. for previous years	100,000	100,000	---	---
Propor. of percentages allowed on additions to property	---	---	---	175,000
Total prof. & loss sur.	\$1,928,865	\$1,473,580	\$508,175	\$44,588

Note.—The surplus shown above is before making provision for interest on the Adjustment Income bonds and before providing for Federal income and excess profits taxes for the year 1922 or for any additional Federal taxes for prior years.—V. 116, p. 1410, 1275.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—Vice-President.—L. C. Fritch, formerly Vice-President in charge of constructions, maintenance and capital expenditures, has been elected Vice-President and General Manager, succeeding Thomas H. Beacon.—V. 116, p. 1405.

Coney Island & Brooklyn RR.—Reorganization Plan.—See under Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co., above.—V. 116, p. 720.

Delaware & Hudson Co.—Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$95,834,979, on the company's railway properties as of June 30 1916.

Regarding this valuation, Pres. L. F. Loree, says: "The statement by the I.-S. C. Commission that a 'tentative valuation' of \$95,834,979, has been placed upon the railway properties does not incline to that figure has been fixed at the 'final value' which the Commission is required to ascertain under the Act of Congress of March 1 1913. The 'tentative valuations' are estimated by a bureau of requirements of the law, the value of right of way and other lands is estimated on the actual area and at prices supposed to represent the per acre value of adjacent farm lands, &c., with no allowance for special adaptability to railway uses or for the cost of acquisition; (2) nothing is included to represent railways located in Canada which are part of the system; (3) nothing is included to represent anthracite-bearing lands owned or interests in coal properties; (4) nothing is included to represent any other of the extensive interests of the Del. & Hudson Co. in other than railway undertakings, and (5) there is a substantial with

drawal of value by the misapplication of the theory of 'straight line' depreciation. The first of the excluded items the Supreme Court expressly ordered the Commission to ascertain in the suit of Kansas City Southern Ry. Co., the I.-S. C. Commission, 252 U. S. 178, holding that its refusal to do so was in violation of the law, but later, at the request of the Commission, this requirement was repealed by special Act of Congress. This legislation did not, however, deprive the company of its constitutional protection.

"Moreover, the figure of \$95,834,979, which is to be contrasted with that of \$123,081,363 reported by the company, is stated as of June 30 1916, but the prices applied are those estimated for June 30 1914.

"The Commission has made no finding as to changes and additions to the property since 1916. The records of the company show additional investments since June 30 1916, and to Feb. 28 1923, in railway property, of \$16,413,680, which, added to the minimum of \$95,834,979 would give \$112,248,659 for railway property alone. The Supreme Court has repeatedly and recently held that the valuations used under regulative statutes must be in accordance with current costs of construction. Not less than 60% would have to be added for enhanced reproduction cost under existing conditions, thus indicating totals in excess of \$150,000,000 or \$200,000,000 as the contrasting estimates are considered. These data show that the capitalization of the company is very low in comparison with its assets, even if regarded only from the point of view of the Commission's bureau.

"These matters, and the effect of the application of economic principles, will be brought to the attention of the Commission upon the hearing required by the statute and may later be made the subject of review in the proper Federal court."—V. 116, p. 934, 175.

Eastern Massachusetts St. Ry.—Payment on Undep. Bds.

Notice has been given to holders of Boston & Northern First Mortgage Ref. 50-Year 4% Gold bonds and Old Colony First Mortgage Ref. 50-Year 4% Gold bonds not deposited under the plan of reorganization of Bay State Street Ry. and Massachusetts Electric Companies, dated March 6 1919, to present bonds at the office of Eastern Massachusetts Trust Ry. Co., 1 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on April 18 1923 for payment of the distributive share of the mortgaged property to which such bonds are entitled under the provisions of an interlocutory decree entered by the U. S. District Court on April 2 1923. Bonds not so presented for payment on April 18 1923 shall not be entitled to payment of any interest thereon after said date out of the proceeds of sale.—V. 116, p. 1177.

Eastern Wisconsin Electric Co.—Annual Report.

Results for Year Ended December 31 1922.

Gross income	1922	\$1,675,812
Total expenses, \$1,131,105; int. on funded debt, \$287,970		1,419,075
General int. & amortization of bond discount and of property		97,746
7% Preferred dividends		94,033

Balance, surplus.....\$64,958
Company purchased on Dec. 1 1922 the entire outstanding Capital stock of Oakfield Light & Power Co.

During 1922 company sold through its employees to customers \$40,000 Preferred stock. On Jan. 26 1923 company sold \$1,917,000 1st Lien & Ref. Mtge. Gold bonds, the proceeds of which were used to retire \$1,200,000 Gen. Mtge. bonds; \$101,500 Sheboygan Ry. & Electric Co. Ref. & Impt. Gold Coupon bonds, due 1926, and \$133,500 of 1st Mtge. bonds of Fond du Lac Street Ry. & Light Co. of Fond du Lac, Wis., due 1924, and for the company's corporate purposes. See V. 116, p. 515, 410.

Elmira Water, Light & RR.—Earnings.

The earnings for the year ended Dec. 31 1922 show: Gross earnings, \$1,839,323; operating expenses, maintenance and taxes, \$1,164,985; net earnings, \$674,338; interest on \$4,741,000 bonds, \$237,050; balance, \$437,288.—V. 112, p. 1024.

Ephrata & Lebanon (Pa.) St. Ry.—Sale.

It is stated that this road has been ordered sold under foreclosure proceedings. The Conestoga Traction Co. of Lancaster, it is said, will purchase the property.—V. 114, p. 197.

Erie RR.—Tenders.

The Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until April 30, receive bids for the sale to it of Erie & Jersey RR. 50-yr. 6% sinking fund gold bonds, due 1955, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$38,055 at a price not exceeding 115 and int.—V. 116, p. 1411.

Fort Smith & Western Ry.—Securities Authorized.

The I.-S. C. Commission on March 29 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of the payment of the principal and interest of not exceeding \$587,862 of securities issued by Arthur L. Mills and Charles T. O'Neal, receivers of the Fort Smith & Western Railroad. The securities proposed to be assumed were issued by the receivers. These securities were issued pursuant to authorization by the court, in respect of the acquisition of equipment, a loan from the United States, payment of taxes, and other indebtedness necessary to the operation of the property of the old company. The securities bear interest at the rate of 6%, are past due, and none of them have been renewed. See V. 116, p. 934.

Genesee River RR.—Tenders.

The Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until April 30, receive bids for the sale to it of 50-yr. 6% gold bonds, dated June 1 1907, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$30,684, at a price not exceeding 115 and int.—V. 100, p. 982.

Great Northern Ry.—Tentative Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$395,353,655 on the company's railway properties as of June 30 1915. It is stated that the officials of the company will begin immediately to prepare a formal protest to the Commission against the valuation. The valuation, it is said, does not include valuable properties in Canada which are an important part of the system's assets and with the Burlington and other properties in this country must be taken into consideration in relation to the capitalization.—V. 116, p. 1177.

Illinois Central RR.—Joint Bonds Authorized.

The I.-S. C. Commission on March 31 authorized the Chicago St. Louis & New Orleans RR. and the Illinois Central RR. to issue not exceeding \$3,168,990 joint First Refunding Mtge. 5% Series A; said bonds, when authenticated, to be delivered by the trustee to the Chicago St. Louis & New Orleans RR. to be by it delivered to the Illinois Central RR. in reimbursement of advances made by it to the Chicago company, and to be pledged and repledged, from time to time, by the Illinois Central until otherwise ordered, as collateral security for certain notes which may be issued.

The Canton Aberdeen & Nashville RR. has also been authorized to assume obligation and liability in respect of the aforesaid bonds.—V. 116, p. 1532, 1411.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Improved Service.

The company has announced that it will shortly put into operation improved service on the Manhattan Ry. elevated lines by the addition of 428 more trains daily. The cost of this improved service is estimated at \$2,000,000.

The Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y., is prepared to exchange the outstanding temporary 10-year 6% gold notes, due Oct. 1 1932, for definitive notes.—V. 116, p. 1532.

Inter-State Railways.—Listing, &c.

The Phila. Stock Exchange on Apr 7 listed \$22,500 add'l Perm. Pref. stock, reported issued in exchange for a like amount of Redeemable Pref. stock, canceled, making the total amount of Permanent Pref. stock listed \$990,800, and reducing the amount of Redeemable Pref. stock listed to \$9,200.

The Exchange on April 6 struck off the regular list \$75,000 Coll. Tr. Certificates, 4s, due 1943, reported acquired and canceled, leaving the amount of said Trust Certificates listed \$10,195,000.—V. 116, p. 176.

Kentucky Securities Corporation.—Guaranty.

See Kentucky Traction & Terminal Co. below.—V. 116, p. 1533.

Kentucky Traction & Terminal Co.—Equipment Trusts Sold.—Security Trust Co., Lexington, Ky., has sold at 100 and dividend, \$160,000 6% Equip. Trust Gold Certificates, Series "A," issued under Philadelphia plan.

Dated April 1 1923, payable \$8,000 semi-annually Oct. 1 1923 to April 1 1933, both inclusive. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Dividends payable A. & O. in Lexington, Ky., or New York City. Kentucky 4 mills tax refunded. Security Trust Co., Lexington, Ky., trustee.

Guaranty.—Principal and dividends guaranteed by Kentucky Securities Corporation through suretyship on lease.

Security.—Secured on new street railway and interurban car equipment to be constructed at a cost of not less than \$216,000, consisting of 27 single truck cars, 2 double truck interurban cars, 2 double truck freight cars.

Company.—Operates 65.87 miles of interurban lines connecting Lexington with Versailles, Frankfort, Georgetown, Paris and Nicholasville. City lines in Lexington, Frankfort and Paris, including spurs and sidings, bring the total miles of track up to 91.33.

Earnings.—Net earnings, before bond interest, for the past 5½ years have averaged \$195,760. This sum is over 20 times the amount necessary to pay the maximum annual dividend charge on this issue and over 7.8 times the maximum annual payment of both principal and dividend on this issue.—V. 114, p. 79.

Lake Superior District Power Co.—Annual Report.

Results for Year Ended Dec. 31 1922.

Gross earnings, including merchandise sales	\$1,002,343
Operating expenses, including taxes	667,097
Interest, \$161,288; amortiz. of bond discount & exp.	178,636
Preferred dividend, \$44,694; Common dividend, \$83,333	128,027

Balance, surplus.....\$28,583

Sale of Water Works.—Negotiations carried on during the year resulted in an agreement whereby the city of Hurley, Wis., is purchasing company's water distribution system in Hurley and will take over its operation early in 1923. The agreement is mutually satisfactory in that the city desires to control its water supply and the company sells at a fair price a property which has been operated without profit.

The company issued \$925,000 Common stock and \$944,600 Preferred stock in payment for the properties of Ashland Light, Power & Street Ry. and the Ironwood & Bessemer Ry. & Light Co. It also issued and sold during the year \$2,025,000 1st Mtge. & Ref. 6½% Gold bonds, series "A." Proceeds of bonds were in part applied to the purchase of \$791,000 1st Mtge. bonds of Ironwood & Bessemer Ry. & Light Co. and \$159,000 1st Mtge. bonds of Ashland Light, Power & Street Ry. which are pledged to secure the first mortgage and refunding bonds of Lake Superior District Power Co.

During the year the following securities were retired: \$390,000 Ironwood & Bessemer Ry. & Light Co. 7% notes; \$96,700 Ashland Light, Power & Street Ry. 7% notes, also under the provisions of their respective sinking funds, there were retired \$29,000 Ironwood & Bessemer Ry. & Light Co. 1st Mtge. bonds and \$11,000 Ashland Light, Power & Street Ry. 1st Mtge. bonds. V. 114, p. 2476, 2365, 2020, 1890; V. 115, p. 1837.

Lehigh Traction Co., Hazleton, Pa.—Extension.

The \$500,000 1st Mtge. 5% Bonds, due June 1 1923, are being extended for a period of ten years at the same rate of interest, but the bondholders on June 1 1923 will receive a bonus of \$7 44 upon each \$100 of bonds. The payment of the bonus will reduce the amount of the principal invested, and, by receiving this sum ten years in advance of the extended maturity date, the investor will in fact realize 6% on his investment, instead of 5%, as at present.—V. 99, p. 1673.

Mason City & Fort Dodge RR.—Exchange of Bonds for Chicago Great Western RR. Securities.

The bondholders' committee for the 1st Mtge. 4% 50-Year Gold bonds, Mortimer N. Buckner, Chairman, has notified the holders of certificates of deposit that in effectuation of the agreement of sale entered into between the committee and the Chicago Great Western RR., the committee has made delivery of \$10,162,000 Mason City bonds with June 1 1921 and all subsequent coupons attached, and has received in exchange and payment therefor: (a) \$8,642,781 1st Mtge. 50-Year 4% Gold bonds of the Chicago Great Western RR. with Sept. 1 1924 and all subsequent coupons attached; and (b) provision for the delivery as may be directed from time to time by the committee of 27,437 shares of the Pref. stock of Chicago Great Western RR.

On and after Apr. 9 1923 New York Trust Co., as depository, will be prepared to make distribution of the bonds and coupons and shares of Preferred stock of the Chicago Great Western, to which the holders of certificates of deposit are respectively entitled, upon surrender of the certificates of deposit and the payment to the depository for account of the committee of \$4 for each Mason City bond.

Holders of certificates of deposit will be entitled in respect of each Mason City bond represented by such surrendered certificates of deposit to \$850 50 of Chicago Western bonds with Sept. 1 1924 and all subsequent coupons attached and 2-7-10 shares of the Preferred stock of the Chicago Great Western RR. Co.

The committee has also received from the Chicago Great Western RR. 3,400 shares of Pref. stock which will be applied on account of the compensation and expenses of the committee.

Scrip will be issued for fractional interests in bonds and arrangements have been made by the committee whereby those desiring to round out their holdings of bonds may do so. Depositors will receive cash for fractional parts of shares unless they exercise the option entitling them to a full share. (See V. 116, p. 76.)

Memphis Street Ry.—Payment on Notes.

The holders of certificates of deposit issued under the deposit agreement dated March 12 1919, for the protection of holders of 2-year 6% Coll. Gold notes, are notified that under the terms of the plan for the reorganization of the company, dated April 8 1922, all holders of certificates of deposit should present their certificates of deposit to the depository, New York Trust Co., 100 Broadway, New York, on or after April 10, for the payment of the unpaid balance (60%) of the principal amount of their notes deposited under and deposit agreement, together with interest on such balance at the rate of 7½% per annum from Nov. 1 1922, to the date of presentation and for cancellation thereof by the depository. Interest shall cease to be payable on such balance from and after May 1 1923.—V. 115, p. 1631.

Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR.—New Directors.—Interest.

The board of directors now consists of Henry Ruhlender, Chairman; Edward R. Tinker, De Witt Millhauser, A. C. Rearick, R. P. Phillips, C. L. Stralem, Willis D. Wood, Harry S. Black, all of New York; C. E. Schaff, W. Frank Carter, Frank O. Watts, all of St. Louis, and A. F. Adams of Kansas City.

The executive committee consists of Henry Ruhlender, Chairman, and Messrs. Schaff, Rearick, Wood, Millhauser, Phillips and Stralem.

It was also announced that the company would pay, on or after April 13, interest due Dec. 1 last on the 1st Mtge. 4% bonds of 1900; interest due Nov. 1 last on the Missouri Kansas & Oklahoma 1st Mtge. 6% bonds; on the Booneville RR. 4% Mtge. bonds, and the Dallas & Waco 1st 5% bonds. The company will also pay coupons due Feb. 1 last on the Kansas City & Pacific Ry. 1st Mtge. 4% bonds. Payments will be made at the company's office in New York.

Stuyvesant Fish, formerly a director of the Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry., died in N. Y. City April 10.—V. 116, p. 1533.

Montgomery Transit Co.—Sale.

The Norristown (Pa.) Trust Co., trustee, will sell at public sale in the court house at Norristown on April 30, under foreclosure proceedings, all the railways, leases, corporate rights, franchises, premises, rolling stock and property, real, personal and mixed, as well as estates, interest and rights therein covered by a certain mortgage given and executed by the company to the Norristown Trust Co., trustee.—V. 115, p. 2267.

Nassau Electric RR.—Reorganization Plan.

See under Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co., above.—V. 116, p. 721.

New Bedford & Onset Street Ry.—Report Cal. Yr. 1922.

Gross earnings	\$277,204	Taxes	\$6,543
Operating expenses	236,459	Dividends (2%)	11,000
Misc. income (interest)	Cr. 154		
Interest	17,551	Balance, surplus	\$5,805
		P. & L. surp. Dec. 31 1922	\$66,389

New York Central RR.—Would Enjoin Purchase.

Suit was filed April 10 in the U. S. District Court at Chicago by Walters, Burchmore & Belnap, representing the B. & O., Monon, Chicago & Erie, Grand Trunk Western, Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago &

St. Louis and Wabash railway companies, petitioning the issuance of an order restraining the Federal Government, New York Central, Chicago River & Indiana, Chicago Junction, Chicago Junction Rys. & Union Stock Yards Co. and Richard Fitzgerald from enforcing the execution of the order handed down by the I.-S. C. Commission on May 16 1922 (V. 114, p. 2241) authorizing purchase of Chicago River & Indiana RR. by New York Central, through purchase of its capital stock and the acquisition of control, by lease, of the Chicago Junction Rys. by the Chicago River & Indiana RR.—V. 116, p. 1412, 176.

New York Chicago & St. Louis RR.—Incorporated.

Incorporation papers for this road were filed with the Secretary of State of Ohio April 12. The railroads which under the merger are New York Chicago & St. Louis RR., Chicago & State Line RR., Lake Erie & Western RR., Fort Wayne Cincinnati & Louisville RR. and Toledo St. Louis & Western RR.

Notice has been filed with the Secretary of State of New York of the above consolidation. (See plan in V. 116, p. 721.)—V. 116, p. 1533, 1412.

New York Consolidated RR.—Reorganization Plan.

See under Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co., above.—V. 116, p. 721.

New York Municipal Ry. Corp.—Reorganization Plan.

See under Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co., above.—V. 116, p. 721.

Northern Ohio Traction & Light Co.—Report.

The annual report for the year ended Dec. 31 1922 says in part: In Oct. 1922 company purchased the electric distribution system of Kent Water & Light Co., prior to which company supplied power on a wholesale basis to the Kent company.

Company recently completed arrangements with Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. for the purchase on a favorable basis of a large supply of electric current.

During the year \$10,538,000 Gen. & Ref. Mtge. 6% bonds, Series A, due March 1 1947, were sold and the proceeds used to pay \$1,145,000 1st Mtge. 5s of Canton-Akron Ry., which matured on March 1 1922; to redeem the \$2,454,200 outstanding 6-year Secured 7% notes, due June 1 1926, \$800,000 Serial Car Trust 8% notes and \$60,471 Serial Car Trust 6% notes; to retire by purchase \$2,809,700 7-year Secured 6% notes, due June 1 1926; to provide for payment at maturity of \$564,000 Canton-New Philadelphia Ry. 1st Mtge. bonds, due Feb. 1 1923; to pay floating debt and to reimburse treasury for the cost of additions and improvements.

Company during the year sold \$698,400 7% Preferred stock to customers.

The management has not as yet been able to agree with the Akron authorities as to the form and substance of a new street railway franchise to take the place of franchise expiring in Feb. 1924. By agreement, company is allowed to continue charging a 5-cent fare in the city of Akron in lieu of the old franchise agreement providing for a fare of 6 tickets for 25 cents and 25 tickets for \$1. This increase in the rate of fare while helpful has not been sufficient to enable company to earn a proper compensatory rate of return on Akron city property.

There can be no doubt as to an ultimate agreement being reached, satisfactory to the city and to the company as well.

—Revenue Pass. Carried—

Cal. Years—	City Systems.	Interurban Systems.	Electric Sales in K. W. H. Customers	Electric Customers
1918	45,217,915	16,835,927	113,716,277	24,990
1919	61,289,852	17,755,171	138,679,216	32,007
1920	68,903,885	20,876,115	148,081,253	38,438
1921	47,799,437	16,820,442	102,681,834	40,103
1922	50,632,248	17,117,064	135,397,186	45,496

Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31.

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Gross earnings:				
Railway Department.	\$5,640,132	\$5,376,819	\$7,280,396	\$6,193,442
Electric Department.	3,623,020	3,214,476	3,629,234	3,094,397
Total	\$9,263,152	\$8,591,295	\$10,909,630	\$9,227,840
Operating expenses	6,168,531	5,941,702	7,894,649	6,178,515
Taxes	668,000	544,250	636,000	499,610
Int., &c., fixed charges	1,356,239	1,325,673	1,027,639	893,826
Divs. on Pref. stock	374,592	336,893	327,074	318,720
Balance	\$695,790	\$442,778	\$1,024,269	\$1,337,169

—V. 116, p. 1050, 410.

Northern Pacific Ry.—Improvements—Equipment, &c.—

The company has announced that improvement work totaling \$5,000,000 has been authorized for 1923. In addition, orders for new equipment placed in 1922, representing an investment of \$14,500,000, will be delivered this year.

Equipment purchases include expenditures in 1923 for: 3,000 box cars with a capacity of 80,000 lbs.; 70 express refrigerator cars; 250 Hart convertible cars of 100,000 lbs. capacity; 250 steel gondolas of the same capacity; 1,000 automobile and lumber box cars of 100,000 lbs. capacity; 250 stock cars, and 49 locomotives (including 20 Pacific type engines, 25 Mikados and 4 Mallets). The additional refrigerator cars will give the Northern Pacific a total of over 5,000 refrigerators for year-round service, and another 1,000 which are leased for the season of heaviest fruit movement.

With the completion of the signal construction of 1923, the Northern Pacific will have automatic block signal protection for its main line for the entire distance across the continent from St. Paul-Minneapolis to the North Pacific Coast.—V. 116, p. 722, 609.

Northern Pacific Terminal Co.—Increases Facilities.

The company has made a number of important improvements and has developed plans contemplating the eventual reconstruction of a considerable part of the present plant. The initial improvement, now practically completed, includes the addition of two more station tracks at the passenger terminal and the construction of a new terminal at Guilds Lake, two miles north of the old facilities, where the first units of a new freight classification yard and an engine terminal have been provided. (See "Railway Age" of April 7.)—V. 116, p. 410.

Pere Marquette Ry.—Bonds Authorized.

The I.-S. C. Commission on March 31 authorized the company (1) to sell \$12,826,000 1st Mtge. 5% Gold bonds, Series A, due July 1 1956, at any time up to and incl. Sept. 1 1923, at not less than 91 and int., and (2) to pledge and repledge not exceeding \$9,595,000 of said bonds from time to time, until otherwise ordered, as collateral security for any note or notes which may be issued.

It is represented by the company that it is necessary to sell or pledge the bonds, for which authority is granted to reimburse its treasury for expenditures for additions and betterments and retirement of certain bonds, made or to be made.

The company has made no arrangement to sell the bonds at present.—V. 116, p. 1412, 1276.

Pittsb. Youngstown & Ashtabula Ry.—Bonds Auth.

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$3,789,000 1st Gen. Mtge. 5% bonds, Series B, to be delivered at par to the Pennsylvania RR. in settlement of certain construction expenditures. The Pennsylvania RR. has also been authorized to assume obligation and liability in respect of the payment of the interest on, and principal of, such bonds.—V. 115, p. 2159.

Porto Rico Rys. Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Gross earnings	\$1,330,446	\$1,332,486	\$1,402,736	\$1,129,782
Operating expenses	813,607	866,770	839,666	693,843
Net earnings	\$516,839	\$465,715	\$563,070	\$435,940
Other revenue	13,905	42,877	54,484	23,603
Net income	\$530,744	\$508,592	\$617,554	\$459,543
Bond interest	\$186,275	\$188,921	\$191,462	\$193,883
Depreciation reserve	150,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Preferred divs. (7%)	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
Common dividends	(4%)120,000	(3%)90,000		
Balance, surplus	\$124,469	\$29,672	\$166,092	\$95,660

—V. 115, p. 183.

Public Service Corp. of N. J.—Guaranty—Listing.

See Public Service Electric Power Co. below.
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of (1) 600,000 shares (auth. 2,000,000 shs.) Common stock of no par value on or after April 11 1923, on official notice of issuance, in exchange for 300,000 shs. of Common stock now outstanding, par \$100 each; (2) \$4,085,500 additional 8% Cumul. Pref. stock (auth. \$25,000,000) par \$100, on official notice of issuance and payment in full; (3) \$7,262,200 7% Cumul. Pref. stock (auth. \$50,000,000) par \$100, on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amounts applied for: 600,000 shs. of Common stock, \$22,500,000 8% Cumul. Pref. stock and \$7,262,200 7% Cumul. Pref. stock. The \$7,262,200 7% Cumul. Pref. has been authorized to be sold for cash (\$100 per share). To date applications from 16,837 customers and stockholders for 67,809 shs. have been received and 40,414 shs. have been fully paid for and issued. The balance have been subscribed for on the partial payment plan and initial payments of at least \$10 per share made.

In May 1922 employees of Public Service Corp. of New Jersey and its subsidiary companies were offered the right to subscribe to the 8% Cumul. Pref. stock at par; payments to be made at the rate of 75 cents per share per week, or \$3 per share per month. At the present time some 5,628 employees are paying for 10,719 shs. of the 8% Cumul. Pref. stock. The proceeds of the sale of the 8% Pref. stock and the 7% Pref. stock are being used by the corporation to partially cover the cost of additions and betterments to the properties of its operating subsidiary companies. The annual budget for construction for the year 1923 for Public Service Electric Co. is approximately \$11,500,000; for Public Service Gas Co. \$3,100,000; for Public Service Ry. \$2,400,000.—V. 116, p. 1533, 1405, 1276.

Republic Railway & Light Co.—Annual Report.

Income Account, Including Subsidiary Cos., for Calendar Years.

	1922.	1921.	1920.
Gross earnings	\$8,125,792	\$7,321,680	\$8,420,387
Operating expenses and taxes	5,726,102	5,391,370	6,556,394
Net earnings	\$2,399,689	\$1,930,310	\$1,863,993
Other income	280,091	372,378	156,219
Gross income	\$2,679,780	\$2,302,688	\$2,020,212
Deduct—Interest	\$1,502,936	\$1,419,249	\$1,076,295
Discount on bonds	128,592	101,112	152,682
Contingent reserve	135,211		
Divs. on pref. stock of subsidiary cos. in hands of public	490,889	434,335	310,064
Bal. for depr., divs. & surplus	\$422,151	\$347,992	\$481,172

—V. 116, p. 1533.

St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.—Securities, &c.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on April 2 (1) authorized the company to issue in temporary or definitive form \$2,548,900 Prior Lien Mtge. bonds, Series B, and \$3,095,800 Prior Lien Mtge. bonds, Series D; said bonds, or any part thereof, to be pledged and repledged, from time to time, until otherwise ordered, as collateral security for any note or notes which may be issued; (2) authorized the subsidiaries of the St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. to issue their promissory notes in the respective amounts stated, namely St. Louis San Francisco & Texas Ry., \$31,957; Fort Worth & Rio Grande Ry., \$51,984; Kansas City Fort Scott & Memphis Ry., \$1,127,128; Kansas City Memphis & Birmingham RR., \$112,685; said notes to be delivered to the St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. in respect of expenditures for certain additions and betterments made by it to the property of the subsidiaries.

The Commission, however, deferred action on the request of the company for authority to issue \$1,047,900 adjustment mortgage bonds, series A, and to sell the Prior Lien bonds above authorized.

The report of the Commission says in part:

"We have the following comparison of capitalizable assets and capital liabilities as of Dec. 31 1922:

Capitalizable Assets—Net book investment in road & equip.	\$349,226,342
Deposits in lieu of mortgaged property sold	53,041
Investment in affiliated companies	435,113
Working capital	10,000,000
Total	\$359,714,497
Less Actual Capitalization—Stock	\$58,288,226
Funded debt	297,770,454

Excess of book value of capitalizable assets over capital'n. \$3,655,816

"Inasmuch as we have not yet established the final valuation of the Frisco's properties, it is impracticable to compare its capitalization with the underlying value; therefore, nothing contained herein is to be taken as an expression of opinion with respect to, or as a determination of, such value.

The Frisco has shown no present necessity for the issue of adjustment mortgage bonds. Action on the application in so far as authority is requested to issue those bonds will, therefore, be deferred. As it appears that no arrangements for the sale of the bonds have been made, disposition of that part of the application which requests authority to sell the prior lien bonds will also be deferred."

[The stockholders will vote May 8 on purchasing the property of the Birmingham Belt RR.]—V. 116, p. 1276.

St. Louis Southwestern Ry.—Equip. Trusts Sold.

Bankers Trust Co., Brown Brothers & Co., Evans, Stillman & Co. and the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh have sold, at prices ranging from 100.24 and div. to 100.51 and div., to yield 5.45% for all maturities, \$2,700,000 5½% Equip. Trust Gold certificates, Series "H" (see advertising pages).

Dated Apr. 2 1923. Due \$90,000 semi-annually Oct. 1 1923 to Apr. 1 1938, both inclusive. Divs. payable A. & O. Denom. \$1,000^c. Bankers Trust Co., New York, trustee. Issued under the Philadelphia Plan.

Security—Certificates are to be issued for approximately 75% of the cost of the following standard railway equipment: 15 consolidation freight locomotives, 500 40-ton double-sheathed steel underframe automobile cars, 500 40-ton double-sheathed steel underframe box cars, 200 Hart convertible ballast cars. The equipment is to cost approximately \$3,530,635, of which about 25% is to be paid in cash by the company.

Guaranty.—Unconditionally guaranteed by endorsement by the company.
Earnings.—During recent months company has been handling the largest business in its history. Current gross and net earnings show important increases over the figures for the corresponding period in 1922, and it is believed that this good showing will be maintained throughout 1923.—V. 116, p. 1178.

San Francisco-Oakland Terminals Rys.—Earnings Calendar Year 1922.

Railway operating revenues, \$6,922,348; railway operating expenses (incl. depreciation), \$5,202,236	\$1,720,112
Auxiliary oper. rev., \$463,371; auxiliary oper. exp., \$333,504	129,867
Net operating revenue	\$1,849,979
Taxes	412,791
Operating income	\$1,437,188
Non-operating income	23,322
Gross income	\$1,460,510
Int. on funded debt, \$766,582; int. on unfunded debt, \$282,754; miscellaneous debits, \$5,271	\$1,054,617
Income for year	\$405,893

—V. 116, p. 516.

Southern Railway.—Equipment Trust Authorized.

The I.-S. C. Commission on April 2 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of \$6,750,000 equipment trust certificates, Series X. (See offering in V. 116, p. 936.)—V. 116, p. 1178, 1051.

Tennessee Alabama & Georgia Ry.—Notes Authorized.

The I.-S. C. Commission on March 29 authorized the company to issue 24 promissory notes, aggregating not more than \$30,414, in procurement of certain equipment, provided that no interest included in face amount of such notes shall be charged to capital account.

The company proposes to purchase one locomotive and one gas motor coach. The locomotive will be purchased from the Baldwin Locomotive

Works at a cost of \$21,575, \$5,339 of which will be paid in cash and the balance covered by 12 promissory notes aggregating \$17,753.

The gas motor coach will be purchased from the Service Motor Truck Co., Wabash, Ind., at a cost of \$16,350, of which \$4,088 will be paid in cash and the balance covered by 12 promissory notes which will be dated Sept. 5 1922, and originally were to mature one in each month for a period of 12 months.

Union Pacific RR.—New Director.—Heber J. Grant has been elected a director to succeed the late Wm. G. Rockefeller.—V. 116, p. 1179.

Table for Union Street Ry., New Bedford, Mass.—Report Cal. Yr. Report for 12 Months ending Dec. 31 1922. Columns for 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919.

Table for United Yrs. & Elec. Co. (of Balt.)—Annual Report. Calendar Years—1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Columns for Total oper. revenues, Exp., taxes, deprec., &c., Net oper. income, Other income, Total income, Interest, rents, &c., Preferred dividend (4%), Com. divs. (\$1 share), War taxes, Balance, surplus.

United Railways Investment Co.—Plan Operative.—A notice has been sent to the stockholders under date of April 11 advising them that the plan dated March 14 1923 (V. 116, p. 1179) has been declared operative.

The company offers the stockholders of record April 10 an opportunity to subscribe at \$10 per share for shares of the 7% Cumul. Pref. stock of Pittsburgh Utilities Corp. (par \$10), equivalent in par value to 9% of the par value of the holdings in United Railways Investment Co.

Table for Washington Baltimore & Annapolis Electric RR.—New Terminal in Baltimore.—Earnings for Dec. 31 1922, Dec. 31 1921, June 30 1920-21, June 30 1919-20. Columns for Divs. on stocks owned, Int. on bonds, loans, &c., Total income, Deductions, Total, Net income for year.

Washington Baltimore & Annapolis Electric RR.—New Terminal in Baltimore.—The company recently installed in Baltimore a model interurban terminal for freight and passenger service. (See "Electric Railway Journal" of March 31).—V. 116, p. 1412.

(The) West Penn Co.—Listing.—The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$8,054,700 6% Cumul. Pref. stock, par \$100 and \$22,500,000 Common stock, par \$100.—V. 116, p. 722.

Wisconsin & Northern RR.—Tentative Valuation.—The I-S C. Commission has placed a tentative value of \$1,887,112 on the property as of June 30 1917.—V. 113, p. 185.

Wyoming & Missouri River Ry.—Successor Company, &c.—The I-S. C. Commission on March 31 authorized the company to operate a line of railroad which extends from Ataddin, Crook County, Wyo., to a point of connection with the Chicago & North Western RR. at Belle Fourche, Butte County, So. Dak., a distance of approximately 18 miles.

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 Discuss ons."

Steel and Iron Production, Prices, &c.—The "Iron Age," April 12, said: "The advance of 11% in steel plant wages generally announced this week and effective April 16, marks the appearance of competition from outdoor projects for the available supply of unskilled workers."

"On the basis of 40c. an hour for common labor, instead of 36c., steel-making costs are increased about \$1 75 a ton. Prices have advanced much more than this since Sept. 1, when steel works wages last went up, but the great bulk of mill shipments, especially in the case of the Steel Corporation, are still at the lower prices of last fall.

"Steel output for March, in line with that of pig iron, was heavy. Thirty reporting companies, representing 86% of the capacity, made 3,402,000 tons of ingots, or a new high record for these companies. At 146,500 tons a day as the estimated March output for the country, steel production was at a yearly rate of 45,500,000 tons, whereas the greatest year's record was 43,619,200 tons in 1917.

"The high rate at which steel is going from the mills is reflected in the Steel Corporation's unfilled tonnage statement with a gain of 119,000 tons in March as against 373,000 tons in February. From present indications April will show a loss.

"The subsidence in new buying is more marked this week. Consumers, as a rule, are better supplied with steel than in some time, but there are manufacturing plants which are not receiving material as fast as needed, and with these jobbers are doing a larger business. However, important

buyers are covered so well ahead that the question of paying to-day's high level prices on any considerable amount of steel does not have to be faced.

"Interest in the sheet and tin plate market centres in the prices the Steel Corporation will soon name for the second half of the year. It is expected these will be nearer to the independent level, now commonly \$5 75 for tin plate, than has been the case for some months.

"Not only has the Steel Corporation had little semi-finished steel to sell, but it has been a buyer in the Pittsburgh district of 100,000 tons of slabs and 75,000 tons of pipe rounds. In part the deal involves delivering plates to car works connected with the steel plant selling the slabs.

"Two large bar mills are sold up into the fall months. For early delivery bars 2.75c., Pittsburgh, has been paid on considerable shipments. "Besides buying upward of 2,300 cars and inquiries for 1,000 cars and 110 locomotives, a round lot of car repair orders was a feature.

"Fabricated steel awards at 15,000 tons represent a drop from the average of over 30,000 tons in the preceding four weeks. Fresh inquiries, including 5,000 tons for the Ford Motor Co.'s new steel plant at Dearborn, totaled over 25,000 tons, or not much below the recent average.

"Rapid increase in pig iron output, softening of coke prices and inability of foundries to increase their output, owing to labor shortage, have made melters of foundry pig iron conservative about buying. With the exception of 15,000 tons of iron bought by a sanitary company, very little has been done for third quarter and the spot market is inactive. Charcoal iron is up 50c. a ton, but coke irons are at a stand. Stocks on Alabama furnace yards declined to 40,000 tons during the past month, and the situation of Southern companies is strong.

"The coke market has declined sharply, largely because export shipment was cut off by congestion at the seaboard. Production exceeds contract requirements and furnace coke has sold as low as \$6 25, against \$7 last week. The demand for coal is so light that some mines are on the verge of suspension in view of the low prices.

"Steel talks are expected to show well in the export trade, with German shipments cut off. Brazil is buying 160 miles of 50-lb. and 65-lb. rails. Germany lately sought 15,000 tons of ship plates here for early delivery, after placing 20,000 tons in Czechoslovakia. The 20,000 tons went at 2.50c. per lb. delivered at Kiel. For Japan nearly 20,000 boxes of tin plate have just been bought in New York.

"German buying is causing resummings in both Hungary and Austria. On higher sheet and tin plate prices in Great Britain, export sales there have diminished. "Unchanged for three weeks, "The Iron Age" pig iron composite price remains at \$30 86 per gross ton, compared with \$25 96 at the first of the year, and \$19 14 one year ago.

"The Iron Age" composite price for finished steel continues at 2.810c. per lb., compared with 2.446c. the first of the year and 2.084c. one year ago."

Coal Production, Prices, &c.

The United States Geological Survey Apr. 7 1923 estimated production as follows:

"The anticipated decrease in production on account of the pre-Easter holidays in the week ended Mar. 31 did not occur, and for the third successive week production was in the neighborhood of 10,400,000 tons. The present estimate of the total soft coal output in the last week of March is 10,414,000 net tons, including coal shipped, mine fuel, local sales, and coal coked, which is a decrease of only 10,000 tons from the revised estimate of the week preceding.

"Preliminary reports of cars loaded in the present week, Apr. 2-7, showed 17,953 cars on Monday. Thus production on that day, which was a double holiday—Eight Hour Day and Easter Monday—was equal to 45% of the average for recent Mondays. Loadings on Tuesday were approximately 33,000 cars and did not show the usual recovery following holidays. The loadings during the first four days of the week were 14% less than in the week before, and the total output for the week will be around 9,500,000 tons.

"The trend of output for the last 6 weeks is shown in the following statement of cars loaded daily:

Table showing cars loaded daily from Monday to Saturday for weeks ending Feb. 26, Mar. 5, Mar. 12, Mar. 19, Mar. 26, and Apr. 2.

"Preliminary estimates indicate that the total output of soft coal during the coal year ended March 31 1923 was 419,700 net tons. The production during the four coal years preceding was as follows (in net tons):

Table showing net tons of soft coal production for coal years 1918-1919, 1919-1920, 1920-1921, and 1921-1922.

"Thus it is seen that from the viewpoint of soft coal production, the coal year 1922-1923 was 3.5% behind 1921-22, 19.9% behind 1920-21, 13.3% behind 1919-20 and 24.1% behind 1918-19.

"Contrary to expectation, production of anthracite in the week ended Mar. 31 was not seriously curtailed by observance of Easter holidays. Daily reports of cars loaded, furnished by the American Railway Association, indicate that production on Good Friday amounted to about 65% of the output on other recent Fridays and production on Saturday compared favorably with preceding Saturdays. The total production for the week is estimated, on the basis of 38,397 cars loaded, at 2,008,000 net tons, including mine fuel, local sales and dredge and washery output.

"Early returns for the current week, April 2-7, indicate a general observance of Eight Hour Day, April 2, as a holiday, and little if any anthracite was produced. Production was approximately 70% of normal on Tuesday and further but not full recovery was made by Wednesday. In view of the uncertainty as to the rate of production maintained in the second half of the week, it is impossible to forecast the total output.

Estimated United States Production in Net Tons.

Table showing estimated United States production in net tons for Bituminous, Anthracite, and Beehive Coke for weeks ending Mar. 17, Mar. 24, and Mar. 31, 1922 and 1923.

The "Coal Trade Journal" reviewed market conditions as follows: "Bituminous trade conditions are in marked contrast with those ruling in the domestic division of the anthracite market at the present time. In the latter there is an insistent demand for fuel for next winter and spring days have caused no important abatement in the flood of orders reaching the retail dealers. Announcement of company prices showed only minor variations from those in effect last season and were in line with expectations. Independent quotations, too, were at about the level of spot quotations during the past few weeks.

"For the most part, Eastern bituminous fields are waiting for the opening of the Lake season, delayed by ice conditions in the upper lakes. Until this movement is under way in volume, it is felt that there will be no solidification to the price situation. The export boom as a trade factor has exhausted itself, and unless foreign buying should take on new and larger proportions it is not expected that the effects of overseas business will be of great moment in the home markets.

"A year ago the anthracite mines and the operations in the organized bituminous coal fields of the country were closed down by general strikes. To-day there are only the sporadic local strikes to contend with in the hard coal regions. In the bituminous fields, labor troubles have been renewed in certain sections of the Kanawha and western Kentucky areas, and the union appears to be renewing its efforts to flame the embers of its dying cause in Somerset County. None of these labor disturbances, however, is taken seriously outside of the districts directly affected by them.

"Spot prices during the first week of the new coal year registered further declines. Of the changes in bituminous open market quotations, 81.9% represented reductions in prices prevailing the past week in March and only 47.1% of the quotations escaped change. The reductions during the week ranged from 10 cents to \$1 10 per ton and averaged 33.7 cents; advances ranged from ten cents to \$1 and averaged 33.8 cents. The straight average minimum price on the coals shown below was \$2 56, a drop of 8 cents; the average maximum, \$3 02, was 27 cents under the maximum for the preceding week."

Oil Production, Prices, &c.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended April 7 as follows:

(In Barrels.)	Apr. 7 '23.	Mar. 31 '23.	Mar. 24 '23.	Apr. 8 '22.
Oklahoma	433,750	421,400	418,450	365,000
Kansas	81,350	81,600	81,750	81,500
North Texas	63,000	60,050	60,700	52,100
Central Texas	130,600	122,250	121,900	168,150
North Louisiana	69,200	69,850	72,350	105,100
Arkansas	113,750	118,650	106,550	36,100
Gulf Coast	101,300	101,350	102,350	114,100
Eastern	106,000	106,000	107,000	115,000
Wyoming & Montana	123,200	122,300	110,550	70,900
California	720,000	705,000	665,000	325,000
Total	1,942,150	1,908,450	1,846,600	1,432,950

Crude Oil Price.—Ohio Oil Co. cut Lima, Indiana, Illinois, Princeton, Plymouth and Waterloo crude oil 10c. a bbl., effective at once. "Wall Street Journal," April 12, p. 1.

Pennsylvania crude oil has been reduced 25c. a bbl. According to grade, prices now range from \$4 to \$3 75 a bbl. "Times" April 12, p. 28.

Corning crude was reduced 15c. to \$2 15; Cabell, W. Va., 35c. to \$2 41; Somerset light, 35c. to \$2 45; Somerset medium, 35c. to \$2 20. Ragland remains the same at \$1 10. "Wall Street Journal" April 11, p. 1.

Standard Oil Co. of California reduced crude from 1 to 41 cents a bbl., according to gravity. "Wall Street Journal" April 10, p. 1.

Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana reduced price of Smackover crude 10c. per bbl. "Financial America" April 14.

Canadian Crude Oil Price Reduced.—Cut of 10c. a bbl., effective April 17, makes present price \$2 88 per bbl. "Financial America" April 13, p. 1.

Bunker Fuel Oil Price Advanced.—Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd. (sub. co. of Royal Dutch-Shell) advanced price 5c. a bbl. to \$1 81 1/2, including lighterage. "Wall Street Journal" April 10, p. 1.

Export Refined Oil Price Advanced.—Up 1/4c. a bbl., standard white now \$13 75, and water white \$14 75 a bbl. "Financial America" April 13, p. 1.

Gasoline Price Cut.—Standard Oil Co. of California cut price 1c. to 16c. a gallon. "Boston News Bureau" April 11, p. 5.

Oil Operators Involved in Mail-Fraud Cases.—Post Office Department estimates \$100,000,000 filched from public in last five years by oil stock promoters in Texas. "Times" April 7, p. 15.

United States Supreme Court Upholds Oil Companies' Right to Lease Pumps and Tanks under Certain Limitations.—Federal Trade Commission had ordered 30 oil companies to cease leasing underground tanks and pumps for the use of oil supplied exclusively by each company in question. Supreme Court overrules the Board, holding that the practice is not unfair competition. "Times" April 10, p. 21.

Mexican Oil Production Increases.—Produced 2,610,000 bbls. in week ended April 7, an increase of 64,000 bbls. over preceding week. The gain, however, was wholly in Panuco heavy crude oil, which aggregated 1,342,000 bbls., 71,000 more than in week ended March 31. Production of light oil in the Southern fields totaled 1,268,000 bbls., a reduction of 7,000.

Production from Toteco pool showed little change from the previous week, totaling 295,000 bbls. compared with 293,000 in week ended March 31. Gulf Oil obtained 133,000 bbls., Mexican Petroleum 103,000, and Mexican Seaboard 59,000. "Wall Street Journal" April 12, p. 9.

Petroleum Statistics for Calendar Year 1922.—The American Petroleum Institute has issued a compilation of statistics concerning the petroleum industry, covering production, exports, imports, consumption, stocks on hand of refined and crude products for the calendar year 1922.

Prices, Wages and Other Trade Matters.

Sugar Prices.—On April 6 American advanced 25 points to 9.25c. a pound; Ar buckle Bros., 25 points to 9c. and again 15 points to 9.15c.; Federal, 10 points to 8.90c. and again 10 points to 9c.; National withdrew temporarily; Pennsylvania, Revere and Warner all advanced 25 points to 9.25c.

On April 7 Federal advanced 10 points to 9.10c.

On April 10 Federal advanced 10 points to 9.20c.; Ar buckle to 9.20c.; Pennsylvania 15 points to 9.40c. (highest since March 13) and Warner withdrew. Cuban raw reached 5 3/4c. f.o.b., or 6c. c.&f., a new high record for the year.

On April 11 Federal advanced 10 points to 9.30c.; Warner re-entered market at 9.40c. and National withdrew.

On April 12 National re-entered at 9.40c. and American, Revere and Warner advanced 15 points to 9.40c.

Tariff Commission Report on Sugar Shows Prices Have Fluctuated Without Regard to Import Duties.—"Times" April 8, sec. 1, p. 2.

Motor Prices.—Continental Motor Car Co. announces slight advance on one or two engine models because of advancing costs. A general increase is not contemplated. "Wall St. Journal" April 12, p. 1.

Rugles Motor Truck Co. (Saginaw, Mich.) advanced prices \$100 and \$200 on two models. "Boston Financial News" April 10, p. 2.

Standard Motor Truck Co. (Detroit, Mich.) advances prices from \$95 to \$495 on all models. "Boston Financial News" April 10, p. 2.

Increases in Wages.—House wreckers win new wage agreement granting 85 cents an hour. Laborers to get 75 cents an hour, increase of 10c. per hour. "Wall St. Journal" April 12, p. 3.

Walworth Mfg. Co. (South Boston) grants 10% wage increase to 1,200 employees. "Wall St. Journal" April 12, p. 5.

Building trades in New York demand increase of \$1 a day in some trades and \$2 in others. Will strike if increases are not granted May 1. "Times" April 8, sec. 1, p. 1.

Underwear manufacturing workers get 12 1/4% wage increase. "Boston News Bureau" April 12, p. 3.

International Paper Co. announces wage increase effective April 16, amount not known. "Times" April 12, p. 28.

Tennessee Coal, Iron & RR. raises wages of common labor to 31 cents an hour effective April 16, affecting 9,000 employees. "Wall St. Journal" April 11, p. 8.

Steel workers' wages increased 11%. General increase throughout industry led by U. S. Steel, followed by Bethlehem and independent companies. See those companies below and also under "Current Events" in this issue.

Telephone Operators' Department of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers calls conference for wage increase demands. "Times" April 7, p. 17.

Textile Industry.—Mills continue to announce wage increases averaging 12 1/2%, so that now practically all the cotton mills as well as the woolen mills have announced increases. Union leaders declare they will accept increase temporarily, but announce their intention to fight for higher percentage as well as 48-hour week, throughout the whole New England section.

Wage Increases Reach High Record of 218 in One Month.—The following table gives a summary of the data compiled by the Labor Bureau, Inc.: **Wage Scale Changes, March 1922.**

Industry—	Increase.	Industry—	Increase.
Woolen and worsted	59	Miscellaneous textiles	6
Building construction & materials	44	Silk	4
Printing	26	Leather	3
Cotton	39	Paper	3
Metals, mining and machinery	20	Rubber	2
Clothing	6	Miscellaneous (one each)	7
Total	218		

"Times" April 9, p. 10.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" April 7.—(a) Course of retail food prices in 25 representative cities, p. 1472. (b) High costs lead to a slowing down of building in New York City, p. 1472. (c) New high monthly record in production of gasoline, p. 1473.

(d) Wage advances of 12 1/2% granted in Fall River and New Bedford cotton mills, p. 1474. (e) Lowell mills increase wages; other mills announce increases, p. 1475. (f) Wage advances 10% in Passaic woolen mills, p. 1475. (g) Wage increases granted to New York longshoremen, p. 1475.

(h) Offering of \$5,000,000 5% bonds of Dallas Joint Stock Land Bank, p. 1479. (i) Offering of \$1,000,000 5% bonds of First Joint Stock Land Bank of Minneapolis, p. 1479. (j) Offering of \$500,000 5% bonds of Shenandoah Valley Joint Stock Land Bank of Staunton, Va., p. 1479. (k) Offering of \$1,000,000 5% bonds of First Kansas-Oklahoma Joint Stock Land Bank, p. 1479. (l) Call for redemption of Farm Loan Bonds of 1918, p. 1482.

(m) Repayments received by War Finance Corp., p. 1482. (n) Advances by War Finance Corp. account of agricultural and live stock purposes, p. 1482. (o) Amalgamated (Clothing Workers') Bank of New York, p. 1483.

Acme Cement Plaster Co.—New Control.—See Certain-Teed Products Corp. below.—V. 116, p. 79.

Ajax Rubber Co., Inc.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Profits	\$365,824	\$1,626,295	\$1,177,921	\$2,951,267
Federal taxes	—	—	55,447	750,000
Int. on 1st Mtge. bonds	217,864	—	—	—
Int. on borrowed money	59,840	452,103	—	—
Depreciation	361,583	—	—	—
Dividends	—	—	(11)110,000	(12)103,227

Balance, surp. or def. sur. \$26,537 df \$5,205,577 df \$1,333,368 sr \$1,168,640 x After deducting \$11,632,650 cost of sales, incl. selling, general and administration expenses from gross sales of \$12,189,938 and adding other income of \$108,536.—V. 115, p. 1635.

American Chain Co., Inc.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of (1) \$8-750,000 8% Cumul. Particip. Class "A" stock, par \$25 (auth., 500,000 shares); (2) \$7,500,000 10-Year 6% Sinking Fund Debenture bonds, due April 1 1933.

Gross Sales Calendar Years (Incl. Subsidiaries before & after Acquisition).

Year	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922
1916	\$14,018,326	1919	\$33,389,974	1922	\$19,178,452		
1917	28,638,726	1920	37,968,412	1923 (est.)	26,000,000		
1918	33,542,353	1921	13,344,606				

Consolidated Statement of Earnings Year ended December 31 1922.

Earnings from operations	\$1,960,453
Depreciation, \$775,998; other miscel. charges, \$184,081	\$960,078
Dividends paid	629,534
Balance	\$370,841
Miscellaneous surplus additions	33,815
Surplus at beginning of period	9,714,588

Surplus before capital reorganization \$10,119,243
Deduct—Transfer from surp. acct. to capital acct., \$3,125,000;
Prem. of 7% on \$4,648,800 of 7% Pref. stock, \$325,416;
premium of 10% on \$2,720,000 of Class "A" stock, \$272,000.— 3,722,416

Surplus as per balance sheet (after capital reorganization) \$6,396,828
Compare V. 116, p. 938, 1180, 1279.

American Cotton Oil Co.—Denies Merger Rumor.

The company April 11 issued a statement in connection with the report that the company would merge with several other organizations. The company's statement said "The statement in the morning press that the American Cotton Oil Co. is to merge with certain other cotton oil companies is in no way warranted by the facts. If any plan of consolidation or merger with other interests is effected, the management will give authentic information concerning it."

The press reports stated that the merger of the American Cotton Oil Co., Portsmouth Cotton Oil Refining Co. and Gulf & Valley Cotton Oil Co. was expected to be announced shortly and would call for \$10,000,000 new capital.—V. 116, p. 617.

American District Telegraph Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Gross revenues	\$5,925,059	\$5,546,136	\$4,645,515	\$3,894,090
Oper. exp., deprec. &c.	4,475,230	4,548,911	4,213,312	3,380,380
Special adjustment, &c.	Dr. 39,396	Cr. 3,864	Cr. 137,522	Dr. 69,384
Bond interest	19,762	21,105	24,685	25,779
Dividends paid	(6%)597,858	(5)498,215	(3 1/4)323,840	(1 1/2)149,464

Balance, surplus \$792,813 \$481,769 \$221,203 \$269,073
—V. 115, p. 293.

American Fuel Oil & Transportation Co., Inc.—

Receivership.—Judge Mack in the U. S. District Court has appointed Percy N. Surber and Lawrence Denison receivers in equity on the complaint of Donald McCready, a stockholder and creditor. Company was organized in Delaware in 1918 with a capitalization of \$30,000,000. McCready's complaint alleges the company is indebted to the Government for \$8,000,000 for ships purchased.—V. 114, p. 309.

American International Corp.—New Director.

Gordon H. Balch has been elected a director.—V. 116, p. 1414.

American Linseed Co.—Annual Report—Director.

The annual report for the calendar year 1922 shows addition to surplus of \$791,119 and a profit and loss surplus at Dec. 31 1922 of \$5,664,618. B. H. Thurman has been elected a director.—V. 114, p. 1289.

American Railway Express Co.—Dividend—Earnings.

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1 50 a share for the first quarter of this year, payable April 13 to holders of record April 12. This rate is the same as that paid last year, when four quarterly payments of \$1 50 were made, the last having been on Dec. 29.

Calendar Years—	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Chgs. for transporta	\$291,349,315	\$294,663,587	\$333,890,026	\$285,905,404
Express privileges	142,323,022	113,490,662	141,829,491	143,429,820
Rev. fr. transporta	\$149,026,294	\$181,172,925	\$192,060,535	\$142,475,585
Other revenue	3,476,877	3,723,836	3,604,509	8,560,310
Total operating rev.	\$152,503,171	\$184,896,761	\$195,665,044	\$151,035,895
Operating expenses	149,142,021	182,265,283	234,809,540	174,081,557
Uncollectible revenue	39,634	28,253	37,101	2,060,284
Express taxes	2,213,936	2,095,481	2,182,462	—
Operating income	\$1,107,579	\$507,743	df \$413,645	df \$251,059
Other income	1,956,038	2,073,845	2,075,796	1,092,705
Gross income	\$3,063,617	\$2,581,588	df \$302,882	df \$240,124
Deductions	289,897	272,368	547,625	196,055
Dividends	(\$6)2,078,520	(\$4)1,658,890		
Net income	\$695,199	\$750,330	df \$398,358	df \$240,929

a In April 1921 the company also paid a dividend of \$2 per share on its \$34,642,000 capital stock for the last 4 months of 1920.—V. 115, p. 2382.

American Safety Razor Corp.—Earnings.

Profits before taxes and depreciation for the first quarter of 1923 amounted to approximately \$350,000, against \$332,000 for the corresponding period in 1922. The company in March last, it is stated, sold 8,500,000 blades and 225,000 razor sets.—V. 116, p. 1535.

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of additional extended voting trust certificates for \$2,400,000 7% Cumul. Int. Pref. stock, par \$100, making the total amount applied for \$3,050,000 (extended v. f. c.) Pref. stock. Proceeds will provide additional working capital and reimburse company in connection with the acquisition of control through stock ownership of Commonwealth Water Co., Keystone Power Corp. and Cumberland Edison Power Co.

The company has just issued its complete pamphlet report for 1922. A condensed statement of earnings was given in V. 116, p. 724.—V. 116, p. 1414, 1279.

American Woolen Co.—\$10,000,000 Preferred Stock Offered to Stockholders.

The Preferred and Common stockholders of record April 20 are given the right to subscribe for \$10,000,000 7% Cumulative Preferred stock at par (\$100), in the proportion of one new Preferred share for each 8 shares (whether Common or Preferred) held. The right to subscribe will expire May 10. The offering has been underwritten [by a syndicate said to consists of the banking firms of Brown Bros. & Co., Chase Securities Co. and Hayden, Stone & Co.].

Subscriptions may be made either (a) in installments, \$50 per share on or before May 10 and \$50 per share on or before June 11, or (b) in full \$100 per share on or before May 10. Payment must be made either at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, in Boston funds, or Chase National Bank, New York, in New York funds. Stock subscribed for will carry all dividends accruing from and after July 15 1923.

Interest at the rate of 7% per annum will be allowed on the first installment (\$50 per share) from May 10 to July 15, and on the second installment (\$50) from June 11 to July 15. In the case of subscribers who elect to pay in full on or before May 10, interest at the rate of 7% per annum will be allowed on the full payment (\$100 per share) from May 10 to July 15.

Application will be made to list the new stock upon the New York and Boston Stock Exchanges.

William M. Wood, President, in a letter to the stockholders, further says: "Company is now operating at a greater capacity than ever before in its history, and in order that it may be in a position to take full advantage of the large expansion of its business and the greatly increased demands for its products, directors consider it advisable that the company be supplied at this time with additional working capital through the issuance of additional Preferred stock."—V. 116, p. 1181, 1045.

Anglo-American Oil Co., Ltd.—Tenders.

J. P. Morgan & Co., trustee, 23 Wall St., N. Y. City, will until June 20, receive bids for the sale to it of 5-yr. 7½% sinking fund gold notes, dated April 1 1920, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$1,250,000 at a price not exceeding 102 and int.—V. 116, p. 518.

Appalachian Power Co.—To Increase 1st Pref. Stock.

The stockholders will vote on April 19 on increasing the authorized 1st Preferred stock from \$3,500,000 to \$7,500,000, par \$100. If the stockholders approve the increase 25,000 shares of 1st Pref. stock will be reserved for exchange for the 15-year 7s, due Aug. 1 1936, or may be sold and proceeds applied to the purchase of said bonds. No change is to be made in 7% Cumul. Pref. or the Common stocks.

Calendar Years—	1922.	1921.	1920.
Operating revenue	\$2,949,602	\$2,487,607	\$2,265,611
Operating expenses	1,556,128	1,381,896	1,266,227
Operating income	\$1,393,474	\$1,105,710	\$999,384
Other income (interest)	24,363	20,342	5,418
Total income	\$1,417,837	\$1,126,052	\$1,004,802
Interest	\$638,624	\$675,556	\$656,332
Amortization of discount and expense	57,960	61,760	55,102
Depreciation reserve	250,000	250,000	168,000
Commissions, &c., First Pref. Stock	3,750		32,654
First Preferred Stock dividends	70,938	33,867	15,205
Dividends Preferred Stock	64,855		
Balance, surplus	\$331,710	\$104,869	\$78,108
Previous surplus	259,768	154,898	76,790
Total profit and loss surplus	\$591,478	\$259,768	\$154,899

—V. 116, p. 2161.

Arizona Commercial Mining Co.—Copper Output.

Month of—	Mar. 1923.	Feb. 1923.	Jan. 1923.	Dec. 1922.
Copper output (lbs.)	825,750	745,000	775,000	681,000

—V. 116, p. 1054.

Bayuk Brothers, Inc.—Exchange Privilege Terminated.

The privilege to exchange 8% 1st Pref. stock for the new 7% 1st Pref. stock terminated at the close of business, April 4, and the privilege to exchange the 8% Pref. stock for Common stock terminated at the close of business April 6. The 8% 1st Pref. stock not exchanged under the above offers is called for redemption at the Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y., on and after April 16 at 110 and divs.—V. 116, p. 1279.

Beacon Oil Co., Boston.—Stock Offered.

Kidder, Peabody & Co., New York and Boston, are offering at 105 and divs. \$500,000 additional 7½% Preferred stock. Proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes. Before new financing the company had authorized and outstanding \$2,500,000 7½% Preferred stock, par \$100, and 140,000 shares of Common stock, of no par value. The company recently purchased from the U. S. Shipping Board two tankers of 10,000 deadweight tons each, the Devalente and the Richeonal. One has already been delivered and is operating under the Beacon flag.—V. 116, p. 299.

Bethlehem Steel Corp.—Wage Increase.

Following the action of the United States Steel Corp., this company announced that it would increase wages approximately 11% in its various plants, effective April 16. Increases will apply particularly to common labor. Employees of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp., Ltd., will not be affected.—V. 116, p. 1536.

Booth Mfg. Co., New Bedford, Mass.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.		
Real est. & mach.	\$1,753,122	\$1,739,228	Preferred stock	\$466,900	\$527,400
Merchandise	386,960	309,284	Common stock	852,800	852,800
Cash acc'ts receivable & investments	487,525	432,693	Bonds	59,000	59,000
			Accounts payable	49,494	25,341
			Depreciation reserve	537,799	474,225
			Reserve for bonds	59,000	59,000
			Premium account (common stock)	88,200	88,200
Total (each side)	\$2,627,607	\$2,481,205	Profit and loss	514,414	395,238

—V. 108, p. 271.

Borg & Beck Co. of Illinois.—Earnings.

Net earnings for the first quarter of 1923 before taxes but after all other charges were \$158,853, compared with \$55,265 in the same quarter last year. Earnings for March last totaled \$61,167, as against \$30,848 in March 1922. It is announced that the business already scheduled for April is about 33 1-3% greater than the March business.—V. 116, p. 619, 519.

Boston & Ely Consolidated Mining Co.—To Decrease Number of Shares and Change Par Value.

The stockholders will vote April 25 on changing the authorized Capital stock from 1,000,000 shares (897,210 shares outstanding), par \$1, to 300,000 shares, par \$5. If the foregoing is approved, it is proposed to exchange the present stock, par \$1, for new stock, par \$5, on the basis of five shares of old stock for one share of new stock. Officers of the company are: L. E. Whicher, Pres.; R. M. Atwater, Jr., Vice-Pres.; S. L. Sherman, Sec.-Treas.

Boston Manufacturing Co. (1901).—Stock Retired.

The company has notified the Mass. Commissioner of Corporations of the cancellation of 7,184 shares of Preferred stock, par \$100. This reduces the authorized capital stock from \$2,818,400 to \$2,100,000, represented by 13,000 shares of 6½% Preferred stock and 8,000 shares of Common stock. See also offering of 6½% Preferred stock in V. 115, p. 2584, 2689.

Bridgeport Machine Co., Wichita, Kan.—Pref. Stock Sold.

Tobey & Kirk, New York, announce that they have sold \$500,000 7% Cumul. Sinking Fund Preferred stock (par \$100) at 96 and divs. to yield over 7¼%. Compare V. 116, p. 1536.

Brown Shoe Co., Inc.—Sales, &c.

Shoe shipments in March totaled approximately \$2,697,000, against \$2,105,682 in March 1922, a gain of about \$591,317, or 28%. For November, December, January and February shipments showed an increase of more than 15% over the corresponding period a year ago. The company is reported to be manufacturing over 40,000 pairs of shoes a day and is completing a new factory at Union City, Tenn.—V. 116, p. 180.

Burns Brothers (Coal).—Extra Dividend, &c.

An extra dividend of 50 cents per share has been declared on the Class "A" Common stock in addition to the regular quarterly payment of \$2 per share

on the Class "A" stock and 50 cents per share on the Class "B" Common stock, all payable May 15 to holders of record May 1. Like amounts were paid Feb. 15 last.

The date of the annual meeting has been changed from the fourth Thursday in May to the second Thursday in June.—V. 116, p. 940.

Calumet & Hecla Mining Co.—Dividend of \$10.

The directors have declared a dividend of \$10 per share on the outstanding \$2,500,000 capital stock, par \$25, payable June 15 to holders of record April 14. This compares with a dividend of \$7 per share paid March 15 last and dividends of \$5 per share each paid Aug. 3 and Dec. 15 1922.—V. 116, p. 1416, 414.

Central Foundry Co.—Merger Plan.

See Iron Products Corp. below.—V. 115, p. 2050.

Century Ribbon Mills, Inc.—Quarterly Report.

Net profits, after reserves for taxes, depreciation and all other deductions for the quarter ended March 31 1923 were \$175,428. The volume of sales for the first three months of 1923 amounted to \$1,285,843, compared with \$1,221,091 in the same period of 1922. President Levy is of the opinion that earning results in 1923 will be satisfactory and substantially larger than last year.

Condensed Balance Sheet as of March 31 1923.

Assets—	Liabilities—		
Cash	\$253,493	Preferred stock, 7%—	\$1,957,500
Salable securities, &c.	22,576	Common stock	2,536,814
Accounts & notes receivable	1,161,195	Notes & acceptances payable	680,064
Inventories	2,371,223	Accounts payable	45,865
Real estate, &c., less depr.	2,427,204	Federal taxes reserve	86,886
Deferred charges	55,141	Accrued commissions	42,934
Total (each side)	\$6,290,832	Surplus	960,769

Cerro de Pasco Copper Corp.—Dividends Resumed.

A dividend of \$1 per share has been declared on the outstanding capital stock, no par value, payable May 1 to holders of record April 20. A dividend of 50 cents per share was paid on March 1 1921; none since.—V. 115, p. 2050.

Certain-Teed Products Corp., New York.—Bonds Offered.

S. W. Strauss & Co., Inc., are offering at par and int., \$8,000,000 1st Mtge. 6½% Serial Coupon bonds (safeguarded under the Straus plan). (See adv. pages).

Dated April 30 1923; due serially May 1 1925 to 1943 incl. Bonds and coupons (M. & N.) payable at offices of S. W. Strauss & Co., Inc. Callable at 105 and interest within 5 years from date of issue; 104 and interest for next 7 years; and 103 and interest for remaining 8 years. 2% Federal income tax paid. Pennsylvania and Connecticut 4-mills taxes refunded.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st Mtge. 6½% Serial Coupon bonds (this issue)	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
1st Pref. 7% Cum. stock (par \$100)	15,000,000	3,540,000
2d Pref. 7% Cum. Conv. stock (par \$100)	5,000,000	2,675,000
Common (no par value)	500,000 shs.	92,000 shs.

Security.—Secured by a direct closed first mortgage on all real estate and other fixed assets of the corporation, and including those heretofore acquired or to be acquired on or prior to April 30 1923. Acme Cement Plaster Co., Cook's Linoleum Co. and Thomas Potter Sons & Co., Inc., appraised at \$17,092,327.

Purpose.—To acquire the plants and properties of Cook's Linoleum Co., Trenton, N. J., and the Acme Cement Plaster Co., St. Louis, Mo., and to retire certain notes of the corporation which were given in 1920 to cover a portion of the purchase price of all of the capital stock of Thomas Potter Sons & Co., Inc., Philadelphia, which was acquired at that time.

Company.—Is already the largest roofing manufacturer in the world. The acquisition of the above companies will place it in the fore-rank of linoleum manufacturers and gypsum and plaster producers. With the acquisition of these properties, the corporation will handle lines which are to a large extent allied, through an extensive sales organization which thoroughly covers the United States and is being extended abroad. The plants of the company will be as follows: (1) Roofing and paid products: York, Pa.; Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Marseilles, Ill.; East St. Louis, Ill.; Richmond, Calif.; St. Louis, Mo. (2) Linoleum plants: Philadelphia, Pa., and Trenton, N. J. (3) Gypsum plants: Acme, Texas; Acme, Okla.; Acme, N. Mex.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Laramee, Wyo.; Cement, Okla.; Gypsum, Ore.

Assets.—George W. Goethals & Co. and Ford, Bacon & Davis appraise the fixed assets at \$17,092,327. The fixed assets per \$1,000 bond amount to \$2.135. Net tangible assets, according to the consolidated balance sheet, amounted to \$22,124,045, or \$2,765 per \$1,000 bond.

Sales.—The average net sales of the company and the companies now being acquired for the last five years were \$19,896,475.

Earnings.—Average net earnings of these companies, after depreciation, for the last five years, were \$1,555,244, equivalent to 2.9 times the maximum annual bond interest. For 1922 the combined net earnings, after depreciation, were \$2,046,116, or 4.6 times the maximum annual bond interest. The five-year average shows earnings of more than twice the combined principal and interest charges, and the 1922 earnings show 3.1 times the combined annual principal and interest charges.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1922 (After Present Financing).

Assets—	Liabilities—		
Cash	\$521,700	Notes payable	\$15,591
U. S. Govt. securities	51,254	Accounts payable	858,879
Accts. & notes rec., less reserves	1,504,218	Accrued liabilities	238,537
Inventories	4,392,767	Accounts with officers & employees	14,017
Empl. stk. pur. accts.	646,178	Res. for divs. payable	108,762
Accts. of officers & empl.	7,347	Res. for contingencies	300,000
Prepaid expenses	123,349	1st M. bds. (this issue)	8,000,000
Invests.—Stk. in oth. cos	90,218	1st Pref. 7% stock	5,040,000
Fixed assets	17,092,327	2d Pref. 7% stock	2,675,000
G'dwill, copyrights, &c.	1	Common stock	7,178,574
Total	\$24,429,362	Total	\$24,429,362

x 92,000 shares of no nominal or par value.—V. 116, p. 717.

Chelsea Fibre Mills, New York.—Capital Decreased.

The company has filed a certificate at Albany, N. Y., showing a decrease in the authorized Capital stock from \$2,606,000 to \$2,600,000.—V. 115, p. 2585.

Chesapeake & Potom. Tel. Co. of W. Va.—Acquisition.

The I-S. C. Commission on March 27 authorized the company to purchase the telephone property of Claude Wyant, formerly owned and operated by Wellsburg Home Telephone Co. but purchased at receiver's sale on Oct. 15 1921. The Chesapeake company agrees to pay \$6,500 in cash for the Wyant property, free from all liens and encumbrances. V. 105, p. 1038.

City National Building Co., Long Beach, Calif.—Bonds Offered.

First Securities Co., Los Angeles, is offering at prices to yield about 6½% \$450,000 1st Mtge. 7% Serial Gold bonds. Dated July 1 1922, due \$30,000 annually July 1 1925 to July 1 1939, incl. Bonds are not callable prior to their respective maturities. Denom. \$1,000. Title Insurance & Trust Co. Los Angeles, trustee.

Bonds are secured by a first closed mortgage on the land and 12-story office building, now nearing completion, located at American Ave. and Broadway, Long Beach, Calif. The building is now known as the Pacific-Southwest Bank Building.

Columbia Gas & Electric Co.—Capital Changes, &c.

The stockholders on April 10 voted to change the authorized Capital stock from 500,000 shares par \$100, to 1,500,000 shares of no par value. Present stockholders will receive 3 shares of new no par stock for each \$100 share held.

W. M. Edwards has been elected a director succeeding A. B. Leach.—V. 116, p. 1280.

Consol. Mining & Smelting Co. of Can., Ltd.—Bonds.

The stockholders will vote April 17 (1) on approving the issuance of \$7,500,000 20-Year 7% Conv. debentures previously authorized; (2) on

approving the guaranty principal and interest of \$2,000,000 West Kootenay Power & Light Co. debentures.—V. 115, p. 2797.

Copper Range Co.—Dividend of \$1 Per Share.—

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1 per share, payable May 10 to holders of record April 10. Dividends of 50 cents per share were paid quarterly from June 1919 to Sept. 1920, incl., while in March 1922 a dividend of \$1 per share was paid; none since.—V. 116, p. 301.

Cosgrave Export Brewery Co., Ltd.—Dividend.—

A quarterly dividend of 1½% has been declared on the capital stock, payable May 15 to holders of record April 30.—V. 115, p. 1434.

County Gas Co. (of Dallas), Tex.—Bonds Offered.—

Arthur Perry & Co., Boston, and Paine, Webber & Co., New York, are offering, at 96 and int., yielding 6⅞%, \$600,000 1st Mtge. 6% Gold Bonds due 1941.

Dated Oct. 1 1921. Due Oct. 1 1941. Int. payable A. & O. in New York without deduction of normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Penn. 4 mills tax and Mass. income tax up to 6% refunded. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Callable, all or part, on the first day of any month on 30 days' notice at 105 and interest through Oct. 1 1926; thereafter at 104 and int. through Oct. 1 1931, and thereafter at 103 and interest. American Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Data from Letter of H. C. Morris, Vice-President, Dallas, Tex., Apr. 6.

Company.—The County Gas Co. and the Dallas Gas Co., subsidiaries of the Dallas Gas Corp., do the entire gas business in Dallas, Tex., and environs. Estimated population, 210,000. County Gas Co., incorp. in 1912, serves without competition all the nearby territory outside the city limits of Dallas as such limits existed March 30 1912, having a total estimated population of 57,000. Company supplies gas to more than 9,600 consumers through a distributing system of 163 miles of high and low pressure mains.

Security.—Secured by a first mortgage upon all the property (except securities), rights and franchise of the company. Further secured by pledge with the trustee of over 99% of the common stock of Dallas Gas Co.

Guaranty.—Guaranteed unconditionally, principal, interest and sinking fund, by Dallas Gas Corporation.

Earnings and Expenses Calendar Year 1922.

Gross earnings ----- \$659,339
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes ----- 520,904

Net earnings ----- \$138,434

Annual interest on \$600,000 First Mortgage 6s ----- 36,000

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to pay off floating debt and for other corporate purposes.

Capitalization Outstanding upon Completion of Present Financing.

Capital stock ----- \$472,900
First Mortgage 6s (this issue) ----- 600,000

Cuban Telephone Co.—Control—Earnings, &c.—

See International Tel. & Tel. Corp. below.—V. 113, p. 2726.

Devoe & Reynolds, Inc., N. Y. City.—Capital Increased.

The stockholders have increased the authorized Capital stock from \$5,000,000 (consisting of \$4,000,000 Common and \$1,000,000 Preferred) to \$7,000,000, par \$100, to consist of \$4,000,000 Common, \$2,000,000 1st Preferred and \$1,000,000 2d Preferred stock. For offering of \$2,000,000 1st Pref. stock see V. 116, p. 1280.

(Jacob) Dold Packing Co.—Definitive Bonds.—

The Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. are now prepared to deliver definitive First Mtge. 20-year sinking fund gold bonds in exchange for outstanding temporary certificates. For offering, see V. 115, p. 1946, 2483.

Dominion Coal Co., Ltd.—Bonds Called.—

Certain 1st Mtge 5% sinking fund gold bonds, aggregating \$184,500, maturing May 1 1940, have been called for redemption May 1 at 105 and int. at the Royal Trust Co., 105 St. James St., Montreal, Que.—V. 115, p. 1638.

Drummond Investment Co., Ltd., Montreal.—Bonds Offered.—

The bankers named below are offering at 99 and int. to yield over 6.60%, \$2,000,000 6½% 1st (Closed) Mtge. 15-Year Sinking Fund Gold Bonds.

Date May 1 1923. Due May 1 1938. Interest payable M. & N. at Molsos Bank, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500c*. Redeemable all or part on any interest date on 30 days' notice, at 105 and interest. Montreal Trust Co., trustee.

Capitalization—

Authorized. Issued.
Common stock ----- \$1,700,000 \$1,700,000
7% Cumul. (non-voting red.) Preferred stock ----- 300,000 300,000
6½% 1st (Closed) M. S. F. Gold bonds (this issue) ----- 2,000,000 2,000,000

Data from Letter of Pres. P. R. Du Tremblay, K.C., Montreal, April 9.

Company.—Will acquire the Drummond Apartment Buildings, Montreal, and also 36,540 sq. ft. of land immediately adjoining, on which the company will proceed at once to erect a modern apartment building, containing approximately 123 apartments, to be completed not later than April 1 1924.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used in part to retire \$570,000 6½% 1st Mtge. Serial bonds of Drummond Apartment Buildings now outstanding, and to provide a portion of the cost of the new building.

Earnings.—Net revenue of Drummond Apartment Buildings, three years, 1920 to 1922 incl., averaged \$72,180, or 55% of interest on new bond issue. Net revenue of present building for current year estimated at \$92,000, equal to 70% of new bond interest. Combined net revenue of Drummond Apartment Buildings and the new building for first full year of operation is estimated at \$311,500, as against bond interest of \$130,000 per annum.

Sinking Fund.—Sinking fund of \$50,000 per annum from May 1 1925, to May 1 1927 incl., and \$60,000 per annum from May 1 1928 to May 1 1937 incl., will provide for redemption of \$714,000 of the total bonds issued by maturity.

Bankers Making Offering.—Royal Securities Corp., Ltd., R. A. Daly & Co., Greenshilds & Co., Hanson Bros., McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Ltd., Montreal.

Duesenberg Automobile & Motors Co.—Receivership.

Appointment of a receiver for the company is asked in a suit filed in Superior Court at Indianapolis April 11 by Peter A. Pfister, a stockholder, who alleges that the company is insolvent and has been mismanaged. L. M. Rankin, Vice-Pres., denied the charges, declaring the financial condition of the company was unimpaired.—V. 116, p. 301.

Fairbanks Morse & Co., Chicago.—New Director.—

Melvin A. Taylor, President of the First Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, has been elected a director.—V. 116, p. 1183.

Fay Taxicabs, Inc.—Stock Transactions Void.—

The New York Curb Market, having been notified that Fay Taxicabs, Inc., had abandoned its recent plan to sell new stock through McClure, Jones & Reed, the Curb Market authorities on April 10 ruled that all transactions made in this stock on a "when issued" basis from Feb. 26 to March 8, incl., were void.—V. 116, p. 1057.

Fisher Body Corp.—Hearing in \$2,000,000 Suit.—

Hearings in a suit for an accounting and \$2,000,000 damages were begun April 10 in the New York Supreme Court in the case of Perfect Window Regulator Co. against Fisher Body Corp., Ternstedt Mfg. Co., and others. The suit involves ownership of the patents of A. K. Ternstedt.—V. 116, p. 1418, 1281.

Ford Motor Co., Detroit.—March Sales.—

The company last week announced that retail deliveries of Ford passenger cars and trucks for March reached a total of 179,764. The March sales record exceeds by 50,000 the highest previous month, which was June 1922, when 129,338 cars and trucks were sold at retail, and exceeds by 50% the February sales of 116,080 cars and trucks.—V. 116, p. 1418.

Fruit Growers' Express Co.—Capital Increased.—

The company has increased its authorized capital stock from \$2,500,000 to \$4,000,000.—V. 116, p. 1057.

General Asphalt Co.—Annual Report (Incl. Sub. Cos.).—

Table with 4 columns: Year (1922, 1921, 1920, 1919), Total income, Total expenses, Net trading profits, Rents, interest, &c., Total net income, Deductions, Net profits, Exc. cost of maint. paye, Res. for deb. red. of New Trin. Asph. Co., Ltd., Dividends on Pref. (5%), Reserved for pensions, Balance, surplus.

After deducting amounts received by subsidiary companies.—V. 115, p. 2691.

General Electric Co.—Listing.—

The Boston Stock Exchange has authorized for the list 47,000 additional shares Common capital stock par \$100.—V. 116, p. 1527, 1418.

General Motors Corp.—Analysis of Senior Securities—Earnings for First Quarter of 1923, &c.—

Dominick & Dominick of N. Y. and Laird, Bissell & Meeks of N. Y. and Wilmington, members of the New York Stock Exchange, have issued a booklet giving an analysis of the Debenture and Preferred stocks of the above corporation. The booklet says in substance:

"Earnings for the first quarter of 1923 are estimated to exceed \$18,500,000 of 1½ times the quarterly dividend on the Debenture and Preferred stocks which amounts to a little over \$1,600,000.

"The corporation has 90,000 employees on its pay-rolls and its products are sold by 14,000 dealers and distributors.

"Since 1909 the corporation has turned over more than 2,600,000 passenger and commercial cars."

Commenting on the present position of the company, President Pierre S. du Pont is quoted as follows: "The present position of the corporation is one of great strength. The plants are, with few exceptions, modern, and the greater part new. Machinery is quite up to date. Each of the six car-manufacturing divisions has sufficient capacity to operate at lowest cost and the sales organizations are in strong position. The corporation owns complete plants for manufacturing essential accessories and has a research and development division extraordinarily well equipped, both as to apparatus and personnel. Working capital is sufficient for present production."

Sales in March, it is stated, amounted to 69,441 cars and trucks. (Compare V. 116, p. 1538.)

Gillette Safety Razor Co.—Usual Cash Dividend.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly cash dividend of \$3 per share on the outstanding Capital stock, no par value, payable June 1 to holders of record May 1. A 5% stock dividend, declared last January (see V. 116, p. 183), is also payable June 1 to holders of record May 1.—V. 116, p. 716.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.—Officers—Production.—

In connection with several changes in the executive management of the company, an official statement said: "The board has approved a plan proposed by W. G. Wilmer for the executive management of the company. Mr. Wilmer becomes Chairman both of the board of directors and the executive committee. He will permanently locate in New York, continuing to assume and carry full personal responsibility for the supervision and guidance of Goodyear management. He will retain the Presidency of the California and Canadian Companies. G. M. Stadelman has been elected President of the parent company at Akron. P. W. Litchfield assumes the title of First Vice-President, and F. K. Espenhan, who will continue as Mr. Wilmer's personal assistant, was also named a Vice-President."

President E. G. Wilmer states that on Mar. 21 last the company built 30,490 tires in Akron, while the total number of men employed was 13,305—a record of 2 1-3 tires per man. This compares with Akron's record production on April 14 1920, of 35,780 tires when the average number of men employed that month was 33,257—a production of about one tire per man.—V. 116, p. 1418.

Guanajuato Reduction & Mines Co.—Protective Comm.—

The company having defaulted on the July 1 and subsequent coupons on the 1st Mtge. 6% 20-Year Gold bonds dated July 1 1924 (auth. \$3,000,000), the following protective committee has been formed: William G. Moore, John B. Lord, Frank S. Krug, William D. Sherred, Henry H. Bowman, Thomas W. Synnot, W. C. Pope, with Empire Trust Co., depository, 120 Broadway, New York.

Hanover Fire Insurance Co.—Stock Dividend.—

The capital stock has been increased from \$1,000,000, consisting of 20,000 shares, to \$1,500,000, consisting of 30,000 shares, and \$500,000, transferred from surplus to capital account. The additional 10,000 shares of capital stock will be distributed pro rata to stockholders of record April 9, one share of the additional capital stock for every two shares of the old stock held.

Hayes Wheel Co.—Output—Earnings.—

The company's present output of automobile wheels of 6,000,000 annually compares with 3,585,784 wheels produced in 1922.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1922, 1921, 1920, 1919), Calendar Years, Production (No. wheels), Net profit after all chgs., but before taxes.

—V. 116, p. 1419, 1282.

Heidenkamp Plate Glass Corp.—Bonds Sold.—Redmond & Co. have sold at 100 and int. \$1,000,000 1st (closed) Mtge. 20-Year 6½% S. F. Gold bonds.

Dated April 1 1923. Due April 1 1943. Int. payable A. & O. without deduction for normal Federal income tax, not in excess of 2%. Penn. 4-mill tax refunded. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500c*. Red., all or part, on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 105 and int. Principal and int. payable at the office of Chase National Bank, New York, trustee, and Redmond & Co., Pittsburgh.

Data from Letter of Joseph Heidenkamp, Chairman, April 2. Company.—Incorp. in March 1923. Predecessors have been successfully engaged in the glass manufacturing industry since 1900. Since 1903 business has been confined entirely to the manufacture of polished plate glass, the quality and demand for which is evidenced by the fact that in no year, since the inception of the business, has the company failed to report a profit.

Plant situated at Springdale, Pa., has an annual capacity of approximately 2,500,000 sq. ft. of plate glass. Proposed additions will increase capacity by approximately 50%.

Earnings.—Average annual net earnings during the 4 post-war years ended Dec. 31 1922, after depreciation and before Federal income taxes, applicable to interest charges were \$475,245, or more than 7 times annual interest requirements of \$65,000 on this issue of bonds. In the 10-year period ending Dec. 31 1922 company reports annual average earnings, after depreciation and before Federal income taxes, of \$264,544, or more than 4 times interest requirements on these bonds. In first 2 months of 1923 net earnings applicable to interest charges were at the annual rate of more than 8 times such charges.

Sinking Fund.—Beginning Aug. 1 1923 a semi-annual sinking fund of \$25,000 will retire bonds either through purchase up to or call by lot at the redemption price.

Capitalization Outstanding After This Financing.—

1st (closed) Mtge. 20-Year 6½% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds ----- \$1,000,000

7% Cumulative Pref. stock (par \$100) ----- 2,000,000

Common stock (no par value) ----- 2,000 shs.

Hudson Motor Car Co.—Shipments—Earnings.—

Shipments for the first quarter ended Feb. 28 1923, were 18,773 cars as compared with 8,994 for the same quarter one year ago. Net profits for the first quarter of 1923 were \$1,689,268.—V. 116, p. 1058.

Hupp Motor Car Co.—Sales for Quarter.—

Sales for the first quarter of 1923 totaled 12,034 cars, against 6,309 in the corresponding period of 1922 and 11,290 for the second quarter of 1922.

Hydraulic Steel Co.—Tenders.—

The Guardian Savings & Trust Co., trustee, Cleveland, Ohio, will until April 26, receive bids for the sale to it of 10-yr. 8% sinking fund gold notes, dated Nov. 1, 1920, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$87,562 at a price not exceeding 107 1/2 and int.—V. 116, p. 522.

Inland Steel Co.—Refinancing Plan Approved.—

The stockholders on April 12 approved the refinancing plan outlined in V. 116, p. 1538.

Inspiration Consol. Copper Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with 4 columns: 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include Sales of copper, Deductions (Mining exp., Ore transportation, Depreciation, etc.), Income from investment, and Dividends paid.

International General Electric Co.—Increase Rescinded.—

The stockholders on April 12 voted to rescind a resolution adopted April 13 1922, authorizing an increase in the authorized capital stock from \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000.

International Paper Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with 4 columns: 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include Total revenue, Depreciation, Reserve for taxes, Interest on bonded debt, Res. for doubtful acct's, and Reg. div. on P.F. stk.

Sur. year end. Dec. 31. xdf\$6,215,797df\$2,666,283 \$16,555,902 \$2,819,295 Prof. & loss sur. Dec. 31. \$14,319,733x\$23,875,180 \$32,818,069 \$22,262,167

x After charging \$2,846,691 inventory adjustment in 1922 and \$6,276,607 inventory adjustment in 1921.—V. 115, p. 2274.

International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.—Stock Sold.—

Edward B. Smith & Co. and Dominick & Dominick have sold at \$68 50 per share 50,000 shares capital stock (par \$100).

Authorized, \$25,000,000. To be presently outstanding (including the stock now offered), \$16,845,100. Present dividend rate, 6%, payable Q.-J. National City Bank, New York, transfer agent; Guaranty Trust Co., New York, registrar.

Listing.—Application will be made to list stock on New York Stock Exch.

Data From Letter of President Sosthenes Behn, New York, April 9.

Company.—Incorp. June 16 1920 in Maryland. Owns approximately 92% of the Common stock of Cuban Telephone Co. and approximately 91% of the Common stock of Porto Rico Telephone Co.

The telephone plants are thoroughly modern. The principal exchanges throughout the islands are equipped either with automatic switching or modern common battery apparatus, and toll lines of the most modern type reach all the principal cities and towns, of which there are over 300.

Earnings of Cuban-American Tel. Co. and Porto Rican Tel. Co. (Cal. Years). Table with 5 columns: Year, Gross Earnings, Net Earnings, Sur. aft. Com. Divs., and other metrics.

The consolidated earnings statement of the International Corporation and its subsidiaries for 1921, the first full year of operation, showed net earnings applicable to dividends on International Corporation stock of \$7 per share.

Consolidated Balance Sheet as of Dec. 31 1922.

Table with 2 columns: Assets and Liabilities. Rows include Franchises, concessions, good-will, &c., Cash, Notes receivable, Accounts receivable, Materials and supplies, Deposits, and Common stock.

x The item of franchises, concessions, good-will, &c., is largely offset by appraisals in excess of book values of the subsidiary companies' physical plant, which appraisals have only in part been written into the books.

Intertype Corp., Brooklyn, N. Y.—Earnings.—

Table with 2 columns: 1923 and 1922. Rows include Consolidation Statement of Operations for the Quarter ending March 31 1923, Gross profits before depreciation, Less—Head and branch office selling expenses, Depreciation, and Net to surplus.

For the same three months ending March 31 1922, the net to surplus was \$183,244.—Compare V. 116, p. 943, 1539.

Invincible Oil Corp.—Oil Contracts.—

The corporation has made a contract to deliver to the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana 400,000 barrels of crude oil at \$2 11 1/2 a barrel.

Iron Cap Copper Co.—Resumes Dividends.—

A dividend of 1 1/2% has been declared on the outstanding capital stock, par \$10, payable May 1 to holders of record April 16.

Iron Products Corp.—Recapitalization and Consolidation Plan.—

The committee named below has been appointed to carry out the proposed plan with respect to the business and properties of Iron Products Corp. and its subsidiaries.

The stockholders who formulated the plan, and the directors, have felt for some time past that it would be to the advantage of the business of the companies (named below) if the companies were amalgamated into, and their business conducted by, a single corporation.

Plan of Recapitalization, Dated April 9 1923.

Objects of Plan.—(a) Change from a holding company to an operating company, and a consolidation of the businesses and properties of certain of the corporation's principal subsidiaries, including Central Foundry Co.;

New Corporation.—

To accomplish the above purposes, the Universal Pipe & Radiator Co., has been organized in Maryland.

Capitalization of New Company.—

Authorized capital stock, 90,000 shares of 7% Cumulative Pref. Stock, par \$100, and 180,000 shares of Common Stock of no par value.

Consolidation of Companies.—It is proposed in event the plan shall be carried into effect, that the new corporation shall acquire at once either the capital stocks of, or direct ownership of the properties and businesses of:

Terms of Exchange of Stock of Iron Products Corp. and Central Foundry Co.

Exchange for Stock of Iron Products Corporation.—(1) Preferred stock of Iron Products Corp. [\$987,300 outstanding] will be exchangeable for stock of the new company on the basis of 1 share of pref. stock of Iron Products Corp. for 5-6 of a share of Pref. Stock and 2-3 shares of Common Stock of the new company.

(2) Common stock of Iron Products Corp. [132,854 shares of no par value outstanding] will be exchangeable for stock of the new company on the basis of 1 share of common stock of Iron Products Corp. for 1 share of Common Stock plus 1/2 share of Pref. Stock of the new company.

Exchange for Stock of Central Foundry Co.—(1) First pref. stock of Central Foundry Co. [\$574,000 issued, of which \$381,800 owned by Iron Products Corp.] will be exchangeable for stock of the new company on the basis of 1 share of first pref. stock of Central Foundry Co. for 5-6 of a share of Pref. Stock and 1 2-3 shares of Common Stock of the new company.

(2) Ordinary Pref. stock of Central Foundry Co. [\$4,600,000 issued, of which \$4,235,176 owned by Iron Products Corp.] will be exchangeable for stock of the new company on the basis of 1 share of ordinary pref. stock for 1 share of Common Stock, plus 1/2 share of Pref. Stock of the new company.

(3) Common stock of Central Foundry Co. [\$3,600,000 issued, of which \$3,434,641 owned by Iron Products Corp.] will be exchangeable for stock of the new company on the basis of 1 share of common stock of Central Foundry Co. for 1/2 share of Common Stock plus 1/4 share of Pref. Stock of the new company.

Preferred Stock of the Universal Pipe & Radiator Co.

Entitled to cumulative dividends at rate of 7% p. a. Preferred both as to assets and dividends. Redeemable on any dividend date on 60 days' notice at 110. The Pref. stock will have equal voting rights with the Common stock, but the consent of two-thirds of the Pref. stock shall be necessary for any of the following:

Method of Participation in Plan.—Stockholders of Iron Products Corp. and of Central Foundry Co. may become parties to this plan by signing copies of the agreement and depositing their stock with Central Union Trust Co., depository, prior to May 15 1923.

Earnings.—The annual report for 1922 states that the company earned \$202,737 net in Jan. 1923, which is normally the dullest month of the year for this corporation. It is understood that current monthly net earnings are running between \$250,000 and \$275,000.

Island Creek Coal Co.—To Retire Preferred Stock.—

The stockholders on April 11 authorized the retirement of Preferred shares by purchase of the same from time to time as and when authorized by the board of directors or executive committee, at a price not exceeding \$105 per share.—Compare V. 116, p. 1419.

Jones Bros. Tea Co.—New Director.—

Maurice B. Dean has been elected a director.—V. 116, p. 1419.

(G. R.) Kinney Co., Inc.—Sales for Quarter.—

Table with 4 columns: Quarter ending March 31—1923, 1922, Increase. Rows include Store sales and See also V. 116, p. 1420.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—March Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: 1923—March—1922, Increase, 1923—3 Mos.—1922, Increase. Rows include \$2,656,340, \$2,133,649, \$522,691, \$6,718,381, \$5,600,486, \$1,117,895.

Kennecott Copper Corp.—Listing—Earnings, &c.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 1,763,976 additional shares of stock of no par value, on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding capital stock of the Utah Copper Co., making the total amount applied for 4,763,976 shares.

The stockholders on April 9 1923 increased the authorized stock from 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 shares and approved the offer to exchange shares of stock of the Kennecott Copper Corp. for shares of capital stock of the Utah Copper Co. on the basis of 1 1/4 shares of stock of the Kennecott for 1 share of stock of Utah.

Results for Calendar Years—

Table with 4 columns (1922, 1921, 1920, 1919) showing financial results for various categories like Copper prod., Silver prod., Income Account, Expenses, and Gross Income.

* In addition to \$1,233,008 capital distributions received from Utah Copper Co. credited to investment account.
* This does not include capital distribution amounting in 1920 to \$2,86,081 and in 1919 to \$2,787,072.—V. 116, p. 1058; V. 115, p. 2800.

Lexington Motor Co., Connersville, Ind.—Receiv. Suit.

A suit asking for the appointment of a receiver was filed in Federal Court at Indianapolis, Ind., April 11 by the Jacques Manufacturing Co. of Wilmington, Del. Judge A. B. Anderson set April 28 for hearing the petition. The plaintiff places the assets of the company at \$1,794,000 and the liabilities at \$3,470,000. Judgment of \$59,342 alleged to be due on a contract is asked in the petition.

[Louis S. Caswell was appointed receiver for the Lexington Motor Car Co. of New York, Inc., by Judge Mack. Liabilities placed at \$150,000 and assets, \$40,000. It is believed that the company is the New York agent of the Lexington Motor Co.]—V. 114, p. 2247.

Libby, McNeill & Libby.—Annual Report.—

President Edward G. McDougall reports in substance: We have added to surplus \$182,868. The six months beginning March 4 1922 were unprofitable. However, business for the last six months has been good and production close to capacity. Officers feel that good progress has been made in the affairs of the company, and expect a continuation of good business conditions through 1923.

Consolidated Balance Sheet (Including All Interests, Domestic and Foreign)— Mar. 3 '23, Mar. 4 '22. Assets, Liabilities, Total.

* Plant, \$25,336,923, less depreciation reserve, \$7,323,475. y Common stock represented by 675,000 shares, \$10 par.—V. 116, p. 944.

Liberty Motor Car Co.—Sale Postponed.—

The sale has again been postponed to April 24.—V. 116, p. 1539.

Loew's, Incorporated.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns (Sept. 1 '22 to Mar. 11 '23, 1921-22, 1920-21) showing earnings for Gross Income, Expenses, and Total operating profits.

Loft, Inc. (Candy), N. Y.—Sales for Quarter.— Quarter Ending March 31— 1923, 1922, 1921. Sales—V. 116, p. 1283, 1186.

(W. J.) McCahan Sugar Refining & Molasses Co.—Preferred Stock Offered.—West & Co., Redmond & Co. and Edward B. Smith & Co. are offering at 101 1/2 and divs., \$1,750,000 7% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock (par \$100). (See advertising pages.)

Dividends payable Q.—M. Callable all or part on any div. date prior to Dec. 1 1935 on 60 days' notice at 105 and divs. and thereafter at par. Transfer office, office of the company; registrar, Land Title & Trust Co., Philadelphia.

Capitalization— Authorized. Outstanding. Preferred stock, 7% Cumulative (par \$100) \$3,500,000 \$3,500,000 Common stock (par \$100) 6,500,000 3,500,000 Company.—Incorporated Nov. 18 1920 in Delaware. Purchased the properties of the W. J. McCahan Sugar Refining Co., which was incorp. Oct. 13 1892 in Penn. to engage in the business of sugar refining. Plants located at Philadelphia. Assets.—Net tangible assets as of Dec. 31 1922 were \$8,180,022, or equal to \$234 per share upon the outstanding Preferred stock. Net current assets as of that date were in excess of the entire Pref. stock issue. Earnings.—For each of the years 1921 and 1922 net earnings before depreciation, but after all taxes, including Federal income taxes, available for Pref. stock divs. have been approximately 4 1/2 times the amount required. Directors.—M. E. Rionda (Pres.), B. B. Rionda (V.-Pres.), Horace Havemeyer, W. J. McCahan, Jr., W. E. Ogilvie, L. J. Rionda, H. B. Young (Sec.), W. J. Craig (Treas.), O. H. Johnson.—V. 111, p. 2234.

McCroly Stores Corp.—March Sales.—

Table with 4 columns (Month of March— 1923, 1922, Increase) showing sales figures.

—V. 116, p. 1186, 1059.

McQuay, Norris Mfg. Corp. of Del.—Stock Offered.—

Farnum, Winter & Co. and John Burnham & Co., Inc., Chicago, are offering at \$25 per share 33,333 shares of Common stock of no par value. A circular shows: Listing.—Stock listed on Chicago Stock Exchange. Capitalization.—Authorized and outstanding, 100,000 shares Capital stock (no par). No funded debt. No Preferred stock.

Company.—Business established in 1910 for purpose of manufacturing a patented piston ring to be sold under the trade name of "Leak-Proof." Other patented rings developed later are known as "Superoyl" and "Jiffy-Grip." Approximately 90% of business is in the replacement field where the position of the company is prominent. The various products which include piston rings, piston pins, pistons and bearings are distributed through the 60,000 dealers in the United States and Canada. Owns 16 patents licensed in the United States, covering piston ring construction and 7 United States patents covering processes and equipment for the manufacture of piston rings, all of which are protected in the important foreign countries. Plants located at St. Louis, Mo.; Connersville, Ind.; Indianapolis, Ind., and also at Toronto, Ont., Can., from which the Canadian trade is served. Earnings.—Earnings available for divs. on the Common stock in the past 5 years computing taxes at the 1922 rate, have averaged \$380,571, or approximately \$3 80 a share. For 1922 earnings, after all taxes, were \$371,952, or \$3 72 a share. It is anticipated that 1923 will be a record year. Balance Sheet as of Dec. 31 1922 (After New Capitalization).

Assets— Govt. securities owned \$89,325, Cash 65,810, Notes & accts. receivable 230,034, Inventories 512,608, Other assets 7,045, Deferred debits 22,437, Land, buildings, &c. 1,070,621, Patents & copyrights 205,288, Investments 17,060. Liabilities— Notes & accts. payable \$92,401, Dividends payable 7,781, Quantity discts. payable 26,815, Federal, &c., taxes 57,239, Wages and bonuses 7,864, Reserve doubtful accts. 7,177, Capital—7% Pref. stocks 222,300, Com. stk. (100,000 shs) 1,809,572, Total (each side) \$2,231,149. Dividends.—Dividends at the rate of \$2 per share, payable quarterly, will be immediately declared according to the statement of the directors.

Magnolia Petroleum Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets— Property, plant, oil wells, &c. \$137,385,980, Inv. in sub. cos. 7,851,366, Inventories 28,783,050, Notes & accts receivable 8,049,251, U. S. Govt. securities (at cost) 11,594,025, Other securities 167,750, Cash 2,265,683, St'k'ers' notes receivable 2,802,140, Adv. to sub. cos. 6,929,337, De'd & unad'd debits 726,572. Liabilities— Capital stock 180,000,000, Notes payable 678,070, Accts payable 3,616,686, Accr. int. & gen. taxes 893,725, Deferred credits 310,662, 6% gold bonds 8,538,000, Capital surplus 36,236,338, Undivided prof. 12,468,011, Tot. (each side) 206,555,154.

Note.—Fixed assets reflect appreciation due to appraisal of certain properties, the increase being transferred to capital account by stock dividend. Includes producing property, leaseholds at appraised values, oil wells and equipment, pipe lines, refineries, floating equipment, tank cars, marketing stations and other property, \$224,779,752, less depletion and depreciation reserve, \$87,393,772. The usual income account appeared in V. 116, p. 1420.

Mahoning Investment Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years— 1922, 1921, 1920. Previous surplus \$111,332, Dividends 249,751, Interest 12,339. Total income \$373,422, Taxes and expenses \$1,754, Interest 12,000, Dividends (6%)247,572. Profit and loss, surplus \$112,096.

Marland Oil Co.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31 (Incl. Subsidi.).—

Assets— Leases, l'd, bldgs., tank cars, &c. \$50,269,672, Inv. in and adv. to affil., &c., cos. 4,908,021, Stk. of Marland Oil owned by subs. 748,610, Cash 891,705, Accts & bills rec. 3,042,264, Crude oil & re'd products 3,379,081, Material & supplies 1,014,343, Int., prepaid ins., &c. 232,083, 8% sk. fd. partic. bonds purchased 104,000, Off. & empl. notes & accts receiv. 120,428, Dwell. house debtors 256,004, Specific funds 7,733, Unadjust. debits 1,071,848. Liabilities— Capital & surplus equity \$51,859,426, Stock of subs. (at par) held by minority interests 315,300, 10-yr. 7 1/2% sk. fd. bonds 2,844,000, 10-yr. 8% s.f. bds. 3,464,000, Pur. mon. lease ob. 3,350,974, Marland tank line 8% equipments 871,000, Other eq. tr. cfts. and notes 180,591, Due Cons. Oil Cos. (Mexico) 75,000, Bills & accts pay. 2,574,023, Int. on bds. & def. lease obl., &c. 283,468, Accr. taxes, ins. & miscell. interest 142,391, Miscellaneous 37,000, Res. for conting. 37,000, Deprec., deple. & drilling costs 6,503,852, Sundry def. obli'gs 40,888.

x Includes active leases, \$4,307,966; inactive leases, \$5,375,533; farm investment, \$8,597,626; refineries, and casinghead plants, \$7,270,139; oil and gas pipe lines and equip., \$3,189,894; land and buildings, \$1,639,946; tank cars, \$2,493,131; other fixed assets, \$3,005,656; total, \$35,879,892; less deprec., deple. and drilling costs, reserve, \$9,385,387; leaving \$26,494,505, plus appraised value of leaseholds as of July 1 1920 in excess of cost, including discovery, less extinguishment by depletion to Dec. 31 1922, \$23,775,168; total, \$50,269,673. y Net equity represented by 928,766 19-20 shares of no par value stock issued and outstanding. The usual income account was published in V. 116, p. 1420; V. 116, p. 1539.

Massachusetts Gas Companies.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Int. on bonds, notes, &c. \$22,997, Dividends received 2,924,987. Total income \$2,947,983, Deduct— General expenses \$176,265, Bond, &c., interest 465,390, Divs. on Pref. shs. (4%) 1,000,000, Common dividends 1,250,000.

Balance, surplus \$56,329, The company purchased as of May 1 1922, the property and franchises of the Newton & Watertown Gas Light Co. and East Boston Gas Co. The stock of these companies was exchanged for an equal amount of the Common stock of the Boston Consolidated Gas Co., thereby increasing the Common stock of the latter from 151,246 shares to 162,596 shares.

During the year, company sold \$6,000,000 6 1/2% Cumul. Pref. stock at \$103 75 per share. Proceeds were applied in liquidation of the indebtedness of the company.

During the year, work was started on the erection of a 10,000,000-cu. ft. gas holder at the Commercial Point works. This holder when completed will add materially to the storage capacity.

The total output of gas to consumers of all companies for the year ending Dec. 31 1922 was 8,814,926,000 cu. ft., an increase of 5.69% as compared with the previous year. The net gain in metres set was 4,750, and the net addition in street mains 16 miles, 1,894 ft.—V. 115, p. 1949.

Maverick Mills, Boston.—To Create Bond Issue, &c.—The stockholders will vote April 18 (a) on authorizing a \$1,500,000 1st Mtge. 7% bond issue and (b) on authorizing the retirement of the \$950,000 Preferred stock, from time to time, at a price not exceeding par (\$100) and dividends.—V. 114, p. 1897.

Maxwell Motor Corp.—Shipments—Earnings.—Shipments in the first quarter of 1923 were 13,950 cars (of which 1,390 were Chalmers), against 9,448 in the first quarter of 1922, of which 1,297 were Chalmers.

Net earnings in the first quarter of this year, it is stated, approximated \$1,000,000. This compares with a loss of over \$600,000 in the corresponding period in 1922.—V. 116, p. 1539.

Metropolitan Edison Co.—Listing.—The Philadelphia Stock Exchange on April 7 listed 6,866 additional shares of 7% Cumul. Pref. stock, of no par value, being part of 36,321 shares applied for listing in company's application dated Jan. 20 1923, to be listed upon official notice of issuance full paid, making a total of 46,302 shares of said stock listed.—V. 116, p. 1186.

Middlesex Water Co. (New Jersey)—Earnings.—

Cal. Years—	1922.	1921.	Cal. Years—	1921.	1920.
Total income	\$265,822	\$286,547	7% Pref. divs.	\$17,179	\$15,515
Wat.oper.deduct'n	177,646	198,717	8% Common divs	27,200	27,200
Int. & amortiz'n	43,586	44,359			
			Surplus for 1922	\$210	\$754

Net corp. inc.—\$44,590 \$43,469
The dividend record of the company during recent years is as follows: Dividends of 7% per annum have been paid regularly on the Pref. stock. On the Common stock of which there are \$340,000 outstanding, there has been paid 9% in 1913; 6% each in 1914 and 1915; 8% in 1916; 7% in 1917; 8% each in 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921 and 1922.—V. 116, p. 623.

Midwest Sugar Refining Corp.—Buys Sugar Refinery.—The corporation, a new Illinois corporation, has purchased from the trustees of the Charles Pope Estate, for an undisclosed consideration, the widely known beet sugar plant at Riverdale, southwest corner Indiana Ave. and the Calumet River. Theodore W. Bunte, President of Bunte Bros., Chicago, heads the purchasing company; Arthur E. Dike, President of Fox & Dike Co., being Vice-President, and besides Messrs. Bunte and Dike the directors include Paul F. Belch, President of Paul F. Belch Co., and Harry M. Muller, President of Muller Brokerage Co. The company is capitalized at \$1,000,000.

Miss. River Power Co., Keokuk, Ia.—Report.—

Calendar Years—	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Light and power earnings	\$2,876,761	\$2,716,296	\$2,795,887	\$2,313,175
Miscellaneous revenues	39,906	26,325	32,076	8,778
Total	\$2,906,667	\$2,742,621	\$2,827,963	\$2,321,954
Expenses—Operation	\$415,933	\$361,788	\$347,037	\$279,434
Maintenance	99,258	104,491	97,375	89,057
Depreciation	53,013	55,142	56,437	53,842
Taxes	193,411	198,697	137,773	100,296
Int. & amort. charges	1,230,474	1,240,517	1,208,255	1,230,734
Preferred divs. (cash)	494,359	459,777		
Preferred divs. (stock)		*2,217,263		
Net credits and debits to reserves and surplus	Deb. 51,902	Deb. 25,745	Cr. 119,513	Deb. 927
Prior surplus	930,594	2,851,393	1,750,794	1,183,131
Current surplus	\$1,298,912	\$930,594	\$2,851,393	\$1,750,794

*\$37.50 per share stock dividend.—V. 115, p. 654.

Montana Power Co.—Tenders.—The United States Mtge. & Trust Co., trustee, 55 Cedar St., N. Y. City, will until April 20 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. bonds of the Madison River Power Co., to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$25,804, at a price not exceeding 105 and int.—V. 116, p. 1187.

Mother Lode Coalition Mines Co.—Production.—

Month of—	March 1923.	Feb. 1923.	Jan. 1923.
Copper production (lbs.)	2,576,219	2,109,144	2,058,097

—V. 116, p. 1061.

Nash Motors Co.—Preferred Dividend—Earnings, &c.—The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the Preferred "A" stock, payable May 1 to holders of record April 20. An official statement says in substance: "The question of a dividend on the Common stock was not taken up, as it has always been the policy of the company to bring up the question of the Common dividend semi-annually. As the last Common dividend of \$2 50 was paid Feb. 1, consideration of a second Common dividend will come before directors at their July meeting."

"The fiscal year of the Nash Co. begins Dec. 1. Net income for the three months ended Feb. 28 1923 after deducting expenses of manufacturing, including depreciation, selling, administrative, and local and Federal taxes, amounted to \$1,573,242. The factories of the company are running at capacity and, in fact, are unable at the present time to fill orders by a wide margin. Profits for March are not reported but it is probable they will exceed the average for the preceding three months."—V. 116, p. 945.

National Biscuit Co.—Earnings—Dividends.—Net earnings for the quarter ending March 31 1923, after taxes, operating expenses, and other charges, amounted to \$2,813,700. After allowing for the regular quarterly dividend on the Preferred stock, there remained a balance of \$2,379,621 available for the Common stock, equal to \$1 10 a share.

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents a share on the new Common stock payable July 14 to holders of record June 30. The regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the Preferred stock was also declared payable May 31 to holders of record May 17.—V. 116, p. 945.

National Breweries, Ltd.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1922.	1921.	1920.
Profits	\$1,254,674	\$1,243,220	\$976,609
Bond interest	82,800	87,600	92,400
Depreciation	189,902	183,361	60,971
Preferred dividends (7%)	194,250	194,250	194,250
Common dividends (16%)	360,688	360,688	360,688
Surplus	\$427,034	\$417,321	\$238,300
P. & L. surplus	\$2,462,594	\$2,035,559	\$1,618,238

—V. 116, p. 1187.

National Cash Register Co.—Business.—President Frederick B. Patterson states that American business of this company in 1922 totaled about \$26,000,000. Figures for the first quarter show a large increase over the corresponding period of any previous year.—V. 114, p. 2124.

National Department Stores, Inc.—Initial Divs.—The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the 1st Pref. stock, payable May 1 to holders of record April 20. (For offering of 1st Pref. stock see V. 116, p. 523).

The directors also declared an initial dividend of 2-1-3% on the 2nd Pref. stock, (covering the 4 months period to June 1, being at the rate of 7% per annum), payable June 1 to holders of record May 20. Dividends on the 2nd Preferred will, hereafter, be payable quarterly.—V. 116, p. 1540.

New Bedford Martha's Vineyard & Nantucket Steamboat Co.—Dissolved.—See New York New Haven & Hartford RR. under "Reports" above.—V. 110, p. 2197.

Newmarket Mfg. Co., Boston.—To Increase Capital.—The directors have recommended that the capital stock be increased from \$1,800,000 (all outstanding) to \$2,700,000, par \$100. The new stock will be offered to stockholders at par.

The company, it is stated, has purchased of J. Murray Howe and associates a plant at Lowell, Mass., formerly known as No. 2 of Bigelow-Hartford group. The assessed value property, it is said, is \$350,000.—V. 116, p. 524, 185.

Niagara Falls Power Co.—Quarterly Report.—

Combined Quarterly Income Account (Incl. Canadian Niagara Power Co.)	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.
Quarter end. Mar. 31.	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.
Operating revenue	\$1,734,564	\$1,567,866	\$1,482,517	\$1,429,925
Operating expenses	275,534	250,265	299,249	286,138
Amortization	190,034	148,403	151,500	114,000
Operating taxes	221,150	192,073	180,474	188,426
Net operating revenue	\$1,047,846	\$977,125	\$851,294	\$841,361
Non-operating revenue	90,088	87,186	77,374	53,941
Net income	\$1,137,934	\$1,064,311	\$928,668	\$895,302
Interest on funded debt	428,710	431,755	423,430	339,362
Miscellaneous	100,038	112,609	60,842	18,687
Balance, surplus	\$609,185	\$519,947	\$444,396	\$537,253

North Atlantic Oyster Farms, Inc.—Reorg. Plan.—A plan for readjustment of indebtedness and capitalization, dated Mar. 1 1923, has been approved by the directors and by a majority of each class of securities outstanding. The plan is under the direction of the following committee: Henry Hornblower (Hornblower & Weeks, Boston), T. Jefferson Coolidge (V.-Pres. Old Colony Trust Co., Boston) and Olaf Olsen (V.-Pres. First Nat. Bank, Boston), with S. Parkman Shaw Jr., Secretary, 17 Court St., Boston, and Herrick, Smith, Donald & Farley, counsel, Boston, and Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, Depository.

Digest of Plan for Readjustment of Debt, Dated March 1 1923.

Present Capitalization.—Company has at present outstanding approximately the following bonds, debentures and stock:
First Lien Collateral Trust 5% bonds, 1924----- \$1,200,000
5% Gold Income debentures, 1924----- 1,300,000
Common stock (no par value)----- 13,000 shs.
Proposed Capitalization.—Company (or a new company which acquires the property) shall authorize a new issue of 1st Lien 10-Year 7% Sinking Fund Gold bonds and create a new class of stock called Class A stock, consisting of approximately 32,500 shares (par \$40), and increase the Common stock to 50,000 shares, so that upon the retirement of the present outstanding bonds and debentures it will have substantially the following authorized bonds and stock:
First Lien 10-Year Sinking Fund 7% Gold bonds----- \$840,000
Class A stock—32,500 shares (par \$40)----- 1,300,000
Common stock (no par value)----- 50,000 shs.

Exchange of Present Securities.
First Lien Collateral Trust Bonds.—Holders of the outstanding 1st Lien Coll. Trust 5% bonds due July 1 1924 shall be entitled to exchange the same for (a) accrued int. to date of adjustment and (b) 30% of their face value in cash and (c) 70% of their face value in new First Lien 10-Year 7% Sinking Fund Gold bonds—i. e., each holder of \$1,000 of present outstanding bonds shall be entitled to receive interest to date of adjustment, \$300 in cash and \$700 of new bonds.

Holders of registered 1st Lien Coll. Trust 5s of the face value of \$600 or less each, which bonds were in their names on Mar. 1 1923, will be paid the full face value of such bonds in cash and accrued interest.

Income Debentures.—Holders of present income debentures shall be entitled to receive for each \$100 of debentures 2 1/2 shares (i. e., \$100 par value) of the new Class A stock.

Common Stock.—Common stockholders shall retain their present holdings, or if a new company is organized, an equivalent amount of stock in the new company.

Pres. W. H. Raye in a letter to committee says in subst.: The company during the first few years following reorganization in 1914 not only sustained losses through operation, but in addition it suffered capital losses by reason of depletion of oyster beds and through disposing of various oyster holdings which had proved unprofitable to operate and which were an expense rather than a source of earning power. From its reorganization through the fiscal year ending June 30 1919, the total losses from these sources amounted to \$983,402. Furthermore, company was at that time in default in interest charges on its outstanding 1st Lien bonds to the extent of approximately \$192,870.

Since that date company has made very substantial earnings, but such earnings have not yet equaled the previous losses, and therefore no income has been available for interest on the income debentures.

The improvement in the earnings and prospects of the company began in the fiscal year ending June 30 1919, during which year the company, after depreciation charges, showed a profit.

Earnings, after Federal taxes but before interest charges and depreciation, have been as follows:

June 30 Years—	Earnings.	x Depreciation, &c.
1920	\$242,987	\$66,561
1921	171,171	25,020
1922	211,804	40,936
1923 (5 months estimated)	250,000	25,000
Yearly average	\$218,990	\$39,629

x Depreciation, depletion and liquidation charges.

Company has now disposed of most of its unprofitable holdings, there has been a marked improvement in the condition of the waters, and unless the company encounters unforeseen difficulties or abnormal conditions, earnings after Federal taxes and normal depreciation of at least \$200,000 per year available for interest charges, sinking fund and dividend requirements are anticipated.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1922.

Assets—	Before Readjust.	After Readjust.	Liabilities—	Before Readjust.	After Readjust.
Cash	\$546,043	\$186,638	Acc'ts payable	\$16,103	\$16,103
Short-time loans (secured)	160,000	160,000	Res. for Fed. taxes	9,513	9,513
Acc'ts & notes rec.	288,580	238,580	First Lien 10-Year Coll. Trust 7s.		840,000
Oysters on beds	703,685	703,685	Class A stock (par \$40)		1,300,000
Oyster beds	1,190,661	1,190,661	1st Lien Coll. Tr. 5s	1,193,300	
Equipment	341,260	341,260	10-Year 5% debts.	1,301,365	
Stocks other cos.	14,418	14,418	Capital & surplus	x943,548	943,808
Treas. (co.) stock	1	1			
Adv. payments	11,181	11,181			
Good-will	263,000	263,000	Total (each side)	\$3,468,829	\$3,109,424
			x Represented by 13,000 shares of no-par value Common stock.		—V. 113, p. 1060.

Northern Ontario Light & Power Co., Ltd.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Gross inc. (all sources)	\$886,522	\$778,119	\$909,428	\$835,126
Operating expenses, incl. maintenance, taxes, &c	285,709	282,677	303,487	261,724
Bond interest	270,390	271,113	275,190	275,190
Exchange charges, &c.	13,325	41,561	32,465	11,291
Profit for year	\$317,098	\$182,769	\$298,286	\$286,920
Previous surplus (adj.)	569,383	564,768	654,576	636,427
Total surplus	\$886,481	\$747,537	\$952,862	\$923,347
Preferred dividends			142,962	142,968
Transferred to reserves	300,000	175,000	250,000	125,000
Profit & loss surplus	\$586,481	\$572,537	\$559,894	\$635,379

—V. 115, p. 2913.

O'Gara Coal Co.—To Create New Preferred Issue.—The stockholders will vote April 23 on creating a new issue of \$10,000,000 7% Pref. stock, which will be subordinate to the present Pref. issue. Present

issue of 5,000,000 Common and \$10,000,000 Pref will remain unchanged. The new stock is for the future requirements of the company—V. 115, p. 1639.

Ohio Fuel Gas Co.—Status, &c.—

This company, a subsidiary of Ohio Fuel Supply Co., was incorporated in Ohio on Dec. 15 1922. Physical property consists of a production system, including gas leaseholds, a transmission system, and distribution system. Leaseholds in Ohio consist of 140,653 acres operated and 627,750 acres unoperated. Gas wells owned total 1,735. Pipe lines consist of gathering lines running from the transmission system lines to the wells extending throughout the counties, as follows: 6.14 miles of 6-in.; 3.15 miles of 5-in.; 213.83 miles of 4-in.; 144.24 miles of 3-in.; and 172.13 miles of 2-in. or under. Company conducts a drilling tool department of 40 strings, used for the drilling of their wells and for the drilling of wells for Ohio Fuel Supply Co.

Transmission system comprises a total of 2,289.90 miles of pipe lines of various sizes.

Distribution system includes 803.06 miles of various size pipe lines with meters, regulators and other equipment for supplying natural gas to 69,206 consumers in various cities and towns in Ohio. Natural gas is wholesaled by this company for distribution by other companies in Ohio. Capital stock, authorized and outstanding, \$25,000 (par \$100). All owned by Ohio Fuel Supply Co., except directors' qualifying shares. Has no funded debt.

Statement of Earnings and Expenses, Month of January 1923.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Rows include Gas, Expenses, Amortization, and Net income.

Balance Sheet January 31 1923.

Balance Sheet table with Assets and Liabilities columns. Rows include Physical properties, Material and supplies, Cash, Accounts receivable, Prepaid accounts, Capital stock, Accounts payable, etc.

Ohio Fuel Supply Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$19,813,000 Common stock (par \$25) on official notice of issuance, as a 100% stock div., payable to holders of record March 17, making the total amount applied for \$39,626,000.

The Pittsburgh Stock Exchange has also authorized the listing of 785,040 additional shares of Capital Stock (par \$25).

Results for Calendar Years.

Table with 4 columns for years 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include Earnings, Interest, Dividends received, Gross income, Expenses, Dividends, Additions to surplus, Total surplus.

Balance Sheet January 31 1923 (Ohio Fuel Supply Co.).

Balance Sheet table for Ohio Fuel Supply Co. with Assets and Liabilities columns.

x As follows: Ohio Fuel Gas Co., \$25,000,000; N. W. Ohio Natural Gas Co., \$5,550,050; United Fuel Gas Co., \$4,410,000; Centennial Valley Oil & Gas Co., \$56,656; Point Pleasant Natural Gas Co., \$20,000; Depositors Realty Co., \$4,734; East Ohio Glass Co., \$1,000; Columbus Exposition Building Co., \$400; Woodsfield Tool Co., \$100; Guysville Telep. Co., \$7. For data regarding Ohio Fuel Gas Co., see that company above.—V. 116, p. 1285.

Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.—Acquisition.—

The town of Muldrow, Okla., has voted to sell its municipal electric distributing system to this company. The latter was also given a franchise and will supply the town over a new transmission line from Muskogee. For the last 10 years Muldrow has purchased its electricity and distributed it through a municipally-owned system.—V. 116, p. 305.

Old Dominion Co. (Maine)—Copper Production.—

Table with 4 columns for months Mar. 1923, Feb. 1923, Jan. 1923, Dec. 1922. Rows include Copper output (lbs.).

Oriental Development Co., Ltd.—Bonds Sold.—

The National City Co. has announced that books have been closed on the offering of \$19,900,000 External Loan 30-Year Gold Debenture bonds. See offering in V. 116, p. 1363, 1421.

Ottawa Light, Heat & Power Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.

Annual Report table with 4 columns for years 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include Gross rev. from all sources, Operating expenses, Interest charges, Depreciation reserve, Dividends paid, Balance, surplus.

Otis Elevator Co.—Annual Report.—

Annual Report table with 4 columns for years 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include Net earnings, Interest charges, Preferred divs., Common dividends, Res. for pension fund, Depreciation reserve, Surplus.

Surplus (see "y")—\$1,037,102 \$762,112 \$1,547,508 \$1,196,626 Note.—In July 1921 the company paid a 50% stock dividend (\$4,742,600) on the outstanding Common stock, out of surplus reserved for working capital, reducing that surplus to \$447,677. To this amount has been added \$552,323 "additional reserve for working capital" in 1921 and \$1,000,000 in 1922, bringing total to \$2,000,000.

y From this amount \$1,000,000 is set aside as "additional reserve for working capital" (see note above). z Depreciation account foreign countries.—V. 115, p. 2913.

Pacific Fruit Express Co.—To Increase Stock.—

The company has filed an application for permission to increase the authorized capital stock from \$12,000,000 (\$10,800,000 outstanding) to \$30,000,000, par \$100.

President F. W. Charske stated that the application for a larger authorized capital was not made with the intention of increasing the present outstanding capital stock immediately. The Southern Pacific Co. and Union Pacific R.R. each own half of the present outstanding stock.—V. 115, p. 2591.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Annual Report.—

President Creeds' final report of earnings and expenses for the year 1922 coincides with the preliminary statement previously issued, (V. 116, p.

1061) showing gross operating revenue of \$39,204,605, an increase of \$1,694,898. Surplus available for dividends after all charges and Federal taxes and after setting aside \$3,602,199 for depreciation, was placed at \$6,587,159. This is \$1,617,929 greater than the surplus of the previous year. The balance for the Common stock after payment of Preferred dividends, is equivalent to 11 1/2%.

Sales of electric energy for the first two months of 1923 increased 17,533 kw. hrs. or 11.15% over the same months of 1922, at the same time gas sales increased 245,383,000 cu. ft., which is a 10 1/2% advance over the year before. In January and February of this year the number of new customers served was 7,305 bringing the total number of customers served by the company on Feb. 28 1923 up to 652,569.—V. 116, p. 1061.

Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co.—Acquisition Authorized.—

The I.-S.-C. Commission on March 27 authorized the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. to acquire the property of the Angeles Telephone & Telegraph Co. for \$185,000 cash. The Angeles Co. owns and operates exchanges at Port Angeles, Sequin and Lake Crescent, with connecting toll lines, all in Callam County, Wash.—V. 116, p. 832.

Package Machinery Co.—Dividend Rate Increased.—

A quarterly dividend of \$2 per share has been declared on the Common stock, par \$50, payable June 1 to holders of record May 19. On March 1 last, it is stated, a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share and an extra of \$3 per share were paid.—V. 116, p. 1188.

Paige-Detroit Motor Car Co.—Sales, &c.—

Sales in March last totaled 4,762 cars, an increase of 20% over any previous month. Of the 4,762, about 75% were Jewett cars. It is stated that the company has discontinued the manufacture of trucks and has devoted the former truck plant to the manufacture of Jewett engines. Sufficient parts will be made and kept on hand to take care of all present owners.—V. 116, p. 1188.

Peerless Truck & Motor Corporation.—Annual Report.

Annual Report table with 4 columns for years 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include Net income, Total income, Int. on 6% conv. notes, Inventory adjustment, Federal taxes, Depr. of invest., &c. (net), Dividends, Preferred divs., Disc't on 10-year notes, Loss on sale of real estate of subsidiary, Balance, surplus.

Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Corp.—Earnings.—

Consolidated Statement of Earnings and Income Account, Calendar Years. [Including Watkins Coal Co. and subsidiaries, Dowler Coal Co., and the proportionate share of the net earnings of subsidiary companies operated under lease from Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corp.]

Consolidated Statement of Earnings and Income Account table with 4 columns for years 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include Mined tonnage sold, Net sales coal & coke, Selling & shipping exps., Cost and expenses, Net coal & coke earnings, Miscell. oper. income, Total, Depreciation, Net colliery earnings, Purchased coal & coke, net earnings, Real estate oper. (net loss), Total oper. income, Miscell. income, net., Total income, Amortization of leases, Federal taxes, Advanced royalties, Net income, Less undiv. earnings of sub. companies, &c., Dividends paid.

Balance, surplus—\$3,369 \$174,770 \$1,514,988 \$145,521 x Including proportionate earnings of subsidiary companies operated under lease from Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corp.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1922.

[Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Co. and subs. owned, together with current assets and liabilities of subsidiary companies operated under lease from Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corp., after giving effect to 40% dividend payable in capital stock.]

Consolidated Balance Sheet table with Assets and Liabilities columns. Rows include Cash, Acc'ts & notes receivable, U. S. Gov't securities, Inventories, Current and working assets of sub. cos., Investments, Deferred charges, Plant, property & leases, Watkins Coal Co. bds. s.f., Reserve & trust funds, Sundry acc'ts payable, Acc'd payrolls, taxes, &c., Reserve for Fed. taxes, Current liab. of sub. cos., Funded debt, Funded reserves, Reserve for net working capital of sub. cos., Capital stock, Surplus Dec. 31 1922.

Penn Seaboard Steel Corp.—Listing, &c.—

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of additional voting trust certificates (extended to June 26 1926) for 63,272 shares of capital stock, no par value, on official notice of issuance for stock deposited under the voting trust agreement, making the total applied for (v. t. c.) 763,272 shares. The stock applied for has been authorized to be sold for cash, and the proceeds therefrom are to be used to reduce outstanding debt and provide additional working capital.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Feb. 28 1923.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet table with Assets and Liabilities columns. Rows include Cash, Notes receivable, Accounts receivable, Inventories, Marketable securities, Investments, Sinking funds, Fixed assets, Other assets, Current liabilities, Long term notes, Purchase obligations, 1-Yr. Coupon notes, 3-Yr. 7% S. F. Conv. notes, M'tges. of sub. cos., Reserves, Outside stockholders' int. in controlled cos., Capital stk., Surplus.

Total (each side)—\$12,756,673 6,746,435 x Consists of vouchers payable, \$456,565; accounts payable, \$27,978; accrued wages, \$11,940; accrued interest, \$20,514; notes payable, \$724,575; Coupon Gold notes payable Aug. 1 1923, \$75,650. y In accordance with a plan submitted to the holders of the \$1,599,000 3-Year 7% S. F. Conv. Gold notes, due Feb. 1 1923, \$1,513,000 of the notes were paid off by de-

livery, in lieu of each \$1,000 thereof, of \$50 in cash, one new Coupon Gold note in the denom. of \$50, payable Aug. 1 1923, and one new Coupon Gold note in the denom. of \$100, payable Feb. 1 1924. Of \$86,000 of 3-Year Gold notes not deposited as at Feb. 28 1923, \$15,000 thereof has been deposited up to March 15 1923. z For depreciation of properties, \$696,889; for operating purposes, \$172,483; for doubtful accounts and notes, \$132,683; a 684,073 shares at \$5 per share.

The following officers have been elected: J. B. Warren, President; C. F. Jemison (formerly Sec. & Treas.), Vice-President and Treasurer; M. S. Hager, Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, and W. P. Barba, Chairman of the Board. Mr. Jemison remains Treasurer and succeeds George Satterthwaite as Vice-President, resigned.—V. 116, p. 1540.

Phelps Dodge Corporation.—Annual Report.—

(Including Operations of Subsidiary Companies Owned.)

Calendar Years—	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Sales of copper, silver & gold	\$24,888,047	\$18,491,602	\$22,357,916	\$16,483,509
Sales of coal, coke and merchandise			12,974,092	11,144,376
Income from investments and misc. earnings	260,221	280,720	598,169	738,553
Gross income	\$25,148,268	\$18,772,322	\$35,930,177	\$28,366,438
Mining, treating & refining metals	\$24,155,062	\$21,313,031	\$17,431,576	\$9,526,547
Cost of coal, coke and merchandise sold			11,704,704	9,985,021
Depreciation of plants	2,181,347	1,825,746	1,266,096	1,109,087
General admin. expense	Not shown	Not shown	1,128,445	733,089
Suspension expenditures			838,194	
Interest	735,154	822,005		
Dividends	(4%) 2,000,000	(4) 1,850,000	(10) 4,500,000	(10) 4,500,000
Depletion of mines	3,902,336	2,512,415	3,666,244	3,798,348
Balance, deficit	\$7,825,631	\$10,389,068	\$3,766,888	\$1,285,656
Balance, forward	100,585,679	110,974,747	123,794,061	131,379,717
Total	\$92,760,047	\$100,585,679	\$120,027,173	\$130,094,061
Depletion of mines		See above		y5,300,000
Prof. & loss surplus	\$92,760,047	\$100,585,679	\$120,027,173	\$123,794,061

x This surplus is after adjustment of mines and depletion reserve to Government valuation, amounting to \$20,722,294; plus \$11,669,868 surplus acquired through purchase of the Arizona Copper Co., Ltd., for properties. y In 1919 this amount is "less distributions previously charged to depletion of mines."—V. 115, p. 2591.

Philadelphia Electric Co.—Common Stock Increased.—

The stockholders on April 11 increased the authorized capital stock from \$65,000,000 (\$50,000,000 Common and \$15,000,000 Preferred) to \$100,000,000 (all of said increase to consist of Common stock). Compare V. 116, p. 624, 420.

Common stockholders of record May 18 will be given the right to subscribe at par on or before June 15 to \$10,258,950 of new Common stock. Subscriptions are payable either in full on June 15 or in two installments, 50% on June 15 and 50% on Sept. 15.—V. 116, p. 1541.

Porto Rican American Tobacco Co.—Meeting Adjourned

The stockholders' meeting scheduled for April 11 to consider the re-capitalization plan was adjourned to April 20 on account of injunction granted by Vice-Chancellor Backes in Newark April 10 to Philip M. Grausman, a stockholder. Argument on the restraining order will be heard April 17.—V. 116, p. 1285.

Porto Rican Telephone Co.—Control—Earnings, &c.—

See International Tel. & Tel. Corp. above.—V. 112, p. 476.

Potomac Electric Power Co.—New Financing.—

It is stated that the company is negotiating with New York bankers for the sale of \$4,000,000 Gen. Mtge. bonds, the proceeds of which will be used to refund an issue of \$3,600,000 bonds due July 1 and to provide extra capital.—V. 113, p. 2319.

Providence Gas Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Gross operating earnings	\$3,150,244	\$3,187,288	\$3,084,777	\$2,532,965
Operating expenses	1,812,180	2,329,402	2,035,739	2,014,714
Interest	124,893	208,771	208,195	192,287
Depreciation	251,856	146,007	200,000	26,117
Dividends	(8%) 696,013	(8) 631,031	(6) 454,691	(4) 299,848
Balance, surplus	\$265,302	def\$127,923	\$186,151	

—V. 115, p. 2913.

Public Service Co. of Oklahoma.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Gross earnings (incl. merch. sales)	\$1,710,299	\$1,654,139	\$1,516,561	\$1,214,475
Oper. exp. & taxes	1,129,839	1,121,235	1,063,533	859,954
Interest	204,852	209,858	194,252	184,657
Gen. int. & amort. of discount & expenses	36,220	28,687	22,734	18,035
7% Prior Lien divs.	24,621			
6% Preferred dividends	30,000	199,028	145,557	125,024
Common dividends	160,040			
Balance, surplus	\$124,727	\$95,331	\$90,485	\$26,805

The financial requirements of the company for the year were provided through the sale of 3,748 shares of 7% Prior Lien stock. The stockholders Aug. 31 1922 authorized the retirement of the present \$2,769,000 outstanding 1st & Ref. 5% Gold bonds, maturing June 1 1933, and the issuance of 1st & Ref. Mtge. 6% Gold bonds, due June 1 1942.—V. 101, p. 927.

Public Service Electric Co., N. J.—Lease, &c.—

See Public Service Electric Power Co. below.—V. 116, p. 187.

Public Service Electric Power Co.—Guaranteed Bonds Sold.—

Drexel & Co. and Bonbright & Co., Inc., have sold at 97½ and int., to yield about 6.20%, \$14,000,000 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund Gold bonds, 6%, Series of 1923. (See advertising pages.)

Dated April 1 1923. Due April 1 1948. Int. payable A. & O. at J. P. Morgan & Co., N. Y., or Drexel & Co., Phila., or Fidelity Union Trust Co., Newark, N. J., trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to but not exceeding 2% p. a. on income derived from the bonds refunded. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100, and r*\$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. Red. all or part, on any int. date on 30 days' notice at a premium of 7½% on or before Oct. 1 1933 and thereafter at ½% premium for each year, or any part thereof, of unexpired life plus interest.

Listing.—Application will be made to list bonds on N. Y. Stock Exchange. Guaranty.—Guaranteed, unconditionally as to principal, interest and sinking fund payments, by endorsement on each bond by P. S. Corp. of N. J.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will provide for an annual cumulative sinking fund of \$175,000 beginning Oct. 1 1925. It is estimated that approximately one-half of the bonds of this series will have been retired by maturity through the operation of this sinking fund.

Data from Letter of Pres. Thos. N. McCarter, Newark, April 10.

Public Service Electric Power Co.—Will forthwith construct a modern, centrally located steam electric power plant near Newark, N. J., with an initial installed capacity of 187,500 k.v.a., or approximately 200,000 h.p. Company has arranged for the acquisition of sufficient land to care for an ultimate capacity of 400,000 h.p. The output will be distributed to the larger cities and the most important industrial centres of northern New Jersey by Public Service Electric Co., which is one of the largest electric companies in the United States. This additional output is essential to enable Pub. Serv. Elec. Co. to meet the increasing demand for electricity.

Capitalization After This Financing—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st Mortgage Gold bonds	\$30,000,000	\$14,000,000
Pref. stock, 7% cumulative	20,000,000	6,000,000
Common stock (no par value)	1,000,000 shs.	300,000 shs.

Terms of Lease.—The new plant will be leased to Public Service Electric Co. for a term of 999 years at a net and unconditional annual rental, which will be 2½ times the annual interest charges on these bonds. The lease will provide that Public Service Electric Co. shall maintain the plant in good condition and shall pay all taxes assessed against it.

Security.—Secured by a direct first mortgage on the new power plant and all property of the company, now owned or hereafter acquired. These bonds will represent approximately two-thirds of the cost of the new plant. The balance of the estimated cost will be supplied by the sale of the Pref. and Common stocks, already underwritten, and any excess cost will be paid by the lessee. Bonds of this series to the extent of \$1,000,000 may be issued to the lessee against such excess payments, in which event there will be a corresponding increase in rentals. The proceeds of these bonds and of the Pref. and Common stocks will be deposited with the trustee during construction of the new power plant, to be withdrawn only against certified construction expenditures and charges.

Public Service Electric Co.—This company, which will lease and operate the new plant of Public Service Electric Power Co., serves a population estimated at 2,600,000. It supplies electricity to more than 337,500 customers in 202 thriving communities in the most rapidly growing and prosperous section of New Jersey. The electric system comprises 14 generating stations, 70 sub-stations and 957 miles of transmission lines. Upon completion of the 200,000 h.p. installation of the new power plant and other construction now in progress, the installed generating capacity will be 720,000 h.p. In the opinion of counsel, the franchises under which the Public Service Elec. Co. operates, with few minor exceptions, are perpetual.

Earnings of Public Service Electric Co. Year ended Feb. 28 1923.

Gross earnings	\$28,431,741	Non-operating income	\$173,088
Oper. expenses, taxes & depreciation	19,700,318	Gross income	\$8,904,511
Operating income	\$8,731,423	Income deductions	3,158,417
		Net income	\$5,746,094

Pusey & Jones Co.—Receivers Removed.—

The receivership of the company, established by Judge Hugh Morris in the Federal Court in Delaware, following the appointment in New York of a receiver for Christopher Hannevig, who controlled the Pusey & Jones Co., has been vacated by the U. S. Supreme Court. The opinion, written by Justice Brandeis, held that the receivership was granted improperly. This decision, it is said, does not affect other receivership proceedings.—V. 115, p. 1542.

Rand (Gold) Mines, Ltd.—Production.—

Month of—	Mar. 1923.	Feb. 1923.	Jan. 1923.	Dec. 1922.
Gold output (ounces)	761,586	704,970	764,469	790,712

—V. 116, p. 1189, 730.

Ray Hercules Mines, Inc.—To Change Par Value.—

The directors have approved a resolution calling for the changing of the par value of the stock from \$5 a share to \$15 a share. Present stockholders will be given the privilege of exchanging their holdings on the basis of one share of the new stock for each three shares now held. A resolution also was passed authorizing that application be made to list the stock on the New York Stock Exchange. The action of the board regarding the par value change is subject to ratification by the stockholders.—V. 116, p. 1541.

(Robert) Reis & Co.—Sales.—

Quarters Ending March 31.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Gross sales	\$1,926,454	\$1,464,159	\$1,013,059

—V. 116, p. 1286, 833.

Remington Typewriter Co.—First Preferred Dividend.

The directors have declared 3 quarterly dividends of 1¼% each, (\$5 25 per share) on the 1st Pref. stock to holders of record April 23. This will leave a dividend of 1¼%, (which was due April 1 1923) accumulated but still unpaid on the 1st Pref. stock (See also V. 116, p. 730, 833, 1190.)

Republic Motor Truck, Co., Inc.—Modification of Deposit Agreement—Status, &c.—

The Committee for the 1st Mtge. & Collat. Trust 7% serial gold notes, (Mortimer N. Buckner, Chairman) has notified the note holders that it has by supplement dated April 4 1923, further modified the deposit agreement dated Oct. 31 1921, as supplemented by supplement dated Feb. 15 1922.

Any depositor of Mortgage notes may withdraw his notes within 20 days after April 6 1923, upon surrender of his certificates of deposit and payment of the amount fixed by the Committee as his proportionate share of the expenses and compensation of the Committee, which amount has been fixed at 1% of the principal amount of each Note to be withdrawn. Depositors who do not withdraw, shall be deemed to have assented to the Supplement dated April 4 and shall be irrevocably bound by the deposit agreement as supplemented.

The modification dated April 4 confers upon the Committee the general power of attorney, and full authority to protect the rights of the noteholders by bidding for the property, &c., when offered for sale on May 3.

The Committee in an extended communication to the holders of certificates of deposit gives a general resume of its efforts to reorganize the company and the present situation in regard to the Mortgage Notes. Attached also is a statement of the financial condition as of Sept. 28 1922 (given in "Chronicle" Dec. 2 last, p. 2487). In summing up the Committee says:

"The inability of the Committee or the committee representing the bank and trade creditors to interest any responsible parties in the purchase of the property as a going concern or to put in sufficient new capital to assure the continuance of the business has led the committee to believe that it is doubtful whether any plan of reorganization can be effected or any sale of the property had which will yield a satisfactory return to Noteholders. The committee therefore cannot recommend that the noteholders put up any additional funds to protect their present interests.

"The committee has previously advised noteholders in various communications that it feared the loss would be extremely heavy in the event of a forced liquidation. The situation is now desperate.

"It would seem that the only hope of preventing practically a total loss on the property lies in the Mortgage noteholders conferring upon the committee very large powers and discretion to act on their behalf in this crisis. For this purpose, the committee has executed another Supplement dated April 4 1923, to the Deposit Agreement of Oct. 31 1921. The committee may be powerless to render any further services beneficial to the noteholders, but, if a sufficient number of noteholders permit their Notes to remain on deposit, conditions may arise which might permit the committee to take some step or steps which might further the interests of the noteholders represented by it.

"The committee is investigating the present liquidation value of the assets of the company and it is not the present intention of the committee, unless some plan of reorganization or readjustment is effected prior to the sale, to bid at the sale a price higher than in the opinion of the committee would cover the liquidating value (including the ready realizable value of the equity in the real estate in Cleveland) of all or any part of the assets, whether mortgage or un-mortgaged, for which it may then seem desirable to bid. If, however, prior to the sale, the committee should be able to make some arrangement which would in its discretion justify a higher bid, it should have authority to do so provided no bid is made which will require the noteholders to pay in any new money. The committee will make no bid unless convinced that it is clearly to the best interests of the noteholders at the time of the sale. Unless substantially all the Notes are left on deposit, the committee will surely be powerless to take advantage of any situation which might present itself.

"At the present time there are on deposit \$2,121,000 Notes or approximately 85% of all outstanding Notes."—V. 116, p. 1422, 421.

Root & Van Dervoort Corp.—Status, &c.—

See R. & V. Motor Co. below.—V. 114, p. 2715.

Root & Van Dervoort Engineering Co.—Status, &c.—

See R. & V. Motor Co. below.—V. 114, p. 2725.

R. & V. Motor Co.—Status of Company—Outlook, &c.—

H. A. Holder, in a recent circular to the stockholders of the R. & V. Motor Co., Root & Van Dervoort Engineering Co. and the Root & Van Dervoort Corp. gives a resume of the operations of the above companies since his connection with company July 1920. He says in substance:

"At that time the Root & Van Dervoort Engineering Co. owed the banks and trade creditors approximately \$4,500,000 and had additional

trade commitments of approximately \$1,900,000. It had very large orders from the Moline Plow Co. for poppet valve engines and a very large inventory for four and six cylinder cars.

"In Sept. 1920, Moline Plow Co. became financially embarrassed and it was impossible for them to take the \$12,000,000 of unfilled business which we had from them. Expenses of plant and large inventory were thrown upon our hands. To assist the situation the class 'B' stockholders of Root & Van Dervoort Corp. converted \$1,000,000 Liberty bonds in guarantee fund into R & V Motor Co. Preferred stock.

"Upon reorganization of Moline Plow Co. we turned over to them the equipment and inventory of the poppet valve engine business for securities of their new company which have not since been convertible into cash. The buildings used by the poppet valve engine business were later sold for securities which were converted to the reduction of bank loans. All inventory of the automobile was finally disposed of at large losses from its book value.

"Nevertheless, total indebtedness of all companies have been reduced from \$6,500,000 to about \$2,000,000, but this reduction left us without sufficient working capital.

"During the last two years we had greatly improved the bus motor which we manufactured for Fifth Avenue Coach Co., New York. Some months ago John Hertz and associates in Chicago Yellow Taxicab Co., which is a large manufacturer of taxicabs for sale to other companies, formulated a plan for extensive bus operation in Chicago. In connection with this they will in a very large way manufacture buses for outside people and plan to become, in buses, equally as important a factor as they are at the present time in the taxicab field.

Because our Knight engines are far and away above competition in spite of greater first cost, they were ready to give us an exclusive order for their requirements in bus engines, but our finances did not allow of the factory expansion to the care of this business.

"After the usual negotiations, the R & V Motor Co. sold to the Yellow Sleeve Valve Engine Works, Inc., a corporation formed by the Chicago interests for the manufacture of engines, all machine tools installed in our factory for the production of engines, together with tools, jigs, patterns, drawings, &c., of our four-cylinder engines, for \$350,000 cash. In addition to this, the R & V Motor Co. sold to these interests all the work in process in our machine shop, applicable to the manufacture of engines, at \$185,000, for which credit is given to it and which will be applied against the purchase price of engines which it may secure from them in the future.

"We also gave an option to the Yellow Sleeve Valve Engine Works, Inc., for the sale of the entire factory at amounts varying over the terms of the three-year lease of from \$380,000 to \$450,000.

"We retain all rights to the patterns, dies, jigs, drawings, &c., for our six cylinder automobile engine and the control of its design with the right to make changes and improvements therein at any time. We also retain a direct Knight license on the same terms and conditions as other passenger car manufacturers are now operating under, having secured supplementary licenses to manufacture engines for commercial vehicles which will be assigned to and under which the Yellow Sleeve Valve Engine Works, Inc., will operate.

"The R & V Motor Co. has entered into a manufacturing contract with the Yellow Sleeve Valve Engine Works, Inc., under which it will secure its engines on a basis of cost of material and labor, plus a fixed amount of overhead dependent upon the quantity bought, plus 10% of that total. This contract extends for three years and under it we bind ourselves to take 800 engines per year and the manufacturing interests bind themselves to furnish us any quantity we desire, not in excess of 4,000 engines per year.

"The Yellow Sleeve Valve Engine Works, Inc., has also leased that portion of our factory, which amounts to about one-third of the total floor space, used in the manufacture of engines and at a rental of \$15,000 a year.

"In consideration of having made this connection and by it secured additional working capital, our banks have extended all notes of the R & V Motor Co. to the Root & Van Dervoort Engineering Co. and in turn pledged by them for collateral on its bank loans, which fell due on Feb. 28 1923, to the amount of \$1,134,000 to Sept. 1 1924.

"In addition, the R & V Motor Co. will be able to pay all of its liabilities in full with the exception of the \$1,134,000 owing to the Root & Van Dervoort Engineering Co. and by the latter company pledged to the banks, together with all securities owned by the Root & Van Dervoort Engineering Co. for its bank loans of \$1,897,269, which will then be the total indebtedness of all companies.

"In consideration of the action by the banks in this matter, the R & V Motor Co. will execute a mortgage on the land and buildings which are retained, as partial security for its indebtedness to the Root & Van Dervoort Engineering Co., which will be added to the collateral pledged for the Engineering company's notes.

"These notes have been extended to July 1 1923, and the interest on them has been paid in full to Jan. 31 1923. The trade creditors of the R & V Motor Co. have been very liberal in the extension of credit. The above transactions place the company in a position to enable it to manufacture product up to a value of \$5,000,000 a year.

"The results of 1922 will show a severe loss in book figures for the first 6 months and will also show losses to a lesser amount for the last 6 months."—V. 114, p. 2725.

Safety Car Heating & Lighting Co.—Balance Sheet.—
Consolidated Balance Sheet as of Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.		
Real estate, mach., &c.	14,694,785	14,179,622	Capital stock	9,862,000	9,862,000
Inventory	1,824,179	2,004,267	Notes payable		150,000
Bills receivable		150,000	Accounts payable	351,670	491,238
Acts. receivable	1,098,580	1,182,191	Res. for deprec.	3,165,289	2,859,005
Marketable secur.	12,500	50,463	Res. for taxes & contingencies	295,565	200,694
Cash	565,557	323,310	Surplus	4,541,481	4,334,358
Prepaid items	20,402	7,442			
			Tot. (each side)	18,216,006	17,897,295

The income account was given in V. 116, p. 1286

Savage Arms Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Aldred & Co., Curtis & Sanger, New York, and Gorell & Co., Chicago, are offering at 97½ and div. \$500,000 7% Cum. Pref. (a.&d.)stk. The proceeds will furnish sufficient working capital for the company's needs. It is stated.

R. S. Pierpont has been elected a director succeeding G. W. Burleigh.—V. 116, p. 1542.

Schulte Retail Stores Corp.—Declares Dividend of \$8 of Common Stock, Payable in 8% Cum. Pref. Stock.—

The directors have declared a dividend of \$8 per share on the Common stock, payable in quarterly installments commencing June 1 1923 to stockholders of record May 15. This dividend will be paid in 8% Cumul. Pref. stock. The company Dec. 29 last paid \$5 in Pref. stock on the Common stock for the year 1922.—V. 116, p. 1542.

Seaboard Oil & Gas Co.—Dividend Increased.—

The directors have declared three monthly dividends of 3 1-3c. a share, payable on May 1, June 1 and July 2 to holders of record April 14, May 15 and June 15, respectively. In Feb., March and April last the company paid monthly dividends of 2½ cents each.—V. 116, p. 306.

Shaffer Oil & Refining Co.—Tenders.—

The Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, trustee, Chicago, Ill., will until April 27 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. Conv. 6% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, dated June 1 1919, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$706,667.—V. 116, p. 1190.

Shawsheen Mills, Boston.—Capital Increased.—

The company has increased its capital stock from \$1,000,000 (all owned by American Woolen Co.) to \$2,000,000, par \$100. The \$1,000,000 new stock, it is stated, is to be issued for cash in full.—V. 113, p. 1779.

Skelly Oil Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1922.	1921.
Gross	\$16,683,365	\$12,160,344
Expenses, taxes, &c.	10,443,698	8,185,072
Interest, Federal taxes, &c.	482,052	323,974
Balance	\$5,757,615	\$3,651,298
Depreciation, depletion, &c.	4,116,555	3,989,354
Net income	\$1,641,060	def\$388,056

—V. 116, p. 1286, 947.

Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Operating profits	\$1,394,109	\$1,150,289	\$3,847,364	\$3,276,197
Coke oven loss			455,057	
Interest	316,575	334,500	352,500	259,158
Depreciation & depletion	498,640	301,432	587,968	502,213
Liberty bond loss, &c.			158,060	35,000
Inventory adjustment		1,627,774		
Federal taxes			400,000	385,000
Preferred dividends (7%)		469,000	469,000	469,000
Common dividends		(1½)150,000	(6)600,000	(6)600,000
Balance, surplus	\$578,893	def\$173,417	\$824,779	\$1,025,826
Total P. & L. surplus	\$6,962,988	\$6,384,096	\$7,933,047	\$7,088,269

—V. 116, p. 1190.

Southern States Oil Corp.—New Well.—

The corporation has completed a well on its Reeves property, Griffin field, Ouachita County, Ark., making 2,000 barrels of 25½ gravity oil daily.—V. 116, p. 1286.

Southern Utilities Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1922.	1921.	1920.
Gross operating revenue	\$2,459,342	\$2,789,196	\$2,591,727
Operating expenses and taxes	\$1,839,579	\$2,039,405	\$2,078,737
Replacements and renewals	109,287	84,616	74,977
Underlying charges	11,939	12,760	12,760
Interest on bonds, notes, &c.	227,083	220,136	188,663
Amort. of debt discount and expense	49,655	36,128	13,441
8% Prior Preferred dividends	16,830	6,825	1,141
Net income	\$204,969	\$329,326	\$222,009

—V. 115, p. 2592.

Spicer Manufacturing Corp.—Sales for First Quarter.—

Month of	March.	February.	January.	Tot. 3 Mos.
1923	\$1,378,998	\$1,093,520	\$1,113,575	\$3,586,094
1922	670,284	473,590	403,224	1,547,098

The corporation shipped in March 115,331 Universal joints and shafts and 23,680 clutches, being the largest in any month in its history.—V. 116, p. 1542.

Springfield Body Corp.—Centralized Control.—

A. H. Wolfe, Vice-President, states that the economies secured from the plan of centralized control of its body building plants located at Springfield, Mass., Bloomfield, N. J., and Pontiac, Mich., will represent 7½% of the sales price of the product. This means a \$1,000,000 saving annually.—V. 116, p. 731.

Standard Gas & Electric Co.—Initial Dividend.—

An initial quarterly dividend of 62½ cents per share has been declared on the 212,000 shares of Common stock, no par value, payable July 25 to holders of record June 30. See also V. 116, p. 1423, 1542.

Standard Oil Co. (California)—Listing.—

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$25,685,865 24 additional capital stock, par \$25, on official notice of issuance, making the total amount applied for \$242,926,801. This additional stock was offered at par to stockholders of record Mar. 26. Subscription rights expire Apr. 25. The proceeds will provide for capital expenditures for increased refining, transportation and storage facilities.—V. 116, p. 1190.

Standard Screw Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Net profit after deprec. and Federal taxes	\$236,465	\$125,614	\$1,744,331	\$900,704
Prof. div. (6%)	49,548	49,548	49,548	49,548
Common dividend (20%)	700,000	(20)700,000	(43)1125,000	(24)600,000
Balance, surplus	def\$513,083	def\$623,934	\$569,783	\$251,156
Previous surplus	6,712,918	7,336,852	7,767,069	7,515,913
Total	\$6,199,835	\$6,712,918	\$8,336,852	\$7,767,069
Stock dividend (70%)	2,450,000		(40)1000,000	
Profit & loss surplus	\$3,749,835	\$6,712,918	\$7,336,852	\$7,767,069

—V. 115, p. 2914.

Stern Brothers, New York.—To Decrease Capital.—

The stockholders have voted to decrease the Pref. stock from \$3,851,400 to \$2,837,800, par \$100. This is in accordance with the plan in V. 112, p. 1984.—V. 116, p. 1286.

Stover Mfg. & Engine Co.—Dividend Report.—

The item published in last week's "Chronicle", page 1542, under Stover Manufacturing Co., should have been under this heading.—V. 116, p. 1542.

Superior & Boston Copper Co.—Sale of Forfeited Stock.

All shares of stock delinquent with regard to assessment No. 10 called for payment Feb. 15 1921 (V. 112, p. 380), were forfeited and sold at public auction in the City of Globe, Ariz., on April 5 1923.—V. 116, p. 833.

Turman Oil Co.—Extra Dividend of 1%.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 1% for the quarter, in addition to the regular 1% monthly dividend for April, May and June, making 4% for the quarter, all payable May 20 to holders of record April 30.—V. 116, p. 1287.

Trumbull-Cliffs Furnace Co., Warren, Ohio.—Bonds Sold.

The Union Trust Company, Cleveland, has sold, at 99½ and interest, to yield over 6%, \$3,000,000 First Mtge. 6% 20-Year Sinking Fund Bonds, Series "A" (see adv. pages). Dated April 15 1923. Due April 15 1943. Interest payable A. & O. at Union Trust Co., Cleveland, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Company will redeem Penn. 4-mill tax. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Redeemable, all or part, at any time on 30 days' notice at 105 and interest.

Sinking Fund.—Sinking fund commencing Oct. 15 1926, provides for the retirement of the entire issue at or before maturity. By the terms of this sinking fund, company will retire by purchase in the open market up to 105 and interest, or by call at that price, 1-17th annually, from 1926 until maturity, of the greatest amount of bonds at any time outstanding.

Data from Letter of Wm. G. Mather, President of the Company.

Company.—Located near the plant of Trumbull Steel Co. at Warren, O., and supplies pig iron and hot metal directly to the open hearths of this company, which normally consumes the entire output of the furnace. The furnace is of the most modern and efficient type, as evidenced by its remarkable production record in recent months. In January 1923 its output is conceded to have been about 60 tons per day in excess of the largest known output of any other furnace in the world. It is conservatively estimated that with the completion of the coke plant the company can earn net approximately five times the total interest requirements on the bonds of this issue independent of its present contractual relations.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for the construction of a battery of 47 Koppers by-products coke ovens with complete facilities for gas and tar recovery, and for production of motor benzol and ammonia sulphate.

Ownership and Control.—Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Co. and Trumbull Steel Co. together own the entire Common stock. Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Co. as of Dec. 31 1922 and Trumbull Steel Co. as of Oct. 31 1922 are reported to have a combined net worth, after all liabilities, in excess of \$92,226,000. The preferred stock of Trumbull-Cliffs Furnace Co., amounting to \$4,500,000, is guaranteed as to dividend and principal by The Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Co.

Capitalization After This Financing.—
First Mortgage 6% Bonds (This Issue) \$10,000,000 \$3,000,000
x 8% Cumulative Preferred Stock 4,500,000 4,500,000
Common Stock (no par value) 100,000 shs. 100,000 shs.

x Guaranteed as to cumulative dividend and principal by Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Co.
Security.—Secured by a direct first mortgage on the fixed assets, standing on the books at a depreciated book value as follows: Present plant, including

land and furnace property, \$4,960,355; estimated cost of coke oven plant (to be immediately constructed), \$3,000,000; total security, \$7,960,355.
Directors.—Wm. G. Mather (Pres.), Jonathan Warner (V.-Pres.), David T. Croxton (V.-Pres.), S. Livingston Mather (Sec.), C. G. Heer (Treas.), A. N. Flora, Philip Wick, H. A. Raymond, W. H. B. Ward, John T. Harrington, Wm. P. Belden.—V. 116, p. 1543.

Tuolumne Copper Mining Co.—Capital Increased, &c.
 The stockholders recently voted to change the authorized capital stock from 2,500,000 shares, par \$1, to 400,000, par \$10. The stockholders also authorized the issuance of \$750,000 Refunding bonds, the proceeds to be used to retire the present outstanding 1st Mtgs. 7% bonds, due 1925. One share of new stock, par \$10, will be issued in exchange for each 10 shares of \$1 stock held.
 T. E. Murray of St. Paul has been elected a director.—V. 116, p. 948.

Union Bag & Paper Co.—New Director.
 George S. Witham, Sr., of Hudson Falls, N. Y., has been elected a director, succeeding Alexander MacLaurin, of Montreal, Can.—V. 116, p. 1272.

Union Oil Co. of Calif.—Bonds Offered.—William R. Staats Co., Dillon, Read & Co., Blair & Co., Inc., First Securities Co. (Los Angeles) and Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., are offering \$7,500,000 Serial 6% Gold bonds, Series "B" at the following prices: April 1 1924, 100¼ and int., to yield 5.74%; Apr. 1 1925, 99¾ and int., to yield 6.13%; Apr. 1 1926, 99¼ and int., to yield 6.28% (see adv. pages).
 Dated Apr. 1 1923. Due \$2,500,000 each Apr. 1 1924, 1925 and 1926. Int. payable A. & O., without deduction for any Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Interest at Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank, trustee, Los Angeles, and Central Union Trust Co., New York. Authorized, \$25,000,000; issued, including Series "B" bonds, \$17,500,000, of which \$254,000 Series "A" bonds retired by sinking fund. Callable all or part by lot in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 on any int. date on 30 days' notice at par and int., plus a premium of ½ of 1% for each year or fraction thereof unexpired.

Data from Letter of President W. L. Stewart, Los Angeles, April 7.
Company.—Organized in California in 1890. Is one of the oldest and most firmly established oil companies in the United States, combining in its activities producing, transporting, refining and marketing of petroleum and its products. Owns in fee, or mineral rights in fee, approximately 600,000 acres and has under lease approximately 70,000 acres, located in California, Wyoming, Texas, Colorado and Colombia. S. A. Company's deliveries during 1922 (including oil purchased) amounted to 30,072,498 barrels, or about 23% of the marketable oil produced in California during the year. Company owns 823 miles of pipe line, having a daily maximum capacity of about 225,000 barrels, and its storage facilities are being increased to approximately 28,800,000 barrels. Also owns a fleet having a total carrying capacity of over 950,000 barrels, and refineries having a daily capacity of about 75,000 barrels.
Assets.—Consolidated balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1922 (without giving effect to this financing) shows total assets of \$128,163,920, after deducting reserves for depreciation and depletion of \$43,947,753. Current assets amounted to \$45,006,938, as against current liabilities of only \$10,002,141.
Earnings.—For the calendar year 1922, net income after taxes, depreciation, depletion and interest was \$10,735,875, and for the past five years net income after taxes, depreciation, depletion and interest has averaged \$9,992,871 annually, or well in excess of the total amount of the Series "B" bonds.
Equity.—Has outstanding \$90,000,000 Common stock. At present quotations this stock represents a market equity of over \$100,000,000. Cash and stock dividend distributions made during the past 23 years have amounted to \$103,642,222, equivalent to 16½% per annum on the average outstanding capital stock.
 Compare annual report for 1922 in V. 116, p. 931.—V. 116, p. 1543.

United Cigar Stores Co. of Amer.—Div. Payable May 1.
 A dividend of 2% has been declared on the Common stock, issued and outstanding, payable May 1 to holders of record April 18. No dividend shall be paid on or by reason of any and all Common stock dividend warrants. The stock books will not be closed.
 The last quarterly disbursement on this issue was made on March 1. The periods have been moved a month ahead so as to make the dividends payable before the Tobacco Products Class "A" dividend as most of the stock of the United Cigar Stores Co. is owned by Tobacco Products Corp.—V. 116, p. 833.

United Gas Improvement Co.—New Director.
 Effingham B. Morris Jr. has been elected a director, succeeding his father, Effingham B. Morris.—V. 116, p. 1191.

United Lead Co.—Tenders.
 The Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until April 27 receive bids for the sale to it of 5% Debenture Gold bonds, due July 1 1943, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$276,970, at a price not exceeding par and interest.—V. 114, p. 1544.

United States Brewing Co.—Tenders.
 The Bankers Trust Co., 10 Wall St., N. Y. City, and the United States Debenture Corp., Ltd., Old Broad St., London, England, will until April 28 receive bids for the sale to them of 1st Mtgs. 6% Gold Debentures, dated Aug. 1 1908, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$32,400 at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 115, p. 1741.

United States Cereal Co., Minneapolis.—Bonds Offered.
 Bols-Inc., Minneapolis, and Mercantile Securities Co., St. Paul, Minn., are offering at par and int. \$400,000 7½% 1st Mtgs., Ref. & S. F. Gold bonds. Dated March 1 1923, due annually March 1 1926 to 1935 incl. Interest payable M. & S. at St. Paul Trust & Savings Bank, St. Paul, trustee. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Callable on 30 days' notice, all or part, on any int. date beginning March 1 1930 at a premium of ½ of 1% for each 6 months or fraction thereof that the bonds called have to run.
Data from Letter of Pres. W. D. McLean, Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 28.
Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire outstanding funded and most of the other current debt and to provide additional working capital.
Sinking Fund.—Trust deed provides for a sinking fund of 10 cents per barrel of flour milled and sold. Daily capacity of mill, 2,400 barrels.
Earnings.—Earnings for the first two years of its operation are estimated to be \$250,000 annually after all taxes but before interest. This would be 8-13 times the interest requirements and 4 times the combined annual int. and serial payments required for the retirement of these bonds. These figures are conservative in view of the fact that they are based on a subnormal production of less than 2-3 of the actual milling capacity.
Company.—Is the owner of the Paramount Flour Mill, located in Minneapolis. The mill consists of a new 6-story building of concrete construction and is fully equipped with high-grade flour mill machinery with a capacity of 2,400 barrels daily.

United States Steel Corp.—Wages Increased—Unfilled Orders.
 The corporation on April 9 announced an increase of about 11% in the wages of all workers in its manufacturing plants. The advance, which takes effect April 16, will affect approximately 150,000 workers. This will increase the common labor rate to about 40 cents an hour, as against the current rate of 36 cents. (Compare also under "Current Events" above.)
 See under "Trade and Traffic Movements" above.—V. 116, p. 1544, 1271.

United Verde Extension Mining Co.—Production.
Month of— Mar 1923 Feb. 1923 Jan. 1923 Dec. 1922.
 Copper output (lbs.)— 3,621,074 3,220,306 3,083,500 3,026,334
 —V. 116, p. 1191.

Universal Pipe & Radiator Co.—New Company.
 See Iron Products Corp. above.

Vacuum Oil Co.—Dividends to Be Put on Quarterly Basis.
 The directors have decided that the method of quarterly payments of dividends be adopted. The next dividend will be a semi-annual dividend,

declared at the first regular meeting of the directors in May next, payable on or about June 20, to holders of record on May 31. Thereafter, until further notice, regular dividends, when declared, will be declared up at the first regular meeting of the board in Aug., Nov., Feb. and May, payable on or about the 20th of Sept., Dec., March and June to holders of record at the close of business on the last business day of the months in which they are declared.

Announcement regarding this change of date is made at this time in order that stockholders who have not sent in their old shares of \$100 par value for conversion into new shares of \$25 par value can have ample time to do so. All outstanding shares of the old par value should be forwarded without delay to the transfer agents, the National City Bank, 55 Wall St., N. Y. City.—V. 115, p. 2593.

Utah Copper Co.—Earnings, &c., Calendar Years.

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Sales of—				
Copper, pounds.....	\$4,777,712	24,511,593	101,897,758	105,088,740
Average price.....	13.584 cts.	12.929 cts.	17.737 cts.	17.776 cts.
Gold, ounces (at \$20)....	28,284	7,041	27,410	28,907
Silver, ounces.....	257,145	65,928	257,515	263,721
Average price.....	\$99502	\$99646	\$1,09165	\$1,1203
Operating Revenue—				
Sales of copper.....	\$11,516,125	\$3,169,057	\$18,073,591	\$18,680,969
Sales of gold.....	565,675	140,815	548,217	578,133
Sales of silver.....	255,864	65,695	281,116	295,440
Total income.....	\$12,337,665	\$3,375,568	\$18,902,925	\$19,554,541
Expenses—				
Mining & milling exps. x	\$4,674,615	x\$2,052,915	\$9,256,739	\$8,758,257
Ore delivery.....	651,096	234,455	694,600	692,338
Ore stripping, &c.....	(x)	(x)	694,600	692,338
Selling commission.....	106,269	23,954	151,764	180,313
Treatment & refining.....	2,384,704	806,341	5,423,168	5,233,762
Total expenses.....	\$7,816,685	\$3,117,666	\$15,526,271	\$14,864,669
Net operating revenue..	\$4,520,980	\$257,902	\$3,376,654	\$4,689,872
Other Income—				
Dividend on investment	\$641,769	524,187	{450,000	350,000
Int. & rentals received }			852,704	745,791
Cap. distrib. Nev. Cons.			750,375	1,500,750
Adjustments.....			Dr. 505,234	965,983
Total net profits.....	\$5,162,748	\$782,098	\$4,924,498	\$8,252,396
Depreciation.....	1,011,002	1,019,758		
Shut-down exps., &c.....	2,168,644	1,124,726		
Miscellaneous.....	295,103	695,713		
Dividends (earnings).....			2,342,943	
Divs. (cap. distribution)	3,248,980	4,061,225	7,403,997	9,746,940
Total rate per cent.---	(20%)	(25%)	(60%)	(60%)

Balance, deficit..... \$1,560,980 \$6,119,334 \$4,822,442 \$1,494,544
 x Stripping expense in 1921 is included in mining and milling expenses. Compare also Kennecott Copper Corp. above.—V. 116, p. 1063, 1287.

Valvoline Oil Co.—10% Stock Dividend.
 The company has declared a 10% stock dividend on the Common stock, payable May 15 to holders of record May 12. No stock dividend will be paid upon fractional shares.—V. 116, p. 1191.

Waltham Watch & Clock Co.—Listing.
 The Boston Stock Exchange has authorized for the list temporary certificates for \$1,700,000 Prior Preference stock, \$5,000,000 Preferred stock and 70,000 shares Class B Common stock (no par value).
 The officers are Frederick C. Dumaine, President; Elmer E. Silver Jr., Vice-President; Arthur P. Brown, Treasurer, and Warren Motley, Clerk.
 The directors are: (1) Terms expiring 1924: Warren Motley, F. W. Bush, Eugene M. Darling, Ray Henry; (2) terms expiring 1925: Francis R. Boyd, John C. Rice, William B. Snow Jr., H. C. Robbins; (3) terms expiring 1926: Frederick C. Dumaine, Elmer E. Silver Jr., Dunbar F. Carpenter and Arthur P. Brown.
 Transfer Agents: Prior Pref. stock, Kidder Peabody & Co., Boston, Mass.; Preferred stock, American Trust Co., Boston, Mass.; Class B Common stock, State Street Trust Co., Boston, Mass. Registrars: Prior Pref. stock, Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, Mass.; Preferred stock, First National Bank, Boston, Mass.; Class B Common stock, American Trust Co., Boston, Mass. See V. 116, p. 834.

Waring Hat Mfg. Corp.—Orders—Sales, &c.—

Results for First Quarter of—	1923.	1922.	Gain.
Orders (doz).....	33,519	25,788	30%
Sales.....	\$936,659	\$736,406	28%
Unfilled orders.....	815,727	202,593	300%

April sales are estimated to be \$400,000 as compared with \$278,000 last year.—V. 116, p. 1544.

Welsbach Co. (Philadelphia).—Bonds Called.
 Certain 30-Year Sinking Fund 5% Coll. Trust Mtgs. Gold bonds dated June 1 1900, aggregating \$245,000, have been called for redemption June 1 at par and interest at the Provident Trust Co., successor trustee, N. W. Cor. Chestnut & 4th Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.—V. 116, p. 1317.

West India Electric Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Gross earnings.....	\$541,033	\$536,867	\$490,181	\$383,665
Transp. maint. & gen. exp	345,130	337,323	325,160	218,398
Deprec. & renewal res.---	34,067	38,933	29,200	29,200
Interest on bonds.....	30,000	30,000	33,000	30,000
Taxes.....	14,471	14,168	13,732	10,499
Rental.....	20,000	20,000	14,460	12,000
Dividends.....(5%)	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000

Balance, surplus..... \$57,365 \$56,443 \$34,538 \$43,568
 —V. 116, p. 1192.

West Kentucky Coal Co.—Tenders.
 The Equitable Trust Co., trustee, 37 Wall St., N. Y. City, will until April 23 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtgs. 5% 30-Year Gold bonds, dated July 1 1905, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$55,439, at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 115, p. 1742.

White Motor Co., Cleveland, Ohio.—Business.
 The company announces that its business for the first quarter of the year showed an increase in orders of 78% and an increase in truck deliveries of 67% over the same quarter in 1922. Orders received during March were greater, the company reports, than for any month in its history with one exception. Collections for March were the largest since Sept., 1920.—V. 116, p. 1408.

Willys-Overland Co.—Shipments.
 Shipments in March last totaled 20,277 cars, and for the three months ending March 31, 44,478 cars, or 3½ times as many as during the first quarter of 1922.—V. 116, p. 1408.

Winsboro (S. C.) Mills.—Reduces Preferred Stock.
 The company has reduced the outstanding Pref. stock from \$3,500,000 to \$3,000,000, par \$100, through cancellation of 5,000 shares acquired and turned over to sinking fund.—V. 109, p. 2272.

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—March Sales.

1923—March—	1922	Increase.	1923—3 Mos.—	1922	Increase.
\$15,780,275	\$11,846,934	\$3,933,341	\$38,057,150	\$31,461,476	\$6,595,674

—V. 116, p. 1079, 732

Yellow Sleeve Valve Engine Works, Inc.—Organized.
 See R & V Motor Co. above.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Messrs. Tucker, Anthony & Co. have issued from their New Bedford, Mass., office, (557 Pleasant St.) a booklet on the New Bedford Cotton Mills. A balance sheet for each of the companies is given and also statistics regarding dividends paid, number of spindles and looms and kind of goods manufactured.

Reports and Documents.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE STOCKHOLDERS — FOR THE YEAR 1922.

Los Angeles, Cal., Mar. 16 1923.

To the Stockholders of
Southern California Edison Company:

Herewith is submitted the twenty-seventh annual report of this Company and its predecessor companies, this being my twenty-second annual report.

FINANCIAL.

EARNINGS.

Earnings for the year 1922 compared with 1921, were as follows:

	1922.	1921.
Gross Earnings..... (This was the total proceeds from the sale of light and power. It includes net earnings from miscellaneous property and interest received on securities owned, reserve funds, etc.)	\$16,982,225 75	\$16,645,722 37
Operating Expenses..... (This was the amount paid as wages, cost of materials, supplies and fuel oil; taxes and insurance.)	6,866,915 67	6,935,865 40
Net Earnings..... (This was left for interest, depreciation, dividends and surplus.)	\$10,115,310 08	\$9,709,856 97
Interest and Amortization..... (This was interest paid on Company's bonds and notes in hands of investors and the amount of bond discount applicable to the year.)	3,799,542 72	3,940,830 36
Balance..... (This was left after payment of all operating expenses, taxes and interest.)	\$6,315,767 36	\$5,769,026 61
*Provision for Depreciation..... (This was the amount set aside for the year to cover wear and tear on plants, machinery and other property.)	1,850,190 17	2,325,000 00
Balance Carried to Surplus..... (This was left after deducting all expenses, interest and depreciation. It was from this amount that stockholders were paid their dividends.)	\$4,465,577 19	\$3,444,026 61

* The difference in 1922 compared with 1921 is largely due to the sale of the Los Angeles distributing system to the City of Los Angeles.

From surplus earnings for the year 1922, the sum of \$3,706,579 49 was paid in cash dividends, i. e. \$320,000 00 on the Original Preferred Stock, \$112,974 73 on the New Preferred Stock, \$300,747 50 on the Second Preferred Stock (which has since been retired), and \$2,972,857 26 on the Common Stock. Net earnings amount to 2.66 times the year's total interest payments chargeable to operation and show an increase of 4% over the year preceding, notwithstanding substantial rate reductions which went into effect May 1 1922.

The certificate of Price, Waterhouse & Company, submitted below, verifies the balance sheet, profit and loss and other accounts.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends as noted above were at the rate of 8% on the Original Preferred and Common Stocks respectively; 7% on the New Preferred Stock and 5% on the former Second Preferred Stock.

Total dividends paid to December 31 1922:

	Number.	Amount.
Original Preferred.....	53	\$3,320,000 00
New Preferred.....	1	112,974 73
Second Preferred (Retired).....	20	3,003,134 75
Common.....	51	12,506,094 66
Total paid.....		\$18,942,204 14

Your Company's dividend policy is fundamental and the increasingly large budget of capital expenditures announced for the year 1923 does not affect this policy. Dividends are paid from surplus earnings, while new capital expenditures are procured from the sale of stocks and bonds and reinvested surplus earnings.

FINANCING.

The readjustment of your Company's authorized capitalization, as set forth in my letters to you respectively of July 1 and August 2 1922, and duly authorized by the Railroad Commission of the State, has materially strengthened the financial structure of your Company. The \$12,029,900 par value Second Preferred Stock held by an individual stockholder has been retired. Provision has been made for a total of \$36,000,000 new 7% Cumulative Preferred Stock, of which there has been authorized \$9,500,000. Of this, \$5,605,900 par value is outstanding in the hands of the public. This stock has been listed on the Los Angeles Stock Exchange. The continuation of our customer-ownership plan through the popular sale of the new 7% Preferred Stock will, I am confident, meet with the same signal success in the future as was the case in the past.

A most satisfactory ratio of bonded indebtedness to total capitalization has at all times been maintained. A bond issue of \$10,000,000 face value General and Refunding 5% bonds was sold in the year 1922 and proceeds applied to capital expenditures. The Edison Electric Co. 5% bonds in the

amount of \$2,605,000, which matured September 1 1922, were replaced by an equal amount of General and Refunding 6% bonds. Other bonds of various underlying issues of the Company were in part retired through the operation of the respective sinking funds. On January 15 1923 \$1,000,000 of Southern California Edison Company debentures were paid.

Your directors have adopted a budget of capital expenditures for the year 1923 in the sum of \$26,000,000, which is set forth in some detail elsewhere in this report. Chart B (see page 8 [pamphlet report]) indicates the growth in assets during the past ten years.

SECURITY SALES.

The year 1922 was remarkable in many ways, but in none so much as the distribution of the Company's stock to its consumers and the public in the territory served. On December 31 1922 the stockholders numbered 48,107, being an increase of 21,755, or over 82% in twelve months. The credit for this splendid showing is due, first, to the fact that your Company's management and policies have been and are such as to inspire confidence in the minds of the investing public; second, the intense loyalty and responsiveness of the Company's employees, both men and women, who, in their spare time and whenever the opportunity presented itself, have sold our securities to the people they come in contact with in their daily life.

During the year there were sold 90,076 shares of Common Stock of par value \$9,007,600, and 56,059 shares of new 7% Cumulative Preferred Stock of par value \$5,606,700, being a total, both Common and Preferred, of 146,143 shares of par value \$14,614,300. There was collected as a result of the sale of Common and Preferred Stock, a total of \$11,464,176 37 in cash, which was used to reimburse the treasury for capital expenditures for physical additions and betterments of properties, and there is due on installment contracts, of this and previous years, \$5,467,653 59, upon which payments are being regularly made.

Chart C, on page 9 [pamphlet report], contains a record of the sales of Edison stock and the number of stockholders since the beginning of the customer-ownership plan in the year 1917. It will be observed that 46,000 new stockholders were added and that approximately 406,713 shares were sold, representing par value \$40,671,300. The entire proceeds of the sale of these stocks were applied to the construction of additional power plants, transmission lines and the enlargement generally of the properties. There are over 4,000 of the Company's employees who are stockholders in the business, subscribing to 66,867 shares.

The sale of the new 7% Preferred Stock is proceeding along the usual lines of popular distribution to our customers and the local public, carrying out the Company's well-known and successful policy of popular private ownership of the public utility business with State regulation of finances, rates and service. This new security offers an attractive investment to the public and enables your Company to do its junior financing at a reduced cost of money comparable with current interest rates. During 1923, 70,000 shares of the new Preferred 7% Stock will be sold to the greatest possible number of additional stockholders. The proceeds provide the minor portion of capital requirements under the year's budget, the majority of the funds being secured through the sale of bonds.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES.

The principal items of capital expenditures were as follows:

Big Creek Water Power Plants.....	\$12,828,230 56
Changing Big Creek Transmission Line to 220,000 Volts and Constructing 220,000 Volt Laguna Bell Line.....	2,650,933 63
Laguna Bell Substation (partial).....	429,532 57
Substations.....	2,852,060 68
Transmission and Telephone Lines.....	446,341 95
Miscellaneous Betterments, Water Power Plants.....	153,056 65
Water System.....	17,061 12
Electric Distribution System.....	3,745,200 70
Buildings for Stores and Garages.....	207,878 67
Transportation Equipment.....	296,870 39
Construction Tools, Implements and Miscellaneous Equipment.....	131,090 16
Office Equipment.....	63,907 81
Miscellaneous.....	317,488 75
Less reduction in capital accounts arising from sale of distributing properties to Los Angeles City.....	\$24,139,653 64
Total.....	11,655,892 87
Total.....	\$12,483,760 77

A description of the principal items of construction will be found under Water Power and System Development.

WATER POWER AND SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT.

The annual Budget for new construction expenditures for the year 1923 as compiled and recommended by the Company's Engineering Committee, and approved by your Board of Directors, is summarized as follows:

Water Power Development.....	\$11,851,000
220,000 Volt Transmission Lines and Substations.....	4,149,000
Steam and Miscellaneous Water Power Plants.....	265,000
Transmission Lines and Substations (60,000 Volts and under).....	1,535,000
Distribution Lines and Stations.....	6,800,000
General Store Building, Equipment, Subsidiary Companies, etc.....	1,400,000
Total.....	\$26,000,000

The Company's scheduled program of plant development did not provide for the completion of additional generating plants in 1922. In 1921 there was added to the System 94,500 horsepower in water power plants. With well balanced load conditions and maximum utilization of present plant facilities it was therefore possible to carry the increased demand pending completion of additional water power plants scheduled for 1923 and totaling 122,000 horsepower. Thus the load is allowed to build up to proportions sufficient to justify the installation of large units, securing the advantage of low production costs and economical construction.

BIG CREEK CONSTRUCTION.

Work was actively prosecuted on the Big Creek plants (the Company's principal hydro-electric group); from 4,500 to 5,000 men being engaged on this work throughout the year.

The excavation for Power House No. 3 has been completed and the concrete foundation poured. Three and one-half miles, or 64% of the tunnel between Power House No. 8 and Power House No. 3 is constructed. A large diversion dam, known as Dam No. 6, has been built on the San Joaquin River just below Big Creek No. 8 to divert the river through the tunnel supplying Big Creek No. 3. This dam is 134 feet in height and 430 feet along its crest. To complete the pouring of concrete before the annual spring floods, the work was rushed to completion in record time, on January 28 1923. The first unit of 33,333 horsepower at Big Creek No. 3 will be put into operation in August 1923, to be followed by two additional units of 33,333 horsepower each in September and October. A third unit of 22,000 horsepower will be installed in the present power house at Big Creek No. 1, and placed in operation by July 1923.

BIG CREEK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

The Big Creek development is located in the Big Creek-San Joaquin water shed, seventy miles northeast of Fresno. It is a progressive plan of development comprised of a series of reservoirs, dams, tunnels and power houses designed to impound and conserve the waters of the San Joaquin and its tributaries to maximum power utilization, after which they pass undiminished and in more seasonal flow to the ultimate purposes of irrigation. (See illustration, pages 14 and 15 [pamphlet report].)

The water, collected in reservoirs inter-connected by tunnels, may be utilized in two ways after it reaches Huntington Lake Reservoir. It may journey successively through Power Houses No. 1, No. 2, No. 8, No. 3 and No. 4; or it may pass through Power Houses No. 5 and No. 6 and run into Shaver Lake Reservoir, where it can be stored for another period and sent through Power Houses No. 2A, No. 8, No. 3 and No. 4. In either case the water falls a vertical distance over one mile, generating electricity to be transmitted to load centres in San Joaquin Valley and Southern California, a distance of 250 miles.

When the power houses and works shown in the illustration have been built to their ultimate capacity they will generate 1,407,000 horsepower. At present there are in operation, Huntington Lake Reservoir, 88,000 acre feet, and Big Creek Plants No. 1, No. 2 and No. 8, delivering 137,000 horsepower. To develop and market the remaining 1,270,000 horsepower involves an expenditure of approximately \$350,000,000, with intervals of completion extending to the years 1935 to 1940, according to the demands of the market.

Florence Lake tunnel, having a capacity of 1,200 cubic feet per second, will carry the waters of the South fork of San Joaquin River to Huntington Lake, a distance of 13½ miles. Work is actively progressing on this tunnel, which is now 20% completed and is scheduled to take care of the rainfall and waters from the melting snows in the spring of 1926. Shaver Lake will be made a reservoir so that the combined capacities of it and Huntington Lake can be used to store the water brought through Florence tunnel. Other reservoirs are planned on the head waters of the San Joaquin River, making an ultimate storage capacity of 713,000 acre feet, including Huntington and Shaver Lakes.

TRANSMISSION.

The work of raising the voltage of the Big Creek transmission line from 150,000 to 220,000 volts is well under way. By this expedient there is effected a saving of \$7,000,000 construction costs that otherwise would be required for additional lines.

One of the largest receiving sub-stations on the system is in course of construction at Laguna Bell, near Los Angeles, and will be completed concurrently with Big Creek No. 3 Power House. This station is required to distribute the increased output of the Big Creek plants. An extension of the 220,000 volt transmission line is under construction to connect this station with the Big Creek System. The right-of-way was purchased in fee and is a valuable asset to your Company.

DISTRIBUTION.

During the year, additional substations were erected and distributing systems rebuilt and extended as required to meet the heavy demands for service. The Company's systems traverse ten counties, an area of 55,000 square miles, and supply electricity to 312 cities and towns and intervening territory, utilizing 175 sub-stations and 7,000 miles of transmission and distributing lines. The territory is divided into 28 geographical business districts with 60 districts and branch offices.

OPERATION.

GENERATING PLANTS.

The rated capacity of the various plants is as follows:

Water Power Plants:	Capacity in Horsepower
Big Creek No. 1.....	42,900
Big Creek No. 2.....	64,300
Big Creek No. 8.....	30,200
Kern River No. 1.....	26,800
Kern River-Borel.....	13,400
Kern River No. 3.....	42,900
Tule No. 1.....	2,700
Kaweah No. 1.....	1,300
Kaweah No. 2.....	2,300
Kaweah No. 3.....	3,800
Mill Creek No. 1.....	1,000
Mill Creek Nos. 2 and 3.....	4,300
Santa Ana River No. 1.....	4,000
Santa Ana River No. 2.....	1,300
Santa Ana River No. 3.....	2,000
Lytic Creek.....	700
Azusa.....	2,000
Sierra.....	800
Fontana (leased).....	2,400
Total Water Power Plants.....	249,600
Steam Plants:	
Long Beach.....	63,000
Redondo Beach.....	53,600
Visalia.....	7,700
Santa Barbara.....	2,800
Total Steam Plants.....	127,100
Total Capacity.....	376,700

GENERATED OUTPUT.

The output from these plants and other sources was as follows:

	Kilowatt Hours	
	1922	1921
Water Power Plants.....	1,058,703,776	832,612,854
Steam Plants.....	72,713,357	204,953,215
Purchased Power.....	67,504,236	41,578,555
Total Edison System.....	1,198,926,369	1,079,144,624

DELIVERED TO CONSUMERS.

The foregoing output of 1922 was absorbed by the various classes of service as follows:

	Kilowatt Hours		%
	1922	1921	
Total Lighting.....	72,035,940	8.0	
Power:—Municipal.....	16,372,484	1.8	
Commercial.....	372,729,090	41.3	
Railways.....	283,411,584	31.4	
Other Electric Corporations.....	157,324,993	17.5	
Total Power.....	829,838,151	92.0	
Total Delivered to Consumers' Meters.....	901,874,091	100.0	

CONNECTED LOAD.

The following is a comparative statement of the connected load by installations on consumers' premises at the close of the year 1922 as compared with 1921:

	METERS.	
	1922	1921
Electric Light and Power.....	196,154	274,533
Water.....	1,724	1,511
Total Meters.....	197,878	276,044
LIGHTING.		
Lamps (50 watt equivalent).....	2,574,304	4,201,511
POWER.		
Motors (in horsepower).....	533,768	481,881
ELECTRIC RANGES.		
Ranges and Water Heaters (in horsepower).....	27,115	26,267
DETAIL OF CONNECTED LOAD IN HORSE POWER.		
Lighting.....	172,540	281,601
Pumping Plants for Irrigation.....	154,532	148,196
Cement Manufacturing and Rock Crushing.....	21,035	21,646
Railways.....	109,881	100,262
Municipalities for Resale.....	76,984	9,748
Municipalities for Pumping, Sewer, etc.....	12,413	13,159
Ice Making and Refrigeration.....	5,055	4,794
Motion Picture Industry.....	4,014	6,458
Electric Cooking.....	27,115	26,267
Industrial and Miscellaneous.....	122,739	177,618
Total.....	706,308	789,749

The apparent decrease in connected load for 1922 as compared with 1921, as shown in the above figures, is due to a change in the method of computing connected load in the City of Los Angeles, on account of the sale of the Los Angeles system to the City. The figures for 1921 include the full connected load of all consumers on the Los Angeles City system on a retail basis, whereas the 1922 figures are reduced to a wholesale basis, and include only the capacity of the sub-station through which energy is supplied. The connected load on the system actually increased during the year by 79,271 horsepower.

DIVERSITY OF USE.

The total connected load is 706,308 horsepower, but due to the diversity in its character, it has been served with a maximum simultaneous plant demand of only 320,590 horse-

power. This very advantageous diversity arises from the alternating requirements of the many classes of service, i. e. agricultural, industrial and domestic, and is also accounted for in part by the variety of seasonal service which is in many respects peculiar to California. The system generating plants are inter-connected and operated in parallel.

**COMMERCIAL.
TERRITORY SERVED.**

The development of the Company's business during 1922 has continued along more intensive lines than heretofore, owing to the more rapid increase in population and greater demands for service from and near existing lines. The transfer of the Company's distribution lines and business in Los Angeles to the municipality eliminated two geographical districts, namely Los Angeles and San Pedro, transforming them from a retail to a wholesale basis. However, during the year two new districts have been added, Inglewood District by a division of Redondo District, and Montebello District by a division of Alhambra District. The population in all of the geographical districts on the system shows very decided increases, as is indicated by the very considerable number of new meters set during the year. The large additions to the number of our consumers in certain districts has made it desirable to open more local offices. These local offices not only serve as a convenience to consumers in their intercourse with the Company, but also assist materially in stimulating the demand for our commodity by educating the public to the newer and more varied uses of electricity for domestic and industrial purposes.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT.

In Southern and Central California the average individual domestic load has in the past few years very materially increased. This is largely owing to the rapidly extending use of electrical cooking, heating and water heating appliances, as well as the widespread demand for the more common devices such as are adapted for household operations. Where formerly electric service was used exclusively for lighting in homes, it is now supplemented by a demand for other purposes in thousands of houses far in excess of the amount of energy actually required for lighting. This means that the domestic consumer is more valuable to the company than ever before, on account of the increased consumption at maximum rates and the greatly improved load factor conditions. In 1922 additional consumers were added, all outside of the limits of City of Los Angeles, as noted in the following table:

	Number of Consumers.	Horse-power.	Estimated Additional Annual Revenue.
Power.....	2,122	45,160	\$790,000
Lighting.....	31,530	30,020	690,000
Heating and Cooking.....	562	4,091	32,000
	34,214	79,271	\$1,512,000

The following table showing the number of kilowatt hours distributed, after allowing for losses in transmission, over a five-year period, is indicative of the growth attained, and what may be expected in the future. These figures are uninfluenced by the transfer of the Los Angeles business to the City, as the energy is now delivered on a wholesale basis to the municipality where formerly it was retailed.

Year—	Kilowatt Hours.	Percentage of Increase over Previous Years.
1918.....	647,995,374	9.15
1919.....	712,884,035	9.1
1920.....	807,844,579	8.82
1921.....	919,338,548	8.8
1922.....	987,946,893	9.32

The increase indicated for last year is notwithstanding the fact that there were unusually heavy rains during the winter of 1921-22, causing the demand for energy for agricultural uses to fall off considerably. Irrigation was not as frequent or as heavy. Water levels were raised and the flow of gravity water increased. However, the demand for power for industrial purposes materially increased in some districts, as did also the load for oil well development and operation. With increased population and more houses, there has been a greater demand for extensions for street and highway lighting. This demand the Company encourages, wherever practical, and comparatively low rates are given for long hours of use. All night street light is a protection and comfort. The service makes the Company more useful to the public, and the public is stimulated to use electricity for other purposes.

BUSINESS PROSPECTS.

The outlook for new business in 1923 is particularly bright. The Commercial Department of the Company has inaugurated a carefully prepared plan of campaign, and it is already well under way. An addition of one hundred thousand horsepower in connected load is to be signed up. It is expected this heavy addition will be made up as follows:

	Consumers.	Horsepower.
Domestic and Commercial Lighting.....	30,000	28,830
Power.....	2,700	55,720
Cooking and Heating.....	1,500	15,450
Total.....	34,200	100,000

The earnings from the new business added in 1922 will be in proportion to the number of months the additional load may be connected. In order to add this year's quota of new

business, considerable additions have been made to the sales force. Experts will be working on old as well as new consumers, with the idea of improving individual lighting conditions and increasing consumption; increasing the demand for and use of electric ranges and water heaters, and informing the public regarding the scores of smaller useful electrical devices which lighten labor on the one hand and tend to increase consumption on the other.

Many inquiries are being received from Eastern manufacturers concerning business conditions and favorable locations in Southern California. The abundant supply of hydro-electric power at low rates is a magnet which has drawn and will continue to draw manufacturing establishments to this territory. Branch plants have been installed by many to serve the increasing population. The Company has good reason to expect a heavy increase in its industrial load during the year 1923.

RATES.

Early in the year the Company made effective all over its system a reduction in the maximum domestic lighting rate. It was further engaged in the consideration of what reductions could be made in power schedules, when authorization was granted by the Railroad Commission of the State for a modification of rates, effective May 1 1922. This resulted in a reduction in the maximum lighting rate of 12% and in a reduction in power rates to railways 8% and power rates to other consumers 10%, reducing charges to consumers by upwards of \$1,500,000 a year. The authorization was a temporary one and subsequent hearings are being conducted by the Commission to determine by the usual scientific methods a further readjustment of rate schedules.

The new rates have been found feasible from the Company's standpoint because of reduced operating expenses, particularly in the cost of power and also as a result of improved efficiency in all departments. The lower rates are very acceptable to the Company's consumers and fulfill its promise that reductions would be forthcoming as better business conditions warranted. The new schedules are fewer in number, more simplified and meet the approbation of the public as being more readily understood. It is hoped and expected that as progress is made in our great development program further reductions in rate schedules may be effected at reasonable intervals; but it is not anticipated that any fundamental changes will be made in the established basis of fixing rates so as to yield such fair return on investment as will attract the necessary capital to enable the Company to carry forward its development program and keep pace with the growth of the demand for service in its territory.

PUBLIC RELATIONS.

As time goes on the results of the Company's well-known policies in cultivating friendly relations with its consumers, in particular, and the public in general, fully justify the efforts which for years have been made in that direction. There has been built up a friendly confidence and a spirit of co-operation of which there have been tangible evidences in several directions during the past year. Complaints of any character are very few in number and when made, are given early and intelligent consideration. The very large number (approximately 22,000) of new stockholders added during the year, most certainly means that the Company is in good standing with the communities in which it does business, and the relatively small number of either formal or informal appeals to the Railroad Commission are indicative that the Company's service, using the word in its broadest sense, must be considered highly satisfactory. Everything reasonable is being done to increase public interest in the Company's affairs, and to stimulate employees to make greater efforts to please and to encourage stockholders to lend their moral support as well as their financial aid, in making the organization a greater factor in the upbuilding of the territory occupied, not only by its high-grade service but also by its friendly intercourse with its customers, both great and small.

The Department of Greater-Service, established two years ago, has been reorganized along lines which will increase its already proven usefulness. Our consumers are pleased to have representatives of the Department of Greater-Service call upon them. They feel that it is as individuals the Company is dealing with them, not as groups or communities. Connected with the Department are competent lecturers, who talk to clubs, Chambers of Commerce, church organizations and local gatherings regarding the Company's operations and plans for development, the idea being to create an interest in what is being done to take care of the electrical needs of the present and provide for the future. Much enthusiasm has been displayed in the motion pictures shown, reproducing the actual working scenes in the mountains in connection with the power development. The Edison Employees' Clubs are doing much to spread the gospel of Greater-Service, the aim being that each club member should consider himself a representative of this important department, and do his part individually to help along the cause, and spread the gospel of co-operation and consideration.

COMMERCIAL CONDITIONS.

There is every indication that the favorable conditions surrounding general business and the very great development in Southern California and San Joaquin Valley during the

past year, will continue. The steady progress in population and industrial development of all kinds is induced, not only by the exceptionally good climatic and living conditions, but by the wealth of natural resources and raw materials, the rapidly growing domestic markets, the proximity to the Orient, the splendid transportation facilities, both rail, suburban electric and water through the Panama Canal, and especially, the abundant supply of cheap power. Most of the newcomers have a small amount of capital, and they immediately look for homes and occupation. Up to the present, new houses have been filled as rapidly as completed, and there has been work for all who really sought it, either in the urban or rural districts. The increasing population has a stimulating effect on all classes of business, and adds to the demand for agricultural products. It is for these reasons that the Company confidently looks forward to increasing its connected load by 100,000 horsepower during this year. In all branches of the electrical industry in California there is a spirit of co-operation which is highly creditable to those concerned. Continued progress made in this direction by the organization in charge has produced such satisfactory results that its budget for 1923 has been increased, so that the work may be broadened and extended into new fields. Southern California Edison Company has assisted in this co-operative work in every way, believing that, as a result the public is better served and better pleased.

WELFARE PLAN.

The plan as a whole is designed, first, to conduce to the material well-being and advancement of employee while in the active stage; second, to provide a competence and privilege of retirement for disability or old age; third, to provide legacy for family dependents at time of demise. It includes Medical Department, sickness benefits, stock partnership, loans for homes, clubs, pension, benefit fund and life insurance. Of these features the Employees' Clubs call for special mention.

The club idea was started about two years ago for the purpose of binding together the working organization in the closest possible social, fraternal and business relationship. Its objects are three-fold—employee, community, company. The Company provides premises necessary for club rooms and furnishings and equipments. The clubs repay one-half the cost of furnishings in monthly payments. There are now thirty-nine clubs on the system. Social, educational and entertainment features are conducted; also athletic sports. In the General Office Building the Company provides commodious clubrooms, auditorium, billiard and pool rooms, library, grill rooms and commissary. On the construction works the club plan is carried on under a welfare director and includes accident prevention work. The plan has proved highly compensating in raising the standard and efficiency of labor and reducing operating costs, and has been a valuable instrumentality in the sale of the Company's stock to the public and in cultivating better public relations on a large scale.

GENERAL.

The Colorado River Commission, composed of representatives of each of the seven States directly interested in the Colorado River, together with the Secretary of Commerce, representing the United States, executed a compact at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on November 24 1922 providing for the equitable division of the waters of the Colorado River among the States affected. Thus far the compact has been ratified by the Legislatures of the States of California, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming and New Mexico, but awaits action by the Legislatures of Arizona and Colorado, and by the Congress of the United States. The compact applies solely to division of waters, and makes no provision with respect to development of power on the River. Pending the conclusion of the work of the Colorado River Commission, no action has been taken during the past year by the Federal Power Commission upon the Company's application for power permits. As soon as the Colorado River compact is ratified by Congress and the two States which have not yet acted, it is expected that our applications will be given full consideration.

Under date of May 16 1922, your Company received payment from the City of Los Angeles of \$12,043,000 and transferred title of the Los Angeles distributing system to the City. At the same time the contract with the City to purchase from the Company all of its requirements of electric energy in excess of that generated at its own plants, for a period of thirty years, unless terminated by a vote of the qualified electors of the City at the end of ten years, became effective and the Operating Agreement, which has been in effect for several years, was terminated. With the proceeds from the sale of the Los Angeles distributing systems, the corresponding property accounts on the books of the Company were cleared, a reserve to offset the increased expenses was set up and a remainder of \$1,130,616 13 was credited to surplus.

The proposed amendment to the constitution of the State of California to provide for a Water and Power Board of five members with authority to issue \$500,000,000 of State bonds for water and hydro-electric purposes was submitted to the electors of the State at the election held November 7 last. The proposition created great interest throughout the State and a very large vote was cast, the result of which was a decisive rejection of the proposed scheme, there being 597,-

413 votes cast against the measure as compared with 243,604 votes in favor of it. Throughout the territory in Southern and Central California, where your Company operates, practically without competition, the vote was a little better than four to one against the proposed measure; and in Los Angeles City the proposition was rejected by a vote of two and one-half to one.

The outlook for 1923 is most promising. A large construction program will be carried out this year to continue scheduled progress on our great water power developments and insure the bringing in of the additional water power plants required to meet the demand for power in 1923. An aggressive sales campaign is under way to build up new business of a character that will put to the most intensive uses the plant capacities that it has been necessary to add; this augurs increased earnings for the year. Your Company's properties have been adequately maintained and well operated. It is in excellent financial position and enjoys the confidence and support of the public in its great enterprise. The continued loyalty, efficiency and enthusiasm of the Company's personnel is most gratifying. I am proud to add that on February 1 1923 I completed twenty-five years of service with your company, being the eighteenth member of the organization to have attained this distinction.

By order of the Board of Directors.

JOHN B. MILLER, *President.*

ACCOUNTANTS' CERTIFICATE.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.

Certified Public Accountants (Ill), Los Angeles, Cal.

We have examined the books and accounts of the Southern California Edison Company, from which the attached profit and loss and surplus accounts and balance sheet have been correctly prepared.

We have not examined the books of the owned and controlled Companies, but balance sheets of these Companies were submitted to us. Reasonable provisions has been made for depreciation and Federal income and profits taxes, and we certify that, in our opinion, the attached balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true financial position of the Company as of December 31 1922 and that the profit and loss and surplus accounts are fair and correct statements of the operations of the Company for the year 1922.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.

February 24 1923.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1922.

Income:		
Lighting.....		\$5,375,792 72
Power.....		10,382,893 88
Miscellaneous.....		80,890 86
		<u>\$15,839,577 46</u>
Expenses:		
Production and transmission.....	\$2,401,434 54	
Distribution.....	1,261,306 75	
General and administration, including taxes and provision for income tax on 1922 operations.....	3,204,174 38	
		<u>6,866,915 67</u>
Net operating revenue.....		<u>\$8,972,661 79</u>
Add:		
Interest income.....	\$650,492 95	
Revenue under Los Angeles City contract:		
On Account of:		
Depreciation.....	\$114,511 67	
Severance damages (proportion).....	338,402 76	
Miscellaneous income (net).....	452,914 43	
	39,240 91	
		<u>1,142,648 29</u>
		<u>\$10,115,310 08</u>
Deduct:		
Interest on bonds and debentures.....	\$4,152,303 11	
Miscellaneous interest.....	280,442 75	
		<u>\$4,432,745 86</u>
Less: Proportion charged to construction accounts.....	996,178 32	
		<u>\$3,436,567 54</u>
Proportion of discount on bonds and debentures sold, and premiums on bonds redeemed, amortized.....	279,521 94	
Rent of leased plant, poles and conduits.....	83,453 24	
		<u>3,799,542 72</u>
Net operating profit before depreciation.....		<u>\$6,315,767 36</u>
Deduct: Provision for depreciation.....		1,850,190 17
Balance carried to surplus.....		<u>\$4,465,577 19</u>

SURPLUS ACCOUNT.

Balance December 31 1921.....		\$1,224,777 46
Add:		
Profit on sales of property.....	\$1,138,500 81	
Operating profits (as above).....	4,465,577 19	
		<u>\$5,604,078 00</u>
Deduct: Miscellaneous charges (net).....	335,385 18	
		<u>5,268,692 82</u>
Deduct: Dividends:		
Preferred stocks.....	\$733,722 23	
Common stock.....	2,972,857 26	
		<u>3,706,579 49</u>
		<u>\$2,786,890 79</u>

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1922.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Capital Assets:		Capital Stock:	
Intangible values.....	\$11,424,853 44	Issued:	
Tangible properties.....	120,604,311 69	Original preferred, 40,000 shares of \$100 00 each.....	\$4,000,000 00
Miscellaneous investments.....	1,148,439 20	Preferred, 54,569 shares of \$100 00 each.....	5,456,900 00
Investments in owned and controlled companies.....	2,531,891 00	Common—459,598 shares of \$100 00 each.....	\$48,959,800 00
United States Treasury certificates.....	295,000 00	Less: Controlled through ownership of stock of the Pacific Light & Power Corporation.....	10,836,628 00
Cash in hands of trustees.....	336,531 23		38,123,172 00
	\$136,341,026 56	Common stock subscribed for by officials and employees—49,074 shares.....	4,907,400 00
Due on Stock Subscriptions:		Public subscriptions:	
Employees and officials.....	\$3,505,794 45	Preferred—1,490 shares.....	\$149,000 00
Public.....	1,961,859 14	Common—29,882 shares.....	2,988,200 00
	\$5,467,653 59		3,137,200 00
Working and Current Assets:			\$55,624,672 00
Materials and supplies.....	\$4,535,901 69	Funded Debt:	
Notes receivable.....	\$43,153 19	Southern California Edison Company:	
Accounts receivable.....	1,864,522 55	General mortgage 5% due November 1 1939.....	\$13,360,000 00
	\$1,907,675 74	General and refunding 6% due February 1 1944.....	33,865,000 00
Less: Reserve for doubtful accounts.....	89,070 84	General and refunding 5% due February 1 1944.....	10,000,000 00
	1,818,604 90	Gold debenture bonds 7% due serially to February 1 1928.....	5,925,900 00
Cash in banks.....	4,414,321 17	Underlying issues.....	17,419,700 00
	10,768,827 76	Shaver Lake Lumber Company 5% first mortgage bonds guaranteed, due serially to January 15 1925.....	621,000 00
Deferred Charges:			81,191,600 00
Unamortized discount on capital stock.....	\$277,907 85	Stock Retirement Note Payable:	
Unamortized discount and premium on bonds.....	5,201,913 79	6% due on or before June 30 1923.....	750,000 00
Unamortized discount on debentures.....	107,154 20	Current Liabilities:	
Miscellaneous.....	1,455,172 38	Notes payable.....	\$1,300,000 00
	7,042,148 22	Accounts payable.....	4,382,118 00
		Consumers' deposits.....	776,465 99
		Interest accrued but not due.....	1,473,791 74
		Taxes accrued, including provision for income tax on 1922 operations.....	1,411,491 53
			9,343,867 26
		Reserves:	
		Depreciation.....	\$8,418,591 45
		Casualty and fire insurance.....	81,266 28
		Contingencies.....	701,216 42
		Los Angeles City.....	721,551 93
			9,922,626 08
		Surplus:	
		Per statement.....	2,786,890 79
			\$159,619,656 13
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MARKET STREET RAILWAY COMPANY

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE STOCKHOLDERS—FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1922.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

San Francisco, March 16 1923.

To the Stockholders of the Market Street Railway Company:

On behalf of the Board of Directors I tender you this Annual Report of your Company covering its operation for the period January 1 to December 31 1922.

Attached is a General Balance Sheet as of December 31 1922 and Statement of Income and Profit and Loss for the year ending December 31 1922, both being certified by Haskins & Sells, Certified Public Accountants. There is attached also a Statement of Operating Statistics for the calendar year 1922.

During the first three months of 1922 on account of a mild epidemic of influenza and the existence of a strike in the building trades there was a considerable decrease in revenue compared with the previous year, but during the last six months of the year the unfavorable conditions disappeared and the revenue showed an increase of about 3.7% for that period, overcoming the earlier decreases and making a substantial increase for the entire year.

The improvement in traffic seems to be due to generally improved conditions in business and the normal growth of population. A tendency to develop summer resorts has contributed somewhat to this end both in the neighborhood of the Cliff House and on the Bayshore in San Mateo.

No important changes in operating conditions have been made. Wages and other conditions of employment have remained the same and seem satisfactory to both the company and employees. In general there has been an ample supply of labor.

During the year the properties have been maintained according to our customary high standard and are in good condition. Repairs and renewals have been made as required and there is no deferred maintenance work.

In addition to ordinary repairs and partial replacements more than 23,000 feet of track has been entirely rebuilt to the standard type in connection with which more than 14,000 square yards of paving has been relaid and more than 17,000 square yards of new pavement laid.

A 1500 KW motor generator set has been moved from the Turk Street sub-station to Millbrae sub-station and a similar

set moved from the Bryant Street sub-station to the Geneva Avenue sub-station. In connection with these changes the feeder system has been rearranged and a new underground feeder connection has been installed across Golden Gate Park, enabling the Eighth Avenue sub-station to serve the Sunset District. These improvements have resulted in a large reduction in power loss. The power supply to the sub-stations has been increased and made more reliable by additions to the 11,000-volt transmission system consisting of a new circuit from the Sierra and San Francisco Power Company's North Beach generating station to our Down Town sub-station, partly underground, and an overhead circuit from the Power Company's Bayshore sub-station to our Geneva Avenue sub-station and by a connection from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's overhead feeders on Balboa Street to the Eighth Avenue sub-station. In the maintenance of the electric distribution system twenty-seven miles of trolley wire has been renewed.

At the Elkton Shops 290 electric and 8 cable cars were completely overhauled including the installation of new sills and steel sides, and 387 cars partially overhauled. This work included the conversion to PAYE type of 18-1200 type cars, the rebuilding of the crane car and the substitution of much electric and air brake equipment of improved type and the installation of 84 additional Johnson fare boxes. The Elkton main shops were equipped with an automatic sprinkler system for fire protection and several new machine tools were added.

Power for the operation of the property is purchased from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company under a contract entered into in 1909 by the United Railroads and the Sierra and San Francisco Power Company, both predecessors of the parties now at interest. In 1918 and again in 1920 the California Railroad Commission ordered increases in the rate paid for power, which orders have been contested by this Company. At the end of the year the Commission ordered a reduction in the power rate, which has the effect of establishing a rate only a little in excess of the contract rate and reduces the cost of power about \$160,000 per year below their previous order. The disposal of the accumulated charges in excess of the contract rate is now in litigation, the amounts

having been paid under protest or deposited in a special fund in our custody.

The negotiations by the City of San Francisco for the purchase of the Company's property were prosecuted actively during the early months of the year by a Committee appointed by the Board of Supervisors. No real progress, however, was made in these negotiations and in August the Committee was finally discharged. Shortly thereafter a new Committee was appointed by the Board of Supervisors with a different personnel in an effort to arrive at a satisfactory basis for the purchase of the property and it is expected that this new Committee will undertake its work in the near future.

At the November election an amendment to the City Charter was adopted removing the city's disability to acquire and operate street railways in the adjoining county and removing from the limit of bond indebtedness any obligations incurred in purchasing the property of the Company. The vote on this amendment was almost two to one in favor of adoption, and has been duly approved by the Legislature of the State of California.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. N. BLACK, *President.*

OPERATING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1922.

<i>Passengers Carried—</i>	
Cash Fares 5c. each	188,808,134
Special Car Passengers	57,569
School and Other Tickets, 2½c.	3,042,087
Other Tickets, 5c each	17,136
Total Revenue Passengers	191,924,926
Free Transfer Passengers	62,196,248
Total Revenue and Transfer Passengers	254,121,174
Free Passes	602,890
Total Passengers	254,724,064
Percentage of Transfer Passengers to Revenue Passengers	32.41
Passenger Revenue per Revenue and Transfer Passenger, in cents	3.75
Car Hours	2,792,923
Car Miles	25,092,130
Miles of Singles Track Leased, etc.	18.51
Miles of Single Track Owned	256.62
Miles of Single Track Operated	274.41
Number of Passenger Cars Owned	744
<i>Percentage of Operating Revenue.</i>	
Operating Expense	71.58
Taxes (Railway only)	6.30
Operating Expenses and Taxes	77.88
Operating Income	22.12
Non-operating Income	.54
Gross Income	22.66
Deductions from Income	7.86
Net Income	14.80

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND PROFIT & LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1922.

<i>Operating Revenues—</i>	
Passenger	\$9,520,194 06
Miscellaneous	63,242 80
Total	\$9,583,436 86
<i>Operating Expenses and Taxes—</i>	
Maintenance of ways and structures	\$550,367 98
Maintenance of equipment	649,486 56
Power (including disputed surcharges)	1,442,409 80
Transportation and traffic	3,394,868 24
General and miscellaneous	811,711 79
Total	\$6,848,844 37
Taxes	604,200 00
Total	7,453,044 37
Net Earnings	\$2,130,392 49
<i>Other Income Credits—</i>	
Profit on purchase of company's securities	\$33,399 16
Interest and dividends	51,983 39
Miscellaneous	8,217 52
Total	93,600 07
Gross Income	\$2,223,992 56
<i>Income Charges—</i>	
Interest on funded debt	\$745,892 99
Depreciation of railroads and properties	320,000 00
Miscellaneous	48,439 20
Total	1,114,332 19
Net Income	\$1,109,660 37
Surplus, January 1 1922	487,520 63
Profit & Loss Credit—Miscellaneous Adjustments Applicable to Prior Period	1,196 29
Gross Surplus	\$1,598,377 29
<i>Profit & Loss Charges—</i>	
Dividends on Prior Preference capital stock	\$697,020 00
Federal taxes for 1921	44,121 61
Interest on Pacific Gas and Electric Company surcharge power account in dispute for 1920 and 1921	11,193 35
Total	752,334 96
Surplus, December 31 1922	\$846,042 33

Note.—No provision for 1922 Federal income tax has been included in the above statement.

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT.

We have made an audit of the books and accounts of the Market Street Railway Company for the year ended December 31, 1922, and We hereby certify that, in our opinion, the accompanying General Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Profit and Loss are correct.
HASKINS & SELLS
Certified Public Accountants.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1922.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Railroads, Properties and Franchises	\$47,086,637 48	<i>Capital Stock—</i>	
Sinking Funds	161,410 28	Prior Preference, 6%, cumulative stock, 116,170 shares of \$100 00 each	\$11,617,000 00
Investments in Securities	142,193 01	Preferred, 6% cumulative stock, 46,867 shares of \$100 00 each	4,986,700 00
Materials and Supplies—Book Values	416,692 20	Second Preferred, 6% stock, 46,734 shares of \$100 00 each	4,673,400 00
<i>Current Assets—</i>		Common stock, 106,468 shares of \$100 00 each	10,646,800 00
Cash	\$894,720 97	Total Capital Stock	\$31,923,900 00
Special Deposits	308,800 18	First Mortgage 5% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Due September 1 1924	\$14,425,100 00
Notes Receivable	36,156 70	Less—	
Accounts Receivable:		Pledged as collateral security for 6% notes	\$4,847,000 00
South San Francisco Railway and Power Company	1,291 37	Held in treasury	18,000 00
Other	52,118 54	Total	\$4,865,000 00
Accrued Interest	1,238 78	Remainder—Outstanding	9,560,100 00
Total Current Assets	1,294,326 54	First Mortgage 6% Sinking Fund, Collateral Trust Gold Notes, Due April 1 1924	\$4,847,000 00
<i>Deferred Debit Items—</i>		Less held in treasury	521,000 00
Insurance Premiums—Unexpired Portion	\$18,434 01	Remainder—Outstanding	4,326,000 00
Taxes Paid in Advance	7,845 03	<i>Current Liabilities—</i>	
Miscellaneous	2,307 89	Accounts payable	\$104,452 17
Total Deferred Debit Items	28,586 93	Salaries and wages payable	130,997 42
		Interest on bonds—due and unpaid	32,825 00
		Interest on bonds—accrued	224,224 99
		Accrued taxes	226,308 82
		Dividends on Prior Preference capital stock	14,910 00
		Total Current Liabilities	733,718 40
		Deferred Credit Items	62,091 37
		<i>Reserves—</i>	
		Depreciation of railroads and properties	\$640,000 00
		Undeposited United Railroads of San Francisco bonds in reorganization agreement	266,000 00
		Reorganization expenses	116,780 64
		Electric power surcharge in dispute	310,379 16
		Miscellaneous	344,834 54
		Total Reserves	1,677,994 34
		Surplus per Statement	846,042 33
Total	\$49,129,846 44	Total	\$49,129,846 44

Note.—No provision for 1922 Federal income tax has been included in the above statement.

CENTRAL OF GEORGIA RAILWAY COMPANY

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1922.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Savannah, Ga., March 14 1923.

To the Stockholders:

The Board of Directors herewith submits the following report for the year ended December 31 1922. Your property was operated under corporate management during the whole of the current and the previous year, and comparison of items submitted is again available without difficulty.

MILES OF ROAD OPERATED.

Miles of road operated at December 31 1922	1,920.84
Miles of road operated at December 31 1921	1,913.63

Increase..... 7.21

The new line between McCombs, Ala., and Overton, Ala., 7.30 miles in length was completed and put in operation in April 1922. The line at M. P. 48, Greenville District, Columbus Division, was shortened .09 miles. 0.03 miles of turnout owned by your company at East Alabama Junction, on line between Opelika and Roanoke, were removed, and were replaced by The Western Railway of Alabama, thereby reducing the miles owned and correspondingly increasing trackage rights. The net result of these changes was to increase the number of miles owned 7.18 miles, and the number of miles operated under trackage rights 0.03 miles, a total increase of 7.21 miles.

INCOME.

A comparative condensed summary of the income account is stated below. Details are shown in Table 2 [pamphlet report].

	1922.	1921.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)
Average miles of road oper.....	1,919.06	1,913.63	+5.43
Operating revenues.....	\$23,286,736 52	\$22,057,498 58	+\$1,229,237 94
Operating expenses.....	17,941,395 57	20,020,842 57	-2,079,447 00
Excess of revenues over expenses.....	\$5,345,340 95	\$2,036,656 01	+\$3,308,684 94
Taxes.....	\$1,222,280 14	\$899,875 21	+\$322,404 93
Uncollectible railway revenues.....	21,745 06	46,588 39	-24,843 33
Total.....	\$1,244,025 20	\$916,463 60	+\$297,561 60
Operating income.....	\$4,101,315 75	\$1,090,192 41	+\$3,011,123 34
Equipment rents—Net credit.....	\$408,628 99	\$235,176 69	+\$173,452 30
Joint facility rents—Net debit.....	117,860 32	104,713 76	+13,146 56
Total.....	\$290,768 67	\$130,462 93	+\$160,305 74
Net railway operating income.....	\$4,392,084 42	\$1,220,655 34	+\$3,171,429 08
Non-operating income.....	807,761 17	918,424 05	-110,662 88
Gross income.....	\$5,199,845 59	\$2,139,079 39	+\$3,060,766 20
Deductions from gross income.....	3,134,033 47	3,118,893 01	+15,140 46
Net income.....	\$2,065,812 12	*\$979,813 62	+\$3,045,625 74

* Denotes deficit.

NON-OPERATING INCOME.

The decrease of \$110,662 88 (12.05%) in "Non-operating income" is due mainly to tentative adjustment in the 1921 accounts of your company's claim against the United States under the guaranty section of the Transportation Act, 1920, finally adjusted and settled in 1922.

DEDUCTIONS FROM GROSS INCOME.

The increase of \$15,140 46 (0.485%) in "Deductions from gross income" is due to increase of \$26,103 21 in interest on funded debt through issue of Equipment Trust "N," March 1 1922; increase of \$43,957 53 (30.70%) in interest on advances from affiliated companies; and decrease of \$54,920 28 (8.49%) in miscellaneous deductions.

TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS.

Increases and decreases in operating revenues and expenses, and other details of operation are presented in the following table and the comments thereunder:

	1922.	1921.	Increase (+) Decrease (-)
Railway Operating Revenues:			
Freight.....	\$15,893,822 16	\$14,565,643 79	+\$1,328,178 37
Passenger.....	5,132,170 74	5,483,676 31	-351,505 57
Mail.....	483,402 66	454,847 87	+28,554 79
Express.....	759,374 90	459,989 01	+299,385 89
Other passenger train.....	232,727 25	228,379 16	+4,348 09
Other transportation.....	307,851 82	260,780 00	+47,071 82
Incidental and joint facility.....	477,386 99	604,182 44	-126,795 45
Total railway operating revenues.....	\$23,286,736 52	\$22,057,498 58	+\$1,229,237 94
Railway Operating Expenses:			
Maintenance of way and structures.....	\$2,983,857 03	\$3,449,358 35	-\$465,501 32
Maintenance of equipment.....	4,389,661 48	4,711,701 60	-322,040 12
Traffic.....	777,175 73	778,475 70	-1,299 97
Transportation.....	8,824,395 56	10,052,517 47	-1,228,121 91
Miscellaneous operations.....	88,777 20	87,677 55	+1,099 65
General.....	895,264 15	950,019 02	-54,754 87
Transportation for Investment-Credit.....	17,735 58	8,907 12	+8,828 46
Total railway operating expenses.....	\$17,941,395 57	\$20,020,842 57	-\$2,079,447 00
Net revenue from railway operations.....	\$5,345,340 95	\$2,036,656 01	+\$3,308,684 94
Railway Tax Accruals.....	\$1,222,280 14	\$899,875 21	+\$322,404 93
Uncollectible Railway Revenues.....	21,745 06	46,588 39	-24,843 33
Total.....	\$1,244,025 20	\$916,463 60	+\$297,561 60
Railway operating income.....	\$4,101,315 75	\$1,090,192 41	+\$3,011,123 34

	1922.	1921.	Increase (+) Decrease (-)
Equipment Rents—Net credit.....	\$408,628 99	\$235,176 69	+\$173,452 30
Joint Facility Rents—Net debit.....	117,860 32	104,713 76	+13,146 56
Total.....	\$290,768 67	\$130,462 93	+\$160,305 74
Net railway operating income.....	\$4,392,084 42	\$1,220,655 34	+\$3,171,429 08

RAILWAY OPERATING REVENUES.

Notwithstanding a ten per cent reduction January 1 1922 in rates on agricultural products and live stock extended July 1, to all classes of freight, "Railway operating revenues" increased \$1,229,237 94 (5.57%). The increase of \$1,328,178 37 (9.12%) in "Freight" revenue was due to improvement in general business conditions. The tons of revenue freight carried one mile were 1,264,422,162, an increase of 151,738,721 ton miles (13.63%). Conversely, the average revenue per ton was \$2 37 as compared with \$2 45 for the previous year, and the average revenue per ton mile was 1.25 cents as compared with 1.31 cents for the previous year.

The decrease of \$351,505 57 (6.41%) in "Passenger" revenue was due to continued depression in passenger travel. Revenue passengers carried one mile were 164,053,274, a decrease of 11,011,933 (6.29%). Average revenue per passenger per mile was 3.13 cents, the same as for the previous year.

The increase of \$28,554 79 (6.28%) in "Mail" revenue was due to receipt of back pay for mail carried in 1921.

The increase of \$299,385 89 (65.09%) in "Express" revenue was due to increased express traffic.

The decrease in "Other passenger train," "Other transportation," "Incidental" and "Joint facility" revenues, aggregating \$75,375 54 (6.89%), was due to decreased revenue from storage, demurrage and miscellaneous.

RAILWAY OPERATING EXPENSES.

"Railway operating expenses" decreased \$2,079,447 00 (10.39%).

The decreases of \$465,501 32 (13.50%) in "Maintenance of way and structures" and \$322,040 12 (6.83%) in "Maintenance of equipment" were due, not to any lowering of the standard of maintenance, but to decrease in the cost of labor, materials and supplies.

Charges to "Maintenance of equipment" expenses for depreciation were \$616,006 27, a decrease of \$1,945 28 (0.32%). The average miles per serviceable locomotive were 32,269, an increase of 1,102 miles (3.54%). The average age of locomotives was 19.4 years as compared with 18.2 years for the previous year.

"Traffic" expenses decreased \$1,299 97 or 0.17%.

The decrease of \$1,288,121 91 (12.22%) in "Transportation" expenses was due to decrease in wages and greater efficiency in the operation of trains. The fuel-saving campaign and the claim prevention campaign were continued throughout the year; resulting in a decrease of \$493,700 95 (23.83%) in fuel costs and a decrease of \$217,758 52 (65.45%) in loss and damage claims paid.

Expenses for station agents, clerks and attendants decreased \$206,487 87 (11.20%) due to a reduction in wages and force.

The decrease of \$54,754 87 (5.76%) in "General" expenses was due to reduction in wages and in force in the general offices.

RAILWAY TAX ACCRUALS.

"Railway tax accruals" were \$1,222,280 14 as compared with \$899,875 21 last year, an increase of \$322,404 93 (35.83%) due to Federal income tax on increased income; to payment under a new Georgia statute of a special "fee" of \$10,710 03 for maintenance of the Georgia Public Service Commission; and to increased valuations and rates for State, County and Municipal taxes.

UNCOLLECTIBLE RAILWAY REVENUES.

"Uncollectible railway revenues" amounted to \$21,745 06 as compared with \$46,588 39 last year, a decrease of \$24,843 33 (53.32%).

EQUIPMENT RENTS—NET CREDIT.

The increase of \$173,452 30 (73.75%) in "Equipment rents credit" was due to an increase in our average car miles per car day and to failure of foreign lines to return our cars because of prevailing car shortage.

JOINT FACILITY RENTS—NET DEBIT.

"Joint facility rents—Net Debit" increased \$13,146 56 (12.55%).

FINANCIAL.

The general balance sheet, Table 4 [pamphlet report] reflects the financial condition of your company at December 31 1922 as compared with the previous year.

Capital Stock:

There were no changes in capital stock.

Funded Debt:

Central of Georgia Equipment Trust "N" for \$660,000 was issued March 1 1922 for approximately 80% of the cost of

five hundred steel underframe ventilated box cars. The certificates mature in ten equal annual installments 1923 to 1932, inclusive, with interest at 5½% per annum, payable semi-annually.

100,000 certificates of equipment Trust "L" matured and were retired and canceled.

\$30,000 of Upper Cahaba Branch First Mortgage Bonds and \$30,000 of Greenville and Newnan Main Line First Mortgage Bonds matured and were retired and canceled.

\$3,000 of Second Preference Income Bonds were purchased and canceled.

Other Indebtedness:

Non-negotiable debt to affiliated companies decreased \$852,915 83.

Securities and Current Assets:

There were purchased during the year from current cash \$1,550,000 par value of Liberty Bonds and U. S. Treasury Certificates.

The decrease in current assets is more than accounted for by this decrease in cash; by decrease of \$1,095,399 20 in the stock of materials and supplies carried in stock; and by elimination during the year, through final settlement with U. S. Railroad Administration, of claim for unpaid compensation formerly carried at \$1,370,164 72. To these causes should be added the gratifying improvement in collection of "bills collectible" and in prompt collection and transmission of "agents' balances."

Dividends:

During the year preferred dividends Nos. 20 and 21 (total \$900,000) at the stipulated rate of six per cent per annum, and common dividends Nos. 16 and 17 (total \$250,000) at the rate of five per cent per annum, were declared and paid.

Accounts With Director-General:

Final settlement with the United States Railroad Administration of accounts growing out of Federal control was effected January 3 1922.

Government Guaranty:

Final settlement with the United States Government of the amount accrued to your company under the six months' guaranty given by the Transportation Act, 1920, was effected December 28 1922.

ROAD AND EQUIPMENT.

The net increase in investment in road and equipment and improvements on leased railway property was as follows:

Engineering.....	\$15,866 67	Paving.....	\$112 37
Land for transportation		Roadway machines...	10,936 95
for purposes.....	*17,102 37	Roadway small tools...	28 82
Grading.....	121,729 53	Assessment for public	
Bridges, trestles and		improvements.....	5,679 94
culverts.....	118,601 77	Shop machinery.....	37,850 20
Ties.....	35,051 57	Power plant machinery	*5,288 00
Rail.....	92,326 06	Power substation ap-	
Other track material...	162,036 60	paratus.....	485 27
Ballast.....	18,214 97	Net total road.....	\$766,184 77
Track laying and sur-		Steam locomotives....	\$121,068 84
face.....	19,899 67	Freight train cars....	986,791 20
Right-of-way fences...	2,118 74	Passenger train cars...	2,193 68
Crossings and signs...	23,177 22	Work equipment.....	638 07
Station and office build-		Miscellaneous equip-	
ings.....	47,085 12	ment.....	692 00
Roadway buildings...	12,734 47	Total equipment.....	\$1,111,383 79
Water stations.....	*358 24	Less equipment re-	
Fuel stations.....	47,376 45	tired.....	*521,663 79
Shops and enginehouses	8,400 86	Net total equipment...	\$589,720 00
Telegraph & telephone		Net total, road and	
lines.....	262 44	equipment.....	\$1,355,904 77
Signals and interlockers	6,467 69		
Power distribution sys-			
tems.....	905 42		
Power line poles and			
fixtures.....	22 42		
Miscellaneous struc-			
tures.....	1,562 16		

PHYSICAL CHANGES.

The following is a summary of important improvements during the year, the cost of which was wholly or in part charged to investment accounts:

Roadway and Structures:

45,8137 miles of main track were relaid with new 90-pound steel rail, of which 8,0010 miles replaced rail of the same weight and 37,8127 miles replaced rail of lighter weight. 20,5394 miles of main track were relaid with second hand steel rail, replacing rail of lighter weight. 6,2541 miles of track were relaid with second hand steel rail, replacing rail of same weight. Total mileage of track relaid with new and second hand steel rail was 72,6072.

552,516 cross ties were renewed, being equivalent to 191.01 miles of continuous track, or 8.09% of all ties in track, including sidings.

42 new industrial tracks aggregating 4.41 miles, were added, while 13 industrial tracks, aggregating 1.03 miles, were removed; a net increase of 29 industrial tracks, equivalent to 3.38 miles.

26 new company sidings aggregating 2.42 miles were added, while 46 company sidings aggregating 1.64 miles were removed; a net decrease of 20 company sidings and a net increase of .78 miles.

75.65 miles of ballasted track were repaired or renewed to restore the track to its original standard.

Work was completed on the new line between McCombs and Overton, Ala. This line serves the Bragg and Glass Seams situated in what is commonly known as the Waterworks Basin of the Lower Cahaba Coal Fields. The line is constructed of 80-pound relay steel rail, creosoted oak cross ties, and is ballasted with slag screenings to a depth of six

inches. The length of the main line is 7.30 miles, and in addition 3.36 miles of yard tracks and sidings were constructed.

Work was completed on change of line at Mile Post 48, Greenville District, Columbus Division. A trestle 509 feet in length was filled and a triple 8 ft. x 10¼ ft. reinforced concrete box culvert provided. The line was shortened 455.6 feet, or .086 miles, and 113 degrees of curvature eliminated.

Two new 150-ton, 50-foot, four-section Fairbanks Track Scales were installed, one at Industry, Ga., on the Atlanta District, and one at Overton, Ala.

2,559 lineal feet of pile and timber trestles were replaced by culverts and embankment.

4,641 lineal feet of untreated pile and frame trestles were rebuilt in creosoted material to conform to standard.

1,839 lineal feet of cast-iron and reinforced concrete pipe, and reinforced concrete boxes, were installed to provide waterways for trestles filled, and 2,218 lineal feet of cast-iron and reinforced concrete pipe and reinforced concrete boxes were installed to replace crushed terra-cotta pipes and wooden box drains.

39 new section motor cars were purchased to replace hand cars. This completes the initial motor car equipment of the entire mileage.

A 500-ton capacity reinforced concrete coaling station was constructed at Columbus, Ga. In addition, ground storage for 5,500 tons was provided, together with necessary reclaiming machinery.

A standard Class B station building was moved from Paschal, Ga., where station had been closed, to Cataula, Ga., Greenville District, to replace building destroyed by fire.

One standard section foreman's house, three standard three-room section laborers' houses, and one standard section tool house, were constructed on the line between McCombs and Overton, Ala.

Four overhead highway bridges of untreated wood were rebuilt in creosoted material at the following locations: Mile 138.7, Savannah District, Mile 187.9, Covington District, Mile 313.0, Birmingham District, Mile 375.9, Andalusia District.

A creosoted pile and timber bulkhead was built in cut at Mile Post 197, Atlanta District, to prevent caving.

Bridge M 271.7 over Kendal Creek, Columbus District, was rebuilt, consisting of one new concrete centre pier, one concrete east abutment, remodeled west abutment, and two deck plate girder spans, one 100 feet and the other 30 feet, to replace one 111-foot deck pin connected truss.

Two creosoted open deck frame trestles were constructed on the line between McCombs and Overton, Ala., one 150 feet in length at Mile 435.9 and one 37.5 feet in length at Mile 440.9.

Equipment:

Two new Mountain Type locomotives were acquired. One locomotive of an obsolete type was sold. Ten locomotives of an obsolete type were condemned and torn down. Eight Consolidation Type locomotives were retired from service and sent to the American Locomotive Company to be rebuilt into Mikado Type locomotives. The net decrease was seventeen locomotives, with a decrease of 377,463 pounds in tractive power. These decreases will be more than offset by the return to service of the eight converted locomotives and the requirement of twenty-five new locomotives contracted for since the close of the year.

One coach and two baggage and seats cars were sold.

Five hundred new ventilated box cars, numbered 55001 to 55500 inclusive, were acquired during the year. Seventy-nine all steel coal cars in 19000-20499 series were rebuilt and changed to 20501 series. Fifteen of these cars were rebuilt at Columbus shops and sixty-four by outside companies. The average capacity of freight train cars at the close of the year was 39.3 tons and the total capacity was 331,310 tons.

\$10,974 59 were expended in the application of superheaters, valve gears, piston valves and other improvements to locomotives, and \$8,165 74 in reinforcement of draft gear and in other additions and betterments to cars.

GENERAL.

Any record of the year's happenings would be incomplete without some reference to the strike of members of the Federated Shop Crafts, who left their work on July 1 1922 in protest against a reduction of wages made by the United States Railway Labor Board. In spite of the fact that nearly all of the skilled white employees walked out of the shops, the supervisory forces and the loyal men made possible the operation of the road without interruption of the service until August 3 1922, at which time the employment of new men began. This was continued until November 7 when, in point of numbers and efficiency, normal conditions were restored. The emergency was met without unfavorable results to either finances or operation.

The attached tables exhibit the financial condition of your company and the result of the year's transactions.

The Board of Directors takes this opportunity to express its appreciation for the integrity, efficiency and united efforts displayed by your officers and employees in the discharge of their duties.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

CHARLES H. MARKHAM, Chairman of the Board.

CENTRAL OF GEORGIA RAILWAY COMPANY

TABLE 4.—GENERAL BALANCE SHEET.

ASSETS.			LIABILITIES.				
	December 31 1922.	December 31 1921.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-).		December 31 1922.	December 31 1921.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-).
	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
Investments:							
701. Road and equipment:				Stock:			
Investment to June 30 1907.....	54,023,368 31	54,023,368 31		751. (a) Capital stock—Common.....	5,000,000 00	5,000,000 00	
Investment since June 30 1907.....	17,052,664 42	15,788,901 54	+1,263,762 88	751. (b) Capital stock—Preferred.....	15,000,000 00	15,000,000 00	
Total road and equipment.....	71,076,032 73	69,812,269 85	+1,263,762 88	Total stock.....	20,000,000 00	20,000,000 00	
702. Improvements on leased rail- way property since June 30 1914.....	1,146,861 19	1,054,719 30	+92,141 89	Governmental Grants:			
703. Sinking funds.....				754. Grants in aid of construction.....	8,746 28	8,746 28	
704. Deposits in lieu of mortgaged property sold.....	132 24	132 24		Long Term Debt:			
705. Miscellaneous physical prop- erty.....	479,981 47	468,574 29	+11,407 18	755. Funded debt unamortized:			
706. Investments in affiliated com- panies:				(a) Equipment obligations.....	1,610,000 00	1,050,000 00	+560,000 00
(a) Stocks.....	4,843,582 17	4,843,782 17	-200 00	(b) Mortgage bonds actually outstanding:			
(b) Bonds.....	661,000 00	661,000 00		C. of Ga. Ry. Co. issue.....	30,450,000 00	30,510,000 00	-60,000 00
(c) Notes and certificates of indebtedness.....	566,760 37	566,760 37		Underlying liens—Not assumed.....	511,000 00	511,000 00	
(d) Advances.....	1,216,822 04	1,150,982 51	+65,839 53	(c) Collateral trust bonds: C. of Ga. Ry. Co. issue.....	8,000,000 00	8,000,000 00	
707. Other investments:				Underlying liens—Not assumed.....	4,840,000 00	4,840,000 00	
(a) Stocks.....	343,185 00	343,185 00		(d) Income bonds actually out- standing.....	279,850 00	282,850 00	-3,000 00
(b) Bonds.....	1,978,765 38	976,597 38	+1,002,168 00	(e) Miscellaneous obligations— Notes.....	206,180 00	206,180 00	
(c) Notes.....	553,875 00	14,300 00	+539,575 00	757. Non-negotiable debt to affilia- ted companies.....	3,100,396 00	3,953,311 83	-852,915 83
(d) Advances.....				Total long term debt.....	48,997,426 00	49,353,341 83	-355,915 83
(e) Miscellaneous.....	12 00	12 00		Current Liabilities:			
Total investments.....	82,867,009 59	79,892,315 11	+2,974,694 48	758. Loans and bills payable.....	15,860 00	31,720 00	-15,860 00
Current Assets:							
708. Cash.....	1,426,424 48	1,462,489 19	-36,064 71	759. Traffic and car service balances payable.....	209,248 73	124,804 72	+84,444 01
711. Special deposits.....				760. Audited vouchers and wages payable.....	1,490,793 08	2,064,433 81	-573,640 73
712. Loans and bills receivable.....	7,374 08	22,927 40	-15,553 32	761. Miscellaneous accounts pay- able.....	199,232 36	315,336 43	-116,104 07
713. Traffic and car service balances receivable.....	31,670 75	34,467 46	-2,796 71	762. Interest matured unpaid.....	150,604 92	194,212 42	-43,607 50
714. Net balance receivable from agents and conductors.....	36,057 16	108,512 48	-72,455 32	764. Funded debt matured unpaid.....		60,000 00	-60,000 00
715. Miscellaneous accounts receiv- able.....	1,027,544 45	2,327,908 90	-1,500,364 45	765. Unmatured dividends declared 766. Unmatured interest accrued.....	474,259 45	456,344 19	+17,915 26
716. Materials and supplies.....	1,885,296 68	2,980,695 88	-1,095,399 20	767. Unmatured rents accrued.....	9,758 12	9,569 75	+188 37
717. Interest and dividends receiv- able.....	124,886 98	109,886 96	+15,000 02	768. Other deferred liabilities.....	31,238 02	Debit 445 82	+31,683 84
719. Other current assets.....	102,106 57	132,147 29	-30,040 72	Total current liabilities.....	2,580,994 68	3,255,975 50	-674,980 82
Total current assets.....	4,641,361 15	7,379,035 56	-2,737,674 41	Deferred Liabilities:			
Deferred Assets:							
720. Working fund advances.....	11,830 03	13,696 33	-1,866 30	770. Miscellaneous.....	19,668 75	22,839 03	-3,170 28
722. Other deferred assets:				United States Government—			
Interest on open accounts.....				Additions and betterments.....		3,392,795 52	-3,392,795 52
Payment on account of compen- sation.....		3,403,237 00	-3,403,237 00	Corporate transactions.....		2,249,625 19	-2,249,625 19
Depreciation on equipment since Dec. 31 1917.....		1,275,667 73	-1,275,667 73	Expense prior to Jan. 1 1918.....		432,696 60	-432,696 60
Roadway property retired and not replaced.....		213,256 13	-213,256 13	Leased rail and fastenings, Feb. 29 1920.....		87,068 39	-87,068 39
Assets, Dec. 31 1917, collec- ted.....		1,629,352 04	-1,629,352 04	Interest on open accounts.....		49,848 68	-49,848 68
Agents' and conductors' bal- ances, Dec. 31 1917.....		268,624 85	-268,624 85	Liabilities, Dec. 31 1917—			
Equipment retired.....		174,496 83	-174,496 83	Paid.....		2,917,349 98	-2,917,349 98
Cash, December 31 1917.....		1,291,083 91	-1,291,083 91	Insurance premiums and taxes paid in advance.....		542 06	-542 06
Material and supplies, Dec. 31 1917.....		2,056,600 27	-2,056,600 27	Federal cash, Feb. 29 1920.....	13,345 73	8,112 14	+5,233 59
Revenue prior to Jan. 1 1918.....		83,101 74	-83,101 74	Federal assets collected.....	8 00	1,595 76	-1,587 76
Advances for payment 13 new locomotives.....		981,111 00	-981,111 00	Federal material and sup- plies, Feb. 29 1920.....		2,765,599 27	-2,765,599 27
Guaranty under Transporta- tion Act, 1920.....		775,445 25	-775,445 25	Total deferred liabilities.....	33,022 48	11,928,072 62	-11,895,050 14
Agents' and conductors' bal- ances, Feb. 29 1920.....	5,669 47	32,897 82	-27,228 35	Unadjusted Credits:			
Federal liabilities paid.....	586 16	5,188 05	-4,601 89	771. Tax liability.....	288,320 50	34,534 82	+253,785 68
Federal mileage scrip.....				773. Insurance reserve.....	485,981 20	484,960 91	+1,020 29
C. of Ga. Ry. Co., as Trust- ee for Director-General of Railroads.....	13,345 73	8,112 14	+5,233 59	774. Operating reserves.....	262,876 57	535,336 21	-272,459 64
Miscellaneous.....	106,483 49	35,346 12	+71,137 37	776. Accrued depreciation—Equip- ment.....	6,575,419 65	6,338,049 05	+237,370 60
Total deferred assets.....	137,914 88	12,247,217 21	-12,109,302 33	777. Accrued depreciation—Miscel- laneous physical property.....	232,621 10	231,097 08	+1,524 02
Unadjusted Debits:							
723. Rents and insurance premiums paid in advance.....	17,997 98	23,941 07	-5,943 09	778. Other unadjusted credits:			
725. Discount on funded debt.....	267,540 65	292,136 79	-24,596 14	Miscellaneous.....	465,783 27	510,713 45	-44,930 18
727. Other unadjusted debits—Miscel- laneous.....	429,376 45	448,818 16	-19,441 71	Total unadjusted credits.....	8,311,002 29	8,134,691 52	+176,310 77
728. Securities issued or assumed— Unpledged:				Corporate Surplus:			
C. of Ga. Ry.				779. Additions to property through income and surplus since June 30 1907.....	3,806,107 54	3,768,221 58	+47,885 96
Co. issue.....	\$1,206,450 00			780. Funded debt retired through income and surplus since June 30 1907.....	229,212 86	229,212 86	
729. Securities issued or assumed— Pledged:				784. Profit and loss—Balance.....	4,394,688 57	3,615,201 71	+779,486 86
C. of Ga. Ry.				Total corporate surplus.....	8,430,008 97	7,602,636 15	+827,372 82
Co. issue.....	\$11,300,000 00			Grand total.....	88,361,200 70	100,283,463 90	-11,922,263 20
Underlying liens —Not as- sumed.....	\$157,000 00						
Total unadjusted debits.....	714,915 08	764,896 02	-49,980 94				
Grand total.....	88,361,200 70	100,283,463 90	-11,922,263 20				

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed trustee under the M. W. Kellogg Co. First Mtge dated March 1 1923, which provides for an authorized issue of First Mortgage Sinking Fund bonds limited to an aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$2,000,000, to mature March 1 1938.

—Announcement is made of the formation of the firm of MacPherson, Mickle & Co., to deal in investment bonds, with offices at 100 Broadway. Irving P. MacPherson, formerly with Davidge, Heald & Co.; J. Clifford Mickle, formerly with Sloane, Pell & Co., comprise the general partnership, with Herbert R. Jordan as a limited partner.

—A resume of market conditions, earnings and other timely data of interest to investors in public utility securities is contained in the "Investment Bulletin" issued by Gilbert Elliott & Co., members of New York Stock Exchange, 26 Exchange Place.

—Battles & Co., members Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Philadelphia, have opened a New York office at 30 Broad St. The business to be transacted will conform with the general investment business carried on by the Philadelphia office since 1890.

—The Metropolitan Trust Company has been appointed Trustee for an issue of \$500,000 Series "H" 10-Year Equipment Trust certificates of the Carolina Clinchfield & Ohio Ry.

—Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent of the capital stock of Devoe & Reynolds Co., Inc., consisting of 20,000 shares of first pref. stock, 10,000 shares of 2d pref. stock and 40,000 shares of common stock.

—A comprehensive review of the United States Rubber Company is being distributed by Lamborn, Hutchings & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, 7 Wall Street.

—Tobey & Kirk, 25 Broad St., N. Y., announce the association of E. C. Stollenwerk with them as Sales Manager of their Bond Department.

—John J. Gallagher, formerly with Keane, Taylor & Co., is now associated with the bond department of Battles & Co., 30 Broad St., New York.

—T. P. Lauffer & Co. announce the formation of an investment firm to specialize in municipal bonds, with offices at 51 Exchange Place.

—J. J. Hindon Hyde, formerly of Hyde, Butler & Co., is now associated with Gilbert Elliott & Co. in their public utility bond department.

—Bankers Trust Company has been appointed Registrar for the stock of the Comstock Merger Mines, Inc.

—The American Trust Co. has been appointed registrar of the sub-shares of the Royal Canadian Oil Co.

—Charles J. Sisto, formerly with Hallgarten & Co., has become associated with J. A. Sisto & Co.

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1922.

Office of the President, 208 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill.
April 9 1923.

To the Stockholders of Northern States Power Company:

Herewith submitted is report of the operations of your Company and subsidiaries for the year ended December 31 1922.

The earnings for the four-year period ended December 31 compare as follows:

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Gross Earnings	13,881,919 01	12,963,222 30	11,798,778 84	9,875,934 34
Net Earnings	5,781,092 07	5,207,543 82	4,466,938 23	4,117,312 69
Fixed Charges	2,311,432 30	2,295,682 41	2,148,470 28	1,999,055 83
Balance	3,469,659 77	2,911,861 41	2,318,467 95	2,118,256 86
Preferred divs.	1,841,533 58	1,601,164 58	1,341,374 22	1,176,998 02
Balance Available for Amortization, Depreciation, Common Dividends & Surplus	1,628,126 19	1,310,696 83	977,093 73	941,258 84

The gross earnings of your Company increased 7.09% over 1921 and net earnings increased 11.01%. Fuel charges absorbed about 21% of the gross earnings, due to the greatly increased cost of steam and gas coal in the latter part of the year.

Other operating expenses were more nearly normal, and your Company feels that it is now approaching stability in this respect.

After payment of the regular dividend on the preferred stock, quarterly dividends at the rate of 8% per annum were declared on the common stock of your Company, leaving a balance of \$1,134,526 19 available for amortization, depreciation and surplus.

Expenditures for new construction for the year amounted to \$4,511,529 13.

Your Company has maintained its property in a high state of efficiency and repair.

The Federal Water Power Commission has granted the applications of your Company for permits to develop its water power sites on the Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers.

Plans for the immediate development of a water power plant on the St. Croix River are now being prepared, and the construction of a plant at this site will be proceeded with as rapidly as possible.

At the close of the year, your Company made public announcement of its plans for the succeeding ten years in the vicinity of the Twin Cities, including the construction of another modern steam generating station in St. Paul to relieve the demands on the Riverside steam plant in Minneapolis. Orders have been placed for the installation of a 40,000 horse power unit in this new power house, to be followed as necessity requires by four similar units, making an ultimate installation of 200,000 horse power.

Additions will also be made to the Minneapolis steam plant to equalize the reserve facilities in both cities.

During the year your Company sold \$2,000,000 of its first and refunding bonds. Your Company also continued the sale of its preferred stock throughout the year in the territory served, selling 28,771 shares of a par value of \$100 per share. There were 8,986 separate sales, and 4,494 new local shareholders were added to your Company's list.

The following towns were connected to your Company's transmission and distribution systems during the year, all of which are being supplied directly on a wholesale basis or are being served through companies purchasing current from your Company:

Lester, Iowa	Magnolia, Minn.	Parkston, S. D.
Libertyville, Iowa	Marine Mills, Minn.	Platte, S. D.
Ada, Minn.	Mendota, Minn.	Ravinia, S. D.
Beaver Creek, Minn.	Scandia, Minn.	Scotland, S. D.
Clarkfield, Minn.	Steen, Minn.	Tripp, S. D.
Comstock, Minn.	Wolverton, Minn.	Wagner, S. D.
Copas, Minn.	Bridgewater, S. D.	Valley Springs, S. D.
Cottonwood, Minn.	Corsica, S. D.	Brownton, Wis.
Darfur, Minn.	Delmont, S. D.	East Farmington, Wis.
Ellsworth, Minn.	Dimock, S. D.	Juda, Wis.
Hanley Falls, Minn.	Ethan, S. D.	Mt. Hope, Wis.
Hawley, Minn.	Geddes, S. D.	Muscoda, Wis.
Hills, Minn.	Lake Andes, S. D.	Patch Grove, Wis.
Kanoranza, Minn.	Lennox, S. D.	South Wayne, Wis.
Kenneth, Minn.	Marion Junction, S. D.	Twin Grove, Wis.

Your Company is sharing the general improvement in business conditions which is taking place throughout the country, and while the farming communities are not yet fully restored to their former prosperity, signs are not lacking

that the coming year will witness a further increase of their purchasing power.

The report of the Treasurer for the twelve months ended December 31, 1922, will be found on pages 4 to 15 [pamphlet report].

The Directors wish to express their appreciation of the conscientious and enthusiastic manner in which the managers, their staffs and the employees have responded to the problems of the past year, the results of which are shown in the satisfactory report presented herewith.

By order of the Board of Directors,
H. M. BYLLESBY,
President.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 9, 1923.

H. M. Byllesby, Esq., President, Northern States Power Company, Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir,—I beg to submit herewith consolidated income account for the year ended December 31, 1922, and consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 1922, of Northern States Power Company of Delaware and subsidiaries, prepared by Arthur Andersen & Company, certified public accountants, which I have summarized as follows:

The Net Income shown of	\$3,469,659 77
after deducting Preferred Stock Dividends of	1,841,533 58
leaves a balance of	\$1,628,126 19
Deducting appropriations:	
For Depreciation	\$550,000 00
For Amortizations	325,000 00
	875,000 00
leaves a balance of	\$753,126 19
The Common Stock Dividends for the year were	493,600 00
leaves a balance of	\$259,526 19
carried to Surplus Account for the year.	
Add Surplus Account December 31, 1921	1,583,707 33
Total Surplus December 31, 1922	\$1,843,233 52
which amount, together with the Depreciation Reserve Account on December 31, 1922, of	639,381 00
makes an aggregate of	\$2,482,614 52
representing the reserves and surplus earnings which have been invested in extensions, improvements and additions to the property.	

MAINTENANCE, REPLACEMENTS AND RENEWALS:

The cost of maintenance of property for the year 1922 amounted to \$919,787 81, which is included in operating expenses. In addition to this maintenance there has been a total of \$655,599 18 charged against previously existing depreciation reserve for replacements and renewals of property during the same period. The expenditure for the year 1922, therefore, has been:

For maintenance	\$919,787 81
For replacements, renewals, etc. (net)	655,599 18
Total for maintenance, replacements, renewals, etc. (net)	\$1,575,386 99

TAXES:

The taxes included in the operating expenses of the year 1922 amounted to	\$1,143,246 55
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CONSTRUCTION EXPENDITURES:

For the year 1922 there was expended for additions, improvements and betterments to the properties an aggregate net total of \$4,511,529 13

Immediately following the certified audit report will be found statements of capitalization and comparative earnings, and other statistical information.

Respectfully yours,

J. J. MOLYNEAUX, Treasurer.

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY OF DELAWARE AND SUBSIDIARIES.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1922 AND SUMMARY OF SURPLUS ACCOUNT.

Particulars—	Amount.
Gross Earnings	
Electric Department	\$12,144,909 35
Gas Department	671,556 91
Steam Department	639,055 01
Street Railway Department	341,203 74
Telephone Department	85,194 00
Total Gross Earnings	\$13,881,919 01
Operating Expenses and Taxes:	
Operation	\$6,037,792 58
Maintenance	919,787 81
Taxes	1,143,246 55
Total Operating Expenses and Taxes	8,100,826 94
Net Earnings	\$5,781,092 07
Interest Charges (net)	2,311,432 30
Net Income Available for Amortization of Debt Discount and Expense, Depreciation and Dividends	\$3,469,659 77
Deduct:	
Preferred Stock Dividends	\$1,841,533 58
Common Stock Dividends	493,600 00
Appropriations for:	
Depreciation	\$550,000 00
Amortization of Debt Discount and Expense	325,000 00
	875,000 00
	3,210,133 58
Balance—Carried to Surplus Account	\$259,526 19
Surplus January 1 1922	1,583,707 33
Total Surplus December 31 1922, per Balance Sheet	\$1,843,233 52

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY OF DELAWARE AND SUBSIDIARIES.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1922.

ASSETS.	
Capital Assets:	
Plant, Property, Rights, Franchises, etc., including Preferred Stock Discount and Expense	\$77,130,747 05
Collateral and Other Cash Deposits	16,987 04
Investment in Stocks and Bonds of Other Companies, Associations, etc.	106,337 75
Debt Discount and Expense in Process of Amortization	5,182,972 16
Deferred Charges and Prepaid Accounts:	
Unexpired Insurance	\$60,144 65
Surcharge Refunds in Process of Amortization	55,429 69
Rate Investigation Expenses	48,158 51
Extraordinary Operating Expenses in Process of Amortization	39,260 67
Expenses and Advances on Purchase of Properties	27,443 54
Miscellaneous and Unadjusted Items	44,806 43
	275,243 49
Current Assets:	
Cash in Banks and on Hand	\$1,448,830 51
Cash Deposited for Bond Interest	36,955 00
Marketable Securities of Affiliated Companies	906,000 00
Accounts and Notes Receivable	\$1,456,671 63
Less—Reserve for Uncollectible Accounts	120,284 13
	1,336,387 50
Unbilled Electricity and Gas	475,992 26
Sundry Receivables from Affiliated Companies	53,869 58
Receivables on Sales of Preferred Stock	320,019 47
Inventories	1,347,420 56
	5,925,474 88
Total	\$88,637,762 37
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock of Northern States Power Company of Delaware:	
Authorized:	
7% Cumulative Preferred, 500,000 shares, \$100 00 each	\$50,000,000 00
Common, 500,000 shares, \$100 00 each	50,000,000 00
	\$100,000,000 00
Issued and Outstanding:	
7% Cumulative Preferred	\$27,840,000 00
Less—In Treasury	174,100 00
	\$27,665,900 00
Common	6,170,000 00
	\$33,835,900 00
Capital Stock of Subsidiary Companies, in Hands of Public:	
Preferred:	
Ottumwa Railway & Light Company 7% Cumulative	\$104,600 00
Southwestern Minnesota Division Companies 7% Cumulative	65,300 00
	\$169,900 00
Common	5,000 00
	174,900 00
Funded Debt:	
Northern States Power Co. of Minnesota:	
25-Year 5% First and Refunding Mortgage Gold Bonds, due April 1 1941	\$26,560,500 00
25-Year 6% First and Refunding Mortgage Gold Bonds, due April 1 1941	4,492,500 00
10-Year 6% Gold Notes, due April 1 1926	7,805,000 00
5-Year Sinking Fund Convertible 7% Gold Notes, due August 15 1923	1,100,000 00
The Minneapolis General Electric Co.:	
30-Year 5% First Mortgage Bonds, due December 31 1934	7,171,000 00
Ottumwa Railway & Light Co. Bonds	1,075,000 00
Southwestern Minnesota Division Bonds	524,000 00
	48,728,000 00
Current Liabilities:	
Notes Payable	\$61,500 00
Accounts Payable	507,803 74
Accrued Interest	623,759 40
Accrued Taxes	1,254,956 15
Accrued Preferred Stock Dividends	487,570 59
Common Stock Dividends Payable	123,400 00
Consumers' Deposits	163,568 78
Sundry Current Liabilities	79,208 61
	3,301,767 27
Reserves:	
Depreciation and Replacements	\$639,381 00
Other Operating Reserves	114,580 58
	753,961 58
Surplus	1,843,233 52
Total	\$88,637,762 37

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

We have audited the books and records of the Northern States Power Company of Delaware and Subsidiaries for the year ended December 31 1922, and we hereby certify that, in our opinion, the attached Consolidated Balance Sheet and Consolidated Income and Surplus Accounts correctly reflect the financial condition of the Company at December 31 1922, and the results from operations for the year ended that date.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN & CO.,

Certified Public Accountants.

Chicago, Illinois, March 21 1923.

CAPITALIZATION:

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY.

Northern States Power Company was incorporated under the laws of Delaware in 1909.

The total number of preferred and common stockholders of the Northern States Power Company at the last closing of the books was 22,761.

PREFERRED STOCK, SEVEN PER CENT CUMULATIVE
AUTHORIZED \$50,000,000.

The outstanding issued preferred stock on December 31 1922 was \$27,665,900, an increase of \$2,877,100 during the year 1922.

COMMON STOCK
AUTHORIZED \$50,000,000.

There has been no change in the issued common stock since the last annual report. On December 31 1922 there was outstanding \$6,170,000.

THE MINNEAPOLIS GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
FIRST MORTGAGE FIVE PER CENT BONDS
DATED DECEMBER 1 1904 DUE DECEMBER 1 1934
AUTHORIZED \$8,000,000 (MORTGAGE CLOSED)
Retired through sinking fund \$829,000
Outstanding December 31 1922 7,171,000

There were \$71,000 bonds redeemed through the operation of the sinking fund during the year 1922. These are the only underlying bonds outstanding in the hands of the public; however, other bonds which are not underlying are explained in a later paragraph.

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY (OF MINNESOTA)
FIRST AND REFUNDING BONDS
DATED APRIL 1 1916 DUE APRIL 1 1941
AUTHORIZED \$100,000,000
Issued \$31,067,500
Redeemed 14,500
Outstanding December 31 1922 \$31,053,000

Of the outstanding \$31,053,000 there are \$26,560,500 bonds bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, and \$4,492,500 bonds bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum.

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY (OF MINNESOTA)
FIVE-YEAR SEVEN PER CENT GOLD NOTES
Dated August 15 1918 Due August 15 1923
Authorized \$3,500,000
Issued \$2,000,000
Redeemed through sinking fund 900,000
Outstanding December 31 1922 1,100,000

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY (OF MINNESOTA)
TEN-YEAR SIX PER CENT NOTES
Dated April 1 1916 Due April 1 1926
Authorized \$12,000,000
Issued \$8,000,000
Redeemed 195,000
Outstanding December 31 1922 \$7,805,000

OPTION WARRANTS

Issued April 1 1916 Maturing April 1 1924
The maturity of the option warrants has been extended from April 1 1922 to April 1 1924. On December 31 1922 the outstanding was 78,050.

OTHER SECURITIES

As of December 31 1922 there remained outstanding in the hands of the public \$524,000 of bonds and \$67,300 par value of stock of certain companies, the properties of which are being operated by your Company as its Southwestern Minnesota Division; your Company owning all of the capitalization of these companies except as stated above. Until such minority stock interest has been acquired by your Company, your Company's ownership in the above companies is being carried as a security investment.

As of December 31 1922 there were outstanding \$1,075,000 face value of bonds and \$104,600 par value of preferred stock of The Ottumwa Railway and Light Company, operating in Ottumwa, Iowa, and surrounding territory, which properties are being operated by your Company as the Ottumwa Division; your Company owning all of the common stock of that company except qualifying directors' shares.

Certain of your subsidiary companies, other than those mentioned above, have outstanding securities, but all of these are owned by Northern States Power Company, and are pledged as collateral to its first and refunding bonds.

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY (OF MINNESOTA)
PREFERRED AND COMMON STOCKS

Northern States Power Company of Delaware owns all of the capital stock of Northern States Power Company of Minnesota except qualifying directors' shares, and any changes in the outstanding stocks of the two companies are identical.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops
 COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS
 PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

[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."]

Wall Street, Friday Night, April 13 1923.

COFFEE on the spot quiet; No. 7 Rio, 11¼ to 11¾c.; No. 4 Santos, 14¼ to 14¾c.; fair to good Cucuta, 15½ to 16c. Futures broke heavily, with the May option under the harrow. Big liquidation in May, in other words, told plainly on prices. On the 10th inst. indeed, the decline was 20 to 67 points, the latter on May. The drop was largely in sympathy with falling prices in Brazil and more or less apprehension as to future events, there politically and financially. Renewed weakness in Brazilian exchange was a factor. Rio exchange on London fell 3-32d. on the 10th inst. The dollar rate advanced 70 reis. Selling of the new crop months was also very noticeable here. Some firm offers from Santos were ¼c. lower. Heavy switching of May to Sept. at 100 points and to Dec. at 130 points was also a feature of the trading. A bullish feature, it is argued, is the fact that coffee futures are selling at 2 to 2½c. here below actual coffee. Also the primary markets have declined but slightly as compared with that at New York. On the 11th inst. futures were irregular owing to poor cables, but closed higher with May liquidation smaller and shorts covering with New York prices declared to be far below replacement costs. To-day prices ended 3 points higher, but for the week show a decline of 8 to 22 points.

Spot (unoffl) 11¼@11½ | July --- 8 92@8.93 | December --- 8 22@8 23
 May --- 9.33@9 34 | September --- 8.41@8.42 | March --- 8.32@

SUGAR.—Spot raws have been in persistent demand and higher. Refiners had held off so long that they had to buy all the more freely. Operators have also taken hold with greater confidence. Some 35,000 to 40,000 tons of Cuba sold at 5¾ or 7.66c. c. i. f. full duty, a cargo of Cuba to the United Kingdom at 29s c. i. f. or 5.75c. f. o. b. Cuba; 7,000 tons to Canada at 5.82c. to 5.85c. May shipment, 2,000 tons to Chicago at the same price and 1,500 tons San Domingo April shipment at 5.85 to 5.90c. c. i. f., the latter at St. John. Later 6c. c. & f. was asked for Cuba. On April 7th and 9th business in spot raws was larger than at first appeared at 5¾c. c. & f. for Cuba April shipment; some 3,000 tons sold at 5.60c. f. o. b. Cuba for Montreal and 12,000 bags Santo Domingo for Halifax at 5.65¾c. The market was pretty well cleaned of all 5¾c. c. & f. offerings. The official Cuban estimate of the crop is below 3,750,000 tons and with more centrals closing and production noticeably smaller than earlier estimates sugar found more friends. On the 11th inst. Cuban raws sold at 6c., later at 5 15-16c. and then at 5¾c. Refiners had supplied themselves pretty well. On the 12th inst. 60,000 bags 2nd. half of April and first half of May sold at 5¾c. c. & f. On that day one refiner put the price up to 9.40c. Himely puts the Cuban output up to March 31st at 2,755,785 tons. This had a depressing effect on the 12th inst. Some thought it backed up his estimate for the season of 4,100,000 tons.

Cuban figures showed a considerable decrease in recent receipts at the ports and some falling off of exports due to the Easter holidays. The details show receipts for last week as 122,568 tons, against 161,988 the previous week, 189,068 in the same week last year and 170,480 two years ago; exports 98,464 tons, against 107,965 a week previous, and 137,419 last year, and 96,206 two years ago; stock, 677,796, against 653,692 in the previous week, 851,268 last year and 851,497 two years ago; centrals grinding, 161 against 168 in the previous week, 185 last year and 196 two years ago. New crop exports included 67,608 to United States Atlantic ports; 3,428 to New Orleans, 3,728 to Galveston, 3,000 to Savannah, 5,000 to Canada and 15,700 tons to Europe. Havana cabled: "Heavy rain in some parts of Cuba." Exports from the Philippines in March it seems were 27,000 tons, which, although large, do not equal the heavy shipments in March 1922, which were 47,924 tons. The destinations of last month's exports were: United States Atlantic ports, 10,000 tons; San Francisco, 13,000 tons; Orient, 4,000 tons; total exports since Jan. 1 to all countries amounted to 69,000 tons, against 80,641 tons last year. Arrivals of sugars at Philippine Island shipping ports during March were 32,000 tons, which increased the stocks at the ports to 61,000 tons, against 72,000 tons at this time last year. Two more centrals closed, it was stated, on April 9th, i. e., the Pastoro, with an outturn of about 28,000 bags, against a previous estimate of 35,000 bags, and the Santa Rosa, with about 85,000 bags, against an early estimate of 108,000 bags.

Havana cabled that the San Cristobal sugar central finished grinding last Saturday and reports its total for the season at 66,500 bags, as against the Himely estimate of 105,000 bags. On the 12th inst. it was said that the Cardozo with an output of 47,500 bags (against an estimate of 35,000 bags) has finished grinding and also the San Antonio with a production of 39,300 bags, as against a previous estimate of 45,000 bags. This makes 30 mills closed with a total output stated at 1,687,701 bags as against a previous estimate of 2,467,000 bags. Havana cabled on April 10 that more definite figures of the 1922-23 sugar crop are beginning to come to light. Some 18 mills had at that date completed their grinding operations and announced their figures showing a total production of 1,151,214 bags, against the Himely estimate for the 18 in question of 1,653,000 bags. Difference, 501,786 bags. Lamborn & Co. reduced their estimate of the total Cuban crop to 3,843,000 tons, a decline of 352,000 tons. The fires reported during March in the Palma Soriano section destroyed 6,913,000 arrobas (25½ lbs.) of cane. In the Mayari section 2,839,973 arrobas were destroyed and in the Holguin section 9,474,000 arrobas. Prolonged drought practically carbonized much cane. Boston Central to last day of March ground 69,000 bags. Manati Central, one of the first to begin grinding, 388,267 bags to April 6. The Himely estimate in these cases, the figures indicate, will not be reached. Delicias Central total is 463,308 bags to April 3 and the Chaparra Central to the same date is 335,176 bags. To-day futures ended unchanged and are 9 to 10 points higher than last Friday

Spot (unofficial) --- 5¾ | July --- 6 06@6 07 | December --- 5.87@4.86
 May --- 5.86@5.87 | September --- 6.21@6.22 | March --- 4.83@nom

LARD quiet; prime Western, 12.35@12.45c.; refined to Continent, 13.25c. South America, 13.50c.; Brazil, in kegs, 14.50c. Futures advanced slightly. They were held back to some extent in spite of rising grain by the selling by packers. Later on Eastern demand supposedly from cottonseed oil interests and covering lifted prices somewhat. A better demand from the Continent helped. So did good sized clearances last week, i. e., 32,193,000 lbs. of lard and 21,393,000 lbs. of meats. There was in general a fair cash trade. On the 11th inst. prices dropped with hogs, hedge selling by packers, cash trade, rather slow. Yet there was a rally later with the rise in grain and net changes for the day were small. Germany's recent buying is considered suggestive. Liverpool rose 6d. To-day futures advanced 10 points and are 25 points higher than last Friday.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery	cts. 11.42	11.50	11.57	11.52	11.60	11.70
July delivery	11.62	11.70	11.77	11.75	11.80	11.90
September delivery	11.82	11.92	11.97	11.97	12.00	12.12

PORK quiet; mess, \$27 50@28; family, \$32@33; short clear, \$23@29. Beef dull; mess, \$16@17; packet, \$17 00@17 50; family, \$21 00@22 00; extra India mess, \$32@34; No. 1 canned roast beef, \$3 25; No. 2, \$5 25; 6 lbs., \$15; sweet pickled tongues, \$55@65, nom. per bbl. Cut meats quiet; pickled hams, 10 to 24 lbs., 14¼@17½c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 14 to 15c. Butter, creamery, firsts to high scoring, 48@50. Cheese, flats, 21 to 29c. Eggs, fresh gathered seconds to extras 25 to 32c.

OILS.—Linseed continues in good demand and firm. Spot carloads, \$1 17; tanks, \$1 12; less than carloads, \$1 20; less than 5 barrels, \$1 23. The demand for the moment is mostly for nearby delivery. Very little interest is being shown in the distant months. English oil firm at \$1 17. Coconut oil, Ceylon, bbls., 10¼@10½c.; Cochin, 11c. Corn, crude, tanks, mills, 10½c.; barrels, spot New York, 13½c.; refined, barrels, 14c. Olive, \$1 15@17. Lard, strained winter, New York, 13¾c.; extra, 13½c. Cod, domestic, 68@70c.; Newfoundland, 71@74c. Spirits of turpentine, \$1 56@1 56½; rosin, \$6 20@8. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, 9,100 barrels, including switches. Crude, S. E. nominal. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	11.90@12.25	June	11.80@11.86	September	11.73@11.75
April	11.85@12.20	July	11.83@11.86	October	10.70@10.75
May	11.82@11.87	August	11.81@11.85	November	9.76@9.85

PETROLEUM.—Although some expected a cut in Pennsylvania crude oil prices, it came as a surprise to many in the trade. Besides the reduction of 25 cents per barrel in Pennsylvania crude, there was a cut of 15 cents in Corning and 35 cents in Somerset, Somerset light and Cabell. Another feature of the week was the announcement on the 11th inst. of a cut of ½ cent per gallon in the price of gasoline by some Pennsylvania refiners. Gasoline is very weak, and not a few anticipate a cut in both tank wagon and export prices. And while it is true that weather conditions are improving and consumption increasing, stocks on the other hand, are very large. For new navy in tank cars, delivered to domestic trade, 18 cents was asked, but it was reported that business could be done below this level on a firm bid. New York prices: Gasoline, cases cargo lots, 29.75c.; U. S.

Navy specifications, bulk 16½c.; export naphtha cargo lots 19c.; 63-66 degrees 22c.; 66-68 degrees 23c. Kerosene, cases, cargo lots, 16½c.; motor gasoline garages (steel barrels), 24½c.

The reduction of 25c. a bbl. in Pennsylvania crude oil and a cut of 35 to 15c. a bbl. in three other Eastern grades is the first reduction in these crude oils since July 20 1922. It will be recalled that the Pennsylvania price remained unchanged at \$3 a bbl. from July 20 1922 to Dec. 30 1922, when it was advanced 25c. a bbl. Several other advances occurred between that time and Feb. 16, when the last advance was made, bringing Pennsylvania crude in the Bradford district to \$4 25 and outside of Bradford to \$4. It is pointed out that on Feb. 2 last Pennsylvania crudes were reclassified, by which Bradford district crude was placed at 25c. a bbl. above crude outside of Bradford. This, it seems, was made to equalize pipe line costs on crude oil outside the district for delivery to refineries in Bradford.

Penn.....	\$3 75	Ragland.....	\$1 10	Illinois.....	\$2 27
Corning.....	2 15	Wooster.....	2 50	Critchton.....	1 85
Cabell.....	2 41	Lima.....	2 48	Currie.....	2 40
Somerset.....	2 20	Indiana.....	2 28	Plymouth.....	1 65
Somerset, light.....	2 45	Princeton.....	2 27	Mexia.....	2 20

RUBBER earlier in the week was firmer, but later became weaker on lower prices in London. Business in the main is very small. Prices are about where they closed last Friday. First latex crepe and ribbed smoked sheets spot-April 33½c.; May 33¼@33¾c.; June 33¼@33¾c.; July-Sept. 33½@33¾c.; Oct.-Dec. 34¼@34½c. London on the 12th inst. was 16½d. Three hundred and seventy-five rubber manufacturers in the United States and Canada reported to the Rubber Association of America, that in 1922 they used 275,285 tons of crude rubber. Publication of these figures show that rubber consumption is still behind production inasmuch as crude rubber imports into the United States for the year amounted to 290,970 tons. A very large portion of all the rubber products goes into tires, officials estimate. Since the world's output in 1922 was 368,500 tons, it will be seen that production was considerably in excess of demand even though, at least, some restorative measures had been put into effect last year. In London on April 9th rubber was a little lower. Plantation standard on the spot sold at 16½c. There was a decrease of 28 tons in the stock, the official return being 63,322 tons as against 63,350 tons last week, 66,928 tons last year and 65,200 tons two years ago.

HIDES have recently met with a better demand in some directions. For instance, it was reported that of frigorifico 35,000 steers sold at \$56, or 22½c. c.&f. to two large United States tanners. Here common dry hides were steady, and Antioquias recently sold at 22½c. Bogotas have met with more attention at times. Chicago's stock of packer hides was reported small. The Department of Commerce announces that the stock of cattle hides on Feb. 28 1923 held by packers and butchers, tanners, dealers and importers for transit to them was 6,771,959, as against 6,384,131 on Jan. 31 1923 and 5,761,394 on Feb. 28 last year. The stocks of calf and kip skins were 3,716,656 on Feb. 28 1923, against 4,086,044 on Jan. 31 1923 and 3,770,581 on Feb. 28 1922. Goat and kid skins numbered 7,950,484 on Feb. 28 1923, 8,952,825 on Jan. 31 1923 and 7,627,048 on Feb. 28 1922. The stocks of sheep and lamb skins on Feb. 28 1923 were 9,058,455, against 9,188,288 on Jan. 31 1923 and 13,044,644 on Feb. 28 1922. Chicago talks higher prices. Here the market is firmer but quiet.

OCEAN FREIGHTS were in better demand at one time for grain room, and rates were steady. Later, full cargo grain rates rose here and in London. Also more business was done in sugar, coal and coke tonnage.

Charters included grain from Atlantic range to west coast of Italy, 21c., May; coke from Atlantic range to French-Atlantic, \$5 70, April; grain from Baltimore to and (or) Naples, 23c., ½c. extra if two ports, April; grain from Atlantic range to Genoa direct, 4s. 9d., April; grain from Atlantic range to Genoa direct, 20½c., May 10 canceling; coke from Atlantic range to Continent, \$5 25, May; coal from Hampton Roads to River Plate, \$4 50, net, April; from Hampton Roads to French Atlantic, \$3 90, April; sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom, 23s., first half of May; grain from Atlantic range to Greece, 25c., April; 45,000 quarters grain from Atlantic range to one port in Mediterranean, 22c., two ports, 22½s., April 20, canceling; grain from Atlantic range to west coast of Italy, 21c., option of Montreal loading at 23c. First half of May; coal from Hampton Roads to Rotterdam, \$3 75, April; coke from Atlantic range to Antwerp or Dunkirk, \$5 75, April; coal from Hampton Roads to River Plate, 20s., April; time charter, one or two round trips in West Indies trade, \$1 75, April; time charter, one round trip in Canadian trade, 749-ton steamer, \$2; two round trips in Canadian trade, 1,952-ton steamer, \$1, April; grain from Atlantic range to Mediterranean not east of West Italy, 23c., April; grain from Montreal to west coast of Italy, 23c., May; from Atlantic range to United Kingdom, 3s. 9d., April; coal from Hampton Roads to French Atlantic, \$3 75, April; coal from Hampton Roads to French Atlantic, \$3 75, April; grain from Montreal to Mediterranean not east of West Italy, 23c., May; from Atlantic range to two ports in Finland, 22c., option two ports Sweden, at 21c., April-May; from Atlantic range to west coast of Italy, 21c., May; linseed from Rosario to New York, \$7, April.

COAL was at one time in rather better demand for bituminous, N. Y., f. o. b., Pier No. 1, heavy, \$7 to \$7 25; egg anthracite, \$8 to \$8 35 f. o. b. mines; independent egg, \$8 80 to \$10 50. It is said that the New England railroads are in the market for their yearly supply of locomotive fuel. The Boston & Maine, it is understood, will soon take 400,000 tons and the New Haven 300,000 tons. The Bangor & Aroostook's will shortly, it is intimated, take 150,000 tons and the Maine Central a large amount. The tie-up owing to big shipments of coke for export was more acute at one time. But large contracts have not been filled. In fact trade has latterly been slow in bituminous, though there is an inquiry from railroads and exporters. In the West, however, business is reported better. Anthracite has been in good demand. Coke has been weaker.

TOBACCO has been steady at prices on some grades not very much below those of the war period. At the same time, though present supplies are not burdensome, they are ample to meet the current demand. The next big event in the trade will be the movement of the new crop. Pending this there is at best only a fair business, though the demand is steady.

COPPER quiet and weaker. Electrolytic 17@17¼c. Some of the trade are bullish, owing to the heavy consumption. This may lead to renewed buying in the near future. Business during March was much heavier than in February. But during the last two weeks it has fallen off somewhat, particularly in the wire and cable business. A feature on the 10th inst. was the heavy shipments abroad, amounting to 1,800 tons, most of which went to France. Some outside producers, it is reported, were offering at as low as 16½c. on Wednesday. Copper has latterly been obtainable from smelters, it is said, at 17c.

TIN early in the week was quiet and lower on the heavy arrivals. Later the market was strengthened by higher London cables. Sales of 250 tons and 150 tons respectively on the 10th and 11th inst. were the features of the week on the New York Metal Exchange. Still later prices declined on lower London prices and sterling exchange. Spot here, 46½c. The Netherland Government and the Malay States, it is reported, will put 17,000 tons on the market gradually.

LEAD quiet but steady. Sales of Spanish lead, it is said, have had a depressing effect in the East. Spot New York 8.25@8.35c.; East St. Louis 8.12½@8.17½c. Some producers, it is reported, are just finishing deliveries contracted for March. Receipts at East St. Louis the past week were 84,490 pigs, against 37,290 in the previous week; since Jan. 1, 895,630 pigs, against 1,124,630 last year. Shipments the past week were 34,460 pigs, against 21,130 the week before; since Jan. 1 they were 437,710 pigs, against 495,810 in the same time last year.

ZINC early in the week was quiet and lower. Later there was some recovery on better London cables and the proximity of the publication of mid-month statistics regarding production and shipments. Receipts at East St. Louis the past week were 121,900 slabs, against 89,820 in the previous week; since Jan. 1 they are 850,250 slabs, against 679,640 last year. Shipments the past week were 65,680 slabs, against 27,600 in the previous week; shipments since Jan. 1, 693,590 slabs, against 1,106,490 in the same time last year. Spot New York, 7.80@7.85c.; East St. Louis, 7.45@7.50c.

STEEL has been in steady demand and firm, even though recently buying has slackened and in some lines is small. Production shows a rising tendency, wages have been raised 11%, costs have been increased about \$1 75 on steel making, and the composite price, according to one computation, has risen, though by another it is simply steady. Producers are under contract for an immense tonnage. That is an outstanding factor. Consumption is at the peak for the season; the requirements are imperative. At Birmingham, structural steel orders have recently been large, though latterly business has fallen off. Steel bars are 2.70 f.o.b. Birmingham. Plates and shapes are reported firmer at Pittsburgh, with demand sharp. In some cases it outruns the production. Car material meets with a ready sale. Plates and shapes are quoted there at 2.45c. up to 2.75c., with unconfirmed rumors of a still higher price. But while for semi-finished steel demand is still good, there is less complaint of delay in deliveries. Prices are very firm, with billets, slabs and sheet bars at \$47 50 on really good-sized tonnage, though nominally \$45. Skelp, 1.50c. to 3c. Ferro-manganese is still active at \$119 79, Pittsburgh, for domestic and foreign on the same basis. The Pittsburgh steel base will be abandoned or changed if the offer of the United States Steel Corporation to give up its Pittsburgh base plan in favor of an f.o.b. mill price basis is carried out. At Youngstown, Ohio, workers want a wage increase of 10 to 20%. In the main buying of steel in the United States is less active but the mills look for a good business all through 1923. The needs of the country are enormous and occasional periods of slackness of trade are not considered significant. War records of production are surpassed in these days of peace and unfilled orders have recently increased.

PIG IRON has been dull so far as new business is concerned. Prices have been sustained and even advanced during the last few weeks. But a larger quantity of new orders, it is believed would not be at all unwelcome to the furnaces. Some hint at a possible shading of prices as the result of a larger output, cheaper coke, better transportation, lack of export business and the smallness of the new domestic demand. Owing to large supplies at the ports, coke has dropped, it is said, in some cases to \$6 25 for standard furnace with Connellsville quoted as high as \$7. It is pointed out that several railroads have granted permits to Eastern blast furnaces to ship pig iron. The Boston & Albany is ready for shipments into New England. Removal of snow and ice from New England railroads restored normal conditions. The big Match output of pig iron and a decreased demand have silenced previous talk of very much higher prices; \$35 bulls seem extinct. It is said that Eastern Pennsylvania iron is obtainable at \$31. base Buffalo at \$29 50, Virginia at \$28 50, and Birmingham at \$27. Charcoal pig iron advanced 50c. per ton to \$33 50,

Michigan furnace. Spiegeleisen is scarce and it seems that car lots have sold at \$50, though the nominal quotation has been \$40. Importations of iron at Boston and Philadelphia have latterly been small where there were any at all. The Replogle Steel Co. blew in its second furnace at Wharton, N. J., on Monday. The Goshen furnace in Virginia will go into blast about April 20.

WOOL here has been quiet but steady. The higher grades of clothing wool have recently come into rather more favor. Mills want them. And Japan, by the way, is buying more or less American wool. Meanwhile American mills are working at the greatest rate of production on record on carpet wools. Their stocks of raw wool must be fast disappearing, especially as recently they have bought little. Carpets are in excellent demand, partly, it is said, because of the building boom. At Bradford the United States was reported buying a fair quantity of wool and noils and wastes at steady prices. Tops were tending upward. Also Botany yarns. Crossbreds were firm. Worsted grades showed some improvement, but the general situation remained unsatisfactory. Dispatches from Constantinople stated that in Turkey the new mohair clip is expected not to exceed 40% of the pre-war supply. On April 9 at Timaru, N. Z., 800 bales were offered and 500 sold. Compared with auctions of March 14, merinos were steady and crossbreds rose 5%.

The market in Boston has widened somewhat and prices have been reported rather steadier. Fine wools have been taken more freely. Merinos have been in steady demand. At the West short combing fine and fine medium clips were quoted on a clean basis, landed Boston, at \$1 40. The Idaho Falls wools of about 50,000 fleeces were bought recently, it is said, at 43 1/2c. for wool shrinking, possibly 57% and running closely to 3/8 blood and 1/4 blood grades. Ohio and Pennsylvania fine delaine, unwashed, nominally 56 to 58c., XX 52to54c.; 1/2 blood, 55to56c.; 3/8 blood, 52to53c.; 1/4 blood, 50 to 51c. Territory, clean basis, fine, fine medium, staple, \$1 38 to \$1 42; clothing, \$1 22 to \$1 26; 1/2 blood staple, \$1 26 to \$1 31; 3/8 blood, \$1 02 to \$1 07; 1/4 blood, 96 to 98c.; Texas, clean basis fine, 12 months, \$1 36 to \$1 41; 10 months, \$1 20 to \$1 25; 6 to 8 months, \$1 10 to \$1 15. Pulled, scoured basis: A super, \$1 17 to \$1 22; B, \$1 to \$1 05; C, 80 to 86c. Domestic mohair, best combing, 78 to 83c. Aleppo-Orfa, washed, 34 1/2 to 35c.; Awassi Karadi, washed, 28 to 30c.; Kandahar, white, 30 to 34c.; Khorassan, 30 to 32c.; China combing, Hsining No. 1, 25 1/2 to 26 1/2c.; willowed, open ball, 20 to 23c.; No. 1 ball, 35 to 37c.; No. 2 ball, 23 to 24c.; willowed, 22 to 26c.; unwillowed, 19 to 23c.; washed filling, 26 to 35c.; sun-dried Szechuen, best, 22 1/2 to 23 1/2c. Mongolian, Uрга, washed, 29 to 32c.; Hilar, washed, 23 1/2 to 25c.; Scotch black face, 18 to 20c.; Cordova, 21 1/2 to 22c. Macedonian, 17 to 18c.; Pyrenees, 17 to 18c.; Angora, 18 to 20c.; white pulled, 23 to 27c.

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Table with 7 columns: Receipts at—, 1923., 1922., 1921., 1920., 1919., 1918. Rows include Galveston, Houston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, N'port N's, &c., All others, Total this wk., and Since Aug. 1.

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 58,353 bales, of which 1,892 were to Great Britain, 5,791 to France and 50,670 to other destinations. Below are the exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1922.

Table with 7 columns: Exports from—, Week ending April 13 1923., From Aug. 1 1922 to April 13 1923. Sub-columns: Exports to—, Great Britain, France, Other, Total. Rows include Galveston, Houston, Texas City, New Orleans, Mobile, Jacksonville, Pensacola, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Fran, Seattle, Total, and Total '21-'22, '20-'21.

NOTE.—Exports to Canada.—It has never been our practice to include in the above table exports of cotton to Canada, the reason being that virtually all the cotton destined to the Dominion comes overland and it is impossible to get returns concerning the same from week to week, while reports from the customs districts on the Canadian border are always very slow in coming to hand. In view, however, of the numerous inquiries we are receiving regarding the matter, we will say that for the crop year from Aug. 1 to Feb. 28 (no later returns are as yet available) the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 131,921 bales. In the corresponding period of the preceding season the exports were about 118,000 bales.

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.

Table with 7 columns: On shipboard, not cleared for—, April 13 at—, Great Britain, France, Germany, Other Cont'n't., Coast-wise, Total, Leaving Stock. Rows include Galveston, New Orleans, Savannah, Charleston, Mobile, Norfolk, Other ports, Total 1923., Total 1922., Total 1921., and † Estimated.

COTTON

Friday Night, April 13 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 34,990 bales, against 63,854 bales last week and 62,634 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1922, 5,297,775 bales, against 4,870,754 bales for the same period of 1922, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1922 of 427,021 bales.

Table with 7 columns: Receipts, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Total. Rows include Galveston, Texas City, New Orleans, Mobile, Jacksonville, Savannah, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, New York, Boston, Baltimore, Totals this week.

The following tables shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1922 and stock to-night, compared with the last year:

Table with 6 columns: Receipts to April 13., 1922-23., 1921-22., Stock. Sub-columns: This Week, Since Aug 1 1922., This Week, Since Aug 1 1921., 1923., 1922. Rows include Galveston, Texas City, Houston, Port Arthur, &c., New Orleans, Gulfport, Mobile, Pensacola, Jacksonville, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Georgetown, Wilmington, Norfolk, N'port News, &c., New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Totals.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been active, with erratic quotations, but latterly pointing upward, owing to cold wet weather at the Southwest and reports of a late season generally. Big liquidation has been well taken. Selling on Wednesday of some 75,000 to 100,000 bales, said to be by outside interests, possibly connected with the oil and steel trades, was quickly absorbed and the price rallied. The weather map dominated the situation. On the 12th inst. prices turned upward some 50 to 60 points on most months owing to big rains in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Oklahoma. Also, there were rains reported in the Central belt. Everywhere the temperatures were too low. Planting is supposed on the average to begin on April 5 in Alabama and Mississippi, April 10 in Georgia and April 15 in South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee and Arkansas. Conservative interests show concern over the fact that the season is not early and, in fact, is somewhat late. Some, indeed, put the delay at about two weeks. However this may be, it is clear enough that the crop is not getting an early start. More and more, therefore, the weather map is beginning to govern the situation. Certainly on the 12th inst. rains in Texas of 1 to 3 inches had a very noticeable effect. Also, the Government is reporting a shortage of labor at the South, i. e. something like 12% under the normal. One report attributed to the Agricultural Department is that there is a farm labor shortage in Alabama of 19% below the normal, in Louisiana of 13% under the normal and in Texas of 9% under, not to mention a decided increase in Tennessee. There are persistent reports to the effect that the negroes are still leaving for the North to take advantage of the high wages in the mills and factories and also in the building trades wherever they can be utilized. And this in a season when the cotton belt needs all the labor it can get to fight the weevil and carry on intensive cultivation, or at any rate, properly cultivate what it is supposed will be a high record acreage

so far as the Government figures on this subject are concerned. Under the circumstances there has been big buying of October, though the demand for December and January has also been noteworthy. And of late Liverpool has been stronger, what with Manchester and local buying, general covering, a rise in Egyptian cotton and a scarcity of contracts. At times its spot sales have been 8,000 to 10,000 bales, though within a day or two they have fallen off. But Manchester is now reported rather more active for cloths. The actual sales are said to be larger. And while spot markets at the South have been slow, it is believed that the mill stocks in this country are rapidly diminishing. That is taken to mean that the spinner must before long begin to buy with a free hand, for cotton is rapidly passing into consumption. The census figures on the March consumption in this country will appear to-morrow. Meanwhile the foreign stocks of American cotton are regarded as wholly inadequate to meet the requirements of the foreign consumption of the American staple. British trade is said to be improving. To all appearance the threatened political crisis in England has had no effect on Liverpool, or for that matter, on London. And it is said that Germany will shortly make a new proposition to France as regards reparations. It may lead to negotiations which will end the Ruhr tangle which has had so detrimental an effect on European trade. In that case the German cotton business would conceivably take a new start. The German textile industry has always been very enterprising. Given half a chance it will start up and begin to call for American cotton, even if it may not be able at once to take anything like its pre-war quota. And coming back to this country, it is believed here that there is an enormous trade hedge short interest in July. Also, operators have been selling the new crop short for several months past. This interest is also large. There has been a good deal of covering during the last few days, but several months of selling cannot be covered in several days.

On the other hand, there is no disguising the fact that spot markets are very quiet. They have been for some time past. Daily sales for the whole South have latterly been in the neighborhood of 1,800 bales, or in other words, a mere nothing. Also, Worth Street and Fall River have been quiet. In Worth Street there has been at times some weakening of prices. Manchester does not report any really active trade. Spot sales in Liverpool, which early in the week were 8,000 to 10,000 bales a day, have latterly fallen to 6,000 and 7,000 bales. Moreover, exports from American ports have still been small. And whatever may be said about the technical position there has latterly been a good deal of covering in both the old and new crops. And all over the South there seems to be a feeling among dealers that prices must go lower. It is said that Texas farmers are ready to sell the next crop in many cases at around 25 cents. Many are dubious as to the possibility of a sustained advance. They believe that the South will make a determined effort to raise a big crop, and that it may turn out that the weevil has done its worst, that a big yield will be produced, and that the season of 1923-24 will see a restoration of the equilibrium in the world's cotton business by a return to something like pre-war prices. Still, the drift has latterly been upward and, as already intimated, many look for higher prices.

To-day prices advanced slightly and then dropped some 50 points from the early high under the pressure of week-end liquidation after the recent rally. The rains were again heavy in Texas and the Central and Gulf sections of the belt. But they seem for the time being to have been discounted. Liverpool became weaker after opening firm. The forecast was for rather better weather conditions. Spot markets were still dull. Fall River is said to have had the dullest week on record. Worth Street was certainly not inspiring. And there had been considerable covering by large Wall Street and other operators. This had to a certain extent weakened the technical position for the moment, regardless of the fact that there is still a large short account in the old and new crops. On the other hand, there was some large buying of July that seemed to be of a good character. And towards the close there was something of a rally, especially in the old crop, with May ending 71 points over July. Final changes for the week show a decline, however, of 36 points on May, partly from a fear of a liberal issue of notices shortly, and 20 points on July, while the next crop ended 1 to 14 points higher than a week ago. Spot cotton closed at 29.35c., a decline for the week of 40 points.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the April 12 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 April 19, 1923.

Middling fair.....	.91 on	*Middling "yellow" tinged.....	.93 off
Strict good middling.....	.63 on	*Strict low mid. "yellow" tinged.....	1.33 off
Good middling.....	.47 on	*Low middling "yellow" tinged.....	1.88 off
Strict middling.....	.26 on	*Good middling "yellow" stained.....	.66 off
Strict low middling.....	.27 off	*Strict mid. "yellow" stained.....	1.24 off
Low middling.....	.65 off	*Middling "yellow" stained.....	1.71 off
*Strict good ordinary.....	1.16 off	*Good middling "blue" stained.....	.95 off
*Good ordinary.....	1.70 off	*Strict middling "blue" stained.....	1.33 off
*Strict good mid. "yellow" tinged.....	.40 on	*Middling "blue" stained.....	1.73 off
Good middling "yellow" tinged.....	.40 on		
Strict middling "yellow" tinged.....	.38 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:

April 7 to April 13—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling uplands.....	30.00	30.00	29.70	29.35	29.65	29.35

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.

April 12—	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.
Stock at Liverpool.....	bales. 781,000	897,000	963,000	1,134,000
Stock at London.....	4,000		2,000	10,000
Stock at Manchester.....	77,000	66,000	93,000	206,000
Total Great Britain.....	862,000	963,000	1,058,000	1,350,000
Stock at Hamburg.....	46,000	27,000		
Stock at Bremen.....	89,000	305,000	172,600	
Stock at Havre.....	119,000	136,000	174,000	347,000
Stock at Roubaix.....	82,000	10,000	11,000	
Stock at Barcelona.....	99,000	153,000	126,000	90,000
Stock at Genoa.....	19,000	27,000	24,000	191,000
Stock at Antwerp.....	2,000			
Stock at Ghent.....	10,000	16,000	20,000	
Total Continental stocks.....	350,000	693,000	354,000	628,000
Total European stocks.....	1,212,000	1,656,000	1,612,000	1,978,000

India cotton afloat for Europe.....	158,000	88,000	33,000	90,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....	122,000	303,000	253,129	462,559
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Europe.....	94,000	79,000	77,000	75,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	241,000	303,000	235,000	128,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	867,000	1,173,000	1,324,000	1,050,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....	54,712	1,093,978	1,417,870	1,190,973
U. S. exports to U. S. interior towns.....	665,834	1,096,517	1,623,685	1,179,538
U. S. exports to-day.....		1,476	8,724	14,538

Total visible supply..... 3,904,546 5,713,971 6,604,408 6,168,607

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

American				
Liverpool stock.....	bales. 417,000	483,000	578,000	911,000
Manchester stock.....	47,000	43,000	81,000	132,000
Continental stock.....	288,000	571,000	469,000	529,000
American afloat for Europe.....	122,000	303,000	253,129	462,559
U. S. port stocks.....	54,712	1,093,978	1,417,870	1,190,973
U. S. interior stocks.....	665,834	1,096,517	1,623,685	1,179,538
U. S. exports to-day.....		1,476	8,724	14,538

Total American.....	2,084,546	3,511,971	4,431,408	4,469,607
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—				
Liverpool stock.....	364,000	414,000	385,000	223,000
London stock.....	4,000		2,000	10,000
Manchester stock.....	30,000	23,000	12,000	24,000
Continental stock.....	62,000	122,000	85,000	99,000
India afloat for Europe.....	158,000	88,000	53,000	90,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat.....	94,000	79,000	77,000	75,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	241,000	303,000	235,000	128,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	867,000	1,173,000	1,324,000	1,050,000

Total East India, &c.....	1,820,000	2,202,000	2,173,000	1,699,000
Total American.....	2,084,546	3,511,971	4,431,408	4,469,607

Total visible supply.....	3,904,546	5,713,971	6,604,408	6,168,607
Middling uplands, Liverpool.....	15.95d.	10.23d.	7.59d.	27.66d.
Middling uplands, New York.....	29.35c.	17.75c.	12.30c.	43.25c.
Egypt, good saket, Liverpool.....	19.25d.	20.50d.	19.25d.	87.00d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool.....	18.75d.	12.75d.	12.00d.	50.00d.
Broach fine, Liverpool.....	13.00d.	9.65d.	7.05d.	23.10d.
Tinnevely good, Liverpool.....	14.15d.	10.55d.	7.55d.	23.15d.

Continental imports for past week have been 65,000 bales. The above figures for 1923 show a decrease from last week of 176,517 bales, a loss of 1,809,425 from 1922, a decline of 2,699,862 bales from 1921 and a falling off of 2,264,061 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 April 13 1923.				Movement to April 14 1922.			
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks.	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.		
Ala., Birmingham.....	240	39,832	165	5,072	554	28,693	698	9,066
Eufaula.....		8,537	100	3,600		5,818	100	3,000
Montgomery.....	245	56,409	657	7,795	194	44,880	1,167	23,051
Selma.....	83	53,182	145	2,225	148	39,051	827	10,206
Ark., Helena.....	70	34,588	704	11,140	24	30,674	355	12,697
Little Rock.....	287	168,726	1,991	29,583	1,302	167,976	1,747	56,058
Pine Bluff.....		127,073	1,525	38,141	2,691	117,685	5,332	51,968
Ga., Albany.....		6,271		2,120		5,994	61	3,099
Atlanta.....	210	43,368	1,940	19,639	684	87,401	1,100	35,154
Augusta.....	1,803	266,039	2,502	58,373	2,478	207,582	4,793	87,848
Columbus.....	1,175	275,546	4,980	36,911	6,279	309,141	7,520	110,799
Macon.....	2,186	119,092	1,147	9,136	765	49,221	2,340	14,649
Rome.....	159	40,515	78	12,626	792	33,221	1,092	12,781
La., Shreveport.....	558	42,519	475	5,185	385	29,608	826	9,982
Miss., Columbus.....		72,400	200	2,900	200	59,013	1,500	36,000
Clarksdale.....	6	24,790	184	2,368	354	19,397	796	3,722
Greenwood.....	343	127,063	2,732	33,703	614	129,586	5,075	39,153
Meridian.....	22	107,021	685	30,017	78	88,724	1,161	30,443
N. chez.....	11	33,391	234	4,884	241	31,284	1,334	11,898
Vicksburg.....	38	32,396	37	4,105	392	30,908	200	11,491
Yazoo City.....	13	23,009	139	5,727	88	26,031	672	8,510
Mo., St. Louis.....	20	28,379	548	13,154	62	30,070	400	12,778
N.C., Greensboro.....	5,755	633,276	5,856	15,269	7,108	718,158	7,173	26,870
Raleigh.....	1,065	97,389	2,335	28,861	787	49,987	1,048	21,223
Okla., Altus.....	28	11,188	50	257	86	9,459	200	360
Chickasha.....		61,080	219	4,718	609	81,579	933	9,397
Oklahoma.....	3	81,253	171	2,194	250	67,710	648	6,726
S. C., Greenville.....	24	78,056	249	5,920		59,273		15,823
Greenwood.....	2,464	161,196	4,516	53,771	2,624	136,682	2,841	29,466
Nashville.....	83	8,100	102	7,260		13,066		8,824
Tenn., Memphis.....	11,684	1,035,280	13,718	82,023	10,308	795,930	14,299	167,893
Austin.....		287		88		328		698
Texas, Abilene.....		45,759	37	966	427	90,221	935	585
Brenham.....	20	19,653	58	3,972	97	12,841	190	3,667
Dallas.....		36,234		831	208	27,056	287	316
Honey Grove.....	127	58,697	538	5,453	379	159,924	2,705	29,159
Houston.....				110		19,704		11,403
Paris.....	3,436	2,629,246	8,072	116,690	26,352	2,331,056	45,278	203,636
San Antonio.....		71,638	30	949	115	60,164	211	5,183
Fort Worth.....	5	58,143		347	527	46,783	646	1,385
Total, all towns.....	245	62,692	462	3,849	577	60,375	837	9,530
Total, all towns.....	32,408	6,879,293	57,581	665,834	68,777	6,282,277	117,328	10,965,117

The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 24,791 bales and are to-night 430,683 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 36,369 bales less than the same week last year.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing futures prices for various months from April to March, including range, closing, and weekly data.

Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on— Week ending April 13. Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.

Table showing New Orleans contract market data for various months from April to March, including bid and ask prices.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph from the South this evening denote that the weather has continued cool except in the Gulf Coast section of the belt where temperatures were about normal.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS. The quotations for middling upland at New York on April 13 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

Table showing New York quotations for middling upland cotton from 1923 back to 1916.

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.

Table showing market and sales at New York, including spot market closed, futures market closed, and sales (spot, contract, total).

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night.

Table showing overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, including shipped, via St. Louis, via Mounds, etc., and total gross overland.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 7,106 bales, against 15,211 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 255,776 bales.

Table showing receipts from the plantations, including receipts at ports, stocks at interior towns, and receipts from plantations.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Table showing quotations for middling cotton at other markets, including Galveston, Texas, Abilene, Brenham, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Henrietta, Kerrville, Lampasas, Luling, Nacogdoches, Palestine, Paris, San Antonio, Taylor, Weatherford, Ardmore, Okla., Muskogee, Altus, Okla., Oklahoma City, Brinkley, Ark., Eldorado, Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Alexandria, La., Amite, Shreveport, Okolona, Miss., Columbus, Greenwood, Vicksburg, Mobile, Ala., Decatur, Montgomery, Selma, Gainesville, Fla., Savannah, Ga., Athens, Augusta, Columbus, Charleston, S. C., Greenwood, Columbia, Conway, Charlotte, N. C., Newbern, Weldon, Dyersburg, Tenn., Memphis.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1922 are 5,483,680 bales; in 1922 were 4,818,454 bales, and in 1921 were 5,770,914 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 34,490 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 10,199 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 24,791 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations were 65,555 bales and for 1921 they were 72,536 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings, or amounts gone out of sight, for the like period.

Cotton Takings. Week and Season.	1922-23.		1921-22.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply April 6.....	4,081,063	-----	5,782,879	-----
Visible supply Aug. 1.....	-----	3,760,450	-----	6,111,250
American in sight to April 13.....	104,305	9,297,338	152,766	8,530,459
Bombay receipts to April 12.....	107,000	2,742,000	93,000	2,499,000
Other India ship'ts to April 12.....	7,000	245,550	6,000	138,000
Alexandria receipts to April 11.....	11,000	1,260,800	9,000	621,950
Other supply to April 11 *b.....	14,000	281,000	11,000	283,000
Total supply.....	4,324,368	17,587,138	6,054,645	18,183,659
Deduct.....	-----	-----	-----	-----
Visible supply April 13.....	3,904,546	3,904,546	5,713,971	5,713,971
Total takings to April 13 a.....	419,822	13,682,592	340,674	12,469,688
Of which American.....	228,822	9,177,042	241,674	9,092,718
Of which other.....	191,000	4,505,550	99,000	3,376,970

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c.
 a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 2,975,000 bales in 1922-23 and 2,549,000 bales in 1921-22—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 10,707,592 bales in 1922-23 and 9,920,688 bales in 1921-22, of which 6,202,042 bales and 6,543,718 bales American.
 b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

April 12. Receipts at—	1922-23.		1921-22.		1920-21.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay.....	107,000	2,742,000	93,000	2,499,000	70,000	1,832,000

Exports.	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1922-23.....	5,000	15,000	25,000	45,000	99,000	477,500	1,354,500	1,928,000
1921-22.....	2,000	5,000	16,000	23,000	26,000	344,000	1,240,000	1,610,000
1920-21.....	-----	9,000	39,000	48,000	18,000	398,000	601,000	1,017,000
Other India—								
1922-23.....	-----	7,000	-----	7,000	58,000	187,550	-----	245,550
1921-22.....	-----	6,000	-----	6,000	6,000	124,000	8,000	138,000
1920-21.....	1,000	-----	-----	1,000	20,000	146,000	22,000	188,000
Total all—								
1922-23.....	5,000	22,000	25,000	52,000	154,000	665,050	1,354,500	2,173,550
1921-22.....	2,000	11,000	16,000	29,000	32,000	468,000	1,248,000	1,748,000
1920-21.....	1,000	9,000	39,000	49,000	38,000	544,000	623,000	1,205,000

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 14,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a gain of 23,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 425,550 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, April 12.	1922-23.	1921-22.	1920-21.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week.....	55,000	65,000	80,000
Since Aug. 1.....	6,314,771	4,777,357	3,603,958
Exports (bales)—			
To Liverpool.....	202 510	7,500 137,032	----- 82,927
To Manchester &c.....	141,921	5,000 111,545	----- 65,955
To Continent & India.....	14,000 260,285	5,650 170,167	1,700 104,136
To America.....	196,737	2,250 153,755	300 38,400
Total exports.....	14,000 800 453	20,400 572,499	2,000 291,418

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending April 12 were 55,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 14,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both cloths and yarns is steady. Demand for both yarn and cloth is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1922-23.						1921-22.					
	32s Cop Twist.		8½ lbs. Shirts to Finest.		Cot'n Mid. Upl's		32s Cop Twist.		8½ lbs. Shirts to Finest.		Cot'n Mid. Upl's	
Feb. 2	d.	d.	s. d.	s. d.	d.	d.	d.	s. d.	s. d.	d.	d.	d.
2	22	@ 23	17 2	@ 17 5	15.28	16½	@ 18½	15 3	@ 16 3	9.35		
9	22	@ 23	17 0	@ 17 4	15.74	16½	@ 17½	15 0	@ 16 0	9.47		
16	21½	@ 22½	17 0	@ 17 4	15.93	16½	@ 18	14 9	@ 15 9	10.01		
23	22	@ 22½	17 0	@ 17 4	16.34	17	@ 18½	15 0	@ 16 0	10.25		
Mar. 2	22	@ 22½	16 7	@ 17 3	16.44	17	@ 18½	15 1½	@ 16 1½	9.98		
9	22½	@ 23½	17 1	@ 17 6	16.60	17	@ 18½	15 1½	@ 16 1½	10.57		
23	23	@ 24	17 1	@ 17 6	16.55	17	@ 18½	15 5½	@ 16 3	10.75		
16	23½	@ 24½	17 1	@ 17 6	16.08	17	@ 18½	15 4½	@ 16 3	10.69		
23	23½	@ 24½	17 1	@ 17 6	14.80	17½	@ 18½	15 4½	@ 16 3	10.69		
Apr. 6	23½	@ 24½	17 0	@ 17 6	15.88	17½	@ 18½	15 4½	@ 16 3	10.45		
13	23½	@ 24½	17 0	@ 17 4	15.95	17½	@ 18½	15 4½	@ 16 3	10.23		

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 58,353 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

	Total bales.
NEW YORK—To Liverpool—April 6—Cedric, 879.....	889
Scythia, 10.....	254
To Manchester—April 6—Nubian, 254.....	26
To Glasgow—April 6—Tuscania, 26.....	2,000
To Bremen—April 9—Pittsburgh, 2,000.....	148
To Danzig—April 10—Polonia, 148.....	139
To Antwerp—April 10—Caucasier, 139.....	5,591
NEW ORLEANS—To Havre—April 6—West Kasson, 3,483.....	845
April 7—De La Salle, 2,108.....	500
To Ghent—April 6—West Kasson, 845.....	500
To Vera Cruz—April 6—Ubergen, 500.....	1,700
SAVANNAH—April 7—Liberty Bell, 4,046.....	5,746
April 7—Monviso, 150.....	150
To Port Barrios—April 9—Copename, 100.....	100
To Japan—April 10—Seattle Maru, 5,049.....	5,049
To Gotenburg—April 11—Delaware, 700.....	700
To Christiania—April 11—Delaware, 100.....	100
To Norrkoping—April 11—Delaware, 300.....	300
To Rotterdam—April 12—Leerdam, 231.....	6,500
GALVESTON—To Japan—April 7—Hatimura, 6,500.....	231
To Bremen—April 7—West Norranus, 7,372.....	7,472
wig-Holstein, 100.....	150
To Hamburg—April 7—West Norranus, 150.....	2,375
To Ghent—April 9—Lowther Castle, 2,375.....	200
To Antwerp—April 9—Lowther Castle, 200.....	400
To Vera Cruz—April 11—Mexican Lady, 400.....	248
MOBILE—To Manchester—April 7—Foundry, 248.....	2,099
NORFOLK—To Bremen—April 7—Emdon, 2,099.....	200
PORT TOWNSEND—To Japan—April 4—Africa Maru, 200.....	200
SAN FRANCISCO—To Havre—April 4—City of Auckland, 200.....	30
SAN PEDRO—To Japan—April 10—Panama Maru, 30.....	9,186
SAVANNAH—To Bremen—April 6—Key West, 9,186.....	50
To Rotterdam—April 6—Key West, 50.....	200
To Liverpool—April 12—Tulsa, 200.....	275
To Manchester—April 12—Tulsa, 275.....	6,000
WILMINGTON—To Bremen—April 7—Cody, 6,000.....	6,000
Total.....	58,353

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Mar. 23.	Mar. 30.	April 6.	April 13.
Sales of the week.....	25,000	17,000	34,000	37,000
Of which American.....	12,000	10,000	19,000	16,000
Actual export.....	3,000	3,000	4,000	13,000
Forwarded.....	56,000	33,000	44,000	45,000
Total stock.....	797,000	808,000	802,000	781,000
Of which American.....	454,000	449,000	437,000	417,000
Total imports.....	57,000	37,000	45,000	43,000
Of which American.....	35,000	11,000	14,000	18,000
Amount afloat.....	169,000	142,000	114,000	94,000
Of which American.....	56,000	44,000	32,000	14,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.		Good inquiry.	A fair business doing.	Moderate demand.	Moderate demand.	Quiet.
Mid. Upl'ds		16.06	16.24	15.83	16.00	15.95
Sales.....		10,000	8,000	7,000	6,000	5,000
Futures Market opened	HOLI-DAY.	Q't but st'y 19 to 29pts. advance.	Firm 2 to 10pts. advance.	Bar. ste'dy 15 to 33pts. decline.	Quiet 10 to 14pts. advance.	Quiet, 6 to 9 pts. advance.
Market, 4 P. M.		S'e'dy 18 to 38pts. advance.	Q't but st'y 4pts. adv. to 2 pts. dec.	Steady 4 to 28 pts. decline.	Bar. ste'dy unchang. 13 pts. adv.	Steady, 12 to 19pts. decline.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

April 7 to April 13.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12½ p. m.	12½ p. m.	12½ p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12½ p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12½ p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12½ p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12½ p. m.	4:00 p. m.
April.....	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
May.....	15.56	15.65	15.74	15.66	15.33	15.39	15.50	15.39	15.45	15.45	15.27	15.27
June.....	15.34	15.40	15.50	15.44	15.13	15.19	15.29	15.20	15.26	15.08	15.08	15.08
July.....	15.32	15.38	15.48	15.42	15.12	15.18	15.28	15.19	15.25	15.07	15.07	15.07
August.....	15.00	15.05	15.14	15.08	14.79	14.86	14.96	14.90	14.96	14.78	14.78	14.78
September.....	14.49	14.53	14.60	14.57	14.34	14.45	14.56	14.46	14.56	14.40	14.40	14.40
October.....	13.88	13.88	13.94	13.88	13.70	13.80	13.94	13.80	13.94	13.76	13.76	13.76
November.....	13.70	13.69	13.74	13.70	13.54	13.64	13.77	13.76	13.83	13.68	13.68	13.68
December.....	13.60	13.59	13.64	13.60	13.44	13.55	13.67	13.66	13.74	13.48	13.48	13.48
January.....	13.52	13.51	13.54	13.50	13.35	13.46	13.58	13.57	13.64	13.38	13.38	13.38
February.....	13.45	13.44	13.46	13.42	13.27	13.38	13.50	13.48	13.56	13.30	13.30	13.30
March.....	13.45	13.44	13.46	13.42	13.27	13.38	13.50	13.48	13.56	13.30	13.30	13.30

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, April 13 1922.

Flour has been variable; that is, it was steadier as wheat advanced and weaker as it declined. On the 9th inst. a rise of 15 to 25c. was reported asked from the recent minimum quotations. Some milling centres then reported a rather better business and prices somewhat firmer. Here a fair export business was done in moderate sized lots. Some were a little disturbed, it is true, to find that the Brazilian Government had not renewed its preferential duty on American flour. Whether this means that it is not to be renewed is another matter. That remains to be seen. It may be that alarmists have been crying out before they were hurt or likely to be. On the 10th inst. prices weakened somewhat with those for wheat and because of disappointing trade. Exporters when they bought at all took only small lots. Trade, in other words, was distinctly unsatisfactory. There can be no evading that fact. The weather at the West became more favorable. That counted. On the 11th inst. the tone became firmer with a sharp rise in wheat. The export demand was fair and clearances increased. Shipments are again going forward to the Near East. That seems a hopeful sign. The flour is going in that direction with option of delivery at Constantinople. At Kansas City prices were firmer early in the week, but business was only moderate.

Bulk basis hard wheat short patents, \$6 05 to \$6 40; long, \$5 70 to \$6. At Minneapolis, with an increased demand, prices on the 10th inst. were firm after a rise within a week of 10 to 20c. Best family patents, \$6 80 to \$7 20; firsts, \$6 70 to \$6 90.

Wheat advanced on bad crop reports, official and private, and heavy buying. The Government report on the 9th inst. stated the winter wheat condition at 75.2% on April 1, against 79.5 on Dec. 1 1922, 78.4 at this time last year and 84.1 for the 10-year average. Assuming an average abandonment of acreage and average weather to harvest, the April 1 condition forecasts a production of about 572,317,000 bushels of winter wheat. This compares with a final estimate in 1922 of 586,204,000 bushels. The Government report was considered confirmatory of the bad private reports current for some time past. Prices advanced on the 9th inst. 1c., with private crop advices still bad. It was cold, too, in the Northwest. Liverpool advanced 7/8 to 1 1/4d. and Buenos Aires 1c. The world's exports last week were 12,638,000 bushels, against 10,242,000 in the previous week. The quantity on passage increased 1,384,000 bushels. The visible supply in the United States decreased 407,000, and bonded stocks 595,000, while the Canadian visible supply increased 267,000 bushels. The visible decrease in the United States of 407,000, it is true, looked rather small by comparison with a falling off in the same week last year of 1,734,000 bushels. And the total is still 45,378,000 bushels, against 36,168,000 a year ago. But bad crop accounts and a sharp demand naturally outweighed this. Export sales were reported on the 9th inst. of 1,000,000 bushels, mostly, it is true, Manitoba. Italy, it was said, demurs to paying ruling prices for durum. It regards Manitoba, it seems, as relatively cheaper. But there are fears that a late cold spring may cause a reduction in the spring wheat acreage at the Northwest. The Department of Agriculture says that the condition of winter grain crops in Europe remains favorable, but spring farm work has been delayed by heavy rains in France, Hungary and Yugoslavia. Considerable land in Belgium is not yet under cultivation. The backwardness in spring work may be attributed to labor shortage. This is a grim aftermath of war. Uruguay's wheat crop this year is 3,075,000 bushels, or 63% less than in previous season, partly due to a smaller acreage. On the 11th inst. prices touched the previous new highs of the season, with rumors of a large export business. The tone was firm, despite rains in Kansas. The advance was 3c., with the market looking sold out and over-sold. The Continent was buying and England has got to buy more freely after long playing a waiting game. It would put new snap into the market if England should buy on a big scale. Meanwhile the season is late. Cold weather has much delayed spring seeding in the Northwest. Nebraska's crop is said to be very small. Little wonder, then, that a new "high" has been made for the season. Chicago said the export business on the 11th inst. pointed to 1,000,000 bushels. Besides, Liverpool practically ignored the Chicago decline of the 10th inst. On the 12th inst. prices declined on rains in the Southwest, especially in Texas and Oklahoma, and some rains in Kansas, lukewarm Liverpool cables and lessened export buying. Some 400,000 bushels were taken for export, mostly Manitoba, and some small lots of American hard wheat at the Gulf. To-day prices ended 1 1/8c. off on May and 3/4c. higher on July. For the week there is an advance of 1 1/4c. on May and 4 1/4c. on July.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red.....	Sat. 148	Mon. 149 1/4	Tues. 147 1/2	Wed. 150 1/4	Thurs. 150	Fri. 150 1/4
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery in elevator.....	Sat. 123	Mon. 123 1/4	Tues. 121 3/4	Wed. 124 1/2	Thurs. 124 1/4	Fri. 123 3/4
July delivery in elevator.....	120 1/2	120 3/4	119 3/4	122 1/2	122 3/4	123 3/4
September delivery in elevator.....	118 3/4	119 3/4	118 1/2	121	121	121 1/2

Indian corn advanced, pushed by wheat and a good cash demand, light offerings and a small and decreasing stock. Last week the American visible supply fell off 1,271,000 bushels, against 1,495,000 last year. The total is now 27,471,000 bushels, against 45,894,000 bushels a year ago. Europe, moreover, has been bidding at the high record prices on this crop and business was only restricted by the firmness of holders. Covering by shorts in May who sold July was a feature. May covering was traceable to the firmness of the cash position. Exporters on the 9th inst. took 200,000 bushels. On the 10th inst. prices declined 5/8 to 7/8c. in sympathy with a fall in wheat and more favorable weather for field work at the West. No aggressive buying appeared. Exporters took only 100,000 bushels. On the 11th inst. the United Kingdom bought freely and one report was that the export sales were about 500,000 bushels. Besides the sharp rise in wheat helped corn. Yet corn had strength of its own and therefore touched a new "high." Chicago was also braced by reports that much of the stock there would soon be shipped out. On the 12th inst. new high records were again made, May taking the lead on buying supposed to be for cash and elevator interests at the West. Later came some reaction. The country sold more freely. Larger receipts are therefore expected. Exporters took only 200,000 bushels. Speculative trading, however, was large. Very many look for higher prices. To-day prices ended 1/8 to 3/8c. lower, but for the week they are 3 1/8 to 3 3/4c. higher.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow.....	Sat. 97 1/2	Mon. 99 3/4	Tues. 99 1/2	Wed. 102	Thurs. 102 1/4	Fri. 102 1/2
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery in elevator.....	Sat. 77 3/4	Mon. 78 1/2	Tues. 77 3/4	Wed. 80 3/4	Thurs. 80 1/2	Fri. 80 3/4
July delivery in elevator.....	79 3/4	81 1/2	80 3/4	82 1/2	82	81 1/2
September delivery in elevator.....	80 3/4	81 3/4	80 3/4	83	82	82 3/4

Oats advanced with wheat and on a better demand. The American visible supply decreased last week 822,000 bushels, against 1,040,000 a year ago. The total is now only 23,222,000 bushels, against 63,606,000 at this time in 1922. And early in the week the offerings were small, both of oats and corn. Oats attracted more attention because of unfavorable crop news, the smallness of country offerings, brisk buying by commission houses and a greater outside demand as well as the steady decrease in the already small visible supply. On the 12th inst. new high record prices for the season were again reached under the stimulus of higher prices for wheat and corn; this rise was followed, however, by a reaction due to realizing. But there is a delay reported in seeding, owing to cold wet weather. To-day prices closed unchanged to 1/8c. higher and are 5/8 to 1 1/8c. up for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white.....	Sat. 56 1/2	Mon. 56 1/2	Tues. 57	Wed. 56 3/4	Thurs. 57 1/4	Fri. 57 3/4
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery in elevator.....	Sat. 45 3/4	Mon. 46 1/4	Tues. 45 1/2	Wed. 46 1/4	Thurs. 45 3/4	Fri. 46
July delivery in elevator.....	46 3/4	46 3/4	46 1/2	47 1/2	46 3/4	46 3/4
September delivery in elevator.....	45	45 3/4	44 3/4	46 3/4	45 1/2	45 3/4

Rye advanced with the rest of the grain list, spurred, too, by reports of export business. Norway was said to have taken 250,000 bushels more late last week. At Chicago there was considerable buying on the 7th inst. against export sales. Also, there was some general buying and covering of shorts. On the other hand, there was an increase in the visible supply in the United States last week of 158,000 bushels in rather sharp contrast with a decrease in the same week last year of 536,000 bushels. The total is up to 18,431,000 bushels, against 8,700,000 bushels a year ago. The winter rye condition was put by the Government in its report of April 9 at 81.8%, against 84.1% on Dec. 1 1922, 89% on April 1 1921 and 88.6% for the 10-year average. The indicated crop on April 1 was 75,784,000 bushels, whereas the actual crop of rye last year was 95,497,000 bushels, in 1921 it was 61,675,000 and in 1920 60,490,000 bushels. On the 10th inst. prices dropped with wheat with little export business. Of barley 50,000 bushels were taken for export. Exporters, it was stated, had within a week taken about 250,000 bushels of barley for Germany. Barley is relatively cheap as compared with corn. The American visible supply of barley decreased last week 97,000 bushels, against an increase in the same week last year of 96,000. The total is now 2,481,000 bushels, against 1,667,000 a year ago. On the 11th inst. rye rose 2c. on the foreign demand. Are Russian supplies exhausted? People here are discussing the possibility. In any case the export sales on Wednesday were later on put at 1,000,000 bushels, mostly to Germany. It was said that during the week Germany took 2,000,000 bushels. To-day prices closed 1/4 to 3/8c. higher and for the week show an advance of 3 1/4 to 3 3/8c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery in elevator.....	Sat. 84	Mon. 84 1/4	Tues. 83 1/2	Wed. 85 1/4	Thurs. 86 1/4	Fri. 86 3/4
July delivery in elevator.....	84 1/4	85 1/4	84 1/2	86 1/4	87 1/4	87 3/4
September delivery in elevator.....	84 1/4	85 1/4	85 1/2	87	87 1/2	87 3/4

The following are closing quotations:

GRAIN	
Wheat—	Oats—
No. 2 red..... \$1 50 1/4	No. 2 white..... 57 1/2
No. 2 hard winter... 1 40 3/4	No. 3 white..... 55 3/4
Corn—	Barley—
No. 2 yellow..... 102 1/2	Feeding..... Nominal
Rye—No. 2..... 96	Malting..... \$1@82
FLOUR	
Spring patents..... \$6 50@ \$7 00	Barley goods—
Winter straights, soft... 5 90@ 6 25	No. 1, 1-0, 2-0..... \$5 75
Hard winter straights... 6 00@ 6 50	Nos. 2, 3 and 4 pearl... 6 50
First spring clears... 5 50@ 6 00	Nos. 3-0..... 5 90
Rye flour..... 4 90@ 5 25	Nos. 4-0 and 5-0..... 6 00
Corn goods, 100 lbs.:—	Oats goods—carload:
Yellow meal..... 2 12 1/2@ 2 20	Spot delivery..... 2 85@ 2 92 1/2
Corn flour..... 2 15@ 2 20	

The statements of the movements of breadstuffs to market indicated below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbls. 196lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48lbs.	bush. 56lbs.
Chicago.....	353,000	459,000	1,486,000	1,291,000	194,000	203,000
Minneapolis.....	2,290,000	251,000	377,000	197,000	273,000	
Duluth.....	702,000	27,000	10,000	17,000	426,000	
Milwaukee.....	45,000	106,000	325,000	427,000	169,000	52,000
Toledo.....	54,000	43,000	50,000	5,000	5,000	
Detroit.....	30,000	131,000	60,000			
Indianapolis.....	44,000	353,000	226,000			
St. Louis.....	99,000	439,000	657,000	836,000	10,000	10,000
Kansas City.....	46,000	21,000	347,000	297,000	7,000	1,000
Omaha.....	1,003,000	319,000	403,000			
St. Joseph.....	355,000	628,000	694,000			
	114,000	122,000	46,000			
Total wk. '23.....	543,000	5,627,000	3,889,000	4,717,000	599,000	970,000
Same wk. '22.....	416,000	3,233,000	3,763,000	2,406,000	441,000	307,000
Same wk. '21.....	361,000	5,319,000	3,970,000	2,082,000	414,000	374,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1922-23.....	17,856,000	343,121,000	242,342,000	173,918,000	31,129,000	41,483,000
1921-22.....	15,707,000	274,566,000	301,265,000	157,528,000	22,549,000	16,878,000
1920-21.....	20,918,000	289,240,000	169,453,000	145,900,000	21,747,000	13,844,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday April 7 1923 follow:

Table with columns: Receipts at, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows include New York, Portland, Me., Philadelphia, Baltimore, etc.

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, April 7 1923, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table with columns: Exports from, Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Barley, Peas. Rows include New York, Portland, Me., Boston, etc.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1922 is as below:

Table with columns: Exports for Week and Since July 1 to, Flour, Wheat, Corn. Rows include United Kingdom, So. & Cent. Amer., etc.

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange for the week ending Friday, April 6, and since July 1 1922 and 1921, are shown in the following:

Table with columns: Exports, Wheat, Corn. Rows include North Amer., Russ. & Dan., Argentina, etc.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, April 7, was as follows:

Table with columns: GRAIN STOCKS, United States, Canadian. Rows include New York, Boston, Philadelphia, etc.

Summary table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows include American, Canadian, Total April 7 1923, etc.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 10.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ending April 10, is as follows:

Cold weather for season continued in central and interior Northern States during the week ended April 10, with temperatures much below normal from the western Lake Region westward to the Rocky Mountains.

More favorable temperatures prevailed in the Gulf Coast section where about the preceding week, particularly in the Gulf Coast section where about the normal warmth was received. Precipitation was frequent in most of the central and eastern portions of the belt with heavy rainfall in the central Gulf area.

Field work was retarded in Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee, due to frequent rains and wet soil. Some cotton was planted in central and southern Arkansas.

Not much planting could be done in Mississippi and Louisiana, where warm, dryer weather was needed. Some planting was done in southern Alabama. Some cotton was up in Georgia and chopping out had begun in the Florida peninsula.

Cotton planting had become general in South Carolina except in Piedmont. Some was seeded in the southeastern portions of North Carolina. Weather was favorable in Arizona and New Mexico and planting progressed satisfactorily.

Corn was recovering in Texas, from the recent low temperatures and excessive moisture and dryer weather favored planting and replanting. This work was retarded in the central Gulf States by wet soil, but made better progress in the south Atlantic Coast districts.

Planting was quite general in South Carolina and had begun in the earlier sections of North Carolina. Practically no corn was planted during the week in Tennessee but planting was well along in southern Arkansas. It was too cool and in places too dry for corn planting in Oklahoma.

Considerable plowing was done in Missouri. The continued cold weather in the spring wheat belt has been generally unfavorable for the preparation of soil and seeding and this work was considerably behind the average year, especially in the eastern portions of the belt.

Considerable seeding was done in southern South Dakota and conditions were satisfactory in the more northwestern States where early seeded wheat was germinating nicely.

Oat seeding was slow in Central districts and was delayed by unfavorable weather, although this work was well along in central Illinois and was completed in Missouri. Oats were germinating slowly in Kansas where conditions were still under way. Oats were showing generally poor stands in Oklahoma because of the recent freeze. Crop made excellent progress in Arkansas. Little seeding was done in Iowa, and in south and eastern Nebraska.

Rice planting progressed in California and some was sown in Louisiana. Another cold week was experienced in winter wheat belt and rainfall was heavy in the eastern portion.

Dry weather continued in the more western parts where soil moisture was needed. Rainfall in Ohio Valley was favorable for winter wheat, but growth was rather slow owing to low temperatures. Some damage was reported from low temperatures during the last two weeks in Ohio, while cold weather in Indiana and Illinois has been unfavorable.

Winter wheat continued in generally satisfactory condition in Missouri and was reported as fair to good in Iowa. Crop made little growth in Nebraska but plants have outgrown the yellowish tinge in Kansas. Wheat was good to excellent in eastern half of Kansas, but very poor in the western half.

More moisture was needed in Oklahoma, but crop was mostly satisfactory except in extreme northwestern part of State. Conditions were generally favorable in the more northwestern States, particularly in Montana, where soil was benefited by general snow and the week closed with milder weather.

Winter cereals made mostly satisfactory progress in the Atlantic and Gulf States. Fruit buds were backward in New Jersey, and continued dormant in Pennsylvania and Ohio. Early plums were coming into bloom in southern Indiana and peaches in extreme southern Illinois. Cool weather in interior and northern portions of country was favorable in retarding fruit bloom. Fruit outlook continued excellent in central Rocky Mountain districts and Pacific Coast States. Early fruits were in bloom in north Pacific Coast sections.

THE AGRICULTURAL BUREAU'S SEMI-MONTHLY CROP SUMMARY, MARCH 16-31.—The following is the semi-monthly report of the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, issued under date of April 3:

Winter grains have probably deteriorated somewhat. Long-continued drought in some sections with cold weather the last two weeks have retarded growth and both wheat and rye are generally backward. Freezing and thawing with little or no snow cover has been common in large areas of the wheat belt and has undoubtedly done injury, the extent of which cannot yet be estimated. The present condition is decidedly unfavorable though susceptible of considerable improvement with favorable weather conditions from now on.

Seeding of oats has continued in southern areas but has been generally retarded by unfavorable weather conditions. Soil has been cold and wet in many sections and unfavorable for seed germination. The seeding of barley is mostly awaiting warmer weather.

The planting of corn continues in the South. The plant in southeastern and southwestern States has been damaged by cold and freezing, and replanting is general. Acreage outlook doubtful at present and likely to be reduced by scarcity of farm labor. Preparation of ground in more northern areas is making progress but has been delayed by cold and wet soil.

The planting of early white potatoes has been delayed quite generally by weather conditions. Where already up they have been generally injured by cold and freezing, except in Florida, and much replanting is being done. A decrease of acreage in commercial areas is expected. Preparation of sweet potato beds is practically completed in many southern districts.

On the Atlantic coast planting of cotton is now general as far north as North Carolina. It has been quite generally delayed by rains and cold in all sections. Extra early cotton has been greatly damaged by freezing weather and replanting is being done. Preparation of the land practically completed in all sections. Indications still point to an increased acreage. A great demand for fertilizers and weevil poison is noticeable.

Farm labor is generally scarce and high priced. Competition of mines saw-mills, road building and industrial plants in many sections cannot be met by the farmers. A marked tendency on this account to turn plow lands into permanent pasture and to reduce acreage of corn is in evidence.

Wheat.—In New England, New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, some injury to winter wheat from freezing and thawing seems probable. Similar damage is reported from Maryland, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Minnesota. In the Dakotas, Minnesota, and Montana, the moisture condition is generally favorable. The plant is dormant in Iowa and most of Nebraska. It is showing some recovery in Kansas and Missouri from the freeze of the middle of March. The ground is exceedingly dry in west and southwest Kansas and the outcome in Nebraska is uncertain, with considerable abandonment of acreage probable. The condition in Oklahoma is generally good except in the extreme west and northwest. The crop has been set back by the freeze in Texas and much abandoned acreage in the Panhandle is being sown to durum wheat. The crop is heading in Florida, is well advanced on the Atlantic coastal plain but is late in Tennessee and northwest Georgia. In California fall-sown wheat and barley on summer fallow land has a fair prospect.

Oats.—In Ohio, Indiana and Illinois oats are being sown in southern counties, but the preparation of the ground for this crop in the northern

counties has not begun. Seeding of oats is rapidly progressing in Missouri and Kansas with very little being done in Nebraska and none in Iowa.

Corn.—Planting of corn is well advanced in Florida. Early corn in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina severely injured by cold and replanting is general.

Cotton.—Planting of cotton continues in Florida with excellent weather for germination. In this State an increase of acreage is expected.

Rice.—The sowing of rice has been retarded by rains in Texas, and will begin on April 1 in Arkansas. The rice land is fully prepared in Louisiana.

Live Stock.—Condition of live stock is fair in Oklahoma, average in Texas with but small winter losses, and poor in Louisiana. The supply of fat cattle is low in Oklahoma.

Ranges and stubble fields are now available as pasture in range sections of Minnesota and North Dakota. In Texas the ranges have been set back two weeks by freezing with new grass coming in the Panhandle section.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT REPORT ON WINTER WHEAT AND RYE.—The report of the Agricultural Department showing the condition of winter wheat and rye on April 1 was issued on April 9 as follows:

The Crop Reporting Board of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, makes the following forecasts and estimates from reports of its correspondents and agents:

The average condition of winter wheat on April 1 was 75.2% of a normal, against 78.4 on April 1 1922, 91.0 on April 1 1921, and 84.1, the average condition for the past ten years on April 1.

The average condition of rye on April 1 was 81.8% of a normal, against 89.0 on April 1 1922, 90.3 on April 1 1921 and 88.6 the average condition for the past ten years on April 1.

Comparisons for winter wheat and rye States follow, condition figures representing per cent of normal:

Table with columns for State, Winter Wheat (Condition, Price), and Rye (Condition). Rows list various states and the United States average.

Approved: C. W. PUGSLEY, Acting Secretary. W. A. SCHOENFELD, Chairman. S. A. JONES, G. K. HOLMES, J. A. BECKER, H. M. TAYLOR, Crop Reporting Board.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Friday Night, April 13 1923.

Despite the fact that markets for textiles have displayed less activity during the past week the general undertone has been steady. In regard to cotton goods, the easier tone of the raw material market has failed to affect domestic cottons, as jobbers' prices were not in keeping with primary market values before the easing in raw material developed.

uncertainties that are inseparable from the difficulty of trying to fathom the mysteries of a new cotton crop. The new crop is now being planted, and has been delayed to some extent by recent rains in Southwestern States.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS: Markets for domestic cottons continued quiet during the past week, but notwithstanding this fact, more steadiness was displayed in some unfinished lines.

Jobbers continue to do a small lot business with much of the activity centred in wash goods. The rise in finishing costs is given as an excuse by converters for not buying more liberally for May and June delivery, but sellers claim that it can be better explained by the quiet condition which has existed in finished goods during the past fortnight.

WOOLEN GOODS: While there has been a slackening in demand for some goods in the woolen and worsted markets, more activity has been displayed in demand for others.

The noticeable lull in the dress goods market during the past fortnight is now said to be giving way to renewed activity. The unseasonably cold weather and very early Easter were responsible for the comparative inactivity in dress goods, and it is now generally believed that the real spring business in this line will be done during the next three weeks.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS: Quietness which has characterized other textile markets extended to linens during the past week.

Many buyers were about, but were seeking under-value goods of all descriptions, and many were disappointed because their ideas could not be fulfilled. On the other hand, importers and jobbers did all possible to accommodate them and frequently shaded prices so as to encourage sales.

Statement of the Ownership, Management, &c., required by the Act of Congress of Aug. 24 1912, of Commercial & Financial Chronicle, published weekly at New York, N. Y., for April 1 1923.

State of New York, County of New York, ss.: Before me, a notary public, in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Jacob Selbert Jr., who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the editor of the Commercial & Financial Chronicle and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24 1912, embodied in Section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

(1.) That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business managers are:

Publisher, William B. Dana Company, 138 Front St., New York.

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(3.) That the known bondholders, mortgagees and other security holders owning or holding 1% or more of the total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: (If there are none, so state.) None.

(4.) That the two paragraphs next above, giving the names of the owners, stockholders, and security holders, if any, contain not only the list of stockholders and security holders as they appear upon the books of the company, but also, in cases where the stockholder or security holder appears upon the books of the company as trustee or in any other fiduciary relation, the name of the person or corporation for whom such trustee is acting, is given; also that the said two paragraphs contain statements embracing affiant's full knowledge and belief as to the circumstances and conditions under which stockholders and security holders who do not appear upon the books of the company as trustees, hold stock and securities in a capacity other than that of a bona fide owner; and this affiant has no reason to believe that any other person, association, or corporation has any interest, direct or indirect, in the said stock, bonds, or other securities than as so stated by him.

(Signed) Jacob Selbert Jr., Editor. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of April 1923. Thomas A. Creegan, Notary Public, Kings County, New York County Clerk No. 83. New York County Register No. 5142. (My commission expires March 30 1925.)

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS.

Calcasieu Parish, La.—*Supreme Court of Louisiana Settles Ship Channel Bond Dispute in Favor of Parish.*—The dispute centering around the \$2,750,000 ship channel bond issue, voted last June and which was carried from the Fifteenth Judicial District Court to the State Supreme Court (V. 116, p. 965), was settled by the high court on April 2, the decision reversing the holding of the lower court that the votes cast by the citizens of Lake Charles, where a large majority in favor of the project was polled, were void.

Dallas, Tex.—*Bond Limit Raised by Voters.*—The charter amendment which increases from \$14,000,000 to \$25,000,000 the limit placed upon the bonded indebtedness of the city was approved by the people on April 3—V. 116, p. 1088. The vote was 7,769 "for" and 1,736 "against."

Illinois (State of).—*Soldiers' Bonus Upheld.*—The Soldiers' Bonus Act, passed by the voters last November, was upheld by the State Supreme Court on April 11. Application for an injunction to prevent the issuance of \$55,000,000 bonds authorized by the measure, was brought by Dr. E. E. Hagler, in the Sangamon County Circuit Court in January. Judge E. S. Smith, of that Court, dismissed the action, but expressed doubt as to the constitutionality of the law. An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court (V. 116, p. 965). The opinion of the higher tribunal, which was delivered by Chief Justice Thompson, agrees with the contention that the law does not violate either Section 20 of Article 4, which prohibits the State from giving its credit in aid of individuals, or Section 19 of Article 4, which prohibits the General Assembly from granting any extra compensation to any public officer, agent, servant or contractor after the service has been rendered or a contract made.

In commenting on the appellant's contention that Section 19 is contravened, the Court said, according to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of April 12:

The recipients of the compensation in this case do not come within this specification of the constitution. They do not stand in the relation of public officer, agent, servant or contractor of or with the State, and this section has no application here.

The opinion, in discussing the contended violation of Section 20, is reported as saying:

In the opinion of the court the principal contention of the appellant was that the law contravened that section of the constitution which provides that: "The State shall never pay, assume or become responsible for the debts or liabilities of, or in any manner give, loan or extend its credit to, or in aid of any public or other corporation, association or individual."

The argument is that the Act gives or extends to the persons benefited thereby the credit of the State by the issuance of bonds and the payment of the proceeds thereof to such individuals, while the appellees, on the other hand, contend that the Act does not give or extend the credit of the State, but that it gives, if anything, the proceeds of the funds arising from the bonds.

The Court, in concluding, said, according to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce":

We cannot escape the conviction that the close relation existing between the services of the individual and the general welfare of the State gives rise to a claim appealing to a universal sense of fairness and justice. While we have great respect for the courts holding that no moral obligation exists under the state of facts surrounding the Act before us, we are constrained to adopt the contrary view. We are of the opinion that the Act is not subject to the constitutional objections urged, and that the Chancellor was right in dismissing the bill for want of equity.

Kansas (State of).—*Legislature Adjourns.*—The Legislative session of 1923 came to an end on March 21. Several bills for putting in operation a system of bonus payments to World War veterans were passed during the session. Other laws enacted permit the issuance of bonds for repairing paved streets in second and third-class cities; for refunding judgment indebtedness in first-class cities existing on Jan. 1 1923; for funding judgments in second-class cities; for the erection of military memorials by cities of the first class; for the

erection of a military memorial by a city of the first class with which has been consolidated a city of the second class; for the purchase of a court-house site by a county, in a sum not to exceed \$300,000, without a vote of the people, such debt not to be computed in determining the amount of county indebtedness under any legal limitations; and for the raising of funds by benefit districts for extending aid to railroads and subscribing to their stock.

A proposed constitutional amendment is to be submitted to the voters in 1924, under a measure passed. The amendment calls for the classification of property for taxation.

Missouri (State of).—*Legislature Adjourns—Governor Approves Additional Bonus Bonds.*—On March 24 the General Assembly adjourned sine die. Among the laws enacted during the session were the tax reduction bill which was signed by Governor Hyde under protest, as reported in V. 116, p. 1449, and a bill authorizing the issuance of \$4,600,000 bonds to raise funds for the payment of the bonus to World War veterans who were not compensated under the \$15,000,000 issue authorized by the voters two years ago. This additional issue will be submitted to the people in November 1924, unless a special election is called.

Nebraska.—*Soldiers' Bonus Bill Dies in Senate.*—A soldiers' bonus bill, providing for a \$10,000,000 bond issue, if approved by the people, died in the Senate on April 4, when an adverse committee report favoring the postponement of action on the bill was adopted.

New Hampshire.—*Court's Opinion Upsets Taxation System.*—At the request of the House of Representatives for a finding on the validity of various State taxes, the State Supreme Court on April 2 rendered an opinion holding that the graded inheritance tax is unconstitutional, that the gasoline sales tax is unlawful and could be levied only as a highway toll, and that incomes from intangible property may be taxed only at a uniform rate. This has left the Legislature in a dilemma as to what to do toward meeting the loss, especially as it follows so closely upon the rejection by the voters at the March 13 election (V. 116, p. 1209) of a proposed constitutional amendment regarding taxes. The Boston "Herald," in its issue of April 3, said in part:

The opinion of the court has left the legislative leaders more up in the air than ever, as the ruling on the inheritance tax law means a material reduction in income from that source and if the money the court says has been illegally collected since 1919 is returned, the State owes more than \$1,000,000 in refunds to estates which have paid the graded tax.

It is contended that the gasoline tax disguised as a highway toll will not help much, as it will be necessary to make the collections through local dealers, which in other States has proved costly and not easily workable. The gasoline tax in effect says that the toll may be made only on persons using the highways.

The tax on income from intangibles also must be at the average rate, which will bring down the total expected to be derived in additional revenue appreciably. Chairman Stevens of the Ways and Means Committee, Ex-Governor Bass, Speaker Ahern and Minority Leader Lyford were in conference to-night endeavoring to see their way clear to find new sources of revenue under the ruling of the court, which would help out in the effort to reduce the burden on classes of property now claimed to be burdensomely taxed.

The belief prevails to-night that the decision of the court has made certain another effort to revise the constitutional convention, and those who favored adoption of the tax amendment overwhelmingly turned down by the voters last month, are gathering melancholy satisfaction in telling the successful opponents of the amendment, "I told you so."

Judge Leslie P. Snow, of Rochester, the most recently appointed member of the court, was the dissenting justice on the opinion on incomes from intangibles and gasoline taxes. Chief Justice Frank N. Parsons, Judges John A. Young, Robert J. Peaslee, and William A. Plummer, concurred in the majority findings.

Besides the reconvening of the constitutional convention, the decision of the court may mean the abandonment of all State building projects.

Oklahoma (State of).—*Legislature Adjourns.*—The Legislature adjourned sine die on March 31. During the session a bill providing for loans up to 50% to co-operative associations for the building of warehouses and elevators, was passed. The bill carrying out one of the recommendations of the Governor, made in his message of Jan. 8 (V. 116, p. 316), has already been signed by that executive. Another law enacted during the session levies a tax of one cent a gallon on gasoline, the revenues realized to be appropriated among the counties by the State Highway Commissioner.

Texas (State of).—*Legislature Called into Special Session.*—On April 7 Governor Neff issued a proclamation calling the State Legislature into special session. The date of convening is set for April 16. The Governor lists the following as the purposes of the extra session:

1. To provide sufficient funds to properly maintain our public schools, our eleemosynary asylums, and the Texas Government.
2. To make appropriations within the available revenue for the support and maintenance, for the coming two years, of our public schools, our eleemosynary asylums and the State Government.
3. To vest the courts of Texas with effective authority to remove from office any officer against whom it can be proven in open court and before a jury, that such officer has willfully and corruptly failed and refused to enforce, as he took an oath to enforce, the laws of the country.
4. To pass such laws as will make more effective the provisions of the Federal and State Constitutions which prohibit the manufacture, sale and transportation of intoxicating beverages.
5. To consider and act upon such other matters of vital and constructive importance as may be presented by the Governor, pursuant to Article 3, Section 40, of the Constitution of Texas.

Virginia (State of).—*School Bond Law Being Tested.*—A suit has been brought against the Arlington County School Board to prevent the issuance of a block of school district bonds. The Superintendent of Schools of Arlington is quoted as having made the statement that the action was instituted merely to clear up an ambiguity in laws governing bond sales, and was brought at the request of legal advisers of the purchasers of an issue of bonds. The point in doubt is said to concern the credit of a county in relation to a district in the county.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

this week have been as follows:

ABERDEEN, Brown County, So. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.—An election is to be held on April 17 to vote on the question of issuing \$25,000 fire station bonds.

ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. Decatur), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by Hugh D. Hite, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. April 18 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of the following 4 1/2% road bonds: \$5,600 John Ludy Macadam Road in Blue Creek and Monroe Townships bonds.

10,320 Badertscher-Braun Macadam Road in Monrow Township bonds. 8,000 Teeple-Brown Macadam Road in St. Mary's Township bonds. 14,720 David Zimmerman Macadam Road in French and Hartford Townships bonds.

Date April 15 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due one bond of each issue each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

AIKEN COUNTY (P. O. Aiken), So. Caro.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 10 to vote on the question of issuing \$450,000 toll road bonds and \$300,000 road building bonds.

AKRON, Summit County, Ohio.—BIDS.—The following is a complete list of bids received for the \$163,260 coupon paving bonds which were offered for sale on April 2—V. 116, p. 1326:

Table with columns for bidder name, location, and bid amount. Includes entries for Seasongood & Mayer, N. S. Hill & Co., Otis & Co., Hayden, Miller & Co., National City Co., and Grau, Todd & Co.

AKRON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Akron), Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Hayden, Miller & Co. of Cleveland and Harris, Forbes & Co. and the National City Co., both of New York, bidding \$508,185, equal to 101.63, a basis of about 4.56%, acquired on April 10 the \$500,000 4 3/4% tax-free coupon school bonds offered on that date (V. 116, p. 1450). Date April 10 1923. Due \$25,000 yearly on Oct. 10 from 1924 to 1943 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O. 10) payable at the Central Savings & Trust Co., Akron. These bonds are offered to investors to yield about 4.40% and 4.35%, according to maturity.

ALBERMARLE, Stanley County, N. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 2 p. m. May 8 by Eli Kendrick, Town Clerk, for the following 5 1/4% coupon or registered bonds: \$20,000 water bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on May 1 from 1926 to 1945, incl. 180,000 street and sewer bonds. Due on May 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1926 to 1930, incl.; \$9,000, 1931 to 1940, and \$15,000, 1941 to 1944 incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable in gold at the Hanover Nat. Bank, N. Y. City, and int. on registered bonds will, at option of holder, be paid in N. Y. exchange. A cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company (or cash) for 2% of amount bid for, payable to the Town Clerk of Albermarle, required. Successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Reid, Dougherty & Hoyt, N. Y. City, that the bonds are binding and valid obligations of the Town of Albermarle. Purchaser to pay accrued int. to date of delivery.

ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Fort Wayne), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by Thos. J. Connelly, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. April 23 for the purchase at not less than par of \$11,240 5% coupon Weaver-Byrd road bonds. Denom. \$562. Date April 15 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$562 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, incl.

AMBLER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ambler), Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$125,000 4 1/2% school bonds offered for sale on March 20 was sold to Graham, Parsons & Co. of Philadelphia at 103.865, a basis of about 4.19%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 30 1923. Int. semi-ann. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, and \$25,000, 1952.

AMORY, Monroe County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. of Minneapolis has purchased \$17,000 6% water-plant and municipal office building bonds offered on April 3 at par plus a premium of \$800, equal to 104.70, a basis of about 5.30%. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the National City Bank, N. Y. City. Date April 1 1923. Due \$1,000 yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1940 incl.

ANNISTON, Calhoun County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 12 m. April 17 by J. L. Wike, Mayor, for \$188,000 5 1/4% coupon street impmt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 2 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable in gold at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City. Due April 2 1933. A cert. check or cash for 2% of amount bid for, required.

ANTELOPE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49 (P. O. Orchard), Neb.—BOND SALE.—The Peters Trust Co. of Omaha advises us that it recently purchased \$60,000 5% school building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928; \$10,000, 1929; \$2,000, 1930; \$1,000, 1931; \$2,000, 1932; \$1,000, 1933; \$2,000, 1934; \$1,000, 1935; \$2,000, 1936; \$1,000, 1937; \$2,000, 1938 to 1942 incl.; \$3,000, 1943 to 1952 incl., and \$5,000, 1953.

ANTONITO, Conejos County, Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—AMOUNT CHANGED.—At a recent election an issue of \$5,000 bonds was voted. James N. Wright & Co. of Denver had purchased these bonds subject to being voted at said election. Notice of the election and sale was given in V. 116, p. 1450. The amount was originally \$6,000 but was later changed to \$5,000.

ARIZONA (State of).—NOTE SALE.—The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has purchased \$606,000 4 1/2% 60-day tax-anticipation notes at par, dated April 15 1923 and due June 15. Notice that bids were being asked for was given in V. 116, p. 1569.

ARVADA, Jefferson County, Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on April 3 (V. 116, p. 1326), the \$20,000 sewer bond issue carried by a majority of 44 votes.

ASHEBORO GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Asheboro), Randolph County, N. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—J. O. Redding, Secretary Board of School Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. April 16 for \$60,000 coupon or registered school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1923. Bidder to name rate of interest. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the Seaboard National Bank, N. Y. City. Due on March 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1942 incl., and \$3,000, 1943 to 1952 incl. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt, N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the School District, required.

ASSUMPTION PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Napoleonville), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 6% road bonds offered on April 10—V. 116, p. 1210—were awarded at a premium of \$6,520, equal to 108.15, to the Hibernia Securities Co., Inc., of New Orleans. Date Feb. 1 1923. Due on Feb. 1 from 1924 to 1953 inclusive.

BELLE CENTER VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Belle Center), Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$10,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on April 2—V. 116, p. 1326—were not sold.

BELLEVEUE, Huron County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Victor J. Greenslade, City Auditor, until 12 m. (Central Standard Time) April 27 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of the following 5 1/4% coupon paving bonds: \$31,403 04 special assessment bonds. Denom. \$500, except one for \$403 04. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,500, 1924 to 1931 incl., and \$3,403 04, 1932. Auth., Sec. 3914 of the Gen. Code. 4,129 79 (city's portion) paving bonds. Denom. \$500, except one for \$129 79. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$129 79, 1924; \$500, 1925 to 1932 incl. Auth., Sec. 3939 of the Gen. Code.

Date March 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required with each issue. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from time of award. Bonded debt (incl. this issue) April 1 1923, \$402,478; floating debt (add'l,

\$1,200; sinking fund (cash), \$24,279; assessed valuation, 1922, \$88,488,650; total tax rate (per \$1,000), \$20 60.

BALTIMORE, Md.—STOCK SALE.—The following 3 issues of registered stock, aggregating \$6,394,000, which were offered for sale on April 9—V. 116, p. 1450—were awarded to Kountze Bros., New York; Hallgarten & Co., New York; the Equitable Trust Co., New York; Nelson, Cook & Co., Baltimore, and Hambleton & Co., Baltimore, at 103.93, a basis of about 4.35%: \$2,212,000 5% general improvement stock. Int. M. & S. Due \$1,079,000 March 1 1936 and \$1,133,000 March 1 1937. 1,337,000 5% water stock. Int. A. & O. Due \$652,000 April 1 1956 and \$685,000 1957. 2,845,000 4% school stock. Int. M. & N. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$360,000 1924, \$375,000 1925, \$390,000 1926, \$405,000 1927, \$421,000 1928, \$438,000 1929 and \$456,000 1930.

The following bids were also received: Price Bid. Alex. Brown & Sons, Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co. of Balt.; Harris, Forbes & Co., Estabrook & Co., Guaranty Co. of N. Y., and Remick, Hodges & Co. 103.22 Bankers Trust Co., National City Co., Dillon, Read & Co., Redmond & Co., Robert Garrett & Sons, Baltimore Trust Co. and Owen Daly & Co. 102.779 Hamilton National Bank, New York 112,000 for \$150,000 water serial 1957.

The bonds are now being re-offered to investors at prices to yield 4.15%, 4.20% and 4.25%.

BERTIE COUNTY (P. O. Windsor), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—G. W. Kenny, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will offer for sale at public auction on May 7 \$25,000 5 1/4% coupon road bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$5,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1926 to 1930, inclusive. A certified check on a bank in North Carolina for \$500, payable to the County Treasurer required. Bidders must satisfy themselves about legality and tax provisions before bidding and must agree to pay for bonds within ten days after the sale is completed; and the purchaser shall furnish the form of bonds to be issued and bear the expense of preparation of the bonds and all resolutions required to be adopted in connection with the issuing of same after the sale thereof.

BLAINE COUNTY (P. O. Chinook), Mont.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 6 an issue of \$49,000 5 1/4% refunding bonds was awarded to Ferris & Hardgrove of Spokane, at par, plus a premium of \$50, equal to 100.10, a basis of about 5.49%. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Interest J.-J. Due on July 1 as follows: \$5,000 1938, \$9,000 1939 to 1942, incl., and \$8,000 1943.

BOGOTA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bogota), Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 4 1/4% coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds offered for sale on Mar. 22 (V. 116, p. 1210) were sold privately on Mar. 26 to H. L. Allen & Co. of N. Y. at par and int. Date Apr. 1 1923. Due Apr. 1 as follows: \$4,500 1924 to 1928 incl., and \$6,500 1929 to 1963 incl. The bonds were offered to investors at prices to yield 4.40% and 4.35%.

BOONE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Boone), Boone County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids for the purchase of \$225,000 4 1/2% school bonds will be received until 8 p. m. April 20 by R. T. Duckworth, Secretary Board of Directors. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the District Treasurer's office. Due on June 1 as follows: \$5,000 1926 to 1930, incl.; \$10,500 1931 to 1934, incl.; \$20,000 1935 to 1941, incl., and \$10,000 1942 and 1943. A certified check for \$1,000 required. Bonds and attorney's opinion to be furnished by purchaser.

BOWLING GREEN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bowling Green), Pike County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—A bond issue of \$55,000 for the erection of a new high school to replace the building destroyed by fire carried by a vote of 3 to 1.

BREVARD COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Titusville), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The Bank of South Jacksonville, South Jacksonville, has purchased \$140,000 6% road and bridge bonds at a premium of \$1,750, equal to 101.25.

BROCKTON, Plymouth County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$200,000, dated March 30 1923, and maturing Nov. 15 1923, has been awarded to the Brockton National Bank of Brockton, on a 4.10% discount basis, plus a premium of \$11.27.

BROKEN ARROW, Tulsa County, Okla.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition to issue \$50,000 bonds for a new city hall submitted to a vote of the people on April 6—V. 116, p. 1327—failed to carry by a vote of 73 "for" to 247 "against."

BONDS VOTED.—At the same time an issue of \$11,000 water and sewer bonds was voted by a count of 201 "for" to 122 "against."

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—A. F. Goldenhagen, Village Clerk, (P. O. O. R. F. D. No. 2, Brooklyn Heights) will receive sealed bids until 12 m. May 7 for the purchase at not less than par and int., of 3 issues of 5 1/4% coupon special assessment bonds, described as follows: \$8,735 40 water main bonds. Denom. \$735 40 and \$1,000. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$735 40, 1925, and \$1,000, 1926 to 1933, inclusive.

14,373 32 water main bonds. Denom. \$373 32 and \$1,000. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$373 32, 1925; \$2,000, 1926 and 1927; \$1,000 1928; \$2,000, 1929; \$1,000, 1930, and \$2,000, 1931 to 1933, incl. 15,297 50 water main bonds. Denom. \$297 50 and \$1,000. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$297 50, 1925; \$1,000, 1926 to 1930, incl.; \$1,000, 1931, and \$2,000, 1932 and 1933.

Date March 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int., M. & S., payable at the Pearl Street Savings & Trust Co., of Cleveland. A certified check for 10% of the gross amount bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required. The sale of the bonds will be made at the regular meeting of the Village Council on May 15, which will take place in the town hall. Auth. Sec. 3914 of the General Code.

BROWNWOOD, Brown County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on May 5 to vote on the question of issuing \$60,000 5% bonds.

BUNKIE, Avoyelles Parish, La.—DESCRIPTION.—The \$91,000 5% improvement bonds, awarded as stated in V. 116, p. 202, are described as follows: Coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the National City Bank, N. Y. City. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1929 incl.; \$3,000, 1930; \$4,000, 1931; \$3,000, 1932; \$2,000, 1933; \$3,000, 1934 to 1936 incl.; \$4,000, 1937; \$3,000, 1938; \$4,000, 1939, and \$3,000, 1940.

CALHAN, El Paso County, Colo.—BONDS DEFEATED.—By a vote of 3 to 1 a proposition to issue \$25,000 6% 10-15-year (opt.) bonds failed to carry at an election held on April 3. These bonds had been purchased by Boettcher, Porter & Co. of Denver subject to being voted at said election. Notice of the election and sale was given in V. 116, p. 742.

CALIFORNIA (State of).—BOND OFFERING.—According to the San Francisco "Commercial News" of April 4, the State Finance Board ordered the sale of \$5,000,000 4 1/2% highway bonds on May 31.

CAMPBELL COUNTY (P. O. Newport), Ky.—BIDDERS.—The following is a list of the bids received for the \$250,000 5% coupon bonds on March 19:

Table listing bidders and their bids for Campbell County bonds. Includes entries for Well, Roth & Irving Co., Walter, Woody & Helmerding, Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Security Trust Co., and William R. Compton Co.

* For previous reference to same, see V. 116, p. 1327.

CANANDAIGUA, Ontario County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—William M. Crowley, City Treasurer, will receive bids until 3 p. m. April 17 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$75,000 4 1/2% special appropriation bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Int. A. & O. Due \$5,000 yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1938, inclusive. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for \$2,000 is required. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon, New York.

CANTON, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,326.70 5 1/2% street bonds which were offered for sale on April 23 (V. 116, p. 1451) were awarded to the Sinking Fund at par and int. Date Mar. 1 1923. Due yearly on Mar. 1 as follows: \$2,926.70 1925, \$2,800 1926 to 1933 incl.

CASS COUNTY (P. O. Logansport), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. J. McCormick, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. May 8 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of the following 5% road bonds: \$9,400 Henry Jasorka Road, Eel Township bonds. Denom. \$470. Due \$470 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

\$83,000 Joseph C. Petting Road, Eel Township, bonds. Denom. \$2,075. Due \$2,075 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, incl. 8,000 John E. Burris road, Jackson Township, bonds. Denom. \$400. Due \$400 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, incl. Date May 15 1923. Int. M. & N. 15.

CEDARVILLE, Greene County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by John G. McCorkell, Village Clerk, until 12 m. April 24 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of the following two issues of 5 1/2% coupon bonds: Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1925 and 1926, and \$3,000, 1927 to 1933, inclusive. 5,000 village improvement bonds. Due \$500 yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1933, inclusive.

Denom. \$500. Date April 1 1923. A certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for, required, upon the condition that the purchaser pays for the bonds within ten days from time of award.

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY (P. O. Urbana), Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by Fred Hess, County Clerk, until 2 p. m. April 18 for the purchase of the following three issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$2,500,000: \$500,000 Due on May 1 as follows: \$125,000 1924, \$25,000 1929 to 1943, inclusive.

1,000,000 Due on May 1 as follows: \$125,000 1925, \$125,000 1927, \$50,000 1929 to 1943, inclusive. 1,000,000 Due on May 1 as follows: \$125,000 1926, \$125,000 1928, \$50,000 1929 to 1943, inclusive.

Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for 2% of the face value of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

CHAMPLAIN, Clinton County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$38,000 4 1/2% coupon water bonds which were offered for sale on April 10 (V. 116, p. 1451), were awarded to O'Brien, Potter & Co., of Buffalo, at 100.39—a basis of about 4.47%. Date April 10 1923. Due \$1,520 yearly on April 10 from 1923 to 1952, inclusive. The following bids were also received: Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., Union Nat'l Corp., New York. 100.16 100.37

CHARLOTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Charlotte), Clinton County, Iowa.—BONDS DEFEATED.—A proposition to issue \$5,000 bonds for enlarging the school building and \$1,500 bonds for the purchase of land for school purposes was defeated at a recent election.

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Gaffney), So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by F. W. Sossamon, Clerk, Board of Trustees, until 2 p. m. April 17 for \$300,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable in N. Y. Due \$10,000 yearly on April 1 from 1933 to 1962, incl. A cert. (or cashier's) check for \$6,000, payable to N. H. Littlejohn, Chairman, Board of Trustees, required. Blank bonds and approving opinion of Chester B. Masslich of N. Y., will be furnished the purchaser. The official circular offering these bonds states: There is not at present nor is there likely to be any controversy or litigation over the issuance of these bonds. The District has never defaulted in payment of either the principal or interest on past obligations. Assessed valuation of the District for the year 1922, \$3,672,242. Total bonded debt including this issue will be \$355,000. Sinking fund now on hand to apply against \$55,000 bonds now outstanding is \$39,338.79. \$25,000 of these bonds will mature in 1927 and \$30,000 in 1933.

CHILLICOTHE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Chillicothe), Livingston County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—Ames, Emerich & Co., of New York, have purchased \$300,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the First National Bank, Chicago. Due on April 1 as follows: \$9,000, 1925; \$10,000, 1926 and 1927; \$11,000, 1928; \$12,000, 1929 and 1930; \$13,000, 1931; \$14,000, 1932 and 1933; \$15,000, 1934; \$16,000, 1935; \$17,000, 1936; \$18,000, 1937; \$19,000, 1938; \$20,000, 1939; \$21,000, 1940; \$22,000, 1941; \$23,000, 1942, and \$24,000, 1943.

CLARK COUNTY (P. O. Jeffersonville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by O. B. Fifer, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. April 16 for the purchase at not less than par and int. of \$18,500 5% Louis Spelestersbach et al., Charlestown and Owen Twps. highway impt. bonds. Denom. \$925. Date April 2 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$925 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by G. A. Gesell, Director of Finance, until 12 m. May 9 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of the following four issues of 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds:

\$300,000 tuberculosis hospital bonds. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$13,000, 1924 to 1945, inclusive, and \$14,000, 1946. 320,000 (city's portion) sewer bonds. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$16,000, 1929 to 1931, inclusive, and \$17,000, 1932 to 1947, incl. garbage disposal bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$77,000 1924 to 1931, inclusive, and \$78,000, 1932 to 1934, inclusive. 500,000 electric light bonds. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$35,000, 1924 to 1927, inclusive, and \$36,000, 1928 to 1937, inclusive.

Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1923. Both principal and interest payable at the American Exchange National Bank, in New York City. Interest payable semi-annually. Bids must be made on blanks obtained from the Director of Finance. A certified or cashier's check drawn on some solvent bank other than the one bidding for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for and payable to the order of the "Treasurer of the City of Cleveland," must accompany each bid.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cleveland), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 5% school bonds which were offered for sale on April 4 (V. 116, p. 1211), were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit for \$25,403.50, equal to 101.614—a basis of about 4.89%. Date April 1 1923. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924 to 1934, inclusive; \$1,500, 1935; \$1,000, 1936 to 1946, inclusive, and \$1,500, 1947. The following bids were also received:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Premium. Rows include Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati; Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati. Premiums: \$177.00, \$277.50.

CLINTON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Clinton), Vermillion County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by Frank Slater, Township Trustee, until 7 p. m. April 30 for the purchase at not less than par of \$7,000 5% school bonds. Denoms. \$500 and \$200. Date April 30 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.), payable at the Clinton Trust Co. of Clinton. Due \$700 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1924 to 1933, inclusive.

CLOVIS, Fresno County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$42,405 7% coupon improvement bonds offered on April 3—V. 116, p. 1327—were awarded at par to the Clark & Henry Contracting Co. of Stockton. Date March 6 1923.

CLUTIER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Clutier), Tama County, Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—An election, to vote on the question of issuing approximately \$40,000 bonds, has been called for April 30.

COCHECTON COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Lake Huntington), Sullivan County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On April 7 \$10,000 6% new school bonds were awarded to the Union National Corp. of New York, at 106.12, a basis of about 5.235%. Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1922. Int. annually (Nov. 1). Due \$500 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1923 to 1942, inclusive.

CONEJOS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Sanford), Colo.—BOND ELECTION—BOND SALE.—James H. Causey & Co. of Denver have purchased \$10,000 5 1/2% 10-20-year (opt.) school building bonds subject to being voted at an election to be held soon. A like amount of bonds was defeated at a recent election (V. 116, p. 742).

CORNELIUS, Mecklenburg County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—T. P. Howard, Town Clerk, will sell at public auction at 7:30 p. m. April 17 \$30,000 6% coupon or registered street bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable in gold at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City. Due on April 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1926 to 1931, incl., and \$2,000, 1932 to 1943, incl. A cert. check for 2%, required. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston. Bids to be made on forms to be furnished by above Clerk.

CORSICANA, Navarro County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—It is reported that the \$100,000 street improvement bond issue submitted to a vote of the people at an election held on April 3—V. 116, p. 1211—carried by a large majority.

COSTILLA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Blanca), Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held recently \$12,000 5 1/2% 10-20-year (opt.) school building bonds were voted. These bonds had been purchased by Bosworth, Chanute & Co. of Denver subject to being voted at said election. Notice of the election and sale was given in V. 116, p. 1211.

COSTILLA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. San Acacio), Colo.—BOND ELECTION—BOND SALE.—Benwell, Phillips & Co., of Denver, have purchased \$5,500 5 1/2% 10-20-year (opt.) funding bonds, subject to being voted at an election to be held on May 7.

COSTILLA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. Mesita), Colo.—BOND ELECTION—BOND SALE.—Subject to being voted at an election to be held on May 7, \$11,200 school-building, \$4,200 11-20-year (opt.) refunding and \$7,000 15-30-year (opt.) funding 5 1/2% bonds have been purchased by Benwell, Phillips & Co., of Denver.

CRAWFORD COUNTY (P. O. English), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$17,000 5% Wm. E. Sturgeon et al., Sterling Township road bonds offered on April 9—V. 116, p. 1451—was awarded to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis for \$17,249 (101.464) and interest, a basis of about 4.72%. Date April 9 1923. Due \$850 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

CUSTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28 (P. O. Broken Bow), Nebr.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on April 23 to vote on issuing \$36,000 5% school bonds. E. J. Crawford, Director.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 11 a. m. Apr. 14 by A. J. Hieber, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, for the following two issues of 5% coupon Riverside Road bonds, issued under authority of Section 6929, Gen. Code:

\$36,852.44 special assessment bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$852.44. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000 1924 to 1931 incl. and \$4,852.44 1932.

18,426.22 county's share bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$426.22. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1924 to 1931 incl. and \$2,426.22 1932.

Date Apr. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Cert. check for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by H. O. Bollich, City Auditor, until 12 m. May 1 (Central standard time) for the purchase at not less than par and interest of the following 5% street-improvement bonds:

\$90,214 Third St. bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$214. Due on April 1 as follows: \$214, 1924, and \$9,000, 1925 to 1933, inclusive. 112,459 Tallmadge Ave. improvement bonds. Denoms. \$500 and \$459. Due on April 1 as follows: \$13,459, 1924, and \$11,000, 1925 to 1933, inclusive.

Date April 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Citizens' Bank of Cuyahoga Falls. A certified check for 10% of the bonds bid for, on some solvent bank in Ohio other than the one making the bid, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bidder to pay for bonds within twenty days from date of award.

DALLAS, Polk County, Ore.—BONDS VOTED.—Two bond issues, totaling \$25,000, for municipal improvement purposes, were authorized at a special election held on April 3.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include \$15,000 water main extension bonds, 10,000 septic tank bonds. Amounts: 289 64, 280 73.

DALLAS, Dallas County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—According to the Dallas "News," of April 4, all the bond issues submitted to a vote of the people at the election held on April 3—V. 116, p. 1452—carried. The issues voted upon are as follows: \$5,000,000 for the water supply, which will care for construction of a large reservoir site; \$1,000,000 for schools; \$1,250,000 for street impt.; \$500,000 for sewage disposal plants; \$150,000 for sanitary sewer; \$100,000 for fire stations, and \$325,000 for parks.

DAVIES COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Daniel I. Myers, County Auditor until 2 p. m. May 8 for the purchase of \$60,000 White River bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 8 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (May 15 and Nov. 15) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$3,000 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 inclusive.

BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by O. M. Vance, County Treasurer, until April 20 for the purchase of the following 5% Washington Township road bonds:

\$55,200 Lawrence Lee et al road bonds. Denom. \$690. Due \$2,760 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive. 64,000 James A. Colbert et al road bonds. Denom. \$800. Due \$3,200 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

21,000 O. M. Vance et al road bonds. Denom. \$525. Due \$1,050 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive. Date March 15 1923. Int. M. & N. 15.

DEADWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Deadwood), Lawrence County, So. Dak.—BONDS AWARDED IN PART.—Of the \$250,000 5% (registerable as to principal) school bonds offered on Apr. 10 (V. 116, p. 1570), \$175,000 were purchased by Ballard & Co. of Minneapolis. Date April 1 1923. Due \$25,000 1924 to 1943 incl.

DEARBORN COUNTY (P. O. Lawrenceburg), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by Clarence W. Schwanan, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. May 3 for the purchase at not less than par of \$49,200 5% coupon Jacob Hoffmeier et al. Free Gravel Road, York Township bonds. Denom. \$410. Date April 2 1923. Int. May 15 and Nov. 15. Due \$1,640 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1938 inclusive.

DE KALB COUNTY (P. O. Auburn), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$36,000 5% Edward Kelham et al. Keyser Township highway improvement bonds, which were offered for sale on April 4—V. 116, p. 1327—were awarded to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis for \$36,513.13, equal to 101.426, a basis of about 4.68%. Date April 4 1923. Due \$1,800 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 inclusive. The following bids were received:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Prem. Rows include Thomas D. Sheerin & Co., City Trust Co., Indianapolis; Auburn State Bank. Premiums: \$435.60, \$447.00, \$500.

DELAND, Volusia County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 6 p. m. June 7 by the Board of Bond Trustees for \$314,000 6% coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, New York City, Volusia County Bank & Trust Co. of Deland, or the First National Bank, Deland, at option of holder. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1924 and 1935; \$8,000, 1936 and 1937; \$10,000, 1938 and 1939; \$12,000, 1940 to 1942; \$15,000, 1943 and 1944; \$18,000, 1945 and 1946; \$20,000, 1947 and 1948; \$24,000, 1949 and 1950; \$25,000, 1951 and 1952, and \$28,000, 1953. A certified check for 2% of amount bid for, required. Legality approved by John C. Thomson, New York City.

DELHI TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Holt), Ingham County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 5% school bonds offered for sale on April 10 (V. 116, p. 1452) were awarded on that date to the Holt State Bank of Holt for a premium of \$64, equal to 101.213—a basis of about 4.84%. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924 1928, inclusive; \$2,000, 1929 to 1933, inclusive, and \$3,000, 1934 to 1938, inclusive.

DETROIT, Wayne County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—According to the "Michigan Investor," bond issues were carried on April 2 as follows: \$5,000,000 for street railway extensions by a 61% vote; \$12,000,000 for new municipal lighting and power plant by a 63% vote.

DOUGLAS, Converse County, Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.—Our Western representative advises us in a special telegraphic dispatch that bids will be received until April 20 for \$250,000 bonds.

DOUGLAS COUNTY (P. O. Roseburg), Ore.—BOND SALE.—Robertson & Ewing of Portland purchased on Apr. 6 \$380,000 5% road bonds at a premium of \$5,910, equal to 101.55.

DREW SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Miss.—BOND SALE.—According to the Memphis "Appeal" of April 5 an issue of \$60,000 school bonds recently voted, has been disposed of.

DUBUQUE, Dubuque County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Ames, Emerich & Co., of New York, have purchased \$200,000 4 1/2% water-works construction bonds at 101.56—a basis of about 4.37%. Deno. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable in New York City. Due on April 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1937, and \$30,000, 1938 to 1943, inclusive.

DUNCAN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sidnan), Houghton County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED AND SOLD.—A. G. Johnson, Secretary, reports that an issue of \$25,000 bonds for a new school was voted and sold.

DUQUESNE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Duquesne), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 4 1/2% school bonds offered on April 10 (V. 116, p. 1212), were awarded to Glover & MacGregor, Geo. E. Applegate and David R. Hill, all of Pittsburgh. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1939 to 1943, inclusive; \$25,000, 1944 to 1953, inclusive. These bonds are now being offered to investors at prices to yield 4%.

Financial Statement.

Real valuation.....	\$30,000,000 00
Assessed valuation for taxation.....	18,437,270 00
Bonded debt (this issue included).....	649,000 00
Population (1920 United States Census), 19,011.	

EAGLE ROCK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$92,000 5% school bonds offered on Apr. 9 (V. 116, p. 1452) were awarded to the California Securities Co. of Los Angeles at a premium of \$2,858 60, equal to 103.10, a basis of about 4.66%. Date Apr. 1 1923. Due on Apr. 1 as follows: \$4,000 1924 to 1940 incl. and \$3,000 1941 to 1948 incl.

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Baton Rouge), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 6% school bonds offered on April 5 (V. 116, p. 1452) were awarded to M. W. Elkins & Co., of Little Rock, at a premium of \$1,250, equal to 102.50—a basis of about 5.09%. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1924; \$9,000, 1925; \$10,000, 1926; \$11,000, 1927, and \$12,000, 1928.

EDGEWATER, Jefferson County, Colo.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At an election held on April 3 an issue of \$10,000 city-hall bonds failed to carry.

ELECTRA, Wichita County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$25,000 6% serial water works extension bonds on April 7.

ELGIN, Bastrop County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 5 1/2% 25-40-year water bonds offered on April 4—V. 116, p. 1570—subject to being voted at an election held on April 10, were sold to the Security Trust Co. of Austin, at par, plus a premium of \$255, equal to 100.56.

ELKHART COUNTY (P. O. Goshen), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$26,000 4 1/2% Rufus M. Brown et al., road bonds, for which no bids were received on March 24—V. 116, p. 1452—has been sold to the City Trust Co., of Indianapolis, at par and interest. Date March 15 1923. Due \$1,300 yearly on May 15 from 1924 to 1943, inclusive.

ELMDALE, Chase County, Kans.—BONDS DEFEATED.—On April 3 a proposition to issue \$12,000 electric light bonds failed to carry by a vote of 36 "for" to 55 "against."

ENGLEWOOD, Arapahoe County, Colo.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At a recent election an issue of \$10,000 city-hall bonds was defeated. These bonds were purchased by the International Trust Co. of Denver, subject to being voted at said election. Notice of the election and sale was given in V. 116, p. 1092.

ENGLEWOOD, Arapahoe County, Colo.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At an election held on April 3 a proposition to issue \$50,000 city hall bonds failed to carry.

ERIE COUNTY (P. O. Erie), Pa.—BOND SALE.—On April 10 the Bank of North America & Trust Co., and M. M. Freeman & Co., both of Philadelphia, bidding jointly, were awarded the \$600,000 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal) county good road bonds offered on that date—V. 116, p. 1212—on their bid of \$616,074, equal to 102.67, a basis of about 4.10%. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1923. Int. M. & S., payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$200,000, 1928, and \$50,000, 1929 to 1936, incl. Official announcement states that the bonds are legal for trust funds in the State of Pennsylvania and for savings banks in New York State, and are free of Pennsylvania tax and exempt from Federal income tax. The bonds are offered to investors at prices to return about 3.925%.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation.....	\$105,715,604 00
Total debt.....	\$2,200,000 00
Less sinking fund.....	287,711 88

Net debt..... 1,912,288 12
Ratio of debt to assessed valuation, 1.9%. Population, 153,538.

EUREKA, Humboldt County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 5 p. m. April 24 for \$100,000 5% street railway bonds by S. W. Vurdak, City Clerk. A good faith deposit of 5% required. These bonds were voted at a recent election by a count of 2,937 to 349.

EVANSTON, Cook County, Ill.—BONDS VOTED.—According to the "Chicago Post," bond issues of \$275,000 for improving the filtration plant, \$75,000 water works equipment, \$210,000 for park projects and \$29,000 for playground equipment were voted.

FALL RIVER, Bristol County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On April 11 the following issues of bonds were awarded to Blake Bros. & Co., of Boston, at 100.057: \$300,000 4% sewer loan, maturing 1924 to 1953, inclusive; \$475,000 4 1/4% public improvement loan, maturing 1924 to 1933, inclusive, and \$290,000 4 1/4% highway loan, maturing 1924 to 1928, inclusive.

FALLS COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On April 3 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$100,000 5 1/2% serial bonds.

FARGO, Cass County, No. Dak.—WARRANT OFFERING.—A. R. Watkins, City Auditor, will receive sealed proposals until 10 a. m. April 19 for an issue of 5 1/2% paving warrants amounting to from \$125,000 to \$200,000. Due serially 1 to 15 years. A certified check for 5% of amount of bid required.

FAYETTE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Lagrange), Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—On April 24 an election will be held to vote on issuing \$25,000 5 1/2% road bonds. J. P. Ehlinger, County Judge.

FINDLAY, Hancock County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$112,000 5% city's portion bonds offered for sale on April 10—V. 116, p. 1452—were awarded to Bonbright & Co., Inc., of Chicago for a premium of \$630 50, equal to 100.56, plus the cost of attorney's fees and blank bonds. Date March 1 1932. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$12,000, 1924 and 1925, and \$11,000, 1926 to 1933, incl.

FORK SHOALS DISTRICT NO. 2-B (P. O. Fountain Inn R. No. 3), So. Caro.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on March 6, an issue of \$12,000 6% 20-year school bonds was voted by a count of 60 to 3.

FOSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Freeland), Pa.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$30,000 5% school bonds was sold on Oct. 7 last, to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia, at 100.73, a basis of about 4.85%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1922. Int. M. & N. Due yearly \$3,000 on Nov. 1 from 1923 to 1932, inclusive.

FOSTORIA, Seneca County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. April 30 by J. A. Bradner, City Auditor, for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$45,000 5 1/2% Union Street improvement bonds, issued under the authority of Section 3939 of the General Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1923. Interest (M. & S.). Due \$5,000 yearly on March 1 from 1925 to 1933, incl. All bids are to be accompanied with a certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, upon the condition that if the bid is accepted the bidder will receive and pay for the bonds within 10 days from the time of award. A transcript of proceedings leading up to this issue of bonds is on file with the Clerk of Council for inspection of bidders. Preference will be given to unconditional bids.

FRAMINGHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by J. P. Dunn, Town Treasurer, until 1 p. m. April 17 for the purchase of \$150,000 4 1/4% coupon sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston. Due \$5,000 yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1953, inclusive. These bonds will be engraved under the supervision of and certified as to their genuineness by the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston. The favorable opinion of Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins as to the validity of this issue will be furnished without charge to the purchasers. All legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with the Old Colony Trust Co., where they may be inspected at any time. These bonds are exempt from taxation in Massachusetts.

TEMPORARY LOANS AWARDED.—On April 10 the temporary loan of \$12,000 in anticipation of a bond issue and the temporary loan of \$100,000 in anticipation of revenue for 1923, both of which were offered on that date (V. 116, p. 1571) were awarded to the Old Colony Trust Co., of Boston, on a 4.30% discount basis, plus a \$3 premium. Both loans will mature Nov. 20 1923.

Financial Statement.

Valuation for year 1922, less abatements.....	\$24,868,565
Total debt (present loan not included).....	1,222,100
Water debt.....	426,000
Sinking funds (water).....	126,200
Population (1920), 17,033.	

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Brookville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$16,440 5% Belter and Schone et al, Ray Township, road bonds, which were offered for sale on April 2 (V. 116, p. 1452), were awarded to J. F. Wild & Co., of Indianapolis, for par and \$255 premium, equal to 101.551—a basis of about 4.68%. Date April 2 1923. Due \$822 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Monroe County, Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on April 16 to vote on issuing \$3,600 school house erection bonds. E. H. Murray, Secretary Board of Directors (P. O. Tyrone).

FREDERICK, Weld County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—James H. Causey & Co. of Denver, have purchased \$18,000 6% 15-year water bonds.

FREMONT, Dodge County, Neb.—BONDS NOT VOTED.—ELECTION POSTPONED INDEFINITELY.—In answer to our inquiry regarding the result of an election held recently the City Clerk advises us that the bonds were not voted due to irregular publication and the election has been postponed indefinitely.

FULTON COUNTY (P. O. Wauseon), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—O. L. Watkins, County Auditor, will receive bids until 1 p. m. April 16 for the following six issues of bonds, issued under authority of Sections 6906-69 and 6929, General Code:

- \$46,000 5% Lyons-Winameg Road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1924 to 1927 incl., and \$5,000, 1928 to 1933 incl.
 - 6,000 5 1/2% Zone-Southern Road bonds. Denom. \$500. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924, 1925 and 1926, and \$1,500, 1927 and 1928.
 - 17,000 5 1/2% Darby-Ottoke Road bonds. Denom. \$500. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1924, and \$3,500, 1925 to 1928 incl.
 - 7,300 5 1/2% Inlet-Lytton Road bonds. Denom. \$300 and \$500. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,300, 1924, and \$1,500, 1925 to 1928 incl.
 - 8,300 5 1/2% Spiess-Handy Corners Road bonds. Denom. \$300 and \$500. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,300, 1924; \$3,000, 1925 and 1926, and \$2,000, 1927 and 1928.
 - 18,150 5 1/2% Stryker-Neapolis Road bonds. Denom. \$150 and \$1,000. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,150, 1924; \$3,000, 1925, and \$4,000, 1926 to 1928 incl.
- Date May 1 1923. Int. M. & S. Certified check (or cash) for 5% of amount of bonds required. Bonds to be delivered to purchaser at Wauseon on May 1.

GAINES TOWNSHIP FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9, Genesee County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit has purchased, it is reported, \$35,000 5% bonds, due serially from 1925 to 1941, inclusive.

GALLIA COUNTY (P. O. Gallipolis), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 5 1/2% coupon highway bonds which were offered for sale on April 2 (V. 116, p. 1328), were awarded to Spitzer, Rorick & Co., of Toledo, for a premium of \$852 50, equal to 102.84 and interest—a basis of about 4.90%. Date April 2 1923. Due \$3,000 yearly on April 2 from 1924 to 1933, incl.

GALVESTON, Galveston County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—On May 8 an election will be held to vote on the question of issuing the following bonds:

- \$250,000 transportation to Pelican Island.
- 125,000 water-works at Alta Loma.
- 100,000 street improvement.
- 1,250,000 filling and grading.

GAYLORD, Smith County, Kans.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 92 to 16 an issue of \$32,000 water-works bonds was voted on April 3.

GENEVA COUNTY (P. O. Geneva), Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—D. G. Roach, Judge of Probate, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. May 10 for \$100,000 5% funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and annual interest, payable at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. City. A certified check for \$1,000 required.

GLASSPORT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. May 14 by E. P. Jackson, Secretary of Borough Council, for the purchase of \$70,000 4 1/4% coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1923. Int. semi-annually. Due \$5,000 yearly on March 1 from 1937 to 1950, inclusive. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the Borough Treasurer required. The bonds are said to be free of State tax. The borough will pay for the printing of bonds.

GOSHEN, Orange County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—At 12 m. April 23 E. J. Riverkamp, Village Clerk, will sell at public auction the following two issues of 5% coupon bonds:

- \$5,000 playground bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1925 to 1929 inclusive.
- 11,000 fire equipment bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1934 inclusive.

Denom. \$1,000. Pr.n. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Village Treasurer's office. Certified check on some national bank or trust company in N. Y. State, for 10% of amount of bid, required. Delivery to be made May 23.

GRADENHUTTEN-CLAY VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gradenhutten), Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Walter Wohlwen, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed proposals until 8 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) May 1 for \$55,000 5 1/4% coupon school bonds, issued under the authority of Sections 7625, 7626, 7627 and 7628 of the General Code. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date April 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.), payable at the Farmers' State Bank of Port Washington. Due \$2,500 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1945, incl. A certified check for \$500 on a solvent bank in Tuscarawas County, payable to Walter Wohlwen, Clerk Board of Education, required. If the bidder whose bid is accepted fails to pay to the School Board the amount of his bid within 15 days after being notified of the acceptance of his proposal, the bonds will be awarded to the next highest bidder, or re-advertised at option of Board of Education. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. The successful bidder will be furnished with opinions approving the legality of said bond issue by the Prosecuting Attorney of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and of Ballard, Jones & Price, Columbus.

GRAND JUNCTION, Mesa County, Colo.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 8 p. m. April 18 bids will be received for \$66,000 Paving District No. 7 bonds. A certified check for 2% required. Bidder to name rate of interest.

GRANITE COUNTY (P. O. Philipsburg), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—J. M. Warner, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. April 30 for \$45,000 negotiable coupon highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1922. Int. J. & J. A certified check for \$4,500 payable to the County Treasurer, required.

GRANT COUNTY (P. O. Marion), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$72,200 5% road bonds which were offered for sale on April 9 (V. 116, p. 1571) were awarded to J. F. Wild & Co., of Indianapolis, at par plus a premium of \$880, equal to 101.218—a basis of about 4.76%. Date Sept. 5 1923. Due \$3,610 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Bloomfield), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by W. L. Herrington, County Auditor, until April 30 for the purchase of \$10,000 5% coupon Pearl West et al in Taylor Twp. road bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 15 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$500 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

GROVEPORT, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 7:30 p. m. April 27 by Ola Mansfield, Village Clerk, for the purchase, at not less than par and interest, of the following two issues of 6% bonds:

\$3,500 (village's portion) Blacklick Street improvement bonds. Denom. \$400, except one for \$300. Due yearly on Sept. 15 as follows: \$300, 1924, and \$400, 1925 to 1932, inclusive.

23,000 special assessment Blacklick St. improvement bonds. Denom. 18 for \$1,000 and 10 for \$500. Due yearly on Sept. 15 as follows: \$2,500, 1924 to 1931, inclusive, and \$3,000, 1932.

Date March 15 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S. 15) payable at the Village Treasurer's office. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days from day of award.

HADDON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Westmont), Camden County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 5% coupon school bonds offered for sale on April 12—V. 116, p. 1571—were awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co of Philadelphia. Date April 1 1923. Due \$1,000 yearly from 1924 to 1933 incl., and \$1,500 yearly from 1934 to 1953 incl.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Noblesville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—A. G. Finley, County Treasurer, will receive sealed proposals until 10 a. m. April 28 for the purchase at not less than par of \$7,500 4 1/2% Samuel Fausett Road in Fall Creek Township bonds. Denom. \$375. Date May 1 1923. Int. May 15 and Nov. 15. Due \$375 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1934 inclusive.

HAMPTON COUNTY (P. O. Hampton), So. Caro.—DESCRIPTION—BASIS.—The \$50,000 5% coupon Savannah River bridge bonds, awarded as stated in V. 116, p. 434, are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable in N. Y. City. Due April 1 1933. The price paid was 101.56, a basis of about 4.90%.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Findlay), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$34,000 5% road improvement bonds which were offered for sale on April 2—V. 116, p. 1453—were awarded to Tucker, Robison & Co. of Toledo, at par and interest, plus a premium of \$122.60, equal to 100.36, a basis of about 4.96%. Date April 1 1923. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000 1924 and 1925, and \$4,000 1926 to 1932, inclusive.

HARDIN COUNTY (P. O. Kenton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Dean C. Jones, County Auditor, until 12 m. April 25 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$36,820 5 1/2% bridge bonds. Auth. Sec. 5643 of the General Code. Denom. \$1,000 and \$682. Date April 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.), payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$3,682 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1933, inclusive. Bonds shall be delivered at the County Auditor's office within 15 days from the sale. A certified check on a Kenton bank for \$500 is required.

BOND OFFERING.—Dean C. Jones, County Auditor, will receive bids until 12 m. April 18 for an issue of \$3,070 5 1/2% road bonds, in addition to the \$2,585 5 1/2% mentioned in V. 116, p. 1571. Date April 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$768, 1924 and 1925, and \$767, 1926 and 1927. Certified check for \$200 required.

HARRISON COUNTY (P. O. Marshall), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On April 6 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$190,000 5% serial special road bonds.

HARRISON AND RYE (TOWNS OF) UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Harrison), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,500 school bonds offered on April 7—V. 116, p. 1453—were awarded to Parsons, Son & Co. of New York on a bid of 100.31 for 4 1/4% a basis of about 4.22%. Date April 1 1923. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924 to 1947 incl., and \$1,500, 1948

HARRISON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Kitchell R. F. D.) Union Free School District, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Lester F. Parks, trustee, until 1 p. m. April 27 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$44,000 5% school building bonds. Denom. \$500. Date April 15 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the Union County National Bank at Liberty, inclusive, and \$2,000 July 1 1936 to Jan. 1 1938, inclusive. Each bidder is required to file with his bid a certified check for \$500, payable to Lester F. Parks, trustee.

HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 (P. O. East Rockaway), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Elliott B. Seagraves, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive bids until 3 p. m. April 18 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$175,500 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date May 10 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N.) payable at the Lynbrook National Bank, of Lynbrook. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$4,500 1925 to 1928, inclusive, and \$7,500, 1929 to 1949, inclusive. Certified check for 5% of amount of bid, payable to George W. Smith, District Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for on March 10.

HERINGTON, Dickinson County, Kans.—BONDS VOTED.—On April 3, by a majority of 86, \$28,000 water-works bonds were voted.

HIGHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Hillsboro), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. April 20 by J. S. Kerns, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for \$10,000 5% coupon road improvement bonds. Date April 1 1923. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924, and \$1,500, 1925 to 1930 incl. Certified check for \$500 required.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY (P. O. Nashua), N. H.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 4% funding bonds, which were offered for sale on April 10—V. 116, p. 1453—were awarded on that date to Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York, at 98.69, a basis of about 4.28%. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Int. A. & O. Due \$2,000 yearly from 1924 to 1933, incl.

HOLMES COUNTY (P. O. Millerburg), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$49,200 5 1/2% road bonds which were offered for sale on April 5—V. 116, p. 1453—were awarded to Blanchet, Thornburgh & Vandersall of Toledo at par and int. plus a premium of \$615, equal to 101.25, a basis of about 5.10%. Date April 2 1923. Due \$9,840 yearly on Sept. 2 from 1924 to 1928 inclusive. The following bids were also received:

Seasongood & Mayer, Cin.----- \$90 Milliken & York Co., Toledo.-----\$133
HOOD RIVER, Hood River County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The City Council has purchase \$3,317 45 water-works bonds at par.

HOUSTON, Harris County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—According to the Houston "Post" of April 6: "A special school election for May 7 was called Thursday by the Houston School Board. The proposed \$3,000,000 school building bond issue and the question of electing or appointing the School Board members will go before the voters at that time. "Action in calling the election followed the receipt of legal interpretation of the 'school separation bill' passed at the last session of the State Legislature. When a certified copy of the bill was received by the Board, a law firm was employed for an opinion. "Money derived from the sale of the proposed bond issue will go towards the erection of additional school buildings and facilities, according to A. S. Cleveland, Chairman of the Board. A program of proposed expenditures has not been made by a list of contemplated new buildings will be made public prior to the election, he said."

HOWELL, Livingston County, Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition to issue \$61,000 sewage disposal plant bonds submitted to a vote of the people on March 31—V. 116, p. 1453—failed to carry.

HUGO, Lincoln County, Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election \$7,000 5% 15-year sewer bonds were voted. These bonds had been purchased by Boettcher, Porter & Co. of Denver subject to being voted. Notice of the election and sale was given in V. 116, p. 1213.

HUMBLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Humble), Harris County, Texas.—CHARGE ILLEGAL SCHOOL ELECTION.—In a petition for an injunction filed in the Eleventh District Court, Alfred Lambrecht et al. asks that J. B. Du Bose, President of the Board of Trustees of this district, be restrained from issuing or selling any part of an issue of \$15,000 school bonds voted at an election held on March 10. The petition alleges that the election was illegally held and the trustees not elected according to law. Aside from granting the temporary injunction the Court is asked to set aside the results of the election as being contrary to law.

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Orange County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 7:30 p. m. April 23 by N. R. Wright, City Clerk, and ex-officio Clerk Board of Trustees, for \$300,000 5% municipal bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due \$15,000 yearly on May 1 from 1924 to 1943 incl. A certified check on a responsible bank in California for \$3,000, payable to the City Treasurer, required. The official circular offering these bonds states that there has been no default in the payment of bonds or coupons; no litigation or controversy pending which affects the corporate existence or boundaries nor the title of any official to his office or the validity of these bonds. There are no more bond issues in progress or contemplated. These bonds were scheduled to be offered on April 9—V. 116, p. 1572—but due to an error in publication the offering was postponed until above date.

Financial Statement.
Real value (estimated)-----\$13,640,542
Assessed valuation 1922-----5,456,217
Total bonded debt (including this issue)-----525,500
Gas system bonds-----51,000
Cash value sinking fund on hand (March 1 1923)-----15,875

HUNTINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Huntington), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Guilford Morrow, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. April 20 for the purchase at not less than par of \$20,500 5% coupon A. M. Mayne et al. gravel road in Jackson Township bonds. Denom. \$1,025. Date March 15 1923. Int. May 15 and Nov. 15. Due \$1,025 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1934 inclusive.

HURON COUNTY (P. O. Norwalk), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$73,000 5% bonds which were offered for sale on April 9—V. 116, p. 1453—were awarded to A. T. Bell & Co. of Toledo for \$73,192, equal to 100.26, a basis of about 4.94%. Date April 1 1923. Due \$9,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1930 inclusive, and \$10,000, 1931.

IDLEWOOD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the three issues of 5 1/2% coupon bonds aggregating \$151,500, which were offered for sale on April 2—V. 116, p. 1093. The bonds will probably be sold at a private sale.

INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Independence), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—A. H. Weber, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive bids until 12 m. Apr. 21 for \$20,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Apr. 1 1923. Int. A. & O. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1943 incl. Cert. check for 10% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the District Treasurer, required.

IOWA PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Iowa Park), Wichita County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 5% school bonds offered on Apr. 10 (V. 116, p. 1572) were awarded to the First National Bank of Iowa Park at par. Due \$1,500 yearly on Apr. 1 from 1924 to 1963 incl.

JACKSON, Jackson County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Clifton H. Vedder, City Clerk, will receive bids until 1 p. m. April 18 for the following four issues of bonds, to bear interest at 4%, 4 1/4%, 4 1/2% or 4 3/4%:

\$135,500 water bonds. Due yearly on April 16 as follows: \$5,000 1930 to 1938, incl.; \$10,000 1939 to 1946, incl., and \$10,500 1947.

80,500 sewer and water bonds. Due yearly on April 16 as follows: \$3,500 1930, \$5,000 1931, \$5,500 1932, \$6,000 1933 to 1936, incl.; \$7,000 1937, \$5,000 1938 and 1939, \$5,500 1940, \$5,000 1941 to 1944, inclusive.

15,000 sewer bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on April 16 from 1930 to 1944, inclusive.

8,000 pumping station bonds. Due \$1,000 on April 16 in each of the years 1932, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942 and 1944.

Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date April 16 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O. 16), payable at the Central State Bank of Jackson, and the National Bank of Commerce, New York. Certified check for 2% of amount of issue, payable to the City Clerk required. The official circular states that the bonds are exempt from State, county and municipal taxation, that no previous issue has ever been contested, that no controversy or litigation is pending or threatened affecting the corporate existence or boundaries of this municipality or the title of its present officials to their respective offices, or the validity of these bonds.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Waldon), Colo.—BOND SALE.—Este & Co. of Denver have purchased \$14,400 4 1/4% court house and jail refunding bonds.

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Jennings), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$78,000 school building bonds offered on April 5—V. 116, p. 1329—were awarded to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville as 5 1/8 at a premium of \$821, equal to 101.05, a basis of about 5.38%. Date April 1 1923. Due on April 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1927 incl.; \$3,000, 1928 to 1931 incl.; \$4,000, 1932 to 1936 incl.; \$5,000, 1937 to 1940 incl., and \$6,000, 1941 to 1943 incl.

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP, Washington County, Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD—RE-OFFERED.—The \$120,000 4 1/2% coupon road bonds offered on March 31—V. 116, p. 1093—were not sold. New bids will be received by C. V. Melvin, Township Secretary, at the Washington National Bank of Burgetstown until 10 a. m. April 28 for the bonds, free of State tax. Dated June 1 1923. Denom. \$500. Int. semi-annual. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$4,000 1924 to 1928, incl., \$6,000 1929 to 1933, incl., and \$7,000 1934 to 1943, incl. A certified check for \$1,000 is required.

KANSAS CITY, Wyandotte County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 3 A. H. Gillis of Kansas City purchased \$100,000 4 1/2% electric light bonds at a premium of \$2,170, equal to 102.17, a basis of about 4.34%. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due Dec. 1 1942.

KEESEVILLE, Essex County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 5% water bonds which were offered for sale on April 5—V. 116, p. 1453—were awarded to Wm. R. Compton Co. of New York at 107.025, a basis of about 4.40%. Date April 1 1923. Due \$4,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1927 to 1951 inclusive.

KELLOGG SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kellogg), Jasper County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 2 to 1 a bond issue of \$45,000 for the erection of a new school house carried at a recent election.

KEWASKUM, Washington County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—On March 1 the Bank of Kewaskum and the Farmers & Merchants Bank jointly purchased \$20,000 5% sanitary sewer bonds at par and accrued interest. Denom. \$500. Date March 1 1922. Int. M. & S. Due \$2,000 yearly on March 1 from 1926 to 1935 inclusive.

KINSTON GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kinston), Lenoir County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by E. G. Barrett, Secretary Board of Trustees, until 12 m. Apr. 23 for \$200,000 coupon (registerable as to principal and interest) school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Apr. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable in gold at the National Park Bank, N. Y. City. Due on Apr. 1 as follows: \$4,000 1926 to 1934 incl.; \$6,000 1935 to 1938 incl.; \$8,000 1939 to 1943 incl., and \$10,000 1944 to 1953 incl. Bidder to name rate of int. A cert. check upon an incorporated bank or trust company (or cash) for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Trustees, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest to date of delivery. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mfgs. & Trust Co., N. Y. City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Reid, Dougherty & Hoyt, N. Y. City, that the bonds are binding and legal obligations of this district.

KIRKWOOD, St. Louis County, Mo.—PRICE—DESCRIPTION.—The price paid by the Wm. R. Compton Co. of St. Louis for the \$25,000

Kirkwood road impt. bonds awarded to them (V. 116, p. 1454) was, it is stated, 103.41. Int. A. & O. Date Apr. 2 1923. Due serially. Date of award March 26.

LAFAYETTE SCHOOL CITY (P. O. Lafayette), Tippecanoe County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by H. M. Bahls, Secretary Board of School Trustees, until 3 p. m. April 24 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$125,000 5% school-building bonds. Denom. \$500. Date April 15 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the First National Bank of Lafayette. Due \$15,000 each six months from July 15 1924 to July 15 1927, inclusive, and \$20,000 Jan. 15 1928. A certified check for 1% of the par value of the bonds bid for is required. Legality approved by Matson, Carter, Ross & McCord, of Indianapolis. Purchaser to reimburse the School City for the cost of such legal opinion to the extent and in the proportion of their respective purchases to the total issue of bonds.

LANE COUNTY (P. O. Eugene), Ore.—BOND SALE—OFFERING BY BANKERS.—The Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago and Blyth, Witter & Co. of New York have jointly purchased and are offering to investors at prices to yield 4.60%, \$400,000 5% road bonds at 102.50, a basis of about 4.76%. Denom. \$1,000. Date \$120,000 May 1 1922 and \$280,000 May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable in gold at the County Treasurer's office or at the fiscal agency of Oregon in N. Y. City. Due \$20,000 yearly on May 1 from 1928 to 1947 inclusive.

LAPORTE COUNTY (P. O. Laporte), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by John Line, County Treasurer, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 11 a. m. April 28 for the purchase at not less than par of \$144,000 5% coupon Fred G. Hupp et al gravel road bonds. Denom. \$600. Date April 28 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the State Bank of A. P. Andrew, Jr., & Son, of Laporte. Due \$7,800 on May 15 1924 and \$7,800 each six months thereafter until all have been paid. A certified check for 5% of the amount proposed to be paid for said bonds required.

LARIMER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Fort Collins), Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—On April 3 an issue of \$330,000 school building bonds was voted at an election held on that date.

LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lebanon), Potter County, So. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on May 1 to vote on the proposition of issuing bonds in the sum of \$23,000 for the erection of a new school building.

LEESBURG SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT, Lake County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$750,000 6% road and bridge bonds offered on Apr. 9 (V. 116, p. 1329) were awarded to the Atlantic National Bank of Jacksonville at 103, a basis of about 5.79%. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due Jan. 1 1922.

LE MARS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Le Mars), Plymouth County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED—BOND OFFERING.—At the election held on March 12 (V. 116, p. 969) the proposition to issue \$150,000 high-school building bonds carried by a vote of 793 "for" to 649 "against." Bids will be received until April 24 for these bonds. Interest rate 4 1/2%. Due on May 1 as follows: \$3,000 1925 to 1928, inclusive; \$4,000 1929 to 1932, inclusive; \$5,000 1933 to 1937, inclusive; and \$6,000 1938 to 1942, inclusive. R. J. Koehler, Secretary Board of Directors.

LIMON, Lincoln County, Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held recently \$7,500 5 1/2% city hall bonds were voted. These bonds had been sold to Antonides & Co. of Denver subject to being voted at said election. Notice of the election and sale was given in V. 116, p. 1214.

LINCOLN COUNTY (P. O. Kammerer), Wyo.—PRICE.—The price paid by the Palmer Bond & Mfg. Co. of Salt Lake City for the \$85,000 5% 11-20-year serial funding bonds awarded to it as stated in V. 116, p. 1572, was 101.58.

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 (P. O. Afton), Wyo.—BOND ELECTION.—On May 1 an election will be held to vote on issuing \$100,000 school building bonds.

LINDSBORG, McPherson County, Kans.—BONDS DEFEATED.—On April 3 the issuance of \$7,500 city park bonds was defeated by a vote of 251 "for" to 500 "against."

LIVINGSTON COUNTY (P. O. Geneseo), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$90,000 4 1/2% road bonds was sold on Feb. 21 to Hibbard, Palmer & Kitchen of Rochester on a 3.95% basis. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1923. Int. M. & S. Due \$30,000 yearly on March 31 from 1934 to 1936 inclusive.

LORAIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Loraine), Mitchell County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED—SALE.—The \$40,000 5% school bonds were voted at the election held on March 20. Since being voted the bonds have been sold.

LOS ANGELES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals are being received until 11 a. m. April 16 by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, (P. O. Los Angeles) for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$2,540,000 4 1/2% school building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office or at Kountze Bros., New York, at holders' option. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$63,000 1923 to 1942 incl., and \$64,000 1943 to 1962 incl. Certified (or cashier's) check for 3% payable to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the office of the Board of Supervisors. The assessed valuation of the taxable property in said school district for the year 1922 is \$336,779,025, and the total amount of bonds of said district previously issued and now outstanding is \$11,098,150. Los Angeles School District includes an area of approximately 621 square miles and the estimated population of said district is 775,000.

LOS ANGELES CITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals are being received until 11 a. m. April 16 by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, (P. O. Los Angeles), for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$1,000,000 4 1/2% school building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office or at Kountze Bros., New York, at holders' option. Due \$25,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1962 incl. Certified check for 3% payable to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the office of the Board of Supervisors. The assessed valuation of the taxable property in said school district for the year 1922 is \$850,569,055, and the total amount of bonds of said district previously issued and now outstanding is \$6,836,500. Los Angeles City High School District includes an area of approximately 921 square miles, and the estimated population of said district is 800,000.

LOS OLIVOS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Calif.—BOND SALE.—Freeman, Smith & Camp Co. have purchased \$24,000 5% school bonds at par plus a premium of \$1,212, equal to 105.05. Bids were also submitted by the following: Cyrus Peirce & Co., \$607; First National Bank of Santa Barbara, \$367, and Bank of Italy, \$192 40.

LOWER SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lower Salem), Washington County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by L. E. Byers, Clerk, Board of Education, until 12 m. April 28 for the purchase at not less than par and int. of \$5,000 5 1/2% school bldg. bonds. Auth. Sec. 6925 et seq., 7669 et seq. of the Gen. Code. Denom. \$250. Date April 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.), payable at the Lower Salem Commercial Bank of Lower Salem. Due \$250 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1943, incl. A cert. check for \$100, payable to the Board of Education, is required.

LUCAS COUNTY (P. O. Toledo), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10.30 a. m. April 23 by Adelaide E. Schmitt, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for the following two issues of 5% Main Sewer District No. 5 bonds: \$34,908 12 local sanitary sewer No. 83 bonds. Auth. Secs. 6602-4 and 6602-h Gen. Code. Denoms. \$908 12 and \$1,000. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,908 12 1924, \$3,000 1925 to 1928, incl., and \$4,000 1929 to 1933, incl.

20,168 58 water supply line No. 49 bonds. Auth. Secs. 6602-20 and 6602-32 Gen. Code. Denoms. \$1,168 58 and \$1,000. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,168 58 1924, \$2,000 1925 and 1926, and \$3,000 1927 to 1931, incl.

Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the County Treasurer's office. Certified check on a Toledo bank for \$500 is required with each issue. Bonds to be delivered and paid for in Toledo on May 10. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. The official advertisement states that

there has never been any default in payment of principal or interest. Assessed val. of property for taxation on the 1922 duplicate, \$534,567,670 (property assessed at its true value). Tax rate per \$1,000 1922 \$22.20. Total bonded debt of county, foregoing issues not included, \$5,799,587 32. Of the bonded debt of the county, the sum of \$609,652 65 is paid by a levy on townships, and the sum of \$4,306,295 39 is paid by special assessments against real estate.

MADISON RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Madison), Lake County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 5% coupon school bonds which were offered for sale on April 10—V. 116, p. 1214—were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit for a premium of \$167, equal to 100.41, a basis of about 4.95%. Date April 1 1923. Due \$2,000 yearly on April 1 from 1925 to 1944 inclusive.

MANATI (Municipality of), Porto Rico.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 9 a. m. May 10 by V. Ramon Casellas, Commissioner of Public Service, Police & Prisons, for \$135,000 coupon impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable, and bonds will be delivered, at some bank or trust company in Washington, D. C.; New York or Porto Rico, to be chosen by purchaser. Int. rate not to exceed 5 1/2%. Due on July 1 as follows: \$5,000 1929 and 1930; \$10,000 1931 to 1940, incl., and \$25,000 1941. A cert. check or cash draft (or cash) for 2% of amount bid for, on some national bank in U. S. or any bank doing business in Porto Rico, payable to the Commissioner of Finance.

MANSFIELD, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$76,000 5 1/2% municipal building bonds which were offered for sale on April 5 (V. 116, p. 1454), were awarded to the Citizens Savings & Loan Co., of Mansfield, for \$79,040, equal to 104—a basis of about 4.99%. Date March 1 as follows: \$4,000 1924 to 1939, inclusive, and \$3,000 1940 to 1943, inclusive.

MARION, McDowell County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati have purchased the \$100,000 6% water works and sewerage bonds offered on April 9—V. 116, p. 1214—at a premium of \$6,860, equal to 106.86, a basis of about 5.53%. Date April 2 1923. Due April 1 1923.

MARSHALL, Harrison County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD.—A special wire from our western representative advises us that an election is to be held in Marshall to vote on issuing \$400,000 bonds.

MASSENA, St. Lawrence County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc., of New York, have purchased \$215,000 5% tax-free coupon or registered Grasse River bridge bonds at 107.29, a basis of about 4.36%. Denom. \$500. Date May 1 1923. Int. M. & N. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$7,000 1924 to 1948 incl., and \$8,000 1949 to 1953 incl.

MAYWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 11 a. m. April 16 by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk, Board of County Supervisors, (P. O. Los Angeles) for \$78,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the County Treasurer. Due on April 1 as follows: \$3,000 1924 to 1941, incl., and \$2,000 1942 to 1953, incl. A cert. or cashier's check for 3% of issue, payable to the Chairman, Board of Supervisors, required.

The assessed valuation of the taxable property in said school district for the year 1922 is \$3,466,390, and the amount of bonds previously issued and now outstanding is \$95,000.

Maywood School District includes an area of approximately 5.9 square miles, and the estimated population of said School District is 6,500.

MECHANICSBURG, Cumberland County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—Two issues of bonds, aggregating \$16,000, have been sold to local subscribers.

MELVILLE, St. Landry Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 6% public improvement bonds offered on April 10—V. 116, p. 1454—were awarded to L. E. French & Co. of Alexandria at par plus a premium of \$1,050, equal to 102.33. Date July 1 1923. Due serially, 1 to 20 years.

MEMPHIS, Shelby County, Tenn.—PROBABLE ELECTION DATE SET.—According to the Memphis "Appeal" of April 7, May 10 has been set as the probable date by Mayor Paine for the election to vote on the issuance of \$3,000,000 bonds for various city purposes. Issues to be voted on include: Water, \$1,500,000; streets, \$750,000; city hospital, \$250,000; Oakville sanatorium, \$200,000; Cossitt library, \$150,000; Harahan viaduct, \$250,000.

MIDDLEBURY SCHOOL CITY (P. O. Middlebury), Elkhart County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,000 4 1/2% school gym. bonds offered for sale on March 27 (V. 116, p. 1330) were awarded to the First State Bank of Middlebury, at par. Denom. \$500. Int. A. & O. Due \$500 yearly in from 1 to 14 years.

MIDDLETOWN, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Alberta Brenner, City Auditor, until 12 m. April 27 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$12,000 5% water works extension bonds. Auth. Sec. 3939 of the General Code. Denom. \$500. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the National Park Bank of N. Y. City. Due \$1,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1935 incl. A certified check for \$200, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from time of award. These bonds are issued under the laws of Ohio, particularly Sec. 3939 of the General Code of Ohio, under the Charter of the City of Middletown, adopted Aug. 8 1913 and under and in accordance with a certain ordinance of the City of Middletown.

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on April 3, \$1,350,000 in bonds was voted. The Milwaukee "Sentinel" of April 4 says: "Milwaukee voters at Tuesday's election approved the three bond issues submitted to a referendum totaling \$1,350,000. The issues are: \$380,000 for a new State Street bridge; \$750,000 for schools, and \$200,000 for auditorium improvements.

"Passage of the bridge bonds is regarded with gratification by civic leaders and city officials because it will mean that Milwaukee will get a modern downtown bridge at a location where the need was seen ten years ago. At that time the voters approved a bond issue but the amount realized is now inadequate. Legal difficulties in obtaining needed property and objections of the Federal Government held up construction.

"The school bond proceeds will be used to carry out the building program announced several weeks ago involving total expenditures of about \$6,000,000. The money is for sites, new buildings and additions to old ones. With this bond issue the legal limit for school bonds, 1% of the assessed valuation, has been practically reached. There will be outstanding \$5,993,750 in school bonds when the present issue has been sold.

Aid to Auditorium.

"The auditorium bond issue of \$200,000 will be used to renovate and enlarge the auditorium and to provide additional equipment and facilities.

"In recent years, the Auditorium Board declared, other cities have surpassed Milwaukee in facilities for handling large conventions, and the city has lost heavily as a consequence. If Milwaukee is to keep pace with them the changes are necessary, it was held.

"According to the terms of the bond issue, only the credit of the city is borrowed. The principal and interest of the issue is to be repaid from the earnings of the auditorium."

MISHAWAKA, St. Joseph County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,000 4 1/2% coupon water and light bonds offered for sale on April 2 (V. 116, p. 1330) were awarded to the First National Bank of Mishawaka, for \$126,050, equal to 100.84. Date April 1 1923. Due serially in from 1 to 30 years. The Union Trust Co. of Indianapolis submitted a bid of \$125,712 50.

MISSOULA COUNTY (P. O. Missoula), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The Bankers' Trust Co. of Denver, has purchased \$88,000 5% funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially.

MITCHELL, Lawrence County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by Stella Edwards, City Clerk, until 1 p. m. April 20 for the purchase at not less than par of \$14,000 5% coupon funding bonds. Denom. \$500. Date April 16 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the City Clerk's office. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1940, incl. A cert. check on a Mitchell bank for \$100 is required.

MITCHELL, Davison County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10.30 a. m. April 30 by Frank McGovern, City Auditor, for the purchase of an issue of coupon special assessment bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 15 1923. Due serially. Bonds to be issued in an amount equal to the entire assessment as levied to pay cost of grading, paving, curbing and other improvements.

MODESTO IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Modesto), Stanislaus County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$290,400 6% irrigation bonds offered on April 9—V. 116, p. 1573—were purchased by the Bank of Italy of Modesto at a premium of \$28,560, equal to 109.57. Date July 1 1920. Due \$5,400, 1931; \$6,000, 1932; \$8,000, 1933; \$9,000, 1934; \$12,000, 1935 and 1936; \$13,000, 1937 and 1938; \$14,000, 1939; \$15,000, 1940 to 1942 inclusive; \$16,000, 1943 and 1944; \$20,000, 1945 and 1946; \$22,000, 1947 to 1949 inclusive, and \$23,000, 1950.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,000 5 1/4% emergency bridge bonds, which were offered for sale on April 5 (V. 116, p. 1454) were awarded to N. S. Hill & Co. of Cincinnati, for \$9,168.20, equal to 101.867, a basis of about 5.07%. Date April 1 1923. Due \$1,000 yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1932, inclusive.

BOND SALE.—Sealed bids will be received by F. A. Killemer, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, until 10 a. m. April 19 (Central Standard Time) for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$62,500 5% Fairview Ave. Improvement bonds, issued under Section 6929 of the Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$500. Date April 15 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.), payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Sept. 15 as follows: \$7,000 1924 to 1931, incl., and \$6,500 1932. The opinion of D. W. and A. S. Iddings, attorneys, and \$6,500 Shafer and Williams, attorneys, Cincinnati, regarding the legality of the issue will be furnished the successful bidder; otherwise all bids shall be unconditional. The certified check in the amount of \$1,000, drawn upon any solvent bank, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

MORRISTOWN, Rice County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by E. L. Terry, Village Clerk, until 2 p. m. April 17 for \$30,000 water works bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the First National Bank, St. Paul. Due on April 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1928 and 1933, and \$10,000 1938 and 1943. A cert. check for 10% of amount of bid, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

MORRISTOWN, Hamblen County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The Morrystown Trust Co., of Morrystown, has purchased the two issues of bonds offered on April 2 (V. 116, p. 1455) as 5 1/2% at a premium of 925, equal to 100.304: \$183,300 20-year paving bonds.

121,000 1 to 10-year serial paving bonds.

MOSCOW, Latah County, Ida.—BOND SALE.—Cyrus Peirce & Co. of Seattle, have purchased \$35,000 5 1/2% funding bonds at 102.11.

MUSKEGON, Muskegon County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on April 2—V. 116, p. 1331—the \$275,000 sewer bonds were voted by a count of 1,626 "for" to 919 "against."

NASHVILLE, Davidson County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. April 27 by S. H. McKay, City Clerk, for the following 5% coupon bonds, registerable as to principal: \$125,000 general improvement bonds. Due on May 1 as follows: \$8,000 1929 to 1938, inclusive, and \$9,000, 1939 to 1943, inclusive. 160,000 street-improvement bonds. Due \$32,000 on May 1 from 1924 to 1938, inclusive.

Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N.), payable at the City Treasurer's office or at the National Park Bank, New York City. A certified check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, required. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon and the validity of the bonds will be approved by Caldwell & Raymond, of New York City. Bids to be made on blank forms to be furnished by the above Clerk or said trust company.

NATCHEZ, Adams County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 4:30 p. m. April 17 by John F. Jenkins, City Clerk, for \$92,000 5% coupon refunding sewerage and water-works bonds. Date May 7 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N.) payable at the City Bank & Trust Co. of Natchez. Due on May 7 as follows: \$2,000, 1924; \$3,000, 1925 to 1927, inclusive; \$4,000, 1928 to 1933, inclusive; \$5,000, 1934 to 1937, inclusive; \$6,000, 1938 to 1942, inclusive, and \$7,000, 1943. A certified check for 2% of bid, payable to above official, required. Legality approved by John C. Thomson, New York City. The bonds will be delivered to the successful bidder at the City Bank & Trust Co. on May 7, or as soon thereafter as they may be prepared.

NATCHITOCHE PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 30 (P. O. Natchitoches), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Selled bids will be received until 11 a. m. May 7 by Miss Addie Tauzin, Secretary of the Police Jury, for \$125,000 6% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Mar. 1 1923. Int. semi-ann. Due serially 1924 to 1943, incl. A cert. check on some Louisiana bank for \$3,500, payable to the President of the Police Jury, required. The approving opinion of a recognized bond attorney will be furnished the purchaser and bonds will be delivered day of sale.

NEDERLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Nederland), Jefferson County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—C. E. Gibson, Secretary, Board of School Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. April 14 for \$100,000 5% school house bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.), payable at the District Treasurer's office or at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City. Due on May 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1943, incl., and \$3,000, 1944 to 1963, incl. A cert. check for 2% of bonds, payable to the School District, required. Bonds will be sold subject to the approval of Wood & Oakley of Chicago.

NEEDHAM, Norfolk County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The \$280,000 4 1/4% school bonds which were offered for sale on April 9—V. 116, p. 1573—were awarded to the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston at 101.176, a basis of about 4.11%. Date April 1 1923. Due \$14,000 yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1943 inclusive.

NEVILLE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. May 1 by R. L. Noss, Secretary of Board of School Directors, (P. O. Carapopolis, R. F. D., No. 1) for the purchase of \$75,000 4 1/4% coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1923. Due on June 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1930 to 1934, incl.; \$4,000, 1935 to 1949, incl. A cert. check for \$1,000, payable to the District Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay for printing of bonds. Bonds are said to be free of State tax.

NEW BEDFORD, Bristol County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The Old Colony Trust Co., F. S. Moseley & Co., Eldredge & Co., Blake Bros & Co. and Edmunds Bros., all of Boston, have been awarded at 100.017 the following issues of bonds: \$200,000 4% sewer, \$200,000 4% water, \$40,000 4% school, \$500,000 4 1/4% highway and 4 1/4% highway. Due yearly from 1924 to 1953, inclusive.

NEWTON, Catawba County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—Keane, Higbie & Co., of Detroit, were the successful bidders for the two issues of coupon (registerable as to principal only) gold bonds offered on April 6 (V. 116, p. 1231) as 5 1/4%, as follows: \$100,000 street-improvement bonds at a premium of \$210, equal to 102.21—a basis of about 5.47%. Denom. \$1,000. Due on April 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1924 to 1933, inclusive, and \$2,000, 1934 to 1943, inclusive.

15,000 water bonds at a premium of \$400, equal to 102.66—a basis of about 5.26%. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 yearly on April 1 from 1925 to 1954, inclusive. Date April 1 1923.

NORFOLK, Madison County, Neb.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on April 3 the proposition to issue \$10,000 city hall bonds failed to carry.

NORTHAMPTON, Hampshire County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On April 12 a temporary loan of \$175,000, dated April 13 and maturing Nov. 13 1923, was awarded to the First National Bank of Boston on a 4.27% basis, interest to follow.

NORTH CAROLINA (State of).—OPTION ON \$5,000,000 BONDS EXERCISED—OPTION ON REMAINING \$5,000,000 EXTENDED UNTIL JUNE 1.—We are informed that the syndicate headed by B. J. Van Ingen & Co., of New York, which purchased the \$20,073,000 4 1/4% bonds offered on Jan. 10, taking \$10,073,000 outright and a 90-day option on the remainder, exercised its option in part on March 30 by taking \$500,000—000 of the \$10,000,000. The option on the remaining \$5,000,000 has been extended to June 1. Notice of the sale of these bonds (\$10,073,000) was given in V. 116, p. 205, and the notice of the option being taken on the remainder (\$10,000,000) in V. 116, p. 321. Notice of the offering by bankers of this amount, on which the option was exercised, was given in V. 116, p. 1573.

NORTH DAKOTA (State of).—BOND OFFERING PROBABLE.—The Minneapolis "Journal" of April 1 contained the following: "\$2,000,000 of additional rural credits bonds will be sold by the State, probably about May 15, and at the same time there will be offered \$2,000,000 of bonds to provide additional working capital for the State owned mill and elevator at Grand Forks, it was announced here by Governor R. A. Nestos as Chairman of the Industrial Commission.

"The bonds issued to provide funds for the real estate loans made through the rural credits department of the Bank of North Dakota have been exhausted, a total of \$7,500,000 having been issued. With a temporary surplus of funds because of the heavy receipts of tax money at this time, the Bank of North Dakota will carry the farm loans now being made until the \$2,000,000 sale in May, it was said.

"Another reason for making the tentative date for the sale of the rural credits bonds on May 15 is the belief of State officials that they can obtain better prices for the bonds if they are able to offer the mill and elevator bonds at the same time.

"Governor Nestos has left for Chicago to confer with bond attorneys there, who passed upon the North Dakota State issue, with reference to provisions necessary in the mortgages which will be the basis of the mill and elevator bonds and in connection with the reissuance of some of the capital stock bonds of the Bank of North Dakota in fairly large denominations to replace the "baby bonds" already issued, as provided for in an Act of the Legislature."

OCEAN CITY, Cape May County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry A. Morris, City Clerk, will receive bids until 3 p. m. April 30 for the purchase at not less than par and int. of an issue of 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds, not to exceed \$500,000, (no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$500,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.), payable in lawful money of the U. S. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1925 to 1933 incl., and \$15,000, 1939 to 1962, incl. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company, for 2%, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, N. Y.

OGDEN, Weber County, Utah.—CORRECTION.—In V. 116, p. 1455, we reported that an election was to be held on April 3. We are now informed by our Western representative, that this report is a mistake on his part as no election date has yet been set.

OHIO CITY, Van Wert County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by C. D. Akon, Village Clerk, until 12 m. April 21 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of 5 1/4% coupon special assent bonds in the aggregate sum of \$22,048.76, consisting of two separate and distinct issues to be sold separately as follows: \$7,664.61 Main Street improvement bonds. Denoms. \$1,000, except one for \$664.61. Due on March 1 as follows: \$664.61 1925 and \$1,000 1926 to 1932, inclusive.

14,384.15 Carman Street improvement bonds. Denoms. \$1,000, except one for \$1,384.15. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,384.15 1924, \$2,000 1925 to 1927, incl.; \$1,000 1928, \$2,000 1929, to 1931, incl.

Bonds to be dated not later than Sept. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.), payable at the Farmers Bank of Ohio City. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bond bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Auth. Section 3914 of the General Code.

OMAHA, Douglas County, Neb.—BIDS.—The following is a list of the bids received for the \$500,000 sewer and \$100,000 park 4 1/4% 20-year bonds on March 20:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder Name and Premium. Includes Blyth, Witter & Co., Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Co., Federal Securities Corp., Wells-Dickey Co., etc.

* Successful bid; *for previous reference to same see V. 116, p. 1331.

ORANGETOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Sparkill), Rockland County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$98,000 4 1/4% school bonds, which were offered for sale on April 10—were awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc., of N. Y. City, at 104.86, a basis of about 4.36%. Date May 1 1923. Due on May 1 as follows: \$3,000 1925 to 1936, incl., and \$2,000 1957. The following bids were received: Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc. 104.37; O'Brian, Potter & Co. 104.259; Union National Corp. 104.17; Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc. 104.86; C. H. Whitist & Co. 104.09.

OREGON CITY, Clackamas County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—Stacy & Brown have purchased \$246,070 4 1/2% road bonds at \$252,104.18, equal to 102.45.

OWEGO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Owego), Tioga County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 4:30 p. m. April 23 by T. Henry Cook, Village Treasurer, for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$270,000 4 1/4% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal and interest or principal only) school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Mar. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the First National Bank of Owego or at the Chase National Bank of N. Y. City. Due \$9,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1953 incl. A cert. check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, drawn on an incorporated bank or trust company, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of N. Y. City. Bids are requested on forms furnished by the above official. The bonds will be delivered at Owego, N. Y., or at U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., New York City, at the option of purchaser, on April 25 at 2 p. m. or as soon thereafter as the bonds may be prepared.

PAINESVILLE, Lake County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Albin H. Lord, City Auditor, until 12 m. (Central Standard Time) April 30 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$59,000 electric light works extension bonds. Auth., Sec. 3939 of the Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Int. A. & O. Due on April 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1925 to 1927, incl.; \$4,000, 1929 to 1931, incl.; \$4,000, 1933 and 1934; \$4,000, 1935 to 1938, incl. and \$5,000 in each of the years 1928, 1932 and 1935. A cert. check for \$5,000 on some solvent bank, a member of Federal Reserve System, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from time of award.

PALMYRA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Palmyra), Wayne County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 school bonds offered for sale on April 2—V. 116, p. 1215—were awarded to the State Bank of Palmyra on a bid of par for 4.35%. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1924 to 1933, incl.; \$3,000 1934 to 1946, incl., and \$1,000 1947.

PAMLICO COUNTY (P. O. Bayboro), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. April 17 by Z. V. Rawls, County Attorney, for \$200,000 5 1/4% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. A cert. check for 2% required. Due \$5,000, 1933 to 1972, inclusive.

PARKSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Parkston), Hutchinson County, So. Dak.—BONDS VOTED.—A special wire from our Western correspondent advises us that at the election held on Apr. 3 (V. 116, p. 1095) the \$66,000 10-20-year (opt.) school bonds were voted.

PECOS COUNTY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Fort Stockton), Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until May 1 for the purchase, at a private sale, of \$60,000 refunding and improvement bonds. A certified check for \$1,000 required. Jos. Schlegel, Manager of District.

PERRY AND CASTLE (TOWNS) UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Perry), Wyoming County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by T. H. Donnelly, Secretary Board

of Education, until 4 p. m. April 17 for the purchase of \$263,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Int. semi-ann. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1924 and 1925; \$5,000, 1926 to 1929 incl.; \$6,000, 1930 to 1933 incl.; \$7,000, 1934 and 1935; \$8,000, 1936 to 1939 incl.; \$9,000, 1940 and 1941; \$10,000, 1942 and 1943; \$11,000, 1944 and 1945; \$12,000, 1946 to 1948 incl.; \$13,000, 1949 and 1950; \$14,000, 1951 and 1952, and \$15,000, 1953. A certified check for \$15,000, payable to W. W. Grive, District Treasurer, required. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon, N. Y. City.

PIERRE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pierre), Hughes County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 8 p. m. April 20 by Harry R. Horner, Clerk, Board of Education, for \$95,000 funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Int. rate not to exceed 5%. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.), payable at the First National Bank of Minneapolis. A cert. check for 10% of bid required.

PIPESTONE COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55 (P. O. Ruthton), Minn.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on April 23 to vote on the issuance of \$43,000 4½% school building bonds. C. M. Christensen, District Clerk.

PITT COUNTY (P. O. Greenville), No. Caro.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—A. B. Leach & Co., Inc. are offering to investors at prices to yield from 4.75% to 4.65%, according to maturities, \$400,000 5% gold road and bridge bonds. Date April 16 1923. Int. M. & N. Due \$50,000 on May 1 in each of the years 1928, 1933, 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958 and 1963.

PITTSBURGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pittsburgh), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids for the purchase of \$3,000,000 4.10% gold coupon (registerable as to principal) school site and building bonds will be received until 3 p. m. April 28 by G. W. Gerwig, Secretary of the Board of Education. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.), payable in gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, free from Pennsylvania taxes and Federal income tax. Due yearly on March 1 from 1924 to 1953, incl. Certified check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Treasurer of the District required. Legality approved by J. Rodgers McCreery of Pittsburgh, and Barnes, Biddle & Morris of Philadelphia. Settlement to be made with the School Treasurer on or before May 22. Accrued interest from March 1 1923 to be paid by purchaser.

PLYMOUTH SCHOOL CITY (P. O. Plymouth), Marshall County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$105,000 5% coupon new high school building bonds, bids for which were received until 1 p. m. April 3—V. 116, p. 1216—were awarded, it is stated, to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis for \$109,824, equal to 104.60. Due serially from July 1 1931 to Nov. 1 1947 inclusive.

BONDS VOTED.—It is also stated that the city of Plymouth has voted \$50,000 toward the new building and will sell bonds in that amount.

PONCHATOU LA, Tangipahoa Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—Caldwell & Co. of Nashville, have purchased \$130,000 6% water and sewerage bonds at a premium of \$4,823, equal to 103.71.

PORT HURON, Saint Clair County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,432 5% serial public impt. sidewalk bonds, which were offered for sale on April 3 (V. 116, p. 1331) were awarded to John W. Thomson of Port Huron, at par. Due March 1 1923. Due \$4,144 yearly on March 1 from 1924 to 1926, inclusive.

PORTLAND, Ore.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$118,721 45 6% 3-10-year (opt.) impt. bonds has been awarded as follows:

\$4,000 to H. S. Roney at 106.65.
50,000 to Ladd & Tilton Bank, Portland, at 106.32.
40,000 Security Savings & Trust Co., Portland, at 106.28.
10,000 to Robertson & Ewing, Portland, at 106.26.
10,000 to Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., Portland, at 106.25.
4,721.45 to Ladd & Tilton Bank, Portland, at 106.22.
Date Jan. 1 1923.

POSEY SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Bentonville), Fayette County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 5% coupon bonds which were offered for sale on Apr. 9 (V. 116, p. 1574) were awarded to J. F. Wild & Co. State Bank of Indianapolis for \$40,805, equal to 102.01. Date June 15 1923.

PREBLE COUNTY (P. O. Eaton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING POSTPONED.—The offering of the \$91,000 5½% road bonds, which was to have taken place on April 7 (V. 116, p. 1331) has been postponed until May 3.

PRIMROSE, Boone County, Nebr.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$13,500 6% electric light bonds has been purchased by the Lincoln Trust Co. of Lincoln.

QUINN, Pennington County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 water works bonds offered on April 9—V. 116, p. 1455—were purchased by Morrison & Co. at par. Date April 1 1923. Due April 1 1943.

RANDOLPH, Cedar County, Neb.—BONDS DEFEATED.—Our Western representative advises us in a special telegram that the proposition to issue \$35,000 city hall bonds, submitted to a vote of the people on Apr. 3, (V. 116, p. 1455), failed to carry.

RANDOLPH COUNTY (P. O. Asheboro), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Lee M. Kearns, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. April 16 for \$122,000 5% coupon or registered funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 15 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the Seaboard National Bank, N. Y. City. Due on April 15 as follows: \$3,000 1926 to 1931, incl.; \$4,000 1932 to 1937, incl.; \$5,000 1938 to 1943, incl.; \$6,000 1944 to 1949, incl., and \$7,000 1950 and 1951. A certified check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County required. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt, N. Y. City.

RAVENNA, Portage County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,000 5¼% water works bonds offered on April 6—V. 116, p. 1216—were awarded to Durfee, Niles & Co. of Toledo, at par and accrued interest, plus a premium of \$30, equal to 100.75, a basis of about 5.33%. Denom. \$500. Date March 15 1923. Due \$500 yearly on Sept. 15 from 1924 to 1931, incl. Other bidders were:

Name—	Price Bid.
The Citizens Trust & Savings Bank, Columbus.....	\$4,011.00
The Milliken & York Co., Cleveland.....	4,001.00
Ryan, Bowman & Co., Toledo.....	4,004.40

REDONDO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BIDS.—The following is a list of bids received for the \$195,000 5% bonds on March 26:

Cyrus Peirce & Co. and Bank of Italy.....	\$1,476.15	Banks, Huntley & Drake and Riley & Thomas.....	\$1,170.00
Security Co.....	*1,482.00	Wm. R. Staats Co.....	539.00
		R. H. Moulton.....	1,026.00

* Successful bid; for previous reference to same, see V. 116, p. 1455.

RED SPRINGS, Robeson County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—C. D. Briggs & Co. of Toledo, have purchased at par the following 2 issues of coupon (registerable as to prin.) bonds. (Int. rate not stated.)

\$50,000 street impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on April 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1924 to 1933, incl., and \$2,000, 1934 to 1943, inclusive.
6,000 electric light bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 yearly on April 1 from 1926 to 1937, inclusive.
Date April 1 1923.

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Redwood City), San Mateo County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 10 a. m. April 16 by Elizabeth M. Kneese, County Clerk, and ex-officio Clerk Board of County Supervisors, for \$56,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-J.), payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$2,000 yearly on July 1 from 1924 to 1951, incl. A certified or cashier's check for \$2,000 on some responsible bank, payable to the Chairman Board of Supervisors, required. The assessed value of the property situated within the said school district, as shown by the last assessment roll, is \$3,746,530, and the present outstanding bonded indebtedness of the district is \$27,000.

RICHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Columbia), So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—Stacy & Braun of Toledo have purchased \$100,000 5% coupon funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Due April 1 1938.

RICHLAND SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Fulton County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—J. Howard Reed, Township Trustee (P. O. Rochester), will receive proposals until 1 p. m. May 1 for the purchase at not less than par of \$33,000 5% coupon school construction bonds. Denom. 12 for \$1,000, 9 for \$2,000 and 1 for \$3,000. Date April 16 1923. Interest payable semi-annually. All of the bonds and the interest thereon to be paid without exchange at the First National Bank, Rochester. Due each six months as follows: \$1,000 July 1 1924 to Jan. 1 1930, incl.; \$2,000 July 1 1930 to July 1 1934, incl., and \$3,000 Jan. 1 1935.

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Richland), Kalamazoo County, Mich.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$90,000 coupon school building bonds, which were offered for sale on March 27—V. 116, p. 1216—were not sold. The bonds will not be re-offered until August.

RIDGEWOOD, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The following 2 issues of 4½% coupon or registered bonds for which no bids were received, when offered on Feb. 27 (V. 116, p. 971) have been sold to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia, at par:

\$228,000 assessment bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$26,000, 1924 and 1925, and \$22,000, 1926 to 1933 inclusive.	
39,000 sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1924 to 1943, incl.; \$2,000, 1944 to 1947, incl., and \$1,000, 1948. Date Jan. 1 1923.	

RIPLEY, Lauderdale County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 5% serial ice, sewer and street bonds offered on April 9—V. 116, p. 1216—were awarded to the National Bank of Ripley, at a premium of \$800, equal to 100.80, a basis of about 4.89%. Date June 1 1923. Due \$5,000 yearly on June 1 from 1924 to 1943, inclusive.

RIVERDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Fresno), Fresno County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$123,000 6% irrigation bonds offered on April 3—V. 116, p. 1217—were awarded to Weedon & Co. of San Francisco at a premium of \$2,500 82, equal to 102.033, a basis of about 5.60%. Date Oct. 1 1922.

ROCHESTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—The issue of \$100,000 revenue notes maturing 2 months from April 11 1923, which was offered on April 6—V. 116, p. 1574—was awarded to the Guaranty Co. of N. Y. on a 4% interest basis, plus \$101 premium. Other bidders were:

Name—	Interest.	Premium.
Traders National Bank, Rochester.....	4.09%	-----
S. N. Bond & Co., New York City.....	4.50%	\$11.00

ROCKY MOUNT, Edgecombe County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 coupon, registerable as to principal, sewerage, water supply, paving and light bonds offered on April 5—V. 116, p. 1332—were awarded as follows: \$510, equal to 100.51, a basis of about 4.96%, to Blanch Thornburg & Vandarsal of Toledo. Date April 1 1923. Due on April 1 as follows: \$3,000 1924 to 1948, incl., and \$5,000 1949 to 1953, incl. The following is a list of the bids received:

Bidders—	Int. Rate.	Amount.
Providence Savings Bank & Trust Co. and Season-good & Mayer, Cincinnati.....	5¼%	\$101,310.00
Detroit Trust Co., Detroit.....	5%	100,038.00
Hanchett Bond Co., Chicago.....	5%	100,030.00
Kaufman, Smith, Emert & Co., Inc., Chicago.....	5%	100,135.00
Prudden & Co., Toledo.....	5¼%	102,031.00
Channer & Sawyer & Pace Co., Cincinnati.....	4¼%	101,615.00
C. W. Whitis & Co., New York.....	5¼%	100,600.00
Spitzer-Rorick & Co., Toledo.....	5¼%	101,615.50
Wachovia Banking & Trust Co., Winston-Salem.....	5¼%	100,506.00
W. E. Hery & Co., Toledo.....	5¼%	100,377.00
J. B. Walker & Co., New York.....	5¼%	101,705.00

ROCKY RIVER, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank Mitchell, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. May 7 for the following two issues of 5½% bonds: \$7,500 water works plant bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1924, \$500 1925, \$1,000 1926 to 1931, inclusive. 40,000 sewer improvement bonds. Denom. \$2,000. Due \$2,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1943, inclusive.

Date April 1 1923. Int. A. & O. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Certified check for \$100 and \$500, payable upon the condition that if the bid is accepted the bidder will receive and pay for the bonds within ten days from the time of award, is required, with the \$7,500 and \$40,000 issues, respectively.

ROOSEVELT, Kiowa County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—Calvert & Canfield, of Oklahoma City, have purchased \$8,000 water works impt. bonds at par. Due in 20 years.

ROXBORO, Person County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—Spitzer, Rorick & Co., of Toledo, and the Peoples Bank, of Roxboro, jointly purchased the two issues of bonds offered on April 7 (V. 116, p. 1456), as follows: \$50,000 water and sewer bonds, composed of \$20,000 water extension and \$30,000 sewerage bonds, as 5¼s, at a premium of \$257.50, equal to 100.51—a basis of about 5.22%. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1926 to 1951, inclusive; \$2,000, 1952 to 1963, inclusive. 10,000 street improvement bonds, as 5½s, at a premium of \$10, equal to 100.10—a basis of about 5.45%. Due \$2,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1924 to 1928, inclusive.
Date Feb. 1 1923.

ROYAL OAK, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 7.30 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) April 16 by Bruce Fleming, City Clerk, for general obligation bonds in the following amounts: For sanitary trunk line sewers, \$150,000; for storm trunk sewers, \$100,000; for the city's share of paving, \$50,000; for water supply, \$50,000. Bidders shall bid on rate of interest and premium offered.

ST. PAUL, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Jesse Foote, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. April 25 for \$400,000 coupon or registered school bonds bearing interest not to exceed 4½%. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Due Apr 1 1953. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the Commissioner of Finance or at the financial office of the city in New York. A certified check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for required. Legality approved by Tighe & O'Neill of St. Paul.

ST. PETERSBURG SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Clearwater), Pinellas County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—A. T. Bell & Co. of Toledo have been awarded the \$180,000 5½% school bonds offered on April 10—V. 116, p. 1332—at a premium of \$14,758, equal to 108.19, a basis of about 4.98%. Date April 1 1923. Due April 1 1953.

SALEM TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (Lower Salem), Washington County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. (Central standard time) April 28 by Abbie C. Magee, Clerk of Board of Education, at the Lower Salem Commercial Bank, Lower Salem, for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$30,000 5½% school bldg. bonds. Auth. Section 7625 et seq., and 7669 et seq. of the General Code. Denom. \$500. Date April 1 1923. Int. M. & S. Principal payable at the Lower Salem Commercial Bank of Lower Salem. Due \$1,600 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1943, incl. A certified check for \$500, payable to the Board of Education, is required.

SANTA BARBARA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The Los Angeles "Times" of April 3 says: Paying a premium of \$2,763, (equal to 102.76) the First Securities Company was yesterday (April 2) awarded \$100,000 Santa Barbara School District 5% bonds. Other bidders were William E. Staats Co., \$2,686; Drake, Riley & Thomas, \$2,050; Security Company, \$1,936; Bank of Italy and Cyrus Peirce & Co., \$1,795; Anglo and London-Paris Co., \$1,780; Blyth, Witter & Co. and R. H. Moulton & Co., \$1,634, and First National Bank of Santa Barbara, \$1,416.

SCOTLAND, Bon Homme County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. F. Hansen, City Auditor, until 8 p. m. April 20 for \$25,000 4½% city hall erection bonds. Date May 1 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the First National Bank, Minneapolis. Due May 1 1943.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kirkpatrick), Marion County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 6 p. m. April 26 by C. A. Rowe, Clerk Board of Education, for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$10,000 5½% refunding bonds. Denom. \$500. Date March 1 1923. Interest payable semi-annually. Due March 1 1928. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the District Clerk, is required.

SEATTLE, Wash.—BOND SALE.—During the month of March the city of Seattle issued the following 6% bonds at par:

Table with columns: No., Amount, Purpose, Dated, Due. Lists bond sales for various purposes like Walks, Concrete curbs, Paving, Sewers, etc.

Bonds are subject to call on any interest paying date. SELMA, Johnston County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati have purchased the \$18,000 6% coupon sidewalk bonds offered on April 10—V. 116, p. 1332—at par plus a premium of \$256, equal to 101.42, a basis of about 5.81%. Date April 1 1923. Due \$1,000 yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1941, incl.

SHASTA VIEW IRRIGATION DISTRICT, Klamath County, Ore.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$120,000 bonds offered on March 26—V. 116, p. 971—were not sold.

SILVER BOW COUNTY (P. O. Butte), Mont.—BOND SALE CANCELED.—In V. 116, p. 1333, we reported the sale of \$100,000 5% 6-20-vr. serial (opt.) and \$150,000 4 1/2% bonds at 100.05 to Ferris & Hardgrove of Spokane. We are now advised that on April 2 the County Commissioners, at request of Ferris & Hardgrove, voted to cancel the sale because of legal technicalities.

SNAKE RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Shelley), Idaho.—BONDS VOTED.—By a count of 142 "for" to 18 "against" the \$100,000 bonds to purchase water rights were voted.

SOUTH CAROLINA (State of).—NOTE SALE.—An issue of \$2,600,000 4% tax anticipation notes was awarded on April 12 to Hamilton A. Gill & Co. of N. Y. City. Denom. \$1,000 and multiples. Date April 12 1923. Prin. and int. payable at the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, N. Y. City. Due in 1924 as follows: \$300,000 Jan. 9 and 16, \$350,000 Jan. 23 and 30, \$300,000 Feb. 6, \$350,000 Feb. 13 and 20 and \$300,000 Feb. 27. The notes are now being offered to investors at prices to yield 4.30%.

SOUTHBRIDGE, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Town of Southbridge has sold, it is stated, a temporary loan of \$250,000, maturing Oct. 18 1923, to the Southbridge National Bank at 4.19% for \$150,000 and 4.21% for \$100,000.

SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS LEVEE DISTRICT (P. O. McGehee), Ark.—BOND OFFERING.—R. D. Chotard, President of the District, will offer at public sale at 2 p. m. May 8 \$300,000 bonds. Interest rate not to exceed 6%. A certified check for \$1,000 required.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY (P. O. Spartanburg), So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—J. J. Vernon, County Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. April 24 for the following bonds, aggregating \$1,233,000: \$1,000,000 4 1/2% highway bonds. Date April 1 1923. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Due on April 1 as follows: \$40,500, 1924; \$41,500, 1925; \$42,500, 1926; \$43,500, 1927; \$44,500, 1928; \$45,500, 1929; \$46,500, 1930; \$47,500, 1931; \$48,500, 1932; \$49,500, 1933; \$50,500, 1934; \$51,500, 1935; \$52,500, 1936; \$53,500, 1937; \$54,500, 1938; \$55,500, 1939; \$56,500, 1940; \$57,500, 1941; \$58,500, 1942, and \$59,500, 1943.

123,000 4 1/2% highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Due on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1923; \$2,000, 1924 and 1925; \$3,000, 1926 and 1927; \$4,000, 1928 and 1929; \$5,000, 1930 and 1931; \$6,000, 1932 and 1933; \$7,000, 1934 and 1935; \$8,000, 1936; \$9,000, 1937 and 1938; \$10,000, 1939 and 1940; and \$11,000, 1941 and 1942. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City.

110,000 5% funding bonds. Date April 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the National Park Bank, New York City. Due on April 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1924 to 1928, inclusive; \$5,000, 1929 to 1933 inclusive; \$6,000, 1934 to 1938, inclusive, and \$7,000, 1939 to 1943, inclusive.

A certified check for 2% of each issue, payable to the County Supervisor, required. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston.

STEEN SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Wheatland), Knox County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by John R. Bateman, Township Trustee, until 2 p. m. May 1 for the purchase of \$60,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Int. J. & J. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1925 to 1927, inclusive; \$4,000, 1928 to 1936, inclusive; \$7,000, 1937, and \$8,000, 1938.

SUGAR CREEK TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wayne County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by the Clerk of the Board of Education, at the office of G. N. Baumgardner, County Superintendent of Schools, at Wooster, until 1 p. m. May 3 for the purchase at not less than par and int. of \$85,000 5% coupon high school bonds, issued under the authority of Sec. 7630-1, Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the First National Bank of Dayton. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1924 and 1925; \$5,000, 1926; \$6,000, 1927; \$5,000, 1928; and \$3,000, 1929 and 1930; \$6,000, 1931; \$5,000, 1932, 1933 and 1934; \$6,000, 1935; \$5,000, 1936, 1937 and 1938; \$6,000, 1939; \$5,000, 1940, 1941 and 1942; and \$6,000, 1943. Cert. check on a solvent bank or trust company, for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, required. Legality approved by Squires, Sanders & Dempsey. Purchaser to pay attorney's fees and printing of bonds. Bids must be made on blanks furnished by the County Supt. of Schools. The official circular states that there is no litigation threatened affecting these bonds.

SULLIVAN COUNTY (P. O. Sullivan), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Apr. 5 the following six issues of 5% highway impt. bonds offered on that date (V. 116, p. 1456) were sold: the first issue going to the J. F. Wild & Co. State Bank of Indianapolis and the remaining bonds being bought by the People's State Bank of Sullivan:

Table listing bond sales for Sullivan County: \$17,500 Cal Harmon et al. Fairbanks Twp. highway bonds for \$17,972 50 (102.70) and int., a basis of about 4.68%. Denom. \$437 50. Date Oct. 15 1922. Due \$437 50 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1943 inclusive. 12,300 Isiah Hogzart et al., Curry and Jackson Twps. highway bonds for \$12,610 (102.52) and int., a basis of about 4.70%. Denom. \$307 50. Date Oct. 15 1922. Due \$307 50 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1943 inclusive. 12,700 Charles McGraw et al., Jackson Twp. highway bonds for \$12,895 (101.53) and int., a basis of about 4.695%. Denom. \$635. Date Oct. 15 1922. Due \$635 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 inclusive. 14,900 Samuel R. Cole et al., Jackson Twp. highway bonds for \$15,290 (102.61) and int., a basis of about 4.69%. Denom. \$372 50. Date Oct. 15 1922. Due \$372 50 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1943 inclusive. 31,000 W. T. Dix et al., Hamilton, Curry, Turman and Fairbanks Twps. highway bonds for \$21,840 (102.70) and int., a basis of about 4.68%. Denom. \$775. Date Oct. 15 1922. Due \$775 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1943 inclusive. 10,200 Charles Heap et al., Curry Twp. highway bonds for \$10,355 (101.51) and int., a basis of about 4.70%. Denom. \$510. Date Feb. 15 1923. Due \$510 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 inclusive. Interest M. & N. 15.

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Hopkins County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—By a count of 227 "for" to 142 "against" \$40,000 5% water works bonds were voted at an election held on April 5. L. E. Gee, Mayor, says: "First satisfactory offer will buy them."

SUMMIT COUNTY (P. O. Akron), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$52,000 5% road bonds, which were offered for sale on April 6—V. 116, p. 1456—were awarded to the Ohio State Savings & Trust Co. of Akron,

at par and interest. Date April 1 1923. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,000 1924, \$5,000 1925, \$6,000 1926, \$5,000 1927, \$6,000 1928 to 1932, inclusive.

SUMTER COUNTY (P. O. Sumter), So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by J. J. Brennan, Secretary of the Permanent Road Commission, until 12 m. April 19 for \$500,000 5% registerable as to principal road and bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in New York. Due \$20,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1928 to 1952, incl. A certified check for 2% of amount bid for, upon an incorporated bank or trust company in South Carolina or a national bank anywhere, payable to the County Treasurer, required. These bonds are to be prepared and printed by the purchaser, who is also to procure legal opinion as to their validity, all costs and expenses connected with such preparation, printing, and procuring of legal opinion to be paid by the purchaser.

SWISSVALE, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—H. D. Caldwell, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. April 24, for \$150,000 4 1/2% coupon bonds. Date May 1 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Interest payable semi-annually. Due \$25,000 every five years on May 1 from 1933 to 1953, inclusive. The purchaser will be furnished the opinion of Burgwin, Scully & Burgwin of Pittsburgh, as to the legality of the bonds. Bids must be accompanied with a certified check for \$2,500, payable to the Borough Treasurer. These bonds, it is said, are free of State tax.

SYRACUSE, Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following 2 issues of bonds, aggregating \$840,000, which were offered for sale on April 6—V. 116, p. 1456—were awarded to the Guaranty Co. of N. Y. for \$843,303 64, equal to 100.393, a basis of about 4.06%: \$540,000 4% municipal improvement bonds. Due \$27,000 yearly on April 2 from 1924 to 1943, inclusive. 300,000 4 1/4% intercepting sewer bonds. Due \$15,000 yearly on April 2 from 1924 to 1943, inclusive.

Table showing the following is a complete list of the bids received: Bidders, Bid Amount, and other details for Syracuse bonds.

TERRELL COUNTY (P. O. Sanderson), Texas.—DESCRIPTION.—The \$240,000 5 1/2% special road bonds awarded as stated in V. 116, p. 1456, are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date March 10 1922. Int. M. & S. Due on March 10 as follows: \$6,000, 1924; \$9,000, in each of the years 1925, 1928, 1931, 1934, 1937, 1940, 1943, 1946, 1949 and 1952, and \$8,000 in each of the years 1926, 1927, 1929, 1930, 1932, 1933, 1935, 1936, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1944, 1945, 1947, 1948, 1950 and 1951.

THERMALITE IRRIGATION DISTRICT, Butte County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$270,000 irrigation bonds was awarded to a syndicate of bankers composed of Counsel, Moller & Co., Drake, Reilly & Thomas and Stephens & Co., all of San Francisco, for \$262,170, equal to 97.10. The second highest bid of \$259,470 was submitted by a group composed of G. E. Miller & Co., J. R. Mason & Co., and C. W. Skaggs & Co. A third bid of \$258,175, or \$95 62 per bond, was made by William Cavalier & Co.

TOLEDO, Lucas County, Ohio.—BIDS.—The following is a list of bids received for the 3 issues of bonds, aggregating \$1,170,000, which were awarded to a syndicate composed of Otis & Co. of Cleveland, Kountze Bros. and Lehman Bros. of N. Y., for a premium of \$7,489, equal to 100.64, a basis of about 4.44%—V. 116, p. 1575.

Table listing bids for Toledo bonds, including bidder names and amounts for different bond issues.

TRIPP CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tripp), Hutchinson County, So. Dak.—BONDS VOTED.—The \$70,000 5% school building bond issue was voted at the election held on Mar. 23 (V. 116, p. 1097).

TULARE, Spink County, So. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on April 17 to vote on the question of issuing \$300,000 bonds. Interest rate not to exceed 6%. James Avery, Town Clerk.

TULSA COUNTY (P. O. Tulsa), Okla.—BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD SOON.—Our Western representative advises us in a special wire that an election will soon be held to vote on issuing \$2,000,000 road bonds.

TWIN FALLS IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Twin Falls), Twin Falls County, Idaho.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that an election will be held on May 12 to vote on issuing \$2,700,000 irrigation bonds.

TWIN FALLS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Ida.—BOND SALE.—The Childs Bond & Mortgage Co. of Boise, has purchased \$52,000 refunding bonds.

UNION PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Farmersville), La.—BOND OFFERING.—G. P. Wood, President of the Police Jury, will receive sealed bids until April 24 for \$150,000 5% coupon road bonds. Denom. \$500. Date June 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-D.), payable at the Farmersville State Bank, Farmersville. Due on June 1 as follows: \$1,000 1924 and 1925, \$1,500 1926 to 1929, incl.; \$2,000 1930, \$2,500 1931, \$3,000 1932, \$3,500 1933, \$4,000 1934 and 1935, \$4,500 1936 and 1937, \$5,000 1938 to 1940, incl.; \$5,500 1941, \$6,000 1942 to 1944, incl.; \$6,500 1945, \$7,000 1946, \$7,500 1947, \$8,000 1948 and 1949, \$8,500 1950 and \$10,000 1951 to 1953, incl. A certified check for \$1,500 required. Legality approved by Wood & Oakley, Chicago.

VAN ALSTYNE, Grayson County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On April 23 an election will be held to vote on issuing \$10,000 5 1/2% sewer bonds. Ed. P. Williams, Mayor.

VOLUSIA COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (P. O. De Land), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. May 10 by C. R. M. Sheppard, Secretary of Board of Public Instruction, for \$15,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1923. Int. J. & J. Due \$1,500 on Jan. 1 in each of the years 1923, 1931, 1934, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1944, 1947, 1951 and 1953. A certified check for \$500, payable to the Board of Public Instruction, required.

WABASH COUNTY (P. O. Wabash), Ind.—BONDS SOLD IN PART.—Of the three issues of 5% road impt. bonds offered on April 2 two issues were disposed of. The issues of \$6,500 and \$6,000 were awarded to the J. F. Wild & Co. State Bank of Indianapolis for premiums of \$103 and \$95, respectively. A bid of \$40,683 for the \$40,000 issue, submitted by the Fletcher-American Co. of Indianapolis was rejected. The two issues were awarded to J. F. Wild & Co. as follows: \$6,500 Chas. Dyson, Liberty and Waltz Twps., road bonds for \$6,603, equal to 101.584, a basis of about 4.70%. Denom. \$325. Due \$325 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, incl. 6,000 A. D. Razer, Noble Twp., road bonds for \$6,095, equal to 101.583, a basis of about 4.70%. Denom. \$300. Due \$300 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, incl. Date March 15 1923. Interest M. & N. 15.

WACO, McLennan County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—A special telegraphic dispatch from our Western correspondent tells us that an election is to be held on May 24 to vote on the issuance of \$325,000 city hall bonds.

WACONIA, Carver County, Minn.—PRICE—DESCRIPTION.—The \$13,000 5% funding bonds awarded as stated in V. 116, p. 1575, are described as follows: Denom. \$500. Date April 1 1923. Int. A. & O. Due \$1,000 yearly from 1926 to 1938, inclusive. The price paid was par.

WAKE COUNTY (P. O. Raleigh), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. May 9 by Wm. H. Penney, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for \$50,000 5 1/2% (with privilege of registration) funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1923. Prin., and semi-ann. int. (J.-D.), payable at some bank or trust company in New York City, to be mutually agreed upon by purchaser and county, and interest on fully registered bonds will be paid in New York exchange. Due \$10,000 on June 1 in each of the years 1928, 1933, 1938, 1943 and 1948. Purchaser to pay accrued interest to date of delivery. A certified check (or cash) for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the above official, required.

WALKER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7, Kent County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED AND SOLD.—It is reported the taxpayers carried a bond issue of \$25,000 for school purposes. Since being voted these bonds have been sold.

WALSENBERG, Huerfano County, Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on April 3—V. 116, p. 1097—the \$70,000 sanitary sewer bond issue was sanctioned by the voters.

WASHINGTON, Beaufort County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 8 p. m. April 16 by J. R. Meekins, City Clerk, for \$35,000 coupon, with privilege of registration as to both prin. and int., or prin. only, street lmpt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Due on May 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1926 to 1935, incl., and \$3,000, 1936 to 1940, incl. Int. rate not to exceed 6%. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable in gold at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City. A cert. check upon an incorporated bank or trust company (or cash), payable to the City Treasurer, for 2% of amount of issue, required. The legality of the bonds is to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond of N. Y. City, whose unqualified opinion will be furnished to the purchaser without charge. The bonds will be delivered at any bank designated by the purchaser and must be paid for within 10 days after the date of the sale, subject to delay in printing.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Brenham), Texas.—BOND SALE.—The \$700,000 5 1/2% road bonds offered on April 9—V. 116, p. 1575—were awarded to the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita at a premium of \$40,950, equal to 101.85.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Brenham), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$700,000 5 1/2% serial special road bonds on April 6.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. West Bend), Wisc.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by R. G. Kraemer, County Clerk, until 10 a. m. April 20 for \$450,000 5% highway lmpt. bonds.

WATAUGA COUNTY (P. O. Boone), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. May 3 by L. A. Greene, Chairman of Board of Commissioners, for \$50,000 5 1/2% road and bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the United States Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y. City. Due May 1 1943. A certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for required.

WATERTOWN, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—According to newspaper reports, proposals will be received until 3:30 p. m. April 16 for a temporary loan of \$150,000, due Dec. 27 1923.

WAYNE, Wayne County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The State Land Commission has purchased \$57,000 5% paving bonds.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Richmond), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$57,000 4 1/2% road bonds offered for sale on April 7—V. 116, p. 1457—were awarded to the Second National Bank of Richmond at par and interest plus a premium of \$176, equal to 100.308, a basis of about 4.44%. Date April 16 1923. Due \$2,850 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, incl. The Dickinson Trust Co. of Richmond also submitted a bid.

WAYNE SCHOOL AND CIVIL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Fort Wayne), Allen County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$18,000 5% school bonds, which were offered for sale on April 5 (V. 116, p. 1217) were awarded to the First National Bank of Fort Wayne, for \$18,355, equal to 101.972, a basis of about 4.64%. Due \$1,500 yearly on Nov. 1 1924 to 1935, inclusive. Other bidders were: Fletcher Sav. & Tr. Co., Ind. \$18,283; Dime Sa. & Tr. Co., Ft. Wayne \$18,216

WEED COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Hudson), Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held to-day (April 14) to vote on issuing \$2,000 school building bonds.

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 90 (P. O. Eaton), Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on April 3 an issue of \$20,000 4 1/2% 11-30-year serial school building bonds was voted. These bonds had been sold to the International Trust Co. of Denver subject to being voted at said election. Notice of this election and sales was given in V. 116, p. 972.

WELLSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wellston), St. Louis County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The First National Company of St. Louis has purchased an issue of \$125,000 school bonds which were recently voted.

WHEELER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wheeler), Wheeler County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 5% school bonds offered unsuccessfully on March 1 (V. 116, p. 1097) were purchased by the Mercantile Bond Co. at a premium of \$759, equal to 101.89, a basis of about 4.74%. Date Feb. 1 1923. Due \$1,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1924 to 1963, inclusive.

WHITESBORO, Grayson County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On April 30 an election will be held to vote on the issuance of \$50,000 6% serial sewer bonds. C. L. Simpson, Mayor.

WICHITA, Sedgewick County, Kan.—BONDS SOLD OVER THE COUNTER.—The \$597,141 87 4/8% paving and sewer bonds registered by the State Auditor of Kansas on Feb. 13—V. 116, p. 1097—were sold over the counter. The bonds are dated Feb. 1 1923 and mature serially 1 to 10 years.

WILLOUGHBY, Lake County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Arvilla Miller, Village Clerk, until 12 m. April 21 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued int. of \$10,500 5 1/2% bonds for the purpose of constructing the proposed "White Way" and extension to the overhead lighting system. Denom. \$500. Date April 1 1922. Int. payable semi-ann. A. & O. Due yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1936, incl. A cert. check, payable to the Village Treas. for 5% of the amount bid for, is required, upon condition that if the bid is accepted the bidder will receive and pay for such bonds as may be issued within 10 days from the time of award.

WILLS POINT, Van Zandt County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on April 3 the proposition to issue \$10,000 permanent street-improvement and \$25,000 municipal light plant bonds carried. The vote was as follows: \$25,000 light bonds, 267 "for," 57 "against," 10,000 street bonds, 242 "for," 75 "against."

WINTER GARDEN, Orange County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—Prudden & Co. of Toledo, have purchased the \$40,000 6% municipal lmpt. bonds offered on April 5 (V. 116, p. 1334) at a premium of \$1,932, equal to 104.83, a basis of about 5.36%. Date Mar. 15 1923. Due Mar. 15 1953.

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By resolution of the City Commission of the City of Sulphur Springs, Texas, said City has exercised its option and now calls for payment on April 1st, 1923, on which date interest will cease, the following Bonds:

STREET IMPROVEMENT.—Dated June 10th, 1899, 4 1/2%, maturing June 10th, 1939, optional June 10th, 1919. Bonds Nos. 1 to 10, inclusive, \$500.00 each, \$5,000.00, payable at National Park Bank, New York.

WATERWORKS.—Dated June 10th, 1899, 4 1/2%, maturing June 10th, 1939, optional June 10, 1919. Bonds Nos. 1 to 16, inclusive, \$500.00 each, \$8,000.00, payable at National Park Bank, New York.

WATERWORKS.—Dated January 1, 1903, 4 1/2%, maturing Jan. 1, 1943, optional January 1, 1923. Bonds Nos. 1 to 40, inclusive, \$500.00 each, \$13,000.00, payable at Hanover National Bank, New York.

REFUNDING BONDS.—Dated June 10th, 1899, 4 1/2%, maturing June 10th, 1939, optional June, 1919. Bonds Nos. 1 to 6, inclusive, \$500.00 each, and \$250.00—\$2,750.00—payable at National Park Bank, New York.

SCHOOLS.—Dated June 10th, 1899, 4 1/2%, maturing June 10th, 1939, optional June 10th, 1919. Bonds Nos. 1 to 5, inclusive, \$500.00 each, \$2,500.00, payable at National Park Bank, New York.

WATERWORKS.—Dated May 1st, 1908, 5%, maturing May 1st, 1948, optional May 1st, 1918. Bonds Nos. 1 to 20, inclusive, \$500.00 each, \$9,000.00, payable at Hanover National Bank, New York.

WATERWORKS.—Dated October 1, 1909, 5%, maturing October 1, 1949, optional October 14, 1919. Bonds Nos. 1 to 20, inclusive, \$500.00 each, \$5,000.00, payable at Hanover National Bank, New York.

JOHN M. BIGGERSTAFF, City Secretary.

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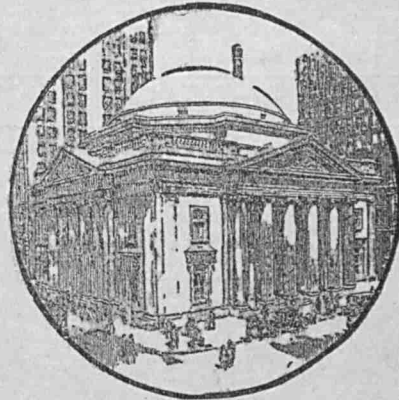
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WOODBURY COUNTY (P. O. Sioux City), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 2 p. m. April 24 sealed bids will be received by W. L. Sedgwick, County Treasurer, for the purchase of \$700,000 5% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due on May 1 as follows: \$50,000, 1931; \$75,000, 1932 and 1933, and \$100,000, 1934 to 1938 inclusive. A certified check for 5% required.

WOOD-LYNNE, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Samuel H. Burke, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed proposals until 8:15 p. m. April 20 for the following two issues of 5 1/4% bonds: \$42,000 temporary paving improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due in six years. 2,500 temporary sewage improvement bonds. Denom. \$500. Due in six years.

Date April 1 1923. Bidders are required to accompany their bids with a certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company, for 2% of their bid. The successful bidder will be required to make payment in full on or before April 27 1923.

YALOBUSHA AND JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTIES ROAD DISTRICTS, Miss.—BOND SALES.—The Memphis "Appeal" of April 5 says: "The Board of Supervisors of Yalobusha County and the Jefferson Davis County Highway Road Commissioners met at Water Valley, Miss., yesterday when bids were received for the several issues of County bonds."

"Beat No. 1, \$80,000 5 1/4% emi-ann. int., sold to A. K. Tigrett & Co. of Memphis, add \$400 premium.

"Beat No. 3, \$100,000 6% semi-ann. int., sold to the same parties for a premium of \$6,225.

"Beat No. 5, Scuna Road District, \$37,500 5 1/4% semi-ann. int., sold at par to the Merchants & Farmers Bank of Jackson, Miss.

"In addition to the premiums the bonds brought the purchaser is to pay for all cost of attorney's fee, printing, &c. The bonds will bear date of June 1 and are payable serially, as the law directs.

"This money is to be used for the hard-surfacing of the Jeff Davis Highway through Yalobusha County from the Grenada County line to the Lafayette County line, a distance of about 23 miles. A like amount is to be furnished by the Federal Government and the County Commissioners, together with the State Highway Commissioners, will proceed with the letting of contracts for the building of this road as soon as possible."

YOUNGSTOWN, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,000 5 1/4% coupon bonds which were offered for sale on April 9—V. 116, p. 1218—were awarded to Blanchet, Thornburgh & Vandersall of Toledo unconditionally at par and interest. Date Feb. 1 1923. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$13,000, 1924, and \$14,000, 1925 to 1932 inclusive. The following bids were also received:

Name	Premium	Name	Premium
Stephens & Co., N. Y.	\$1,296 25	Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati	\$1,200 00
Seasongood & Mayer, Cin.	703 00	C. W. Whitis & Co., N. Y.	1,800 00

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

ALBERTA SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Alberta.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—J. T. Ross, Deputy Minister of Education (P. O. Edmonton), is receiving separate proposals until 4 p. m. April 20 for each of the following 8 issues of 8% installment school district debentures:

Rural—15 Years—8%—	Amount of Issue.	Address.
Beveridge Lake S. D. No. 4137	\$2,000	Hesketh
Antelope Cut S. D. No. 4076	1,400	Gros Ventre
Ena S. D. No. 4109	1,600	Peace River
Rural—10 Years—8%—		
Mountain Trail S. D. No. 4071	800	Beaver Lodge
Craigend S. D. No. 4088	1,000	Lac La Biche
Lambert S. D. No. 3932	2,000	Grande Prairi
Delayed S. D. No. 3764	2,200	Manyberries
De Bolt S. D. No. 4082	600	De Bolt

Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

ALBERTA (Province of).—DEBENTURE SALE.—The \$3,000,000 5% 20-year gold coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal) refunding debentures offered for sale on April 10 (V. 116, p. 1575) were awarded to the Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd., of Toronto, and Dillon, Read & Co. of New York at 94.273 (New York funds), a basis of about

5.475%. Denomination \$1,000. Date April 2 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.), payable in gold in New York at the Bank of the Manhattan Company; also payable in Canada. Due April 1 1943. Subject to approval of legal matters of E. G. Long, K.C., Toronto. The bonds are offered to investors at 96.25 and interest, to yield over 5.30%.

BURLINGTON, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—According to the Toronto "Globe" an issue of \$29,995 5 1/4% 30-annual installment debentures has been awarded to the Municipal Bankers' Corp. of Toronto at 101.012, a basis of about 5.41%.

EAST FLAMBORO TOWNSHIP, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—A block of \$25,000 5 1/4% 10-year installment debentures has been sold. It is reported, the purchaser being Dymont, Anderson & Co. of Toronto, at a price of 100.14, a basis of about 5.47%.

FERNIE, B. C.—DEBENTURE SALE.—During March the Royal Financial Corp. of Vancouver was awarded at 95.25 the following 6% debentures: \$32,000 school debentures. Date Sept. 15 1925. Due 1942. 28,000 sewer debentures. Date Jan. 31 1923. Due 1943. Denom. \$1,000.

KENOGAMI, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The \$100,000 6% 25-year installment debentures which offered for sale on March 19—V. 116, p. 1218—were awarded to the Credit Anglo-Français Corp. of Quebec at 99.33. Date Dec. 1 1922.

MONTREAL, Que.—OPTION ON ADDITIONAL \$3,000,000 BONDS EXERCISED BY BROKERS.—The syndicate composed of the National City Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., the Guaranty Co. of N. Y.; Dillon, Read & Co., the Bankers' Trust Co., Wood, Gundy & Co., A. E. Ames & Co., the Dominion Securities Corp. and the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, have taken an additional \$3,000,000 of the \$16,000,000 bond issue offered by the city on Jan. 30 last. This makes a total of \$14,100,000 disposed of to date; \$8,100,000 31-year bonds having been taken by the syndicate early in February and \$3,000,000 19 1/2-year bonds early in March. The latest issue of \$3,000,000 taken, bears 5% interest, payable May 1 and Nov. 1, is dated Nov. 1 1922, and matures May 1 1954. Prin. and int. are payable in gold at the agency of the Bank of Montreal, N. Y., or at the City Treasurer's office, at holder's option. Denom. \$1,000. Equality approved by Montgomery & McMichael. The bonds are now being offered to investors at 97, (U. S. funds, to yield 5.20%.

QUEBEC CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMISSION (P. O. Quebec), Que.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Tenders are being received for \$700,000 5 or 5 1/2% 20 or 37-year installment debentures.

REGINA, Sask.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—John E. Snowball, City Treasurer, is receiving tenders until 11 a. m. April 19 for the eleven blocks of 5 1/4% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal) sinking fund 5 1/4% debentures, dated May 1 1923, listed below:

- Local Improvements—**
- \$73,800 15-year pavement.
 - 5,400 30-year domestic sewers.
 - 3,036 30-year watermain extensions.
 - 17,000 5-year plank walks.
- Referred By-Laws—**
- \$26,402 30-year waterworks extensions (Boggy Creek).
 - 25,000 15-year street railway.
 - 49,214 10-year waterworks extension (No. 1 Power House).
 - 24,262 20-year waterhouse connections and metres.
 - 8,300 30-year sewer house connections.
 - 8,000 20-year exhibition (water and sewer).
 - 150,000 30-year Collegiate Institute.

Alternative bids are requested (1) On the basis of both principal and interest payable in New York, Montreal, Toronto or Regina, at holder's option; (2) on the basis of both principal and interest payable in Montreal, Toronto or Regina, in Canadian currency only. Int. semi-ann.

TORONTO TOWNSHIP, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto have purchased the \$40,000 5 1/4% 30-annual-installment debentures offered for sale on April 7—V. 116, p. 1218—at a price of 102.24, a basis of about 5.30%. The following tenders were also received:

Municipal Bankers' Corp.	102.08	Gairdner, Clarke & Co.	101.437
Bain, Snowball & Co.	101.948	C. H. Burgess & Co.	101.33
Macmill, Graham & Co.	101.847	R. A. Daly & Co.	101.315
Dymont, Anderson & Co.	101.66	Bell, Gounlock & Co.	101.21
A. E. Ames & Co.	101.62	R. C. Matthews & Co.	101.16
Dominion Securities Corp.	101.47	Bird, Harris & Co.	101.094

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